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01 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (982549), attached 30th Infantry Division Companies moved to assembly areas as a part of RCT's. At 1505 Bn CP, Hq Co and Ron Co moved to vicinity of DRENSTENFURT. Bn CP at 2030 into 982549. Hq Co moved into 965555 closing at 2020. One M-10 received from ordnance gave the Bn a total of 37, 2 of which are non-operational. Major COSTOMIRIS left for leave to ENGLAND.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (008561), attached 119th Inf Rgt Unit is in an assembly position at 008561 where they closed at 1330. One M-10 received from ordnance gives unit a full complement. 2 old men were received as reinforcements.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (984567), attached 120th Inf Rgt Company moved into an assembly area at 984567, B-1 located at 967569, both units closing at 2035. 2 old men were received as reinforcements.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (022539), attached 117th Inf Rgt Unit closed into Co assembly position at 022539 at 1800. One old man was received as a reinforcement.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (989556) Co CP and the Pioneer platoon is located at 989586 closing at 2200. Bn route of march was ALTSCHEERBECK, WULFEN, HATLERN, LUDINGHAUSEN, OTTMARSECHOTT, ASCHERBERG, thence to DRENSTENFURT.

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823rd TD Bn., (B432616), attached 30th Infantry Division After an uneventful stay in the last location, the Bn CP moved to vic WIDENBRUCK (B432616) closing at 1930. Hq Co closed into B439622 at 1940, one PW was taken in the area. One EM left for ENGLAND on pass. "A" Co., with the 119th Inf Rgt, was attached to a TD of the 2nd Armored Div at 011700.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B618709), attached 119th Inf Rgt Unit CP is established at B618709, where they closed at 1400. A-1 lost one M-10 both motors burning out. A-2 expended 13 rounds of HE moving into their present locations, one section at B645730 and one gun at B 633727. A-1, located at B585738, closed at 1330. A-3 was further attacked, and all contact and control has been lost with the platoon. Unit received one M-10 from Bn maintenance.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B496640), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit CP, located at B496640, closed at 1730. B-1 at B540651 closing at 1625. B-2 made two moves, moving to A961607 at 1000 and later to B498646 closing at 1715. B-3 in assembly position at B496630 closing there at 1630.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B514581), attached 117th Inf Rgt

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Co CP moved to WESTERSIEHE (B514581) closing at 1315. C-1 stopped momentarily at B630690 and then moved into firing positions at B636734 closing at 2100. C-2 is located at the Co CP where they closed at 1400. C-3 closed into B645678 at 1900

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B437622)
Unit CP moved to B437622 where they closed at 2000. R-3 captured one PW and unit received one 1/4 ton.

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823rd TD Bn., (B600611), attached 30th Infantry Division
The rapid progress of the Joyride through the Fatherland has been temporarily halted due to a very favorable defensive line in the form of a ridge extending across the entire zone. Bn CP moved to HENKEN (B600611) closing at 2000. One M-10 was received from ordnance being allocated to "C" Co. Hq Co had one 1/4 ton collide with a 2 1/2 ton truck, damaging the 1/4 ton beyond repair.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B618709), attached 119th Inf Rgt
A-2 had the only action of the period, firing 67 rounds HE and 10 rounds APC and 12,000 rounds of 50 cal. accounting for 5 houses organized as strong points, 2 MG nests one tower containing a MG nest and a group of Jerry Infantry. A-3 finally located in an assembly position at B620719. A-1 moved to B639759 closing at 1530. Unit received 5 reinforcements and had one NBI.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B496640), attached 120th Inf Rgt
Unit had one M-10 evacuated to ordnance due to mechanical failure. B-1 left their old location at 1445 and at close of period they are still moving.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B630692), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit received one M-10 from ordnance, CP moved to B630692 closing at 1315. C-1 moved to B640740 and C-2 to B643675 both closing at 2200. C-1 closed into B634688 at 1800. Unit captured one PW during the period.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B606676)
Unit CP moved to B606676 closing at 1815.

