

PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 1945 TO 30 APRIL 1945

1. Commanding Officer: LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL S. MORSE, FA.

2. STRENGTH - Commissioned and enlisted:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
a. At begining of period			
1 April 1945 - - - -	32	1	594
b. Increase for month of April	4	0	26

(1) Officers joined for month of April:

CAPT GILFORD W. WHITE	01825455	FA	Bn S-4
IST LT FLAMINO J. RISPOLI	01821769	INF	Plat Ldr.
2ND LT WILFORD L. SIDEBOTTOM	02008535	FA	Ex. O.
2ND LT WALTER A. SUSTEK	02011773	FA	Plat Ldr.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
c. Decrease for month of April	3	0	36

d. Officers promotions for month of April:

IST LT WILLIAM J. ARMON, 0422519, FA to CAPT  
 IST LT RALPH FLOREA, 01822787, FA to CAPT  
 IST LT DELBERT M. HARPER, 01823867, FA, to CAPT  
 IST LT ROY E. WELBOURN, 01821795, INF, to CAPT  
 2ND LT SAM I. GOLDBERG, 01825194, FA, to IST LT  
 2ND LT JACK H. HATHAWAY, 01825672, FA, to IST LT  
 2ND LT DONALD E. GORDON, 01824454, FA, to IST LT  
 2ND LT STANTON M. LAMMERS, 01825478, FA, to IST LT

1st Sgt Wilford L. Sidebottom Aptd 2ND LT, FA  
 S Sgt Walter A. Sustek Aptd 2ND LT, FA.

e. Total strength at end of period:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
	33	1	584

3. STATIONS (permanent or temporary of unit):

<u>DATE OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
30 Mar 45	Viernheim, Germany	1 Apr 45
1 Apr 45	Weilbach, Germany	2 Apr 45
2 Apr 45	Reicholzheim, Germany	4 Apr 45
4 Apr 45	Hochberg, Germany	9 Apr 45
9 Apr 45	Dettelbach, Germany	10 Apr 45
10 Apr 45	Werneck, Germany	14 Apr 45
14 Apr 45	Marktsteft, Germany	15 Apr 45
15 Apr 45	Scheinfeld, Germany	16 Apr 45
16 Apr 45	Neustadt, Germany	17 Apr 45
17 Apr 45	Seukendorf, Germany	18 Apr 45
18 Apr 45	Furberg, Germany	21 Apr 45

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3. STATIONS (Cont'd)

<u>DATE OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
21 Apr 45	Heilsbronn, Germany	23 Apr 45
23 Apr 45	Gunzenhausen, Germany	24 Apr 45
24 Apr 45	Ostheim, Germany	26 Apr 45
26 Apr 45	Berg, Germany	28 Apr 45
28 Apr 45	Hemerten, Germany	29 Apr 45
29 Apr 45	Odelzhausen, Germany	30 Apr 45
30 Apr 45	Munchen, Germany	- - - - -

