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630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 US ARMY

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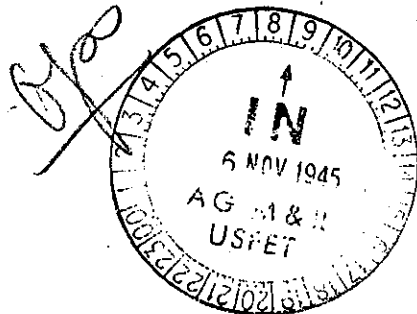
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REPORT OF OPERATIONS
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UNIT: 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion
From: 0800 01 May 1945
To : 2400 30 September 1945

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I - Employment of US Forces.

On 8 May 1945 this battalion was already assigned to Fifteenth Army, attached XXIII Corps, subattached to 28th Infantry Division and for operation was further attached to 28th I Div Arty. The battalion headquarters was located at NIEDER-AUERBACH near ZWEIBRÜCKEN (KREIS ZWEIBRÜCKEN), PFALZ.

The battalion mission was to exercise Military control and maintain law and order in ZWEIBRÜCKEN Landkreis and to furnish a reserve for 28th Div Arty. Reconnaissance Company (Pion plat) was the Div Arty reserved vic OTTERBERG. All other units of the battalion were located in the Zweibrücken Landkreis. Company "A" controlled, guarded and supplied the Russian D.P. Camp 62-656 vic Zweibrücken. The Landkreis was divided into two sub-divisions, Company "C" in the northern area, Company "B" the southern. Pioneer platoon of Reconnaissance Company was the battalion reserve. This disposition of troops continued until the battalion was relieved of the duties by the 447 AAA Bn Hqs at PIRMASENS and transferred to the SAARLAND, 3 - 4 July 1945. On 19th, 20th, and 21st June, all Russians were repatriated from the ZWEIBRÜCKEN Camp and until the move to SAARLAND, Company B supervised the cleaning up of the quarters formerly used by the D.P's. About 200 Germans were used on this detail.

Upon departure for SAARLAND this battalion was relieved from attachment to 28th Div and attached to Corps Arty (XXIII Corps) which moved to KAISERSLAUTERN. This Bn set up headquarters in the former 110 Inf headquarters in DUDWEILER and became the headquarters for the SAARLAND. Troops of this battalion took over the eastern portion and troops from the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion took over the western portion, each taking on so far as possible the previous targets of the previous organization.

On 10 July 1200 hrs SAARLAND was officially turned over to 1st D I M, French; on 11 July we left SAARLAND and closed in our new area a few miles northeast of CRAILSHEIM and were attached to the 1st Armd. Div., headquarters at SCHWABISCH-HALL. The entire area that this battalion occupied was approximately 8 kilometers in diameter. The Battalion CP was

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set up in MARIA KAPPEL, a small town. On being attached to 1st Armored Division, the battalion was further attached to CCR for operations. On 17 July 45 this battalion took over the road block on the road CRAILSHEIM - FEUCHTWANGEN at the boundary Seventh and Third US Armies.

On 11 Aug 45 the battalion assumed responsibility for over half of the targets held by the 1st Armored division. The 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion assumed responsibility for the remainder. On 15 Aug 45 all targets, except one were, taken over by the 3rd Armored Division, which relieved the 1st Armored Division. This battalion, upon relief from attachment to 1st Armored Division was attached to 3rd Armored Division, 12 Aug, and was further attached for operations to 36th Armored Infantry Regiment. The battalion target was the road block on the CRAILSHEIM - FEUCHTWAGEN road. On Sept 10, our category was changed to IV and about a week later was changed to I-T. On Sept 20, "C" Company moved to Bad Mergentheim and took over the security of POW Hospital No. 4. On 21 Sept 1945, "B" Company moved to Mengolsheim (south of Heidelberg) and supervised the cleaning up of a German Prison to be used as a place of confinement for US troops. On the same date the remainder of the battalion moved to Bad Mergentheim. The security of the POW Hospital No 4 came under battalion control. The battalion, on moving to Bad Mergentheim, were Seventh Army troops, under Army Provost Marshal for operations, and under Armored Section for Administration. This disposition continued to the end of the period.

MATERIAL:

On or about 10 July 1945, the M-36 Tank Destroyer, total 36, were turned in to ordnance. In the early part of September 1945 all remaining armored vehicles (M-8 armored cars, M-20 armored vehicles were turned in.