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823rd TD Bn., (B597675), attached 30th Infantry Division
Bn CP moved to HOLVER (B597675) closing at 1600, with Hq Co located at B603682 closing at 1440. Toward the close of the period the tour of the Fatherland had once more begun, with a little activity prior to this time. 3 M-10s were evacuated to ordnance and 3 were received as replacements.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move), attached 119th Inf Rgt
At 1030 the CP moved to B714753, A-2 to B725762 closing at 0925 and A-3 to B725750 closing at 0925. A-2, at 1700 left one section on a road block at B795765 and another at B807773 upon order of CG, 2nd Armored Div. They killed one officer and captured 15 EM in this area. A-3 located at C140845 at 1300 was attached to TF Zion, 2nd Armored Div. At the end of the period the entire unit was on the move, last seen traveling East through HEIDEN. Unit had one M-10 fail mechanically and is still on the road.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B754700), attached 120th Inf Rgt
Unit CP moved from B687655 to B754700 closing at 0800. B-2 and B-3 following up the attack of the RCT are located at B762701 and B754700 closing at 1715 and 1615. Previous moves were as follows: B-2, B715670 closing at 0900 and B-3, B733665, closing at 0900. B-1 is located at B753703 closing at 2115.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B630692), attached 117th Inf Rgt
As a result of a 1/4 ton accident Lt JACKSON and one EM were evacuated as NBI. 6 PWs were captured during the period.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B608675)
Service Co of the 119th Inf Rgt had 3 2 1/2 ton truck ambushed at B5575. The Service Co Commander came back thru the lines soliciting aid, but had little success until he reached the Ron Co CP. Lt RANEY immediately summoned 2 M-8s from the 3rd Platoon, part of his Pioneer Platoon and some cooks and bakers out of the Co Hqs and lead an attack against the road block. Opening with the 2 M-8s firing 37mm, 50 cal and 30 cal and following with dismounted men, they reached the road block killing 32 Jerries that were counted and capturing 22. 2 of the trucks were burned and the 3rd had been driven off. Due to darkness the little TF disengaged itself without casualties. PWs stated that 150 men were guarding this road block. The Jerries reacted very strongly with machine-gun fire and Panzerfaust fire.

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823rd TD Bn., (B726776), attached 30th Infantry Division
Bn CP moved into the town of LAGE (B726776) closing at 1210. The remainder of the day was spent trying to quell riots between the Russian slave-laborers and the German populace, with order finally being restored to normal. The entire Battalion's heart bleeds for the German store keepers who were so thoroughly looted. 8 PWs were taken by the CP group. Headquarters Co moved to vic LEMGO (B784813) closing at 1430. Due to the distance traveled and the excessive rate of speed the convoys are travelling, the rubber blocks on the tracks are coming off and replacements are needed badly.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (0052847), attached 119th Inf Rgt
A-1, attached to OOR, with 3rd Bn 119th Inf Rgt is with Co I as part of the striking force. During early part of the period they were at B815855 later moving to B960770. A-2 was released from attachment to 2nd Armored Div at 1200 and, with A-3 are attached to 1st Bn 119th Inf and supported their attack and captured 3 PWs. A-2 moving with 1st Bn 119th, arrived at OHR (0110863) at 1400. Unit CP closed at 0030 into 0052847. Unit had 2 FBI for the period.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B779719), attached 120th Inf Rgt
Unit CP moved to DETTMOLD (B779719) closing at 1405. B-2 closed into B790715 at 2220. Unit destroyed 1 machine gun nest firing 13 rounds of HE and 1 APC. B-1 fired 40 rounds of HE and 10 rounds APC on the reduction of a road block that was holding up the advance of the 120th Inf.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B727775), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit CP moved to LAGE (B727775) closing at 1345. C-1 reinforced road blocks of the 117th Inf with a section at B662800 and another at B715820 both closing at 1014. C-2 moved to vic MEMGO (B788819) closing at 1800. C-3 remained in their present location blocking the Autobahn.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (B734778)
Unit CP moved to LAGE (B734778) closing at 1215. The platoons were very active performing road reconnaissance for the companies.

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823rd TD Bn., (B946780), attached 30th Infantry Division
One EM left for the USA on rotation. Bn CP moved down the road, taking up an abode in a beautiful castle in BAENSTHUP (B946780) closing at 1240. Due to rain, terrain and dispersion of the Battalion, radio communication was very poor. One M-10 was evacuated to ordnance by Bn maintenance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (0185905), attached 119th Inf Rgt
At 0900 A-3 was relieved from their road block mission at 0153849 and 0165880 which was established during previous period at 1930. A-2 set up road blocks at 0185880 and 0206842 which were established and relieved coincidentally with A-3. At 1200 A-3 closed into positions at 0125908 and 0136905. C-2 about the same time closed

into C125898 and C206842. Later moves with A-2 going to C182913 and C196918 at 1930. A-3 and Fwd CP closed into C212910 at 2030. A-1, attached to a 2nd Armored Combat Command is out of contact with Battalion and Company and their whereabouts are unknown.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C043772), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit supported 120th Inf Rgt in their mop up job from DETMOLD to the WESER River. At close of period, Co CP was located in BAD PYRMONT (C043772) closing at 1930. B-2 and B-3 are continuing with RGT and expect to cross the river before they stop. Fwd CP moved to 107829 closing at 2030. The CP moved to 025775 closing at 1900. At 1830 B-1 was at 051775, B-2 one section, at 213845 and the other section at 182862 closing at 2015. B-3 located at 157817 closing at 1025.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Battalion., (C102878), attached 117th Inf Rgt Unit moved with their RGT giving support to the attack on HAMELN. C-1 at 2000 was located at C165910. C-2 and C-3 are unlocated at the end of the period, but are in the zone of the 117th Inf, protecting the bridge-head across the WESER River. Co CP at 1115 closed into B967866, later moving to C102878 closing at 1645. 1 M-10 failed mechanically and was sent to Bn maintenance.

