

AFTER-ACTION REPORT 01 APRIL-30 APRIL 45

At beginning of period 705 TD Bn (-) atchd to 41st Cav., Co.A, 705 TD Bn., atchd to CCA, 11 Armd Div., Co.B, 705 TD Bn., atchd to CCB, 11 Armd Div.

01 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Bad Soden N1689 at 0800, advanced along 11 Armd Div route. At 1845 given mission of taking town of Ruckers H4229 on right flank of main advance route. Bn (-) encountered small arms fire as unit entered town. Enemy driven from town, estimated 11 killed, 27 PWs taken, one 40mm Automatic mounted on Mk I chassis destroyed. Co.B remained in town of Schaufhausen M3028.

02 April - Bn (-) moved out of town of Ruckers at 0745. At 0900, while enroute, Ren.Co.rec'd orders attaching them to CCB, moved out immediately along CCB route. Bn. Cmd.Grp. and Co.C continued along CCA route, arrived Bettenhausen at 1345. At 1400 B Troop 41st Cav. atchd to 705 TD Bn, one plat. B Troop atchd to Co.C 705 TD Bn, one plat. Co.C atchd to A Troop 41st Cav. at 1400. Co.C plus atchd plat. established local security in town of Bettenhausen, B Troop 41st Cav. established local security in town of Stedtingen.

03 April - At 0800 B Troop 41st Cav. relvd atchmt to 705 TD Bn (-). One plat. Co.C relvd atchmt to A Troop 41st Cav. At 1000, 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Bettenhausen, mission to protect CCA rear and trains. Arrived Eichenberg 1500. Moved out 1630. Reconnoitered route to Themar, with reinforced patrol. Encountered road block one kilometer east of Themar. Fired upon by small arms and mortar. 25 rounds HE fired into town. Bn (-) moved to Lengfeld IO65179.

04 April - Co.B, 705 TD Bn, moved to JO339 Oberfchonau, meeting light resistance. 2nd plat. with 21st Inf. Hq plat. acting as security for 41st Tk Bn trains. 1st and 3rd Plat. knocked out 2 horse drawn vehicles, captured 8 prisoners. At 1410 1st Plat. Co.C, 705 TD Bn atchd B Troop 41st Cav., moved to vic. coord. JO68260. At approx. 1700, Co.C (-) moved to the south and fired into the town of Themar and at road block on outskirts of town.

05 April - Co.B departed for Oberhof at 1300 arriving at 1600. Hq plat. acting as front and rear guard for 41st Tk Bn Supply Trains. 1st and 2nd plat. on road block, 3rd plat. supporting fire for 974th FA Bn. From 1700 to 1730, Co.C threw 28 rounds indirect fire, 16 rounds direct fire HE into town of Themar, also expending 1,000 rounds .50 cal.

06 April - At 1200 705 TD Bn (-) with A Troop (-) 41st Cav w/ one plat. F Co. atchd, given mission of reconnoitering three routes to south from Lengfeld-Bischofrod to the Themar-Rappelsdorf road. During afternoon, routes reconnoitered, road blocks established in Rappelsdorf and Klost-Vessra. One platoon Co.C remaining at road block established at Klost-Vessra. Fire thrown on Themar, but town not entered.

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07 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Lengfeld at 0700, moved to Juchsen J960125. Small arms fire encountered from hills north of Juchsen. Town entered at 1400. At 1415, 1st plat. C Troop 41st Cav., 3rd Plat. F Co. 41st Cav. atchd to 705 TD Bn (-) with mission of clearing town of Exdorf. Mission accomplished by 1730. Route further reconnoitered to Obendorf. To provide security for the town of Juchsen 1st Plat. C Troop 41st Cav. remained atchd to 705 TD Bn.

08 April - At 1030 1st Plat. Co.C 41st Cav. with one plat. Co.C 705 TD Bn atchd patrolled road east to town of Exdorf. Town clear, no enemy resistance encountered. At 1245, Bn.C.O. rec'd mission of reconnoitering route south of Exdorf toward Haina and observe Haina and Romhild from high ground to the north. At 1330 1st Plat. Co.C 41st Cav. with one plat. TDs from Co.C 705 TD Bn. moved out on mission. Small arms fire rec'd from woods north of Haina. At 1415 TD's brought up to high ground, fired into Haina and Romhild, starting fires in both towns. At 1445, both platoons started back toward Juchsen, mission completed.

