

HEADQUARTERS
648th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

11 May 1945

1. Battalion will move on 13 May 1945. Company A to leave present location at 0900 hours; company B at 0930 hours; Company C to leave present location at 0800 hours; Headquarters company to leave at 0900 hours.

2. Route; From location to Autobahn, then north to Road route markers, then to destination; LANGENZERN.

3. Billeting: Headquarters and C companies parties to leave with Lt McAllister at 0800 hours on 12 May. Companies A and B parties to meet Lt McAllister at present locations at 0930 hours, 12 May. Parties will stay overnight at destination. Capt Paul, at destination, will assign areas.

4. Be prepared to set up Company kitchens. Also there is a slight possibility that the battalion will have to move into tents.

5. Mission: Security and occupation of the Landkreis of Furth.

By order of Maj BONINGER

Jack E. Eekila
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Maj. Inf (TD)
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HEADQUARTERS
8TH TANK DESTROYER GROUP
APO #403, U. S. Army

22 May 1945

SUBJECT: Equipment Destroyed or Lost by Enemy Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 648 TD Battalion, APO 403, US Army.

1. Request that the total number of German Combat Vehicles destroyed or lost by the enemy as a result of ground action by your unit from D-Day to the Cessation of organized hostilities on the Continent be tabulated under the following form:

Type of Vehicle	Destroyed by Air Force Action	Destroyed by Ground Force Action	Destroyed or Abandoned by Enemy	Total
Tanks		1 (Mark III)		1
SP Gun				
Misc Combat Vehicles:				
Armd Car		3		3
Armd Pers Carr				
Etc.		4 (Towed AT Guns)		4

2. The above information will reach this headquarters before 25 May 1945.

By order of Colonel LARTER:

Walter W. Cardwell, Jr.
WALTER W. CARDWELL, JR.
Captain - CAV (TD)
Ass't S-3

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24 May 1945

The following units and locations have been reported to this head-
 quarters in addition to those on list received from Headquarters 8th TD
 Group on this date. More detailed information pertaining to these units
 will be submitted in the near future.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
94 Sig Bn, Co C	FURTH (O-350001)
1195 Lab Supply Co	FURTH
8023 QM Sv Co	FURTH
3434 QM Trk Co	FURTH
72 Engineers	FURTH
991 Engineers	FURTH
94 Sig Bn, Co A	FURTH
94 Sig Bn, Hq Co	FURTH
1482 Engineers	FURTH
386 AAA Bn, Hq Btry	FURTH
678 Engineers	FURTH
914 Maint Co	FURTH
552 Maint Co	FURTH
342 Med Det	FURTH
3202 QM Sv Co	FURTH
3187 Sig Sv Bn	FURTH
363 QM Sv Co	FURTH
3602 QM Trk Co	FURTH
550 Ord HAM Co	FURTH
440 Ord HAM Co	FURTH
976 Engineer Maint Co	FURTH
1407 Engineer Mob S/L Team	FURTH
4177 QM Sv Co	FURTH
1590 Ord Som Co (AUN)	FURTH
553 Engineer Hv Pon Bn	FURTH
305 Ord Maint Co (AA)	FURTH
163 QM Bn (M)(TC)	FURTH
386 AAA Bn, Btry A & D	FURTH
926 Engineer Av Regt	FURTH
10th Photo Atth	FURTH
2728 Engineer Co	FURTH
788 Engineer Pet Dist	FURTH
567 RY Bn, Det A	FURTH
386 AAA Bn, Btry C	FURTH
444 Ord Co	GERBERSDORF (

TO: The S-3, 8th TD Group

The following organizations were found in the vicinity of ZURNENDORF, GERMANY.

Unit: Hq. & Hq. Detach, 273 QM Bn (plus Hq. 3214 QM Serv Co.) (colored)
Telephone Comm: Line from Lucky Depot #3, Phone 512 -Ring 3
Location: Bldg 37, Post Amt., Bahnhof Strasse, Zurndorf, Germany
Security Plan: Two 24 hr posts, one in front of the C.P. and one roving the area. These consist of one man during the day and two men during the night.