Recon Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C043840)
2nd Recon platoon with the I & R Platoon of the 120th Inf RGT furnished the point for a TF commanded by the Co Commander of F Co, 120th Inf and cleared a zone from 0880, 0878 East to the WESER River capturing 6 PWs and sustaining no casualties. C. CP moved to C043840 closing at 1340.

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823rd TD Bn., (C155880), attached 30th Infantry Division. Bn CP moved to HASTENBECK (C155880) closing at 1230. Hq Co moved to C045848 closing at 0945. One M-10 was received from ordnance and 2 M-20s and 1 1/4 ton are in Bn maintenance for repair. Major COSTOMIRIS returned from ENGLAND and two of our Dutch interpreters were again assigned to the unit.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (X397015) attached 119th Inf Regt. A-1 was conducted by the Co at C395935, refueled and are ready to proceed with their Combat Team. They are credited with killing 5 Jerries on the 5th of April. Entire unit moved in column at 0630 with the CP setting up at X397015 closing at 1100. A-2 set up a road-block at X410018 at 1105. A-3 set up a road-block at X405030 at 1030, they fired 16 rounds of HE on 4 active enemy artillery pieces. Since then no fire has been received, but extents of damage inflicted is unknown. Unit received a great deal of enemy activity in the form of mortar, artillery and strafing by planes. Revenge was sweet as A-2 and A-3 shot down one ME-109 after it had strafed A-3. Plane was at an altitude of 50 feet, when hit and made a crash-landing at 405030. The pilot was turned over to 2nd Arm'd Div. Lt. OWENS made a Jerry face to face and fired the first shot. 3 PWs were taken for the period. A-3 is in mobile reserve for CCA. Two M-20s and one 1/4 ton are in Bn Maintenance for repair.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C185832) Attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit CP moved to 107829 at 1100 and then again to BORRY (185832) closing at 1735.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C102878) attached 117th Inf Rgt. C-1 moved to 125915 closing at 1010. C-2 is still located at 115904. C-3, at 1100 was temporarily located at 111905 and 126910 closing at 1410, closing later into 111908. Units 12th M-10 is in Bn maintenance and ready to go back into action.

Recon Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C210890)
Unit CP moved to C210890 closing at 1230. R-1 actively engaged hostile aircraft expending 1000 rounds .50 cal ammunition.

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823rd TD Bn.,(C196917), attached 30th Inf Div.
Bn CP moved to BEHRENSSEN (C196917) closing at 1345. Hq CP moved to C188901 closing at 0945. The action has slowed down to a point that the Bn is able to catch up on some much needed maintenance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn.,(X397015), attached 119th Inf
Unit made no moves during the period. A-2 was relieved from their mission on road-blocks but remained in their present locations. Unit received 3 old men as reinforcements.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C256885), attached 120th Inf
Co CP moved to LAUENSTEIN (C256885) closing at 1130. B-1 moved to 296816 where they closed at 1230. B-2 to 284892 closing at 1245, and B-3 to 331812 closing at 1230. Unit lost 1 EM AWOL since 6 April 45.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C243928), attached 117th Inf
Co CP moved to KIPPENBRUDGE (C243928) closing at 1415. C-2 moved to 285992 and 292982 closing at 1500. C-3, with the 2nd Bn, 117th Inf sent back to quell a disturbance at LEMGO 800820. Unit received one old man as a reinforcement.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn., (C374933)
Co CP moved to ELSE (374933) closing at 1340. R-2 furnished the point for a CT of the 120th Inf and captured 20 PWs performing their mission.

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823rd TD Bn.,(C394967) attached 30th Inf Division
CP moved to BURGSTEMMEN(C394967) closing at 1500. 11 2 1/2 ton trucks were sent with Div convoy to haul ammunition up to our present location.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (X397015), attached 119th Inf
A-3 moved from 510041 to vic Co CP 397015 closing at 1600. A-2 moved to 488037 and 493027 closing at 1715 and 1730 respectively.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn.,(243928), attached 120th Inf
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn.,(C243928) attached 117th Inf
C-3 moved from LEMGO back to HAMELIN (111915) closing at 1600. Unit had one NBI for the period.

