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HEADQUARTERS
703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

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1 May 1945

- A. UNIT: 703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION.
- B. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:
 - 1. None - Battalion remained attached to Third Armored Division.
- C. STRENGTH:

31 Mar 45:	34	Officers - 1	W.O. -	993	EN
30 Apr 45:	33	Officers - 1	W.O. -	988	EN
DECREASE:	1	Officers		5	EN
- D. STATIONS: Does not apply (see narrative for locations).
- E. MARCHES: Does not apply (see narrative for details).
- F. CAMPAIGNS:
 - 1. WESTERN GERMANY
From: 1 Apr 45 to 30 Apr 45
- G. BATTLES: (see narrative).
- H. COMMANDING OFFICERS:

Battalion Commander :	Lt Col Wilbur E. SNOWALKER
"A" Company Commander :	Captain John W. Cole
	From: 1 Apr to 23 Apr 45
	1st Lt Ralph L. HENDERSON
	From: 23 Apr to 30 Apr 45
"B" Company Commander :	Captain Henry F. GOUGH
"C" Company Commander :	Captain Donald W. SHIERT
Recon Company Commander :	Captain Jack V. MURRAY
Hq Company Commander :	Captain Sydney S. SMITH

I. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Battle Casualties

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
None

"A" COMPANY
Kingsberry, Elmer W., 32213432
Creviston, Ray J., 32214975
Lecunyski, Henry, 32214690

Doc 4	20 Apr	LHA
Doc 5	20 Apr	LHA
Doc	20 Apr	LHA

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I. Losses In Actions (cont'd)

BATTLE CASUALTIES

"B" COMPANY

Petrovich, Frederick J., 36078041	S/Sgt	8 Apr	KIA
Langervold, Richard Jr., 36189772	Cpl	14 Apr	LWA
DeMaree, Frank J., 32200033	Tec 5	17 Apr	KIA
Freddice, Donald C., 32943347	Pfc	17 Apr	SUA
Greenan, John M., 32233504	Cpl	17 Apr	LWA
Collins, Thomas H., 36417780	Cpl	17 Apr	LWA
Clark, John H. Jr., 33859221	Pfc	18 Apr	LWA

"G" COMPANY

Wilkins, Waynes, 14011068	Pfc	15 Apr	LWA
Weir, William F. Jr., 38346342	Pfc	14 Apr	LWA

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

Edwards, John E., 01824153	2d Lt	29 Mar	KIA
Buegeler, Elbert L., 38157439	Pfc	30 Mar	LWA
Paulachok, Nicholas, 33143895	Tec 5	29 Mar	KIA
Anderson, William C., 34284984	Pfc	29 Mar	LWA
Barch, Wilbur P., 37010574	Pfc	29 Mar	LWA
Harnine, Angale J., 36078265	Pfc	17 Apr	LWA
Burray, James A., 33153123	Pfc	17 Apr	KIA

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

None

NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

None

"A" COMPANY

Holland, Patrick T., 35304950	Tec 5	30 Mar	Slight Injury
Miller, Frank L., 32213659	Sgt	13 Apr	Disease Slight
Thornhill, Orval W., 20846792	S/Sgt	17 Apr	Disease Slight
Cole, John W., 0450469	Capt	23 Apr	Slightly Injured
Rugiroli, Vieter J., 36116499	1st Sgt	23 Apr	Slightly Injured
Bretschneider, Lawrence T., 33139592	Cpl	24 Apr	Slightly Injured (SIW)

"B" COMPANY

Grasso, Anthony, 42008185	Pfc	27 Mar	Slightly Injured
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"C" COMPANY

Gay, Roster O., 34078808	S/Sgt	19 Apr	Slightly Injured
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RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

Navit, Louis J., 33153492	Tec 5	16 Apr	Slightly Injured
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PROMOTION OF OFFICERS - None

J. CITATIONS:

CAPT HENRY F GOSCH JR 01012130, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 14 April 1945.

1ST LT JAMES H ROBERTS 01012301, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 17 April 1945.

Cpl James E Ayala 38120545, awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945.

1st Sgt Frank A Galante 32158058, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945.

S/Sgt Roster O Gay 34078808, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 22 December 1944.

Ted 4 James L Clawson 37016880, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 March 1945.

Sgt R C Gore 14007190, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 4 March 1945.

Sgt Norman E Ramsden 33143869, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 2 March 1945.

Cpl Frank R Ebbs 32233688, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Germany on 4 March 1945.

Cpl Clinton E Reid 38072299, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on 22 December 1944.

K. Photographs:
None.

For the Commanding Officer:

Merle L. Goodrich
MERLE L. GOODRICH
Major, 703d TD Bn
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Incls: Four (4)

1. Summary (narrative) of Operations, Month of April 1945.
2. Summary of Medical Activities.
3. True copy of Unit Journal
4. Compilation of enemy equipment destroyed, to date.

703RD TANK BATTALION
AFG 230, U.S. ARMY

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1 May 1945

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

(Note: All coordinates listed in this report are found in the Nord De Guerre Grid System, in the 500 Kilometer Squares (W & R). All letters preceding coordinates in this report designate the 100 Kilometer square, within the above mentioned areas).

On 31 March 1945, the battalion was disposed as follows:

1. ATTACHMENTS:

- Battalion—Third Armored Division.
- "A" Company—Combat Command "A", Third Armored Division.
- "B" Company—Combat Command "B", Third Armored Division.
- "C" Company—Combat Command "HOWE", Third Armored Division.

2. LOCATIONS: (CP's)

- Battalion CP—B-710574 via STEELN
- "A" Company CP—B690517 via HAAREN
- "B" Company CP—B712369 via STEELN
- "C" Company CP—B693368 via STEELN
- Recon Company CP—vic of Battalion CP
- Hq Company CP—vic of Battalion CP

On 31 March 1945 this battalion was supporting the Third Armored Division in the attack to secure PADERBORN (B7174), and the locations of the Platoons of "A", "B" and "C" Companies were as follows:

- 1st Plat "A" with TF KANE—B687328 via HAAREN
- 2nd Plat "A" under Bn control (OC "A" Res.) B690517 via HAAREN
- 3rd Plat "A" with TF BOLES—attacking vic of PADERBORN (B7174)
- 1st Plat "B" with TF LOVELADY—attacking vic HAYTERGRUND (B7344)
- 2nd Plat "B" with OC "B" Res.—B712369 via STEELN
- 2nd Plat "B" with TF YEMANS—B7642 via DORNHEAGEN
- 1st Plat "C" with OC HOWE Res.—B693368 via STEELN
- 2nd Plat "C" with TF RICHARDSON—B685510 via NORDBORCHEN
- 3rd Plat "C" with TF HOGAN—B654405 via OBERTUDORF

1 Apr 45 This Bn continued to support the 3rd Arm Div in its drive north towards PADERBORN (B7174).

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved from HAAREN (B690510) at 1630 hours to B696432 via PADERBORN closing at 1700 hours. 2nd Plat took up positions for protection of C Comd "A" CP Group and Trains by the attached 3rd Platoon of Recon Co.