PERSONNEL:

The following is a list of personnel deployed:



DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PLACE OR UNIT</u>
11 May 45	1	Ft Devens, Mass.
11 May 45	1	Ft Bragg, N.C.
11 May 45	1	Ft Meade, Md.
15 May 45	2	Ft Dix, N.J.
15 May 45	1	Ft Lewis, Wash.
16 May 45	1	Ft MacPherson, Ga.
21 May 45	1(0)	Ft Lewis, Wash.
21 May 45	2	Ft Devens, Mass.
21 May 45	3	Ft Bragg, N.C.
21 May 45	1	Ft Sheridan, Ill.
21 May 45	1	Ft Snelling, Minn.
23 May 45	15	447 AAABn
25 May 45	1	628 T.D. Bn
24 Jun 45	44	447 AAA Bn
24 Jun 45	1	Camp Blanding, Fla.
24 Jun 45	1	Ft Dix, N.J.
26 Jun 45	1	Ft Bragg, N.C.
27 Jun 45	1	Camp Gordon, Ga.
30 Jun 45	128	106th Inf Div.
2 Jul 45	10(0)	654th T.D. Bn
5 Jul 45	1(0)	229th FA Bn
10 Jul 45	7	28 Inf Div.
16 Jul 45	1	Ft Bragg, N.C.
21 Jul 45	4	14th R.D.
7 Aug 45	1	15th R.D.
10 Aug 45	3(EM), 1(WO), 3(O)	605 T.D. Bn
25 Aug 45	5	423 Inf Regt.
27 Aug 45	15	423 Inf Regt.
7 Sep 45	259, 6(C)	654 T.D. Bn



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RESISTANCE:

The German population showed no resistance after the end of the war. During the period covered by this report, all civilian disturbances have been by Displaced Persons scrounging and terrorizing the German civilian population.

TALLY HQ:

On 21 - 22 Sept 45 this battalion participated in TALLY-HQ operations conducted by the 7th Army. Eleven former members of the German armed forces and one civilian were picked up, not having proper credentials. No contraband of any importance was found.

II - Relations with Allied Forces.

When this battalion came to the Zweibrücken Landkreis, there was a company of the 142nd Infantry, French consisting of about 90 men and two officers stationed in the Landkreis, principally in Zweibrücken and in several of the smaller towns nearby. They were being used by the Military Government detachment I6A2, Zweibrücken for town guard. Their status was not clear. They were supplied by other sources. Some of their food was procured locally. On request of their status from higher headquarters, it was learned that although their status was unknown, they would remain in the area. They moved out the latter part of June 1945. Relations with the French Company were very satisfactory.

When the battalion turned over the control of the SAARLAND to the French Forces at 1200 10 July 1945, at DUDWELLER, General CAILLE, (1st French Division Infantry Motorized), with his staff and Brig General BAUMER, XXIII Corps Artillery Commander with his staff were present.

The French staged parades in several of the towns in The SAARLAND that afternoon.

Several days before the changes of Administration, the French Forces moved in. The change over was without incidents.

III - Relations with former German Forces.

The only contact this battalion had with former German Forces was the picking up of former members who did not have proper discharge papers. These were turned over to POW enclosures.

All intelligence targets were investigated and reports submitted. Very few of the targets held any importance. Many were either destroyed during combat or evacuated. The Zweibrücken Landkreis joins the French border and through that area were numerous pillboxes and underground storage bunkers. Ammunition of all kinds was virtually everywhere. This was



gather up and transported to LANDSTUHL. Much ammunition was left in the pillboxes in the Siegfried Line. Many of these were blown in place.

IV - Relations with Civilian Population.

At the beginning of the period of this report the battalion was already performing occupation duties. Road blocks were placed at strategical points and all roads of any importance were patrolled. Violators of travel regulations were picked up and turned over to Military Government detachment. At first when the regulations were stringent many were picked up but as they were relaxed only a few were apprehended. The battalion policy has been to have Military Government deal with the civilian population except where security and public safety concerned the Military.

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Inclosures:

- 1 copy S-2 Journal 1 May 45 to 3 Sep 45 incl.
- 1 copy S-3 Journal 7 May 45 to 30 Aug 45 incl.
- 1 copy S-3 Periodic Report 8 May 45 to 30 Sep 45 incl.
- 1 copy Operation Memoranda 13 to 25 incl.