Rcn Co., 823rd TD Bn.,(C374933)
Unit had one NBI for the period.

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823rd TD Bn.,(X675102), attached 30th Inf Division.
Bn CP moved to BULTERS(X675102) closing at 1930. 2 PWs were turned in by messenger. Bn CP moved to 410978 at 0930. Unit is having difficulty refueling due to transportation difficulties. One M-10 is in Bn maintenance.

"A" Co., TD Bn.,(435785), attached 119th Inf
Unit in Corps reserve on to vic ALTEFELD (435785) with the 331st Inf Rgt of the 83rd Div.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (On the move), attached 120th Inf Rgt
Unit with the 120th Rgt, was still on the move at the end of the period. B-2 moved to 793053 and 797093 closing at 2130.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn.,(X736096), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit CP made 3 moves, closing at 1045 into X484088 and again to MUNSTEDT(X736096) closing at 2030. C-1 moved to 512112 closing at 1110, and then to 771100 closing at 2030. C-2 moved to 800104 closing at 2030. C-3 to 525086 closing at 1600. One M-10 is in maintenance for repair.

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Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (X717064)
Unit CP moved to LAPPENDE (X717064) closing at 1830. One old man was received as a reinforcement. R-2, acting as advance guard for the 120th RCT, entered the town of UFFINGEN and became involved in a fire fight with enemy infantry. They accounted for 6 dead and took 25 PWs, expending 1000 rounds 30 cal and 1500 rounds carbine ammunition. No casualties were sustained.

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823rd TD Bn., (X575102), attached 30th Infantry Division
Hq Co moved in with Bn CP, closing at 1000. The 2x2 ton trucks returned from hauling ammunition for Division. Capt. BRISSINGER returned to duty from Hospital, going back to "A" Co, with Capt. MC INNIS returning to Ren Co. 7 PWs were taken. One M-10 was evacuated to ordnance and one EM returned to duty from the hospital.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (0513803), attached 119th Inf Rgt
During early part of the period unit moved from BRUGGEN to ALDEN-STEEDT (0513803)

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (X810053), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
Unit CP moved to UFFINGEN (810053) closing at 0010. B-2 moved to 830038 closing at 1200. B-1 and B-3 moved to vic Co CP closing about 1200. Lt. ROHATSON was wounded by artillery fire and evacuated. Unit had one FBI. At the close of the period the platoons were on the move with their RCTs.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (X839102), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit CP moved to 839102 closing at 1915. C-1 moved to 772115 closing at 0400 and again to 839102 closing at 1200. C-3 moved to vic 736096 and are on the move at the close of period. C-1 moved to X888125 closing at 2100. C-2 to 898108 closing at 2115. C-3 to 898085 closing at 2200.

Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (X717064)
Unable to find a PW cage, some of the Ren men made a present of 12 PWs to the QM.

12 APRIL 1945

823rd TD Bn., (Y261173), attached 30th Infantry Division
Bn CP moved to BRAUNSCHWEIG (X9882124) closing at 1245, they stopped again momentarily at Y058443 at 1640 and closed into Y261173 at 2000. Unit left 6 EM at Y058143 to guard 24 PWs the MPs were unable to take care of. 13 PWs were taken by the unit. Unit had 30 operational M-10s which is the lowest it has been since being converted. The replacement M-10s are in very poor shape requiring an extensive overhaul as a result of bringing them from ordnance to the Bn. A large number of civilians, including slave laborers as well as Germans, were found looting sugar from warehouse and dispersed by Col DETMER and several EM about 2400.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Corps Reserve)
Unit is in Corps Reserve and out of contact with Battalion.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (410200) attached 120th Inf Rgt.
Entire unit closed into 410200 at 2400. Moves for the period are as follows: Unit CP closed into X950039 at 0230. B-1 to 954038 closing at 0230, later moving to 993099 closing at 1000. B-2 to 950041 closing at 0330 and to 994095 closing at 0940. B-3 to 951032 at 0240 and to 996097 at 1010. Unit expended 86 rounds HE, 40 of which taught the Germans that a flying white flag meant no firing. Unit captured 97 PWs and B-2 assisted in the capture of 190 PWs. One M-10 was hit with Panzerfaust destroying the machine gun and injuring the traversing mechanism. Unit had one BI as a result of this action.