4. Marches:

- a. 1 April 1945 departed Viernheim, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Weilbach, Germany. Arrived destination, Weilbach, Germany, 1 April 1945.
- b. 2 April 1945 departed Weilbach, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Reicholzheim, Germany. Arrived destination, Reicholzheim, Germany, 2 April 1945.
- c. 4 April 1945 departed Reicholzheim, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Hochberg, Germany. Arrived destination, Hochberg, Germany, 4 April 1945.
- d. 9 April 1945 departed Hochberg, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Dettelbach, Germany. Arrived destination, Dettelbach, Germany, 9 April 1945.
- e. 10 April 1945 departed Dettelbach, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Werneck, Germany. Arrived destination, Werneck, Germany, 10 April 1945.
- f. 14 April 1945 departed Werneck, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Marksteft, Germany. Arrived destination, Marksteft, Germany, 14 April 1945.
- g. 15 April 1945 departed Marksteft, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Scheinfeld, Germany. Arrived destination, Scheinfeld, Germany, 15 April 1945.
- h. 16 April 1945 departed Scheinfeld, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Neustadt, Germany. Arrived destination, Neustadt, Germany, 16 April 1945.
- i. 17 April 1945 departed Neustadt, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Seukendorf, Germany. Arrived Seukendorf, Germany, 17 April 1945.
- j. 18 April 1945 departed Seukendorf, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Furberg, Germany, 18 April 1945. Arrived destination, Furberg, Germany, 18 April 1945.
- k. 21 April 1945 departed Furberg, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Heilsbronn, Germany. Arrived destination, Heilsbronn, Germany, 21 April 1945.
- l. 23 April 1945 departed Heilsbronn, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Gunzenhausen, Germany. Arrived destination, Gunzenhausen, Germany, 23 April 1945.
- m. 24 April 1945 departed Gunzenhausen, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Ostheim, Germany. Arrived destination, Ostheim, Germany, 24 April 1945.
- n. 26 April 1945 departed Ostheim, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Berg, Germany. Arrived destination, Berg, Germany, 26 April 1945.

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4. Marches (Cont'd)

- o. 28 April 1945 departed Berg, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Hemerten, Germany. Arrived destination, Hemerten, Germany, 28 April 1945.
- p. 29 April 1945 departed Hemerten, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Odelzhausen, Germany. Arrived destination, Odelzhausen, Germany, 29 April 1945.
- q. 30 April 1945 departed Odelzhausen, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Munchen, Germany. Arrived destination, Munchen, Germany 30 April 1945.

5. CAMPAIGNS:

- a. Name of - Germany Campaign (Wurzburg, Munich Sector)
- b. Duration - From 1 April 1945 to - - - - -
- c. Purpose - To capture the cities of Wurzburg and Munich, Germany, and to drive to th Austrian Border.
- d. Authority - Assignment Order No. 52, Headquarters, 6th Army Group, 20 March 1945, attaching the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion to the 6th Army Group, Seventh Army, and the 42nd Infantry Division, effective 15 March 1945.

6. BATTLES:

- a. Name of: -

(1) Battle to capture the city of Wurzburg, Germany.

- a. Place: Germany, east of the Rhine River, province of Wurzburg, Germany.
- b. Date: 1 April 1945 to 5 April 1945.
- c. Campaign: Germany Campaign
- d. Forces engaged: Seventh United States Army, 42nd Infantry Division, with attached troops, including the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion.
- e. Results: The following towns and cities were taken:

Munchberg	Greussenheim
Rossbrunn	Hochberg
Reicholzheim	Waldbuttelbrunn
Homburg	Wurzburg
Berkenfield	

f. Summary: Having crossed the Rhine River on 31 March 1945, the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion immediately went into preparations for future operations. Near the close of the first period, 2 platoons reinforced a divisional Task Force. On 2 April 1945, the divisional elements reached the Main River. "A" Company, located on commanding terrain on the westside of the Main River, neutralized several dozen targets which aided tremendously in the rapid seizure of the city. On 5 April 1945, elements of "A" Company crossed the Davis Treadway Bridge in the northern section of the city in pursuit of the enemy who was making a desperate attempt to withdraw their armor. In spite of the German Commander's efforts to organize the cities defenses, organized resistance ended at 1900, 5 April 1945.

6. BATTLES (Cont'd)

(2) Battle to capture the city of Furth, cross the Danube River, advance on Munich, and the Austrian Border.