1st Plat "A" attacked with TF KANE from NEUBODDEN (B686330) at 0600 hours toward LIPPSTADT (B4242) to contact elements of the 2nd Armored Division moving from the west. At 1730 hours the platoon was left in road block position at B455386 via BOCKENFOLDE and during the period captured 38 PW's.

3rd Plat "A" attacked with TF BOLES, passing through elements of TF RICHARDSON at NORDBORCHEN at 0626 hours toward PADERBORN. When they reached a position south of the town they covered the tank attack from vicinity of B699426. Dig in tanks and infantry blocked the advance of the Task Force and all TD's fired a total of 27 rds APC, 37 rds HE and 6 rds AP at various buildings and other targets including two tanks and

1 Apr 45 (cont'd) two (2) M36's, the range was approx. 2600 yards and the results were unobserved due to poor visibility.

"B" Co CP remained in ETTELN (B7173) throughout the period. 1st Plat moved at 0430 hours from assembly position with TF LOVELADY to attack at 0600 hours toward PADERBORN passing through elements of the 83rd Armored Reconnaissance Bn. At 1700 hours 1st Plat had taken up positions vicinity of B705474 vicinity of PADERBORN.

2nd Plat "B" with TF YEOMANS continued to secure DORENHAGEN area throughout the period. The 1st Plat of Rem Section with the 2nd Plat fired 8 rds HE and 4 rds APC of 57mm ammunition to destroy two (2) machine gun nests.

3rd Plat "B" remained on road blocks via ETTELN (B7137) for protection of the Division CP.

"C" Co CP moved to B683417 via NORDBORCHEN. 1st Plat moved with Company CP to occupy A.T. position for protection of OC HOWEN CP.

2nd Plat "C" with TF RICHARDSON remained on road blocks and AT positions at B680406 via KIRCHBORCHEN. During the period destroyed one (1) heavy truck with .50 Cal Machine Gun fire.

3rd Plat "C" with TF HOGAN attacked towards SALENKOTTEN and at 0440 hours took up road block position covering NJ B605422. While guarding this junction they destroyed two (2) heavy trucks and one (1) command car, attempting to get through, and captured 60 PW's. These vehicles were destroyed by .50 Cal Machine Gun and Small Arms fire.

2 Apr 45 At 0930 hours the Battalion CP with Hq Co and Rem Co (-) moved from B710374 via ETTELN to B689419 via NORDBORCHEN closing at 1100 hours.

"A" Co with C Comd "A" remained on road block and AT positions in the C Comd zone throughout the period. 1st Plat on road blocks in the vicinity of BOCKENFORDE, protecting the left flank of the Task Force, noticed during the day enemy movement in the towns of WESTERNKOTTEN (B435375), SCHAFFERKAMP (B439368) and between these towns and the GIESLER RIVER. While in this position they fired a total of 25 rds HE at ranges from 1500 to 2400 yards into this area, destroying two (2) machine gun nests and capturing 10 PW's.

"B" Co CP with 3rd Plat moved from B712369 via ETTELN to B716469 via PADERBORN. 3rd Plat took up road blocks in vicinity of Company CP.

1st Plat "B" Co with TF LOVELADY at 1945 hours moved from via PADERBORN to position B773448 via DAHL.

2nd Plat "B" Co remained on road block position with TF YEOMANS via DURENHAGEN (B7634) throughout the period.

"C" Co - no change in locations - remained on road blocks and AT positions throughout the Combat Command zone.

35 M36's operational in the Battalion.

3 Apr 45 No change in locations. Companies with platoons attached to Task Forces continued to road block in the Division sector. Performed maintenance of vehicles and weapons and also made preparations for future operations.

4 Apr 45 1st Plat "A" with TF KANE was relieved by elements of the 8th Armored Division from road block position via BOCKENFORDE to assemble with Task Force at 1700 hours in the vicinity of PADERBORN B708478. No further changes. 36 M36's operational in Battalion.

5 APR 45 At 0930 hours received O.M. No. 36, Hq 3rd Armored Division, confirmation of verbal orders issued by CG 3rd Arm Div--as follows: Division will attack at H-Hour 5 Apr 45, east from PADERBORN between 40 and 50 Grid Lines. Combat Command "A" to advance in northern sector ("A" Co attached), and C Comd "B" to advance in the southern sector ("B" Co attached). C Comd HOWEN ("C" Co attached) to remain in position and move in the center of the sector of attack of the Division, on order.

At 1200 hours received O.M. No. 37, Hq 3rd Arm Div dated 5 Apr 45, stating the Division will be prepared to advance rapidly to intermediate objectives BRAKEL, ERKELN, HANFENHAUSEN and secure final objectives of WERDIN (1447) SEVERUSSEN (1342), HEIMHAUSEN (1839) and a crossing of the WESER RIVER.

Bn CP with Hq Co and Ren Co (-) at B689419 via NORDBORCHEN.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved with C Comd "A" at 1200 hours, east from vicinity of PADERBORN to continue to move throughout the period. Arriving at 085469 via OTTBERGEN at 0830 hours, 6 Apr 45.

1st Plat with TF KANE attacked east from PADERBORN at 1200 hours continued to advance throughout the day and night. At the end of the period had reached the vicinity of REIDER (B9843).

3rd Plat "A" with TF BOLES attacked at 1220 hours east from vicinity of PADERBORN. The attack was continued throughout the day and night. At the end of the period had reached vicinity of BRUCHAUSEN (0746).

"B" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved with C Comd "B" east from vicinity of PADERBORN, arriving at IGGENHAUSEN (B8041) at 1700 hours. The attack was continued east therefore, the CP continued to move throughout the period.

1st Plat "B" Co with TF LOVELADY attacked east from vicinity EGGERINGHAUSEN at 1200 hours. At 2120 hours the Task Force secured WILLEBODENSEN (9037). At 2120 hours the Task Force was ordered to continue to the east. At the end of the period 1st Plat was moving with the attack.

3rd Plat "B" with TF WELBORN attacked east at 1200 hours from vicinity of DANL. By 1615 hours had reached DRINGENBURG (B9142). The attack was continued at 2120 hours and at the close of the period the platoon was moving with the attack.

"C" Co CP with C Comd HOWEN moved with the 1st Plat from vicinity NORDBORCHEN (B6942) at 2000 hours. Traveled until 0430 hours 6 Apr 45 to arrive at B855496 via BAD DRIBURG.

2nd Plat "C" moved with TF RICHARDSON at 1950 hours from vicinity KIRCHBORCHEN to reach B915423 via DRINGENBURG.

3rd Plat "C" moved with TF HOGAN at 1905 hours from vicinity of PADERBORN to reach B934442 via SCHNECHTEN.