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"C" Co., 8. 3rd TD Bn., (X426379), attached 117th Inf Rgt. C-3 had one M-10 hit with Bazooka fire, wounding 2 EM, Lt. GAY was wounded in the neck by machine gun fire, all were evacuated. Unit CP Moved to X9C0110, closing at 0900 then to 992147 closing at 1415 and later to CALDORDE (Y426279). C-1 is in position at Y822282 closing at 2320. C-3 at 431285 and no location at end of period for C-2.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y363268)
R-2, acting as advance guard for the 120th RCT, had 3 Y4 ton vehicles destroyed by direct fire weapons with one EM KIA and one WIA, unit CP located at Y363268 closing at 2145.

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823rd TD Bn., (Y675158), attached 30th Infantry Division Bn CP left their old location traveling 54 miles and settling down at FARSLEBEN (675158) at 1630. As soon as the CP was set, it was swarmed by refugees from a train that had been stalled for four days with 2700 passengers. A number of people had died from starvation and the remainder had had no food for four days. The Burgermeister was ordered by Col DETTNER to get the bakeries operating and to provide food and shelter until the M.G. could take over. Hq Co moved to SAMSWEGEN (615137) closing at 2130. 78 PWs were taken by the unit. A small insight into the horrible treatment our PWs receive from the Germans was given by 3 ENGLI H soldiers who ate their first warm meal in four years with the Bn CP. Another riot was quelled in the sugar factory at the former CP location.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D518862), attached 2nd TD Group Unit was attached to 2nd TD Group at 120900 per VO GG XIX Corps. Unit was located at BERSSEL (080771) moving to D528862 closing at 1730.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y657069), attached 120th Inf Rgt. Unit CP, with the platoon, moved into the town of BARLEBEN (657069) closing at 1600. Unit occupies the South perimeter of the town with the tanks occupying the Northern.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y7282507, attached 117th Inf Rgt. Unit moved without incident, until the platoons tried to get into their final locations, unit claims one Px pursuit Mk V destroyed at 745222 plus 3 MG nests and 2 strong points organized in houses plus 17 PWs. 45 rounds HE and 17 rounds APC were expended. C-1 buttoned up at 732157 at 2100. C-3 at 752206 closing at 2000, unit CP closed at Y728250 at 1630. C-2 is still unlocated, but is believed to be moving from BRAUNSCHWEIG to catch their unit. Capt. MCINNIS was wounded slightly on the head by a rifle bullet and again on the arm and hand by shrapnel, but was not evacuated. C-1 expended 49 rounds HE on targets including a church steeple, searchlight battery, MG nests and about 25 enemy troops all in the vicinity of 746152.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y722255)
Unit CP closed into 722255 at about 1800, they captured 16 PWs during the period. R-1 wrecked a jeep and had it replaced today by Bn maintenance.

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823rd TD Bn., (Y655158), attached 30th Infantry Division Bn CP moved to MOSE (Y655158) due to a Typhus epidemic, closing at 1150. Capt. BARANOV spent the entire day setting up the hospital for the refugees and seeing that the food was equally distributed. The host at our old location unceremoniously murdered his wife and committed suicide. Col DETTNER captured 5 PWs and turned them over to the Division cage.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D518862), attached 2nd TD Group
Security section was released from their mission guarding the
castle and are on the way back to join their unit. Unit is still
sitting in assembly at BOTTMERSDORF (D518862).

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (657069), attached 120 Inf Rgt
B-2 went on a mission of clearing a supply route covering a
route from 654105 to 611075 to 590106 to 465075 and West about
10 miles in returning to vic Co OP without incident. One RM was
transferred to Ron Co. During previous period B-1 was located
with one section at 66027 and the other section at 666130 closing
at 2330. Unit took 4 PWs.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y728250), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit claims one barge destroyed and one sniper killed. C-1 ex-
pended one round HE on the barge. C-2 has not arrived with the
rest of the Co. as yet, they are still unlocated.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y722255)
No change.

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823rd TD Bn., (Y655158), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit spent entire period on maintenance and getting their
equipment back into shape. Wire truck of Bn OP caught fire, de-
stroying the top and part of the equipment. M-32 is
in Bn maintenance for a new motor. 2 1/2 tons were received from
ordnance as replacements.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D518862), attached 2nd TD Group
Unit still operating under control of 2nd TD Group, took 15 PWs
for the period and received one 1/4 ton replacement.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y657069), attached 120th Inf Rgt.
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y728250), attached 117th Inf Rgt
C-2 rejoined the unit and is now located in vic Co OP (728250)
as of 0700. Unit had one BI.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y722255)
R-1 has been used extensively on route patrol. Unit had one NBI.

