

HEADQUARTERS  
645TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 45, U.S. ARMY

17 June 1945



SUBJECT: After Action Report.

TO : Commanding General, 45th Infantry Division, APO 45, U.S. Army.

MAPS : Germany 1/100,000, MUNICHEN K-6; 1/100,000, LANDSHUT W-6;  
1/100,000, AUGSBURG W-5

PERIOD COVERED: 11 May 1945 to 31 May 1945

DAY BY DAY RECORD OF EVENTS

On the 11th of May the Battalion minus Reconnaissance Company assembled in and around the vicinity of HAAR, 10 Kilometers southeast of MUNICH. Reconnaissance Company, however, still remained attached to T-Force Headquarters, 6th Army Group, with one platoon stationed in Berchtesgaden, Germany to investigate any military targets in that particular area.

On the 14th of May the Battalion minus 3 platoon of Reconnaissance Company, was attached to the 45th Division Artillery and moved to an area vicinity of HILGERTSHAUSEN, 20 Kilometers North of DACHAU, GERMANY. Each company was assigned to an area to police, patrol, and maintain law and order. (See overlay for that date). Traffic control posts were set up in strategic places to stop all vehicles and civilians and check for proper trip tickets and passes. A program was started to round up all the Displaced Persons, most of whom were forced labor on farms and place them in proper camps where they were fed and clothed by the Military Government.

The 3rd platoon of Reconnaissance Company meanwhile was living a life of ease in their 100 room resort hotel vicinity of Hitlers hide-out. On the 15th of May they received the mission to pick up Von Ribbentrop in a little village 16 Kilometers South of BERCHTESGADEN, but upon reaching their destination the report proved to be false, and no sign was found of the Nazi leader.

The maintenance crews were kept busy in all of the companies trying to get their battle weary vehicles in proper shape. The M-36 tracks were in bad shape. On the move from HAAR to the new area 7 tanks threw tracks and blocks along the way. On the 19th of May the entire Battalion was attached to the Area Command Dachau under command of General ADAMS, of the 45th Infantry Division and assigned new patrol area and traffic control posts vicinity of DACHAU (see overlay).

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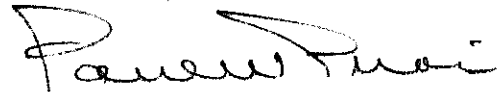
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Reconnaissance Company rejoined the Battalion and the companies were rotated each day on patrols and control posts. An Officer of the Day was set up and reports of any activities were reported to the Battalion CP, located in NACHAU.

A training schedule was inaugurated stressing close order drill, garrison and occupational duties, and the training of personnel to fill posts vacated by the redeployment programs.

On the 30th of May 1945, four of "B" Company participated in the 45th Infantry Division Memorial Service parade held in KONIGS PLATZ, BRUNNEN, GERMANY.

By now patrols and handling of displaced persons proved to be more or less routine and no particular problems were encountered. The civilians themselves were no trouble but occasional malfunctions by cantankerous, hungry and revengeful Displaced Persons was encountered.



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ANNEX "A" - Administrative Report

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Unit Journals