<u>SECRET</u> HEADQUARTERS 648th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

31 May 1945

SUBJECT: After action report.

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TO : Third Army (Attention Mistorian).

1 May 45. Battalion CP at WEISENBURG, A & B companies at INGOL* STADT, C company at GUNZENHAUSEN. Battalion performing security missions and guarding captured enemy installations; such as military equipment, PW hospitals, food, clothing, etc. Company A guards fired on two intruders and wounded one German soldier. Battalion took 150 prisoners.

2 May 45. Rattalion CP group; consisting of Bn Comdr, S-1, S-2, S-3 and one reconnaisance platcon; left WEISENBURG for FREISING. Remaindier of Headquarters company stayed in WIESENBURG, to move on the following day. Companies A & B destroyed captured enemy artillary pieces which they had been guarding.

3 May 45. Headquarters company moves to FREISING. Company C moves to FREISING. 2nd reconnaisance platoon placed on SD with 8th TD Group by VOCO. Battalion continues security missions in new locations.

4 May 45. Battalion CP, Headquarters company, and company C located in city of FREISING. Companies A & B located in INGOLSTADT. Battalion still performing security missions in III Corps rear area, among them the guarding of a large PWE in INGOLSTADT. All companies are screening the towns in which they are located.

5 May 45. Battalion turned in to Ordnance, a large amount of captured enemy small arms, ammunition and explosives. All companies still performing security missions.

6 May 45. 1st reconnaisance platoon screening small towns in the vicinity of FREISING. Mattalion is experiencing difficulty in the form of outbursts of violence, mainly rape, assualt and looting, committed by displaced personnel and liberated allied prisoners of war; who are present in the city of FRIESING in great numbers. Approximately 150 patients from hospital in FREISING were evacuated to LANDSHUT by this organization. Routine security missions were continued.

7 May 45. at 1500 Hrs today, the following message was received at battalion CP from 8th TD Group; "1,000 SS troops, supported by tarks and artillery, are reported to be advancing on FREISING from a point approximately 4Km north of the city". Immediate reconnaisance by the 1st reconnaisance platoon and elements of company C, proved the report to be erroneus. Col STEVENS, battalion Commander, is working in comjunction with the AMG in FREISING in an attempt to curb the outbursts of violence prevailant among displaced personnel and liberated PWs there. A recommendation for the earliest possible evacuation of these PEOPLENNESS SOCIETEDENAMEST FREESENCE in trucks

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8 May 45. All companies carrying on routine patroling and security missions. Three installations previously guarded by the battalion were taken over by another organization.

9 May 45. Major ERKKILA, Bn S-3, visits 8th TD Group Headquarters to arrainge for the evacuation displaced personnel and liberated Allied prisoners of war. A new ammunition dump was discovered and is now being guarded. Companies carrying on routine patrols etc.

10 May 45. 600 displaced personnel were evacuated to BAMBURG by the battalion. The Commanding Officer and Staff of the 333rd FA Group spent the night at this CP in preparation for move into PREISING to take over part of the installations currently guarded by the battalion.

11 May 45. The 14th Armd Div contacted the battalion and is making arraingements for the relief of all installations secured by the battalion at this time. Advance detail leaves for the Land-Kreis of FURTH.

12 May 45. All secured installations relieved as of 1200 Hrs this date. VOCO received for the battalion to move to LANGENZENN in the Landkreis of FURTH on 130600 May 45.

13 May 45. Battalion moves from FREISING to LANGENZENN. IP, FREISING; IP time, O600; Order of march; Company C, Headquarters Company, Companies A and B. Entire battalion bivouaced the night 13 May to 14 May, one Km north of LANGENZENN.

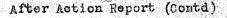
14 May 45. Headquarters Company and battalion CF set up in ZIRNDORF. Company A moves into LANGENZENE. Companies B and C remain bivouaced in the woods approximately 1 Km north of LANGENZENE. The 1st reconnaisance platoon takes over the security of 4 bridges in the vicinity of FURTH at 1800; remaindier of the battalion is awaiting assignment.

15 May 45. Battalion performing first echelon amintainance while awaiting further security assignments.

16 May 45. Company C moves into the StadtKreis of FERTH to assuem responsibility for the screening and policing of the city, and for certain security points in the vicinity. The AMS and CIC in the city were contacted regarding the commanies' activities in the town.

17 May 45. Major ERKKILA ces to INCOLSTADT to investigate the circimstances of the retention there of the 2nd platoon of company B, guarding a large PWE; and if possible to determine how long it will be untill they are released.

18 May 45. Company E preparing to move from vicinity of LANG* ENZENN to VACH. Several new security installations were taken over by the battalion today; bridges and an ammunition factory. The 2nd reconnaisance platoon was relieved from SD 8th TD Group as of 1200 Hrs this date by WDCO.



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19 May 45. Anti-fraternization patrol set by the 2nd reconnaisance platoon in the vicinity of ZIRNDORF. Battalion continues routine patroling and security missions.

20 May 45. All companies continuing routine security and patroking missions in assigned areas.

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22 May 45. The 2nd platoon of Company B moves from INGOLSTADT, where they had been guarding a large PWN, to VACH to rejoin the rest of the company. Battalion received 12 M-18 Tank Destroyer vehicles and one T-41 personnel carrier. The M-18s were issued, four to each letter company. Battalion continuing routine security and patroling missions.

23 May 45. All companies continuing routine patroling and security missions in their assigned areas.

24 May 45. Battalion received VOCO to re-organize into a self propelled Tankd Destroyer Mattalion. All companies continuing routime patroling and security missions in assigned areas.

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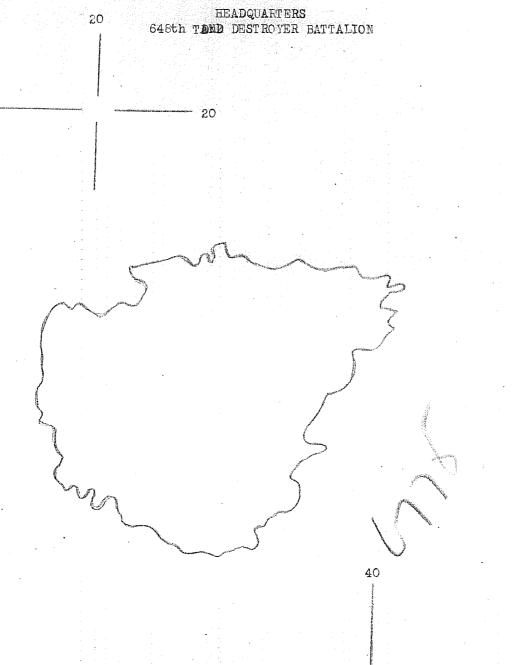
26 May 45. Reconnaisance company organizes and moves into quarters in the city of ZIR/DORF. Other companies continuing routine patroling and security missions in their assigned areas.

27 May to 31 May 45. (Entire battalion performing routine security and patroling missions in it's assigned areas, the LandKreis and StadtKreis of FURTH.

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Major, FA (TD) Actg Bn S-3





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OVERLAY; Area occupied by 648th TD Bn

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Date ; 23 May 1945.

Note ; Change in Boundry in south-east part of Battalion area.