6 APR 45 The Battalion CP with Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved from vicinity NORDBORCHEN at 0800 hours following Division CP on route of attack of TF BOLES. A 1300 hours closed in new location B997475 via BRAKEL.

"A" Co CP arrived at 0830 hours at C085469 via OTTBERGEN. One section of 2nd Plat was in position C066473 via BRUCHAUSEN. 2nd section with Ren Plat in position C086466.

1st Plat "A" with TF KANE continued to attack throughout the period and by the end of the period had reached vicinity ROGGENTHAL (C110405).

6 Apr 45 (cont'd) At 0530 hours during the attack the 1st Plat fired 49 rds HE, 11 rds AP and 2 rds APC at enemy strong points and AT guns.

3rd Plat with TF BOLES continued to advance during the night, and by the end of the day had reached AMELUNXEN (C102476). At 0630 hours the Task Force was held up by infantry emplaced on high ground on either side of the road, firing small arms and basecaks. The platoon moved up into position and fired 8 rds of HE into these positions, helping to clear them out. A short way further on the advance was again held up by tanks and infantry, and the TD's fired 13 rounds HE and 3 rounds APC at a range of 4000 yards. The results were not known.

"C" Co CP moved from vic BAD DRIBURG to B895459 vic STIEBENSTERN during the period. 1st Plat "C" moved with C Comd HOWZE CP from the vic of BAD DRIBURG to B932441 vic SCHMECHTEN providing protection for the CP.

2nd Plat "A" with TF RICHARDSON and 3rd Plat with TF HOGAN remained in assembly positions throughout the period.

"B" Co CP with 2nd Plat arrived at C038394 vic HAINHOLZ at 0600 hours. 2nd Plat took up AT positions for protection of CC "B" CP.

1st Plat "B" with TF LOVELADY continued to attack throughout the period against moderate to strong resistance. At 2000 hours took up positions vic MANRODE (1133).

3rd Plat "B" with TF WELBORN continued to advance to the east, took up positions at 055371 vic GORGHOLZ.

At 0800 hours received O.M. No. 38, Hq 3rd Armd Div, dated 5 Apr 45 --This Division continues the advance to the east on VII Corps order, crossing the WESER RIVER, and pass through bridgehead established, to seize objectives.

7 Apr 45 1st Plat "A" with TF KANE attacked at 0630 hours. At the close of the period 1st Plat went into position in the vic C131417 vic WARDEN.

2nd Plat "A" remained in position vic B UCHAUSSEN and OTTBERGEN.

3rd Plat "A" with Battle Group "ORR" of TF BOLES attacked at 0630 hours. At 1500 hours 3rd Plat "A" took up positions at C136473 vic WARDEN.

"B" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved from vic HAINHOLZ to C112373 vic HARRBRUCK. 2nd Plat occupying positions in vic of Co. CP. 1st Plat with TF LOVELADY attacked at 0630 hours. The Task Force secured DIESEL (1534) at 0945 hours and 1st Plat went into road block positions at C158343 (DIESEL). In the attack 1st Plat fired 26 rds HE at enemy strong points. Destroyed one (1) observation post and fired 11 rds APC at a M4 (Medium) Tank with German markings, but the results were unknown. The range was about 3400 yards.

3rd Plat "B" with TF WELBORN attacked at 0630 hours and by the end of the period were in position vic C166380 vic HELMARSHAUSEN. 3rd Plat reports one (1) EM KIA by sniper fire.

"C" Co remained in assembly positions with Task Forces of CC HOWZE throughout the period.

34 M36's operational in the Battalion-2 out due to mechanical failure.

8 Apr 45 At 1130 hours received O.M. No. 39, Hq 3rd Armd Div dated 7 Apr 45, which directed that C Comd HOWZE ("C" Co attachd) will move on Division order to assembly position vic VARIOSEN (3724) east of WESER RIVER. Will attack north to seize and secure objective at USLAR (3142)

8 Apr 45 (cont'd) to assist the advance of VII Corps from the west. C Comd HOWSE will execute route reconnaissance within bridgehead of 2nd Infantry Division.

Rn (- "C" Co) no change in locations. All guns of "A" and "B" Co on road block or A.T. position within the Division sector.

At 1100 hours "C" Co moved with C Comd HOWSE from BREGENBURG (9142) - SCHNECHTEN (9344) area to cross to the east bank of the WESER RIVER via of HEMMEL (8924), and was assembling in vic 0304263 via IMBSEN at the end of the period.

34 M36's operational in Battalion.

9 Apr 45 At 0800 hours received O.M. No. 40, Hq 3rd Armd Div dated **8 Apr 45** - C Comd "B" will be relieved in the HELMARSHAUSEN-CARLSHAFEN (1939) area by elements of 1st Inf Div and will move through area of 104th Inf Div to assembly positions east of the WESER RIVER 0907008 April 1945 - Be prepared to attack east. C Comd HOWSE will attack to the northeast from present assembly area via IMBSEN (3827) at H hour **9 Apr 45** to seize HARDEGSEN (4541). C Comd "A" will remain in present position and will be prepared to leave on division order east of WESER RIVER, 834 Armd Ren Rn will move east of the WESER RIVER in rear of C Comd "B".

The Rn CP, Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved from vic BRAKEL (8997475) in rear of Div CP group to cross the WESER RIVER to the east bank, at 1600 hours, on bridge at 0258357 via GIESELWERDER and closed in new location 0304325 via ADELEBSEN.

At 1500 hours "A" Co CP with 2nd Plat was ordered to move out to cross to the east bank of WESER RIVER. They crossed the river on bridge in vic of HELMARSHAUSEN (1940) to arrive via 0448418 via of HARDEGSEN at 2145 hours.

1st Plat "A" with TF KANE moved out at 1540 hours to cross the WESER RIVER at GIESELWERDER and at end of the period was assisting in securing area via HERDEGSEN (04441).

3rd Plat "A" with TF BOLES moved at the east bank of the WESER RIVER and at end of the period was in position via VERNAWANLANAN (03038). 3rd Plat fired 11 rds HE, 90mm at enemy strong points.

"B" Co CP with 1st Plat moved with C Comd "B" to east of WESER RIVER, crossing via GIESELWERDER (2535) and by end of the period was located at 0464398 via GLOBEBECK with 1st Plat protecting CC B CP by road blocks.

2nd Plat "B" crossed the WESER RIVER with TF LOVELADY and attacked east to take up positions via 0465341 via EMMENHAUSEN.

3rd Plat "B" crossed the WESER RIVER with TF WELBORN AND attacked east to take up positions via 0464398 via GLADEBECK. In the attack 3rd Plat fired 12 rds HE at enemy infantry, killing an unknown number and fired 3 rds AP at Mk VI tank with unknown results. 3rd Plat also suffered casualty - one (1) KM SWA but not evacuated.

"C" Co CP with 1st Plat closed in assembly position east of the WESER RIVER at the opening of the period. At 1730 hours moved from assembly position to 0552434 via SUDHEIN.