- a. Place: Germany, east of the Rhine River.
- b. Date: 6 April to 20 April 1945
- c. Campaign: Germany Campaign.
- d. Forces engaged: Seventh United States Army, 42nd Infantry Division, with attached troops, including 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion
- e. Results: The following towns were taken:

Werneck	Sugenheim
Geldershim	Unternesselbach
Dittlebrunn	Scheinfeld
Unter-Spesheim	Neustadt
Schweinfurt	Diesbech
Volkach	Gutenstetten
Marsteft	Siegelsdorf
Wiesentheid	Langenzenn
Kitzingen	Donderflein
Willanzelm	Leichendorf

f. Summary: With the capture of Wurzburg accomplished, plans were formulated for the converging on Schweinfurt, a major strongpoint in the path of the advance on Furth. The advance on Schweinfurt was made rapidly, and, although resistance south of the city was greater than anticipated, complete encirclement and mopping up operations were completed on 11 April 1945. Continuing the attack towards Furth, with the firing companies in direct support of the Regimental Combat Teams, advance was made with slight opposition being encountered. An airport with many planes was captured, after their defense crumbled, when the Tank Destroyer Guns neutralized their gun installations. On 20 April 1945, Furth was officially declared cleared of enemy resistance and units were assembled for movement to the south. Progressing against light resistance over difficult terrain, two crossings of the Danube were forced on 26 April 1945, and the offensive towards Munich progressed swiftly. Many towns fell without resistance, or surrendered after the Tank Destroyer Guns unleashed HE shells into enemy strongholds, permitting the infantry to move forward. At the close of the period, 30 April 1945, with all elements in Munich, the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion had supported the rapid advance of the Combat Teams which had literally raced from the Danube to Munich in a period of four (4) days.

7. Commanding Officers in important engagements:

Battalion Commander - Lt Col SAMUEL S. MORSE  
Headquarters Commander - CAPT DELBERT M. HARPER  
"A" Company Commander - CAPT ROY E. WELBOURN  
"B" Company Commander - CAPT JOHN H. WEST  
"C" Company Commander - CAPT RALPH FLOREA  
"Rcn" Company Commander - CAPT JOSEPH F. ZILMAN

8. Losses in action, Officers and Enlisted Men:

8. Losses in action, Officers and Enlisted Men (Cont'd)

KILLED

2ND LT LOUIS F. NICHAROT, 01998481, FA, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Cpl Robert J. Erdman, 39855018, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Pfc Charles L. Allred, 13062364, in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, on 21 April 1945.

DIED OF WOUNDS

none

WOUNDED

Tec 4 Carl J. Williams, 34601787, in the vicinity of Wurzburg, Germany, on 5 April 1945.

Cpl Robert L. McNally, 36636278, in the vicinity of Wurzburg, Germany, on 5 April 1945.

Pvt Timothy M. Gannon, 11089923, in the vicinity of Wurzburg, Germany, on 3 April 1945.

Tec 5 Joseph R. Horsfall Jr., 33351033, in the vicinity of Everbach, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

Pfc Charles W. East, 39278330, in the vicinity of Everbach, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

Sgt Edmund E. Bodek, 33351688, in the vicinity of Geidersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

1ST LT STANTON M. LAMMERS, 01825478, in the vicinity of Everbach, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

Sgt Eugene J. Ecker, 32817008, in the vicinity of Unter Spiesheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Sgt Leo J. Zyskowski, 36517859, in the vicinity of Obendorf, Germany, on 11 April 1945.

Sgt Ray J. Bugni, 39616366, in the vicinity of Alitzheim, Germany, on 12 April 1945.

Tec 5 Frank J. Arbusto, 32726118, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Cpl James W. Peirce, 31300837, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Sgt John T. Morton, 34663661, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on

8. Losses in action, Officers and Enlisted Men (Cont'd)

Sgt James N. Martin, 39910394, in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, on 21 April 1945.

Sgt Edward Zizza, 31082193, in the vicinity of Huisheim, Germany, on 25 April 1945.

S Sgt Edward V. Cherry, 33250612, in the vicinity of Wallersdorf, Germany, on 26 April 1945.

Sgt Carl R. Potts, 35726892, in the vicinity of Wallersdorf, Germany, on 26 April 1945.