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823rd TD Bn., (Y655158), attached 30th Infantry Division
With the exception of a few minor moves, the Bn spent the period
on maintenance and rehabilitation. 2 1/4 tons received from ordnance
and one that was received yesterday were given to Ron Co.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D518862), attached 2nd TD Group
Unit is continuing maintenance of their equipment.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y657069), attached 120th Inf Rgt
B-1 moved to vic Co OP (657069) at 1430.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y520063), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Entire unit, less C-1, moved to an assembly area with RCT, Co OP
to 520063 closing at 1430, C-2 - 567104 closing at 1300 and C-3
587090 closing at 1530.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y615138)
Co OP moved to 615138 closing at 1425. R-3 moved with the Co OP.

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823rd TD Bn., (623023), attached 30th Infantry Division
At beginning of the attack on MAGDEBURG, Bn Fwd OP moved to 62203.
at 1500 and then to 620022 at 1630 and to 623023 where the entire
OP closed at 1710 and 1930. Capt SCHEULLER left for seven days at
the RIVIERA. Unit captured one PW.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y625021), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit was released from attachment to 2nd TD Group and attached
to 117th Inf Rgt To support the attack on MAGDEBURG. Unit closed

into assembly position, minus A-2, at 575045 about 0700. A-1 and A-3 supported the attack stopping for the night at 649002 closing at 2000 and 648000 closing at 2000. The Fwd CP at 649001 closing at 2000. Co CP and A-2 closed into OLVELSTEDT at 1910. One AT gun was destroyed expending 4 rounds HE.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit Fwd CP located at 667033 closing at 2115. B-1 closed into position at 672031, at 2145. B-2 at 667035 closing at 1800, B-3 to 664027 closing at 2130. One M-10 of B-3 was hit by Panzerfaust and burned killing 2 EM and wounding 3 EM, one of which died later.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (628022), attached 117th Inf Rgt Unit CP moved to OLGENSTEDT (Y628022) closing at 1900, after temporarily stopping with C-1 at 575045 where they closed at 0930. Prior to the attack the entire unit assembled at 625022, at the close of the period C-1 was located at 655001 closing at 2100 and destroying an AT gun at 657000 expending 10 rounds HE. C-2 at 654014 closed at 2000. C-3 at 658999 closed at 2020. Unit had one NBI for the period. The M-32 returned to action from Bn maintenance.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y615140)
Unit Fwd CP moved to 619021 closing at 1830. The platoons did a fine job in gaining information of friendly units and assisting the Co's in routes and positions.

18 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y623023), attached 30th Infantry Division
Two 2 1/2 ton Trucks left during early part of the period, in search of diesel, with the closest known point being in the vicinity of the RHINE River. Unit can travel approximately 100 miles until such time as the fuel can be located and returned to the unit. One M-10 was received from ordnance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y765021), attached 119th Inf Rgt A-1 expended 20 rounds HE and one round APC in support of today's attack. A-1 closed into 667989 at 1430. A-3 to 668988 at 1430. Fwd CP closing into 657991 at 1445. At close of period unit was attached to the 119th Infantry Rgt, The Fwd CP and all 3 platoons moved to DIESDORF (627993) closing at 2045. Unit received one M-10 from Bn maintenance and had one NBI for the period.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit continued the attack withdrawing from previous locations and moving down the left flank of the sector with B-1 closing into 683023 at 1300. B-2 to 686018 at 1120, B-3 at 681118 closing at 1720. Fwd CP to 685019 at 1202. At close of period entire unit assembled in BARDLEBEN (656076) at 2000. Unit had one NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt Unit CP moved to 622022 at 0945. Unit continued in support of the attack and at the completion entire unit assembled at 655999, with CP closing at 1400. C-1 closing at 1600, C-2 at 1610 and C-3 at 1900. 5 PWs were taken by the unit.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (622021)
Unit CP moved to 622021 closing at 0945. 2 PWs, who were soldiers in civilian clothes were turned in by the outfit.

19 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y623023), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit spent period on maintenance and rehabilitation, sending one EM to the USA on rotation and one EM DS as instructor in a reinforcement depot.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y625021), attached 119th Inf Rgt
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt
One M-10 was received from Bn maintenance which gives the company
a full complement.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y622022)
R-1 moved to vic Co CP in order to enjoy a home-cooked meal. R-2
made route reconnaissance for "B" Co. in the 120th Regimental
Zone.