2nd Plat "C" attacked north at 0330 hours with TF RICHARDSON and then east to reach position via LEVERSHAUSEN (05743). In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) Mk V Tank at MARTSE (04735) fired 3 rds HVAP, 2 rds HE, 3 rds APCBDF and 3 rds AP, 90mm. TD Commander, Sgt Hummer and gunner was Cpl Kattner.

9 APR 45 (cont'd) 3rd Plat "C" attacked north and then east with TF HOGAN to reach positions via HOCKELHEIM (09447). 3rd Plat captured two (2) SS Troops while on road block position via HARDLACHEN (0446-413).

10 APR 45 At 0800 hours received O.M. No. 41, Hq 3rd Arm Div dated 10 Apr 45--The Div will continue its attack to the east on 10 Apr 45 to seize intermediate and final objectives (NORDHAUSEN-D1227) in its zone, with C Comds abreast--C Comd HOWZE on the left, and C Comd "B" on the right.

"A" Co CP with 2nd Plat moved east with C Comd "A" at 0900 hours and continued to move throughout the period to arrive at 0713374 via GIEBOLDHAUSEN at 0830 hours of 11 Apr 45.

1st Plat "A" travelled east with TF KANE following the attacks of elements of CC HOWZE and at 1900 hours C Comd "A" was ordered to seize and secure OSTERODE (7350) and HERBERG (8042) therefore the Task Force turned northwards. 1st Plat reached positions via KATLENBURG (06546) at the close of the period.

3rd Plat "A" moved east with TF BOLES and turned toward HERBERG (8042) on orders. At the end of the period had reached positions via (0750390) via GIEBOLDHAUSEN. In the attack 3rd Plat fired 11 rds M2 at enemy strong points.

"B" Co moved east with C Comd "B" throughout the period to reach via GRATZUNGEN (0985266).

1st Plat "B" took up AT positions for protection of Div CP via GRATZUNGEN (0985266).

2nd Plat "B" attacked with TF LOVELADY at 0830 hours and at 1900 hours had taken position via GR WERTNER (00923).

3rd Plat "B" attacked east with TF WELBORN at 0730 hours. The advance was continued until at the close of the period platoon was in position via GR WECHANGHAUSEN (00925).

"C" Co with 1st Plat moved with C Comd HOWZE throughout the period to reach 082030 via BROCHTHAUSEN.

2nd Plat "C" with TF RICHARDSON attacked at 0715 hours to advance to via 0865308 via ERMENTHAN LUDERODE at 2200 hours.

3rd Plat "C" with TF HOGAN moved out in the attack at 0800 hours. The advance continued against resistance of Tanks and Infantry until at the end of the period platoon had reached 0848330 via SILKERODE.

The Bn CP with Hq Co and Rn Co (-) moved out at 0915 hours in rear of Div CP on route of advance of TF WELBORN. At 2025 hours the Bn CP closed in new location at 0909262 via WEININGERODE.

34 M36's operational in the Bn. Two non-operational due to mechanical failure.

11 APR 45 At 1000 hours received O.M. No. 42, Hq 3rd AD dated 11 Apr 1945--stating--The Div continues the attack to seize and secure objectives via NORDHAUSEN (1227) and to block any enemy threat from the north.--CC "B" will secure NORDHAUSEN, CC "A" will take and secure OSTERODE (735505) and HERBERG (8043)--CC HOWZE will seize and secure road net BARTOLFILDE-OSTEBAGEN-NEUNOF (973345) and to block any enemy threat from the North.

1st Plat attacked with TF KANE ("A" Company) at first light and at 2300 hours took up positions at 0742502 via OSTERODE. 2nd Plat "A" attacked with TF BOLES at 0430 hours and at 2300 hours had taken up positions at C 799423 via HERBERG.

11 Apr 45 (cont'd) "B" Co with 1st Plat moved with CG "B" from GRAZ-
UNGEN to D116273 via NORDHAUSEN with 1st Plat on road blocks. 2nd Plat
attached with TF LOVELADY at 0430 hours and at 1215 hours was going
into positions via NORDHAUSEN (D116273). In the attack 2nd P, at exp-
ended 5 rds APG and 1 rd HE to destroy a radio vehicle at 4000 yards
and a building occupied by the enemy. 3rd Plat attacked with TF WEL-
BORN at 0530 hours and at 1135 hours 3rd Plat had taken positions in
NORDHAUSEN (D116273). 3rd Plat captured an underground factory making
V-1 and V-2 weapons and took 9 PW's by firing 250 rds .50 cal MG.

"G" Co CP with 1st P, at moved with CG HOWZE during the period
from BROCHTHAUSEN to arrive at D053289 via GUNZERODE. 1st Plat took
up AF positions via Co. CP. 2nd Plat attacked with TF RICHARDSON
at 0500 hours to arrive at 095337 via MACKENRODE at 1330 hours. Upon
relief of TF RICHARDSON by elements of 413th Inf Regt, 2nd P, at moved
to an assembly position via GUDERSLEBACH (0452)-GUNZERODE (0329) area
closing at 2330 hours. In the attack 2nd Plat captured 16 PW's and
killed 3 enemy by firing 100 rds .50 Cal MG ammo.

3rd Plat "C" attacked with TF HOGAN at 0600 hours to seize OSTER-
HAGEN (9036) to reach position 0903360 via OSTERHAGEN at 1300 hours.
Elements of 3rd Bn 414th Inf Regt was left to secure the town and
3rd Plat "C" moved to assembly area with the Task Force by the end of
the period in the GUDERSLEBACH-GUNZERODE area.

At 2000 hours received O.M. No. 43, Hq 3rd Arm Div dated 11 Apr
45---The 3rd AD continues the attack to the east toward SANGERHAUSEN
12 Apr 45, with C Comds abreast. OC "B" on the right and CG HOWZE on
the left, 703d TD Bn (-A,B,& C) to follow Div CP behind route of attack
of TF WELBORN.

12 Apr 45 At 0730 hours the Bn with Hq Co and Res Co (-) moved out
of WERNIGERODE (09026) following in column in rear of Div CP on route
of advance of TF WELBORN. At 1445 hours closed in SANGERHAUSEN at
D473252 for the night.

"A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out of GIEBOLDEHAUSEN at 1230 hours
with CG "A" to arrive at D479253 via SANGERHAUSEN at 2900 hours.

1st Plat "A" moved out of OSTERODE at 0800 hours with TF KANE
following route of attack of elements of CG HOWZE to reach position
D465260 via SANGERHAUSEN at 1800 hours.

2nd P, at "A" moved out of MERZBERG at 0800 hours with TF BOLES to
reach position D465303 via WITTELRODE.

"B" Co CP and 1st Plat moved from via NORDHAUSEN with CG "B" to
D549250 via BEYERNAUMBURG.

2nd Plat with TF LOVELADY attacked at 0700 hours to advance and
take up positions via ALLSTEDT (5318) by 1340 hours.

