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602ND TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO No. 339, U. S. Army

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18 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Historical Records for Period 1 May 1945 to 8 May 1945.

TO : Commanding General, 89th Infantry Division, APO No. 89, U. S. Army.
Attention: Historical Section.

Under the provisions of paragraph 10, Cg 3, AR 345-105, historical records of this unit for the period 1 May 1945 to 8 May 1945 transmitted herewith.

FOR THE BATTALION COMMANDER:

Edwin M. Cage
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1st Lt., F. A.,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- 1 - Staff Summaries & Unit Journal.
- 2 - Incoming and Outgoing Messages.

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CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:
CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
Fred M. Stovell, 1st Lt BGD
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE 15 Mar 1948

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SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, 602ND TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
FOR PERIOD 1 MAY 1945 TO 8 MAY 1945

I. STRENGTH:	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
1 May 1945	35	1	599
8 May 1945	35	1	606

II. <u>CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD:</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
a. Killed in action	0	0	0
b. Died of Wounds	0	0	0
c. Wounded	0	0	0
d. Injured	0	0	0
e. Captured	0	0	0
f. Missing in action	0	0	0
g. Interned	0	0	0
h. Hospitalized (sick)	0	0	1

III. <u>REINFORCEMENTS:</u>			
a. Requisitioned during period:	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
	0	0	0
b. Received during period:	0	0	0

IV. <u>CASUALTIES RETURNING TO DUTY:</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
	0	0	0

V. DECORATIONS AWARDED: None

VI. PRISONERS CAPTURED AND EVACUATED DURING PERIOD: OFF: 0 WO: 0 EM: 250

VII. COMMENDATIONS: GO No. 98, Headquarters Third United States Army attached hereto marked Inclosure No. 1.

- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS:
- a. Personnel section continued to work with the 89th Infantry Division Administrative Echelon.
 - b. Mail continued to come through APO 89 during period.
 - c. Special Services:
 - 1. Five shows were shown during period.
 - 2. Sufficient copies of Stars and Stripes and The Yank Magazine were received to make distribution of approximately ten copies per company.
 - 3. One officer and thirteen enlisted men received 72 hour passes to visit Brussels, Belgium.
 - 4. Religious services for all faiths were held weekly.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 602ND TANK DESTROYER BATTALION FOR PERIOD 1 MAY 1945 TO
8 MAY 1945

The battalion remained attached to the 89th Infantry Division during this period.

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CUMULATIVE LOSSES INFLECTED AGAINST THE ENEMY DURING PERIOD 28 AUGUST 1944 TO 8 MAY 1945

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>CO A</u>	<u>CO B</u>	<u>CO C</u>	<u>RCN CO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tanks	24	14	6	0	44
Tanks Damaged	0	3	0	0	3
Flak Guns	4	5	16	0	15
Anti Tank Guns	14	19	10	2	45
Armored Cars	3	1	1	0	5
Rcn Cars	1	1	0	0	2
Machine guns	13	9	14	1	37
Mortars	3	4	3	0	10
Observations Posts	12	9	5	0	26
Trucks	9	20	8	0	37
Half Tracks	2	1	2	0	5
88MM & Other artillery	5	6	4	0	15
Ammunition Dump	1	0	0	0	1
Pillboxes	4	6	18	0	28
Locomotives	0	0	3	0	3
Personnel	213	217	282	48	760
Prisoners of War	432	1573	457	112	2574

CUMULATIVE LOSSES SUSTAINED FROM THE ENEMY DURING THE PERIOD 28 AUGUST 1945 TO 8 MAY 1945

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>HQ CO</u>	<u>CO A</u>	<u>CO B</u>	<u>CO C</u>	<u>RCN CO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Motorcycle	1	0	1	0	4	6
1/4 ton truck	0	1	3	2	3	9
1 1/2 ton truck	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hal-track	0	0	2	0	0	2
Trailer	0	1	0	0	0	1
M-18	0	3	4	1	0	8

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SUMMARY OF SUPPLY, 602D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION FOR PERIOD 1 MAY TO 8 MAY 1945

I. Class I Supplies:

Class I supplies were drawn from 89th Infantry Division Dumps.

II. Class II Supplies:

No change from preceding month.

III. Class III Supplies:

a. Gas was drawn from Army Gas Dumps during period.

b. No change from preceding month.

IV. Class IV Supplies:

a. No change in preceding month.

b. No change in preceding month.

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SUMMARY OF EVACUATION, 602ND TD BN FOR PERIOD 1 MAY 1945 to 8 MAY 1945

I. GENERAL:

- a. The entire Medical Detachment remained with the Battalion rear echelon.
- b. No change from preceding month.
- c. No change from preceding month.
- d. No change from preceding month.

UNIT JOURNAL

1 May 1945: Rest and maintenance continued. Lt Ranges and Parnell and 11 EM returned from Paris. Lt Menard returned from trip to VITRY to check on guards there. Shows were held in the afternoon and evening.

2 May 1945: Rest and maintenance continued. Shows were held in the afternoon and evening.

3 May 1945: Rest and maintenance continued. One platoon of Company "B" was put in a small task force with mission of breaking up enemy concentration in front of the 354 Regt. Knocked out or neutralized one observation post. Estimated 3 enemy killed. Shows were held in the afternoon and evening.

4 May 1945: Rest and maintenance continued. Lt Sabella and 15 men left en pass to Brussels. Another Company "B" platoon was sent out in a small task force with substantially the same mission as on the previous day. Knocked out one machine gun, one OP, killed or wounded approximately 20 enemy. Shows were held in the afternoon and evening.

5 May 1945: News of the large scale German surrenders was received with pleasure, but there was no tendency toward celebrations of any sort. It was apparent that the men would attach little significance to any such news unless they were convinced that the Germans in front of them had actually quit. This was regarded as a desirable reaction. Rest and maintenance continued and shows were held in the afternoon and evening.

6 May 1945: Rest and maintenance continued. Field order received from Division called for preparation of plans for resumption of attack to the east if the enemy in front of us did not surrender. Shows were held in the afternoon and evening.

7 May 1945: Word was received of the unconditional surrender of all German forces. There was jubilation, but no celebration. Most evident was the speculation as to future disposition of the battalion. The arrival of the first mail in over a week caused as much excitement as the surrender news.

8 May 1945: The official announcement of V-E Day came as an anti-climax. 880 PW's surrendered to Company "B", and all morning streams of prisoners, practically all in vehicles, came through our lines.