20 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y623023), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit sent 2 EM on DS to MG. Plans were made with Ron Co to organ-
ize the Military Government in the Battalion's assigned area.
Unit had one NBI. One M-10 was received from ordnance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D738862), attached 119th Inf Rgt
Unit moved with ROT, with A-1 and A-2 taking up firing positions
along the ELBE River and A-3 being held as a reserve. A-1 located
with a section at 740878 and another section at 733867. A-2 put
one section at 722896 and the other section at 705916 closing at
1100. A-3 at 675834 closing at 1000. Co CP moved to BAD SALTZEN
(D738862) closing at 1530. Unit had one M-10 got to Bn maintenance
with a broken piston.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt
Unit had one NBI for the period.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt
No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y622022)
Unit made route reconnaissance of the area designated to the
battalion.

21 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit established Military Government in their assigned area,
moving their Hq to BISLESEN (Y380000) closing at 1000. Instruct-
ions were issued governing the Military control of all the civil-
ians. Rooms were set up to make a complete survey of the 34 towns
withing our jurisdiction to determine stocks of supply, housing
facilities and to gain a concrete idea of the problem facing us.
Unit had one NBI for the period. One M-10 was received from
ordnance.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D738862), attached 119th Inf Rgt
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt
No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit patrolled on area on the outskirts of MAGDEBURG on include
DIESDORF. Their sector is being changed and at present they are
inactive. Unit had one NBI for the period.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)
Entire unit closed at 1200 into the area the battalion is charged
with governing, with the CP located in UMMENDORF (359009). R-1 at
ALLERINGSLESEN (330073), R-2 at NORDGERMESLESEN (466074), R-3
at OVRIGUNNE (422000) and the Pioneer platoon at BADLEBEN (320993).
The Co CP, R-1, R-2 and R-3 are delegated as a sub-area headquar-
ters. Patrols will be maintained from these locations to insure
that the given instructions are carried to a successful conclusion.

22 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit spent the entire period getting Military Government establish-
ed. The Burgermeister of each town was contacted and the provis-
ions of the instructions were given to him and in turn to the
people of the town. A survey was started of all the local supplies

reinforcements from the 801st TD Bn with 2 going to Hq Co. Hq Co moved to ALVENSLEBEN (458108) closing at 1200

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D738862), attached 119th Inf Rgt Unit received 4 reinforcements from the 801st TD Bn.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit was given an area to patrol within the zone of the 120th Inf Rgt. Unit received 5 EM as reinforcements from the 801st TD Bn.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt 2 EM were received from the 801st TD Bn. as reinforcements.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)
Unit spent the period organizing the Military Government within their sub-areas sector, which included establishing order and making preliminary surveys. One PW was taken by the unit. One EM received as a reinforcement from the 801st TD Bn.

23 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division Unit spent the period making surveys and getting settled down with the Burgermeisters of each town so that a system will function. It is expected that the survey will be complete by the middle of the next period and an accurate picture of the area will be available at that time. One case of looting was reported in GROPPENDORF and a small scale riot in WORMSDORF occasioned by a German soldier who stated that he was from BRAUNSCHWEIG and had a grudge against the Burgermeister. The German escaped in a yellow automobile. Details of the incident were taken by MG and turned over to G-2. A court of inquiry was operated in each area Headquarters, issuing passes and answering questions.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D727880), attached 119th Inf Rgt 48 rounds assault fire and 600 rounds 50 cal were fired by unit.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit is patrolling the town and surrounding area of KL. AMMENSBLEBEN

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt G-3 went into firing position on the ELBE River in MAGDEBURG and expended 40 rounds HE and 5 rounds APC on 4 towed 88mm guns located at D770965, destroying 3 of them. G-1 and G-2 put on a demonstration of force by driving around MAGDEBURG. All units had returned to their former locations by 1200.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)
Unit spent the entire period making survey in their areas and straightening out the civilians as to travel, billets, looting and food. Two disturbances mentioned above were brought under control by this unit. Lt WHITE acted immediately upon a tipoff, given him by a Pole, and after a short fire fight, captured one officer and 5 EM who were German Kommandos equipped with demolitions and other equipment to harass supply lines. 3 other PWs were taken by the unit.

24 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division The "Court of Human Relations" was established with everyone doing what they could to answer questions and get people organized. 2 rape cases investigated, the information is to be turned over to Div MPs. General HOBBS awarded 6 Silver Stars, 18 Bronze Stars and one cluster to the Bronze Star to officers and EM of the Battalion. One EM returned to duty from the hospital. Capt GIBSON was placed on DS MG.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D727880), attached 119th Inf Rgt Unit had 7 NBI, 6 being due to an M-20 getting out of control and running into a tree. One General Purpose vehicle (enemy) was destroyed at Y725903.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt Unit had one NBI and received one old man as a reinforcement.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt Unit received one old man as a reinforcement.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)

R-1 had a fire fight at 340104 wounding 3 and taking 5 PWs, a total of 43 PWs were turned over to Division PW cage. Platoons are slowly going crazy trying to administer their assigned areas. Unit received one old man as a reinforcement.