3rd Plat moved out in the attack with TF WELBORN at 0700 hours to
advance rapidly to take up positions via HOLDENSTEDT (5827).

"C" Co CP and 1st P, at moved with CG HOWZE on route of attack of
TF HOGAN to arrive at D537288 via HENSELOK when 1st Plat took up road
block position.

2nd Plat "C" moved out in the attack east with TF RICHARDSON at
0700 hours, to advance rapidly to take up positions via D490308 via
OBERSDORF.

3rd Plat "C" moved out at 0745 hours in the attack with TF HOGAN
to advance rapidly to reach positions via D515280 via RIESTEDT.

At 2230 hours received O.M., Hq 3rd AD dated 12 Apr 45---3rd AD
continues to attack to the NE on 13 Apr 45, to establish bridgehead
over the ELBE RIVER.

51 M36's operational in Bn -- 5 out due to mechanical failure.

13 APR 45 The Bn CP, Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved out at 0730 hours in rear of Div CP Group on route of attack of elements of CC "B". At 1800 hours coiled for the night at D745413 vic FREIST.

"A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out of SANGERHAUSEN with CC "A" following route of attack of elements of CC HOWZE. A 2000 hours closed in vic GERBSTEDT D694448 with 2nd Plat taking up road block positions.

1st Plat "A" moved out with TF KANE on route of attack of elements of CC HOWZE to reach positions for flank protection of the Division vic D698440 vic GERBSTEDT.

3rd Plat "A" moved out with TF BOLES on one of the routes of attack of elements of CC HOWZE to reach position vic BELLEBEN (D695487).

"B" Co CP and 1st Plat moved out with CC "B" from BEYERNAUMBURG on route of attack of TF WELBORN to arrive at D760426 vic FRIEDENBURG.

2nd Plat "B" moved out in the attack with TF LOVELADY at 0700 hours. The Task Force met much 88mm fire and some SP fire. 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) 128mm AT Gun with 3 rds 90mm APC. A 1700 hours 2nd Plat reached positions vic D778375 vic BEESENSTEDT. In the attack 2nd Plat fired 18 rds HE at enemy infantry strong points with good results. Captured 20 PW's during the period.

3rd Plat "B" moved out in the attack with TF WELBORN at 0700 hours to reach positions at D777453 vic BRUCKE for the night as the advance was held up while bridges were being constructed across the SAALE RIVER.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved with CC HOWZE CP Group on route of advance of TF HOGAN from EMSLOH to D761462 vic of ZEILLEWITZ. 1st Plat destroyed two (2) dual purpose 88mm guns at D546304 and D548297 vic BLAKENHEIM, which fired upon the column in which they were advancing, by expending 22 rds HE and 2 rds APCBDP, 90mm. 2nd Plat moved out in the attack with TF RICHARDSON at 0700 hours to reach SIEBRIGERODEN at 1100 hours from which the attack was continued. At 1700 hours 2nd Plat took up positions for the night at D739491 vic STRENZAUNDORF as advance was held up by blown bridges at SAALE RIVER. In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) Half-Track prime mover with trailer, two (2) command cars and two (2) G.P. vehicles, by firing 12 rds HE and five rounds of APCBDP, 90mm ammo.

3rd Plat "C" moved out in the attack with TF HOGAN at 0700 hours to advance steadily to reach positions vic D771478 vic SELBER, for the night, as bridges were out over the SAALE RIVER. In the attack 3rd Plat destroyed two (2) G.P. vehicles and one (1) O.P. and unknown number of enemy infantry, expending 27 rds HE 90mm Ammo.

At 2300 hours received O.M. No. 45, Hq 3rd AD, dated 13 April 45. The Division continues to advance to HE at H-hour 14 April 45. Bridges will be constructed across the SAALE RIVER by 23rd Armd Engr Bn at D777455 and D778436. CC "A", CC HOWZE and Div CP will cross at D777-455, followed by 703d TD Bn (-A, B, C and 3 Plts of Ren). Unit will remain in present positions until H-hour. CC "B" (-B Tns) and 83d Armd Ren Bn will cross at D778436.

32 M36's operational in the Bn.

14 APR 45 The Bn CP, Hq Co and Ren Co (-) moved out at 1230 hours in rear of Div CP Group to cross the SAALE RIVER at D777455 at 1300 hours. Followed the route of attack of TF WELBORN to coil at E084580 vic LINGENAU at 1730 hours.

14 APR 45 (cont'd) "A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out at 1300 hours to cross the SALLE RIVER at D778436 to arrive at assembly position D836582 via BERLEBOEN at 2000 hours. Sgt Frank Miller evacuated non-battle casualty.

1st Plat moved out with TF KANE to cross to the east bank of the SALLE RIVER at D777445 in rear of 3rd Arm Reg to close in assembly position at D836582 via BERLEBOEN.

3rd Plat with TF BOLDS crossed the SALLE RIVER at D778436, immediately in rear of 6 Co and HUNN and at the close of the period assembled at D785329 via TRARIE.

"B" Co CP and 1st Plat moved across the SALLE RIVER at D777455 to follow the route of advance of TF WELBORN to arrive at D836582 via LINGENAU. 1st Plat was ordered to take up position for protection of the Div CP via LINGENAU.

2nd Plat moved out at 0835 hours to cross the SALLE RIVER at D777445 to attack east at 0915 hours. The Task Force advanced against strong resistance throughout the period. 2nd Plat took up positions at the close of the period at D836582 via SALESFURTH. In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed an enemy barracks, a radio car, and killed unknown number of enemy, expending 20 rds HE and 4 rds APC, 90mm. Fired 2 rds HVAP at towed AT gun on the move at 4000 yards, but did not hit the fast-moving vehicle.

3rd Plat moved out at 0700 hours to cross the SALLE RIVER at D777445 to attack east at 0916 hours. The Task Force moved rapidly to reach the MULDE RIVER where the bridge was found destroyed. 3rd Plat reached positions at H100613 via LINGENAU. In the attack 3rd Plat destroyed one (1) observation tower and unknown numbers of enemy by expending 10 rds of HE, 90mm. Cpl Langervelt of 3B WIA by small arms fire and evacuated.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved out to cross the SALLE RIVER at D778436 to follow on route of attack of TF HOGAN. At the end of the period was located at D926581 via KOTHEN. 1st Plat fired 3 rds HE at enemy infantry with good results. The column was hit by enemy artillery resulting in one (1) EM Pfc Wilkins SWA, who remained to duty. On arrival at KOTHEN, 1st Plat "C" took up road block positions.

2nd Plat "C" moved out with TF RICHARDSON to cross the SALLE RIVER at D778436 to attack east at 1220 hours. At end of the period 2nd Plat had road block positions at D836583 via BIENDORF. In the attack 2nd Plat destroyed one (1) AT gun by expending 4 rds HE, 90mm ammo.

