

S-3 JOURNAL  
 648th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
 From 1 April 1945  
 To 30 April 1945

Time		Serial	Date	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out	No.			
1700	0900	1	1 Apr	Col STEVENS to 70th Div CP, OTTERBURG	S
1800	1300	2	1 Apr	Maj ERKKILA, S-3, to company A & B & C regards maintainance of vehickes.	
0800	1000	3	2 Apr	Co Comdr meeting regards - Maint, Tng program & Fraternization	S
1200	1000	4	3 Apr	Maj ERKKILA inspect power plant for washing vehicles	S
1400	0730	5	3 Apr	Col STEVENS to 70th Div regarding Bn status on transfer to Army	S
		6	7 Apr	Maj ERKKILA, range location secured through Div, All companyes small arms firing	
2200	1700	7	12 Apr	Col STEVENS reports to 7th Army for instructions	
	1000	8	12 Apr	Rcn platoons attached 36th Div, moved to LINDSTUHL	SMT
	1500	9	13 Apr	VOCG attaching Bn to 18th AB Corps	ST
	1600	10	13 Apr	Orders received for move to SEIGEN, GERMANY	ST
	1900	11	13 Apr	Adv party moved out for SEIGEN	ST
	0700	12	14 Apr	VOCG attaching Bn to 86th Inf Div	ST
	0700	13	14 Apr	Bn (less Adv detail) left WESELBERG for SEIGEN	T
		14	14 Apr	Night bivouac at OLPE	
	0800	15	15 Apr	Col STEVENS & Maj ERKKILA report to 86th Div CP at LUDENSHEID	S
	1000	16	15 Apr	Bn moves to LUDENSHEID	MST
		17	15 Apr	Co A set up defense of LUDENSHEID Co B moved to NAHMUR Co C moved to HAGEN	MST MST MST
		18	16 Apr	Co A attached 341st Inf, Co B attached 342nd Inf Co C attached 343rd Inf	MST
		19	17 Apr	Co A and Rcn platoons patrol the town	
1600		20	17 Apr	Co B & Co C move into LUDENSHEID	
		21	17 Apr	VOCG 86th Div to move Bn to WINDSHEIM	
0700		22	18 Apr	Adv party left for WINDSHEIM	

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	1600	23	18 Apr	Lt GORECKI leaves for I & E School	
	1700	24-	18 Apr	Bn (less Adv party) leaves for WINDSHEIM	
	1700	25	19 Apr	Bn CP & Hqs Co in WINDSHEIM, Companies A and C set up in KULSHEIM, Co B in WIBELSHEIM	
	1700	26	19 Apr	Maj ERKKILA goes to ANSBACH with Div RCn to check from billets for probable move	
	1900	27	19 Apr	VOGG recieved detaching Bn from 86th Div	
		28	19 Apr	Letter companies screening towns in which they are located	
0800	1500	29	20 Apr	Col STEVENS & Maj ERKKILA reported to 8th TD Group for instructions regarding security	
0800	1500	30	20 Apr	Maj RONINGER, Bn Ex, checks maintainance and work of companies	
		31	20 Apr	Rcn platoons patrolling in and around WINDSHEIM	
	1100	32	21 Apr	Co B moved into WINDSHEIM to secure the town, Rcn still on outposts	
0830	1200	33	21 Apr	Col STEVENS to check Co B	
0830		34	22 Apr	Rcn platoons taken off patrol and held in mobile reserve at Bn CP	
1200		35	22 Apr	Companies A & C have started to take over enemy installations on order of 8th TD Group	
1700	1300	36	22 Apr	Maj ERKKILA visits 8th TD Group regarding reports	
1200	1000	37	23 Apr	Col STEVENS contacts AMG regarding DPs	
	1200	38	23 Apr	Hqs transportation trucks out 300 DPs to WURZBURG	
	0800	39	24 Apr	Hqs Co trucks out 150 Russian and Polish DPs	
	0900	40	24 Apr	2 platoons B Co move out to take over enemy installations	
	0800	41	24 Apr	Col STEVENS checking installations guarded	
1200	1100	42	24 Apr	Lt Col ULMAN, 1st TD Brigade checks Bn	
	1300	43	25 Apr	Maj ERKKILA visits 8th TD Group	
		44	25 Apr	Maj ERKKILA visits Co installations and gives instructions regarding value and burning of captured enemy military equipment	
		45	26 Apr	Bn CP, Hq Co & Co B moved to WEISENBURG	

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		46	26 Apr	Co A moved Cp from KULSHEIM to GUNZENHAUSEN	
		47	26 Apr	Co C moved to ANSBACH, taking over security points from companies A & B	
		48	27 Apr	Col STEVENS and Maj ERKKILA check Co installations	
		49	28 Apr	Lt McALLISTER captures 18 Germans with 5 while checking route south	
		50	28 Apr	Co B ordered to INGOLSTADT to restore order in the city	
		51	29 Apr	Maj ERKKILA visits Co A	
		52	28 Apr	Maj RONINGER visits Co B	
		53	30 Apr	Maj RONINGER & Maj ERKKILA visit companies A and B	
		54	30 Apr	Co A moves to INGOLSTADT to assist Co B	
		55	30 Apr	Co A and Co B organize riot squad to assist the AMG In INGOLSTADT	