Unit: 3910 QM Truck Co. (colored) CO: Capt. Patrick C. Wortham
Telephone Comm: No Telephone.
Location: Area at east end of Bahnhof, Strasse on the east side of Zurndorf in Tents.
Security Plan: Two 24 hr. posts, one on the gate and one roving through the area. One man guard during daylight and two men during darkness.

Unit: 3436 QM Truck Co. (colored) CO: Capt. Willard N. Thompson
Telephone Comm: No Telephone.
Location: East end of Bahnhof Strasse, Zurndorf
Security Plan: Two 24 hr. posts. One on the gate and one roving through their area.

Unit: 66th Ord. Bn. Code Name: Longstreet
Telephone Comm: Connected with Highfire (70th Ord Grp) then to Lucky.
Location: South side of Zurndorf on Muhl Strasse.
Security Plan: One Company from the battalion is billeted next door. This company, the 465th Ord. Evac., has taken over the guard. It has a 1/4 ton with 2 men roving the town and surrounding area three times each morning, three times each afternoon and ~~three~~ each night. This is to out down on the reports being received about colored soldiers fraternizing. Also keeps 24 hr. guard at the battalion officers billets, about 2 miles N.W. of Zurndorf, it's motor pool on the S.E. edge of Zurndorf, and on each of the gates, one before the battalion C.P. and one before the company C.P.

Unit: 618th QM Depot Co. (white) CO: Capt. C.H. Logan) Approx Strg 176
Tele Comm: Thru Lucky Rear, ask for Lucky II & IV Depot #13.
Location: Lucky II & IV Depot, 1 mile S.W. of Zurndorf in Flak School.
Security Plan: Two 12 hr posts and one 24 hr. post. One 12 hr. post at front door of barracks and orderly room, and one 12 hr. post roving thru S. section of the depot. The one 24 hr. guard is on the underground airplane parts factory in Zurndorf. This is to be relieved by 8th TD troops.

Unit: 224th QM Bn. Approx Strgth: 410
Tele Comm: Thru 519th QM Group - thru Lucky Switchboard
Location: Lucky II & IV Depot, 1 mile S.W. of Zurndorf in Ex-Flak School
Security Plan: This organization has no guard. This is taken care of by other units in the Depot.

Unit: 3234th Serv Company (white)
Telephone Comm: No Telephone.
Location: Lucky II & IV Depot, 1 mile S.W. of Zurndorf in ex-Flak School
Security Plan: This organization has two posts. On 12 hour post at the entrance to their barracks & orderly room and one 12 hour post at rail-head in center of Zurndorf.

Unit: 3215th QM Serv Company (colored) CO: Capt John H. Helser
Telephone Comm: No Telephone.
Location: Lucky II & IV Depot #3, 1 mile SW of Zurndorf in Flak School.
Security Plan: This organization has four posts. One 24 hour post at Depot stockade at Main gate. One 24 hour post at rear gate. One 24 hour post on personal effects warehouse located just W. of the depot on the road leading to the rear gate from Zurndorf. One 12 hr post on German prisoners in the barracks.

Unit: 250th QM Depot Co. (white)
Telephone Comm: No Telephone (This unit expects to move any time)
Location: Lucky II & IV Depot, 1 mile SW of Zurndorf in ex-Flak school.
Security Plan: This unit has one post. It's a 24 hr post in it's mtr. park which is on the S. side of the depot.

Unit: 4341 QM Serv Co. (colored) CO: Capt. Samuel Einhorn
Telephone Comm: No Telephone.
Location: Lucky II & IV Depot, 1 mile SW of Zurndorf in ex-Flak school.
Security Plan: This organization has no security posted.

Unit: 3213 QM Serv Co. (colored) CO: Capt. H. P. Graf
Telephone Comm: No telephone
Location: Lucky II & IV Depot, 1 mile SW of Zurndorf in ex-Flak school.
Security Plan: This unit has one, 2 man, 24 hour post at Zurndorf railroad No. 2, East of Zurndorf.