3rd Plat "C" moved out with TF HOGAN to cross to the east bank of the SALLE RIVER at 0700 hours to assembly position. At 1220 hours attacked east overpowering strong resistance to reach vic KOTHEN where 3rd Plat took up road block position via D926581.

15 Apr 45 Bn CP, Hq Co and Ron Co (-) no change. 35 M36's operational in the Battalion.

"A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved out of BERLEBOEN at 1200 hours with CC "A", following the route of attack of TF HOGAN. At 1600 hours closed in at D988524 via FERNSDORF with elements of CC "A".

At 1020 hours TF BOLDS (formerly TF KANE) with 1st Plat attached was ordered to close into ARENSDORF. At 1215 hours they were ordered to move east to QUELLENDORF to seize and secure the town. After overpowering resistance in REUPZIG, the Task Force moved to secure and seize QUELLENDORF for the night. 1st Plat took up positions H034589 via QUELLENDORF.

17 APRIL 1945 All platoons of "A" Co remained in good block positions throughout the period. 1st Plat "A" fired 6 rds 90mm HE, 625 rds of .50 Cal MG and 500 rds of .30 Cal MG ammo at enemy infantry, killing an unknown number.

The 1st Plat of "B" was ordered at 1800 hours to go with elements of 5th Arm Div to support them in clearing a wooded area via of KIRCHBERG and the securing of THURLAND (B095396). At 0200 hours, 18 Apr 45 1st Plat returned to positions via LINGENAU for protection of Division CP.

At 0400 hours the section of 2nd Plat in RASSEN were attacked by enemy infantry which had infiltrated into the town. This attack was repulsed and 30 PW's were captured. At 0600 hours the section in the town noticed enemy tanks in the vicinity of BOBBAN-STREINFURTH and radio message was sent to the section in position at H128548, to take care of the enemy tanks. Sgt Henry, could not observe them from his location. He attempted to move his TD to a new position in order to take the enemy under fire. The enemy tanks spotted him when he was in the process of moving. His TD received four (4) direct hits from an enemy tank or SP Gun. One EM was KIA and two EM WIA and evacuated. The other TD at this location was ordered to move in dilfilade position to join the other section, bring the wounded men with them, which was done without mishap, as the section in the town threw a few rounds at a great range into the vicinity of the enemy.

In the PM, 2nd Plat was ordered to withdraw from the town to vicinity of SALESFURTH. The PW's were marched back toward their destination. While withdrawing they were fired upon by the enemy armor which began to advance toward them from the flank. The TD took up positions and destroyed one (1) SP Gun, on Mk IV chassis and upon receiving a large amount of direct fire on their position, withdrew to a second position (B094535), and as the enemy SP guns attempted to advance further, the second time they were able to destroy another SP Gun on Mk IV chassis. The other three enemy guns took cover and the TD's were unable to get a shot at them. The Air Corps took care of them, nevertheless.

The M8 Armored Car of the 1st Plat R.M Co with the 2nd Plat of "B" Co was hit by the direct fire on the withdrawal, injuring two (2) EM. In the infantry attack one (1) EM from 2nd Plat KIA and two (2) were WIA. 2nd Plat "B" suffered one (1) EM LIA.

During the period 2nd Plat "B" fired 12 rds HE and 25 rds APCRD 90mm, 515 rds .50 Cal MG, 750 rds .30 Cal MG, 400 rds Carbines, 200 rds .30 Cal Rifle, and 100 rds .45 Cal Pistol ammunition.

3rd Plat "B" changed road block position slightly as TF WELBORN continued to secure and mop up their assigned area. One section at H101599 via LINGENAU and one section at H125635 via TORTEN.

TF RICHARDSON started on cleaning up operation in its zone at 0600 hours. At 1220 hours TF RICHARDSON was ordered to assemble in vicinity HINSDORF (0556) for attack on BOBBAN-STREINFURTH (1553). At 1400 hours 2nd Plat attached to TF RICHARDSON. At the end of the period 2nd Plat was in position at H108533 via STEBENHAUSEN.

3rd Plat "C" with elements of the Task Force patrolled in force to clear the enemy of the Task Force zone. At 1900 hours both platoons returned to former road block positions. 2nd Plat D836583 via BIRNDORF, and 3rd Plat D895596 via PASCHLEBEN. During the period

17 APR 45 (CONT'D) 3rd Plat "C" fired 3 rds HE, 90mm at enemy infantry with unknown results. The Ren Plat attached to "C" Co patrolled road in vic of Co CP.

33 M36's operational--1 destroyed by enemy fire and two repairable.

18 APR 45 1st and 2nd Plats "A" Co maintained road blocks in the same locations throughout the period. Battle Group MILLER with 3rd Plat "A" attached was attached to the 83rd Armd Ren Bn, to attack at 1100 hours to seize RODGEN (E0847) which was cleared by 1205 hours and the attack was continued against THALHEIM (E1148). At close of the period 3rd Plat was in position vis THALHEIM. In the attack 3rd Plat lost one (1) TD to enemy direct fire. Three (3) EM wounded by enemy artillery.

1st and 3rd Plats "B" Co maintained road blocks in the same locations throughout the period. 3rd Plat received light artillery fire which injured one (1) EM who was evacuated. 2nd Plat with elements of TF LOVELADY retook RAGUHN and during the period 2nd Plat was in position at E132549 vic RAGUHN.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved from KOTHEN to E055486 vic LOBERITZ. 2nd Plat with TF RICHARDSON took up position at E115533 vic STEBENHAUSEN, to support the attack of the Task Force. In the attack 2nd Plat fired 2 rds HE and 2 rds APC 90mm at enemy strong points. TF HOGAN with 3rd Plat continued the attack on AKEN at 0600 hours. By 1900 hours 3rd Plat had reached position E095011 vic AKEN.

32 TD's operational in Bn (2 short, 2 out due to mechanical failure).

19 APR 45 "A" Co CP and 2nd Plat moved with elements of CC "A" from FRENSDORF to E025566 vic FRASSDORF. 2nd Plat occupying road block positions. 1st Plat on road block positions vic QUELLENDORF E034589.

At 0400 hours Battle Group MILLER continued the attack to secure WOLFEN, 3rd Plat "A" continued to support B.S. MILLER and moved during the period to positions at E139509 vic WOLFEN.

No change in "B" Company during the period.

"C" Co CP and 1st Plat moved from vic LOBERTZ to E139506 vic WOLFEN. As CC HOWZE was given control of TF RICHARDSON, 83d Armd Ren Bn and Battle Group MILLER.

At 0400 hours TF RICHARDSON resumed the attack to secure BOBBAU-STEINFURTH. 2nd Plat moved from positions vic STEBENHAUSEN to positions at E135532 vic BOBBAU-STEINFURTH during the period. In the attack 2nd Plat "C" fired 19 rds HE, 90mm ammo with T-105 fuse, at stone houses used as enemy strong points. Results good.

At 1312 hours TF HOGAN was ordered to leave elements to secure AKEN and move to seize and secure the factory district at E130492. 3rd Plat "C" moved out with TF HOGAN to take up positions in support of the attack at E119487 vic THALHEIM.