Pfc Alan D. Hawkins, 18010025, in the vicinity of Wallersdorf, Germany, on 28 April 1945.

DECEASED

None

MISSING

None

TAKEN PRISONER

none

9. The following awards have been made to former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:

a. BRONZE STAR:

CAPTAIN LOUIS W. BUCKALEW JR., 0410154, INF, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany. - per GO #66, Hq 104th Inf Div,

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL A. WEAKLAND, INF, 01822843, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany. - per GO #66, Hq 104th Inf Div, 28 February 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN GARDNER, FA, 01822790, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany. - per GO #66, Hq 104th Inf Div, 28 February 1945.

b. PURPLE HEART:

First Lieutenant Stanton M. Lammers, 01825478, FA, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Everback, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Flaminio J. Rispoli, 01821769, INF, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Brand, Germany, on 21 November 1944.

First Lieutenant Gilford W. White, 01825455, FA, Headquarters, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Sindorf, Germany.

Sergeant Peter J. Dunne, 35402565, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Inden, Germany, on 2 Dec 45.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward W. Lichter, 36202536, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Ahe, Germany, on 2 March 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Dale M. Breth, 33250643, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, on 27 November 1944.

Private First Class Daniel J. Ball, 33580268, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Inden, Germany, on 4 December 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Shilling, 33238685, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, on 18 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony C. Bielenberg, 39317340, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Merken, Germany on 22 February 1945.

Private First Class Andrew A. Marussich, 32689936, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Merken, Germany, on 23 February 1945.

Sergeant Peter Biloz, 32836746 (then Private) Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Inden, Germany, on 2 December 1944.

Sergeant Edmund E. Bodek, 33351688, Company "G", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Geldersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Private Wilford L. Graham, 34795938, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Weiden, Germany, on 5 March 1945.

Sergeant Roger M. Sellers, 35723392, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Ludwigswinkel, Germany, on 19 March 1945.

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Private First Class Elliott Holestin, 35654258, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Sindorf, Germany, on 2 March 1945.

Sergeant Byron L. Schrock, 33246480, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eschewiler, Germany, on 29 November 1944.

Private First Class John G. Collins, 32781035, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Wurzburg, Germany on 2 April 1945.

Private Harold R. Roth, 33410708, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Wurzburg, Germany, on 4 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Chris X. Poulos, 33328632, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Private First Class Homer L. Gaumer, 16074612, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Private First Class Don V. Woods Jr., 37483577, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Private Andrew E. Lazor, 33570709, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Floyd E. Hinchey, 33208642, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Dale Marshall, 35503571, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Brebersdorf, Germany, on 3 April 1945.

Corporal Foster S. Wray, 33498229, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Schleerleith, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Paul A. Weakland, 01822883, INF, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 11 April 1945.

Private First Class Robert L. Kuehner, 35335950, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Reichelsdorf, Germany, on 20 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade James D. Northstein Jr., 13096424, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Furth, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

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Sergeant Raymond L. Mitchell, 35453734, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, 20 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Eural D. Dye, 38474781, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Gildersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles W. Lewis, 37630559, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Gildersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold A. Covington, 18002213, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Winsback, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Corporal Peter Bilez, 32836746, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wound received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Winsback, Germany, on 20 April 1945. (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).

Private First Class Daniel M. Young, 34163963, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Munding, Germany, on 25 April 1945.

Private First Class "W" Curtis King, 33418998, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Munding, Germany, on 26 April 1945.

c. AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:—The following EM having been awarded the Certificate of Merit during the month of April 1945, in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in connection with military operations in Germany:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>A. S. N.</u>	<u>Co.</u>
Tec 5	Ivan C. Smith	39258225	Hq
Tec 4	Jerome B. Bexten	37385825	Hq
Sgt	Richard L. Gearhart	12062052	Hq
Tec 4	Nolan Picard	34236352	Hq

\*See after action report attached.