Unit: 998th Salvage Company (colored)
Telephone Comm: No telephone.
Location: QM Salvage Dump #24 on south edge of Zurndorf.
Security Plan: This unit has two 24 hour posts. One on the main gate of the depot and the other on the salvaged clothing located about the center of the depot.

Unit: 465th QM Laundry Co. (consists of 1 plt. and 1 sect.)
Telephone Comm: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. Thru 519th QM Grp then thru 273 QM Bn. thru Lucky switchboard.
Location: QM Salvage Dump #24 on south edge of Zurndorf.
Security Plan: This unit has on 12 hour night post. A roving post along the south edge of the depot among the laundry units.

Unit: 300th Salvage Repair Co. (white) CO: Capt H. G. Payne.
Telephone Comm: No telephone.
Locations: QM Salvage dump #24 on south edge of Zurndorf.
Security Plan: This unit has four 24 hour, 2 man posts. One along N. edge of dump running from east to west corners. One along S. edge of barracks building and N edge of operations area which runs east and west thru approx. center of dump area. One roving thru operations area and one in motor pool which is just South of the barracks building.

Unit: Spitfire Rear-Advance
Telephone Comm: Thru Lucky to Spitfire. This unit is moving in very near future. Exact time not known but some of the unit has already left.
Location: QM Salvage dump #24 on south edge of Zurndorf.
Security Plan: This unit has no security plan.

F. E. KOPELKE,
1st Lt., FA (TD)

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27 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of I & E Activities.

TO : Commanding Officer, 8th TD Group (Attention I & E Officer).

1. Number of I & E Officers functioning in the Battalion.

A. One battalion I & E Officer who completed General I & E Course at AIES School, 5 May 1945.

B. Each company has assigned one Officer who, in addition to his other duties, is the company I & E officer.

C. No Officer in the battalion has completed any of the specialist courses given at AIES School.

2. Report of I & E Activities.

A. Orientation is being conducted in compliance with Army Directive (two hours per week).

B. The Education Program has not yet begun due to the fact that requisitioned text books and course outlines have not been received.

3. Extent of supervision exercised by battalion I & E Officer.

A. Company I & E Officers were given briefings on orientation policy, methods, etc.

B. Battalion I & E Officer makes periodic inspections of orientation program conducted in the companies.

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1st Lt, Cav. (TD)
I & E Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
648th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

31 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report on personnel present in area of responsibility.

TO : Commanding Officer, 8th Tank Destroyer Group.

1. The following information is submitted in compliance with instructions in letter of 30 May 1945, III Corps Headquarters.

In LANDKREIS of FURTH:
Prisoners of War;
Allied - None
German - None
Displaced personnel;
Russians and Poles - 1,000

In City of FURTH:
Prisoners of War;
Allied - None
German - None
Displaced Personnel;
Poles - 600
Russians - 600
Italians - 700

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LOUIS RONINGER
Major, FA (TD)
Actg S-3

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31 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report on personnel, required by Headquarters III Corps.

TO : Company Commanders, All Companies.

1. All companies will immediately forward to this headquarters, information necessary for completing report to III Corps as requested in their letter of 30 May 45 as follows:

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS HEADQUARTERS BE FURNISHED INFORMATION PRIOR TO ONE JUNE ACTUAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL FALLING INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: ALLIED LIBERATED PRISONERS OF WAR, DISPLACED PERSONS AND GERMAN DISARMED FORCES TO INCLUDE ALL GERMAN MILITARY PERSONNEL HELD BY US FORCES AND EXCLUDING ALL CATEGORIES IN HOSPITALS. IN ORDER TO FORMULATE SUBSISTANCE THIS PERSONNEL IN THIRD ARMY AREA, THIS INFORMATION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED END.

VAN FLEET III CORPS

2. This message was received with a classification of "confidential".

LOUIS RONINGER
Major, FA (TD)
Actg S-3

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RUS - 600
ITAL - 700

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