20 APR 45 At 1900 hours received O.M. No. 47, Hq 3rd AD, dated 20 Apr 45. Which directed--3rd AD attacks at H-hour 21 Apr 45 to seize and secure DESSAU - continues to secure West Bank of MULBE RIVER within its zone.

Battle Group MILLER (-3rd Plat "A" Co 703d TD Bn) reverts to CG DOAN on Div order. TF RICHARDSON moved on Div order to assembly area REPPICHAU-CHORAU to attack in conjunction with CG DOAN. 83rd Armd Ren Bn with 1 Plat 703d TD Bn attached will seize and secure southern portion of Div zone, within its zone.

20 Apr 45 (cont'd) Battle Group **WILSON** was released from attack. **1st Platoon** **WILSON** and **1st Platoon "A"** was attached to **3rd Armored Bn**, during the period. **1st Platoon** remained in position at **H199909** via **WOLFFEN**. No change in **1st** and **2nd** Platoons.

"B" Co and **1st Platoon** moved with **CG** **WILSON** from via **WOLFFEN** to **H099933** via **HEFFICHAN**. **1st Platoon** occupied road block positions via of **Co. CP**. No change in locations of **2nd** and **3rd** Platoons.

32 M36's operational in the **Bn**. (2 short-1 mech failure)

21 Apr 45 At **2100** hours received **O.M. No. 48**, **Hq 3rd Arm Div** dated **21 April 1945** - **3rd Arm Div** moves into assembly area for maintenance, rehabilitation of equipment and rest. Movement to be on Division order.

"A" Co **CP** moved with elements of **CG "A"** from **FRANSDORF** to **060046** via **ROCHENBERG**.

1st Platoon attached to **TF BOLES**, at **0515** hours attached with the Task Force against strong opposition. At the end of period **1st Platoon** was in position at **H074072** via **DESSAU**.

During the period **2nd Platoon** began the relief of **3rd Platoon "A"** with **83d Armored Bn**. The relief was completed after darkness because of artillery fire. **2nd Platoon** took positions at **H199909** via **WOLFFEN**. **3rd Platoon** joined the **Co. CP** upon relief. No change in locations of **"B"** Co.

"C" Co **CP** and **1st Platoon** moved with elements of **CG** **WILSON** from via **HEFFICHAN** to **H063695** via **KL. KUNHAU**. **1st Platoon** taking position from anti-tank defense in position of **Co. CP**.

2nd Platoon remained in road block position, 1 section at **H135-532** via **BOBBAU-STEINFURTH** and 1 section at **H106532** via **GRIMMELSHAGEN**.

TF HOGAN with **3rd Platoon "C"** resumed the attack of **KL. KUNHAU** at **0530** hours. When the town was cleared, **3rd Platoon** took up road block positions via **H063695** via **KL. KUNHAU**. A Battle Group from **TF HOGAN** cleared **GR. KUNHAU** and then the Task Force attacked East toward **DESSAU (1069)**. In the attack **3rd Platoon** destroyed four (4) enemy **CP's** at **2500** yards, expending **10 rds AP**, **11 rds HE** and **6 rds APC** **90mm** ammunition.

33 M36's operational in the **Bn** (2-short, 1 out due to mechanical failure).

22 Apr 45 At **0800** hours received overlay to accompany amendments to **O.M. No. 48**, **Hq 3rd AD**, dated **22 Apr 45**. This overlay giving the new assembly area of the **Bn**. for maintenance and rehabilitation of personnel and equipment.

At **0930** hours Executive Officer and billeting detail from each company departed for new assembly area for reconnaissance of area.

At **1800** hours **"B"** Co returned to Battalion control from **C Command "B"**. **2nd** and **3rd Platoons** assembled in via of **LINGENAU (H0858)**. **1st Platoon** remained in position via **LINGENAU**.

TF BOLES attacked with **1st Platoon "A"** to secure that portion of **DESSAU** in its sector. At **1630** hours the mission was accomplished and the **1st Platoon** was on road blocks via **H106692** via **DESSAU**. No change in other elements of **"A"** Co.

"C" Co **CP** and **1st Platoon** moved from via **KL. KUNHAU** to **H097694** via of **DESSAU**.

At **0600** hours **TF HOGAN** resumed the attack to secure that portion of **DESSAU** in its sector. By the end of the period **3rd Platoon** was in position at **H099694** via **DESSAU**.

22 APR 45 (cont'd) At 1600 hours TF RICHARDSON was relieved by elements of 60th Inf Regt and at 1700 hours 2nd Plat "C" joined "C" Co CP at B097694 via BRESAU.

23 APR 45 TF BOLES resumed the attack at 0600 hours to complete its mission of seizing and securing the northeast section of BRESAU. 1st Plat "A" remained in position at H108692 via BRESAU throughout the period. 2nd Plat "A" was detached from 83d Armd Rec Bn and returned to Company control at KOCHSTEDT (B068646). At 1100 hours Lt. FERCHAUD reported that Capt JOHN W. COLE, commanding officer "A" Company and 1st Sgt Rugerelli of "A" Company were injured in a 1/4 Ton Truck accident, and evacuated.
No changes in other units of the Battalion.

24 APR 45 At 1400 hours the Bn CP, Hq Co and "B" Company began movement from vic of LINGENAU (B0858) to new assembly area. At 1800 hours the Bn CP and Hq Co closed in assembly position at D455408 S.E. of MEISDORF. "B" Co (- 1st Plat) closed at D499541 via BRMSLEBEN. At 1730 hours. 1st Platoon closed at assembly position at D467491 via DEGENERHAUSEN to take over guarding of German Archives stored in buildings there, relieving the elements of 29th Inf Div.

During the period 1st Plat returned to company control from TF BOLES and joined the Co. CP at B068646 via KOCHSTEDT. "A" Co began preparations for movement to new assembly area. In "A" Co one (1) EM evacuated non-battle casualty.

During the period 3rd Plat "C" returned to company control from TF HOGAN and joined the Co. CP at B097694 via BRESAU. "C" Co began preparations for movement to new assembly area.

Rec Co (-3 Plats) located at D452459 via FANFELDE.

The Battalion (less "A" and "C" Co's) began security patrols when the new assembly area was reached. 34 TD's operational in Bn (2-short).

25 APR 45 At 0800 hours "A" Co began movement from KOCHSTEDT (B06864) to new assembly area. At 1130 hours the company closed in BRMSLEBEN (D491543). 1st Plat "A" Co, (dismounted) took over the guard of FALKENSTEIN CASTLE (D441484) relieving one Rec Plat. The Castle contained Archives of German Government. "A" Company placed a 24 hour guard on vital installations in its assembly area.

At 1000 hours "C" Co began movement from vic BRESAU (B0969) to new assembly area. At 1600 hours the company had closed in assembly position in vic MEISDORF (D461519). Two (2) M36's developed mechanical trouble on the march.