25 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division Unit continued the task of Military Government, with the highlights being the gathering up of Party Officials, trying to get the factories in the area working, running a court of Human Relations and continuing making a survey of the food and billeting situation. 6 PWs were turned in by the unit.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D727880), attached 119th Inf Rgt No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076), attached 120th Inf Rgt No change.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)

Entire unit continued the process of surveying and administering their sub-areas, 25 PWs were turned in by the unit.

26 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division "B" Co. returned to battalion control being released from attachment with the 120th RCT at 1200. Unit continued administering Military Government in the 1st sector with many new problems arising, such as getting enough funds to carry on the relief work, getting up a system to cope with the American "Sad Sacks" that give more trouble than the Germans and coordinating with other units transacting business with the area. One EM turned to duty from the hospital.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D727880), attached 119th Inf Rgt No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y656076) a preliminary reconnaissance of the area they are to govern was conducted.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt No change.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)

Unit continued to maintain patrols of their area and act as a court of Human Relations for one and all. 19 PWs were turned in by the unit.

27 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division Capt SCHEULLER returned from the RIVIERA. 2 old men received as reinforcements.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D727880), attached 119th Inf Rgt 4 old men were received as reinforcements.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y348069)

Unit closed into their area of occupation as follows: Unit CP at OSTINGERSLEBEN (348069) part closing at 0830 and remainder at

1030. B-1 to ERXLEBEN (399080) closing at 1330. B-2 to NORDGER-
MERSLEBEN (463073) closing at 0800. B-3 to ALLERINGSLEBEN
(331074) at 0830. Two old men were received as reinforcements.
One M-10 is in Battalion maintenance for repairs.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit received 6 old men as reinforcements.

Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)
R-1 and R-2 were effected by the change of boundaries with R-1
going to WEFENLEBEN (344038) at 1200 and R-2 to DRUXBERGE (447013)
closing at 1300. Unit received 2 old men as reinforcements.

28 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (380000), attached 30th Infantry Division
Hq Co moved to the city of UHRLEBEN (Y400062) closing at 1400.
Unit continued acting as Military Government with nothing out
of the ordinary happening.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D727880), attached 119th Inf Rgt
No change.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y348069)
Unit captured 5 PWs in uniform out of the woods in their area.
6 reinforcements were received from the 120th Inf Rgt.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt
Unit had one NBI for the period.

Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)
11 PWs were captured by the unit.

29 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y 380000), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit spent the period in continuation of their MG program. Plans
were made to include "A" and "C" Companies in the area which will
put the entire Bn together as a unit. 23 PWs were turned in for
the period. Unit enjoyed a Red Cross Doughnut Truck and a motion
pictures.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D727880), attached 119th Inf Rgt
One man returned to duty from the hospital.

"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y348069)
One man returned to duty from the hospital. Unit continued
administration of Military Government within their sector.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (D655999), attached 117th Inf Rgt
No change.

Ren Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)
Only unusual activity was an unexploded bomb reported by R-2 in
the town of HAKENSTEDT, details were turned over to the BDS for
their action.

30 APRIL 45

823rd TD Bn., (Y380000), attached 30th Infantry Division
Unit spent period in continuation of MG program. Lt JEFFERSON
completed a course of instruction for instructors under the I & E
Program given at the 531st AAA Bn CP. As of 0800 "A" and "C" Cos
reverted to battalion control and took over a sector to supervise.
Unit Personnel section moved back and is now combined with the
Bn CP. 53 PWs were turned in by the unit.

"A" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y456108)
"A" Co assumed responsibility of the area assigned them and now
have the headache of controlling it. Unit CP moved to ALVENLEBEN
(Y456108) closing at 1200. A-1 to HAKENSTEDT (Y413039) closing at
1200. A-2 to NORDGERMERSLEBEN (Y462073) closing at 1215. A-3 to
EMDEN (Y423398) closing at 1230.

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"B" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y348069)

B-2 moved to BREGENSTEDT (Y384120) closing at 1200. Unit had One NBI.

"C" Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y343037)

Unit moved into, and assumed control of their area as follows:

Co CP to WREFFENSLEBEN (Y343037) at 1130, C-1 to BARTENSLEBEN (Y323103) at 1200. C-2 to SOMMERSCHENBURG (Y305025) closing at 1230. C-3 to MORSELEBEN (Y305025) at 1230. Unit had one NBI.

Ron Co., 823rd TD Bn., (Y359009)

R-1 moved to GEHRINGSDORF (Y357961) closing at 1200. One man returned from DS as instructor to 18th Reinforcement Pool.

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