

HEADQUARTERS
705TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 403 U.S. ARMY

AFTER-ACTION REPORT 01 - 31 MAY 1945

At beginning of period, 705 Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to 11th Armored Division, Company A, 705 TD Bn attached to CGA, 11th Armored Division, Company B, 705 TD Bn attached to CGB, 11th Armored Division.

01 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Freyung Q2639 at 1115, closed in Bonnen Q4026 at 1530. Co.C and Reconnaissance Co. established perimeter defense of the town. Co.B remained in Waldkirchen Q3131, no enemy contact. Co.A CP and 1st Platoon left Kasby at 1100 with CGA Hqs., moved to Pielstein (535204). 2nd Platoon left Sehenberg at 0800 with C Troop 41st Cav Sgd, moved to Oepping (578192). Fired 8 rds. 76mm, 200 rds. .50 cal. at enemy troops. No casualties. 3rd Platoon left Wegscheid at 0900 with 55th Armd Inf Bn, moved to Oepping.

02 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Bonnen at 1530, closed in Wegscheid at 2006. Established perimeter defense of the town. Co. 3rd Platoon contacted enemy, fired at enemy forward observer in watch tower, expending 15 rds. HE 76mm, resulting in the complete destruction of the observation point. Co.A CP and 1st Platoon left Pielstein at 0945, marched 10 miles to Neudling (610130). 2nd Platoon left Oepping at 0800 with 41st Cav., moved to Neufelden (622066). Fired 12 rounds 76mm HE and large quantity of .50 cal. ammunition at enemy troops and positions. No casualties. 3rd Platoon left Oepping at 0900, moved with 55th Armd Inf Bn to Neufelden, no enemy contact.

03 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Wegscheid at 1530, closed in Rehrbach, Austria Q606162 at 1730. Established perimeter defense of the town. Company B no enemy contact. Co.A 2nd Platoon left Neufelden at 0830, moved with C Troop 41st Cav Sgd to Rottenegg (730945), firing 20 rounds 76mm HE and 550 rds. .50 cal. ammunition at enemy troops and positions. No casualties. Cp and 1st Plat. moved to coord. 688973, 3rd Plat. to coord. 688973.

04 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Rehrbach at 1500, closed in Neufelden, Austria Q6206 at 1730. Established perimeter defense of the town. CP and 1st Platoon of Co.A moved to Gramstetten with CGA Hqs. 3rd Plat. moved to Gramstetten with 55th Armd Inf Bn. 2nd Platoon left Rottenegg with 41st Cav. and moved to Fichtner, no enemy contact. Company B no enemy contact.

05 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Neufelden at 1545, closed in Ob Neukirchen Q7205 at 1730. Established perimeter defense of the town. Co.A CP and 1st Plat. moved to

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Hellmonsodt (849026). 2nd Platoon moved to Linz with 41st Cav. At 1600 withdrew from Linz to Aigner (890022). No casualties. 3rd Platoon left Gramastetten at 1900 and moved to Aeggenau (883055) with 55th Inf Bn. No enemy contact.

06 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Ob Neukirchen at 0515, cleared road to Kirchschlag 48300, completing mission of clearing Kirchschlag and closing into town by 0615. A platoon of Co.C and a platoon of Sen.Co. cleared road to Unt Geng 48001, and a platoon of Sen.Co. cleared road to Wildberg 48599. One platoon of Co.C and one section of Sen.Co. which remained in Ob Neukirchen for purpose of providing security to 133 engineers, closed in Kirchschlag at 1330. At approx. 1600, Co.C destroyed a mortar position at coord. 854000 by direct fire. During the day 26 prisoners taken, 7 enemy killed.

705 Tank Destroyer Battalion (-) remained in Kirchschlag until 16 May, Co.A attached to CGA remained in Hellmonsodt, Co.B attached to CGB, located in Altenburg. Following VE day, time devoted to handling of displaced persons and prisoners of war.

16 May Battalion moved to Urfahr, Austria, established a number of road blocks on the perimeter of the city to regulate flow of DPs and to maintain order, also established a prisoner of war cage and displaced persons collecting point. Remainder of period devoted to occupational duties.