The 1st Plat Rec Co joined the Company at 0800 hours. At 0900 hours, Pioneer Plat took over the guard of FALKENSTEIN CASTLE (D441484) relieving elements of 9th Inf Div. At 1400 hours 1st Plat "A" Co relieved the Pioneer Plat of this guard. By end of the period all elements of Rec Co had joined their Rec Company.

The Bn completed the movement to new assembly area to begin a period of maintenance and rehabilitation. Security patrols were maintained throughout the area and guards were placed on vital installations. During the period 35 PW's were taken.

The Battalion was disposed as follows, in new area:

23 APR 45 (cont'd)

Bn CP with Hq Co	B-42728	via	HEISDORF.
"A" Co CP	B-42731	via	HEISDORF
"B" Co CP	B-42733	via	HEISDORF
"C" Co CP	B-42736	via	HEISDORF
Rem Co CP	B-42739	via	PANSEFELDE
1st Plat "A" Co	B-44184	via	BALENSCHEN CASTLE.
1st Plat "B" Co	B-42741	via	HEISDORF

24 APR 45 At 1800 hours Hqs sent to all companies covering administration, personnel, security, Military Govt Regulations, Soldiers in civilian clothes, underground activities, supply, maintenance and Medical.

At 1900 hours contact was made with Rem elements of 799th Tank Battalion via of HEISDORF. Contact will be made every four (4) hours. The Battalion captured 14 PW's during the period.

27 Apr 45 The Battalion remained in the HEISDORF-HEMSLEBEN-PANSEFELDE area throughout the period, performing maintenance of equipment and vehicles, rehabilitation, and conducting patrols and guards on vital installations in the Bn area. 25 PW's captured during the period, with one (1) being evacuated through medical channels.

28 Apr 45 At 1800 hours received instructions from G-3, 3rd Armd Div to send billeting detail to his location, and be prepared to move on 29 Apr 45. Executive Officer and representative from each company departed on this mission. At 2045 hours Battalion was informed that it would move to new assembly area, approximately 1000 to 1200 hours 29 April 1945. The 4th Cavalry Group would take over guard of vital installations.

A Company Commanders meeting was called for 0800 hours, 29 Apr 45. 1st Plat "B" relieved 3rd Plat on guard duty at B467491 via DEGEN-ERSHAUSEN.

The Battalion captured six (6) PW's during the period.

29 APR 45 At 2100 hours received O.M. No. 49, Hq 3rd Armd Div, dated 28 Apr 45 - new boundaries for 3rd Armd Div will become effective 291800 April 45. Units of the Division affected by changes will move to new area on 29 Apr 45. Order of March: OC "A", 36th AIR and 703d TD Bg.

The Battalion began movement to new assembly area, Rem Co (-) crossing the I.P. (PANSEFELDE) at 1300 hours, followed by "C" Company, Hq and Hq Co (-Med Det and Maint), "A" Co and "B" Co at three minute intervals. The 1st Plat "A", 3rd Plat "B" and a Hq Plat were left as guards on vital installations until relief by the 4th Cavalry Group. Upon relief to join Battalion in new area under control of Lt LIVINGOOD. At 1830 hours the Battalion closed in new assembly area and was displaced as follows:

Bn CP & Hq Co	D576062	via	ROSSLEBEN
Rem Co CP	J574925	via	RASTENBURG
"A" Co CP	D553038	via	KARL WINGEN
"B" Co CP	J644972	via	SAUBACH
"C" Co CP	D566977	via	LOSSA

Upon arrival in new area the Rem Plats that were attached to "A", "B" and "C" Companies for guides to the area, rejoined Rem Co.

30 April 1945 The 1st Plat "A" Company, 3rd Plat "B" Company and the Platoon from Hq Co joined the Battalion in the new assembly area at 1200 hours. During the period the elements of the Battalion took over guard of vital installations. Enemy OWS Dump at LOSSA (J5997), 10 Carloads of bombs and material at KARL WINKEL (J600968), and Salt Mine of machinery (J614964) in Battalion area.

The Battalion continued a period of maintenance, rehabilitation, training, security patrolling and providing guard for vital installations within the assembly area.

For the Commanding Officer:

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1 May 1945

MEDICAL ACTIVITIES: Month of April 1945.

1. The Medical Detachment has functioned in the usual manner during the month. Three aid men and a 1/4 ton truck are attached to each Destroyer Company, and one aid man to both Hon and Headquarters Companies. An aid station is maintained in the Battalion CP area. The bulk of the battle casualties are handled by the aid stations of their respective Task Forces.

2. The health of the command has continued at a high level. There was an outbreak of diarrhoea and gastric upset on one day during the month but the total number of cases for the month was low. Respiratory diseases have remained minimal. There have been no cases of typhus or louse infestation and only one case of scabies.

3. During the month 95 members of the command were treated for a total of 240 visits. These included:

Diarrhoea	15
Respiratory	12
Non-Battle injury	14
Battle Casualties	19
Skin Diseases	10
Infections	2
Back Sprains	5
Myleraspasm	5
Hemorrhoids	2
Exhaustion	1
Styes	2
Balls	2
Asthma	1
Coma	1

4. In addition to the above care rendered the Battalion, about one hundred civilians and twenty prisoners of war, as well as a few soldiers from other units were treated.

5. There were eleven men evacuated during the month, seven of these were German prisoners. There was only one "confined to quarters" case in April, and only one "confined to quarters" day.

6. Two physical inspections and a dental survey were made during the month. Arrangements have been made with 3rd Armored Division for the necessary dental care.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM G. LYNCH
Captain, M.C.
Battalion Surgeon

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ENEMY EQUIPMENT DESTROYED

1. The following is a compilation of enemy material destroyed since this battalion has first engaged the enemy on 9 July 1944 to 1 May 1945.

<u>TYPES</u>	<u>No. DESTROYED</u>
A. <u>TANKS AND SP GUNS</u>	
Ps Kw VI (Tiger Royal)	2
Ps Kw V (Panther)	36
Ps Kw IV	20
Ps Kw III	3
S.P. Gun on Mk IV chassis	18
75mm S.P. on half-track	1
20mm Flak Guns, S.P., on half-track	9
B. <u>TRANSPORTS</u>	
Half-trucks	25
General Purpose Vehicle	62
trucks (Heavy)	22
Wagons (Horse-drawn)	11
C. <u>TOWED GUNS</u>	
A.T. Guns (75mm and 88mm)	22
Artillery pieces (105mm, 150mm, etc)	7
D. <u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
F.W. 190	1
E. <u>ENEMY INSTALLATIONS</u>	
20mm Flak Gun	1
Pill-boxes	5
O.P.'s	10
Nebelwerfer Emplacement	1
Mortar Emplacements	2
Machine Gun Nest	6
F. <u>BOATS</u>	
70 Foot Barge	1
G. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Barracks building	1

For the Commanding Officer:

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