09 April - Co.B remained in Oberhof, no change. 705 TD Bn (-) located in Juchsen, moved out at 0700, arrived Themar 0800. Rcn.Co. released from CCB, arrived Themar at 0800. Effective 0900, 705 TD Bn (minus Co.A and B) atchd Div Hq, mission to provide security for Div. CP. At 1700, 3rd Plat. Co.C moved to vic. coord. J0614 establishing a road block at that point.

10 April - At 1545 705 (-) moved out of Themar, marched to Rodach arriving at 1800.

11 April - Bn (-) continued to provide security for 11 Armd Div CP in town of Rodach. Co.B moved to Meeder O-2596, destroyer platoons acting as forward and rear guards for CCB. No enemy contact.

12 April - At 1000, Bn (-) moved out of Rodach O-1698, closed in Kleingarnstadt O-385890 at 1630. Perimeter defense of town established. At 1800 Plat. of Rcn. & section of TDs fired into woods NE of Gestungshausen - received small arms and panzerfaust fire.

13 April - At 1230, Bn (-) moved out of Gestungshausen O-453875, advanced to Mainleus, O-605730, closed at 1500. Established perimeter defense of town.

14 April - No change.

15 April - At 0830 a task force consisting of two platoons of Rcn. Co. and a section of TDs from Co.C moved out to investigate report of armed resistance in town of Danndorf to the north (5977). Report proven erroneous. German citizen in Danndorf who had been reported as organizing Volkstrom in that vicinity taken prisoner for further investigation.

16 April - Bn (-) continued to maintain all-around security for 11 Armd Div CP in town of Mainleus. Co.A 705 TD Bn in Stadt Steinach 690805 with 1st Plat. at Kulmbach 655742 with B Troop 41st Cav., 3rd Plat. at Kulmbach with 55 Armd Inf Bn. No enemy contact. Co.B no change.

17 April - 705 TD Bn (-) remained in Mainleus. At 1300 one platoon Company C and one section of Rcn.Co. moved to vic. coord. O-6383 to establish security for bridge at that point. 1st Plat.Co.A relieved from atchmt to B Troop 41st Cav., atchd to 55 Armd Inf Bn., remained in same bivouac area. Co.B 705 TD Bn moved to Mainleus.

18 April - 705 TD Bn () moved out of Mainleus at 0800, advanced to Bayreuth O-7556, closing at 0930. Company C and Co. established security outposts. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. moved from Stadt Steinach at 1330 to Altdrossenfeld 694636. 3rd Plat. Co.A moved from Kulmbach to bivouac coord. 695640. 1st Plat. moved to Pechgraben 723645, held atchmt 55 Armd Inf Bn, atchd 41st Cav. No enemy contact. Co.B 1st Plat. atchd to 974 FA Bn fire support, 2nd plat. held in reserve, 3rd plat. in rear of OCB trains for security.

19 April - Bn (-) moved out of Bayreuth at 1400, advanced to vic. Vorbach O-876436, closing at 1730, establishing local security. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. moved with CCA Hq to Grafenwohr 005328. 3rd Plat. moved to Pressath 022383. 1st Plat. moved to Pressath, contacting enemy several times enroute, firing 42 rounds 76mm HE. 2 enemy killed, 40 enemy captured.

20 April - Bn (-) moved out of location west of Vorbach at 0930, arrived in Grafenwohr O-0032 at 1130, established perimeter security for 11 Armd Div CP. 2nd Plat. Co.A captured 15 enemy soldiers, 2 wheeled vehicles at 0430 vicinity Grafenwohr. 3rd Plat. Co.A moved from Pressath to Grafenwohr at 1700. 1st Plat. at 0945 moved from Pressath on a Reconnaissance mission with A Troop 41st Cav. to a point approx. 10 mi. s.e. of Grafenwohr and then returned to bivouac at 030307 1/2 mile s.e. of Grafenwohr. No casualties.

21 April - No change.

22 April - Bn (-) moved out of Grafenwohr at 1230, advanced to Schnaittenbach P-0814, closing at 1545, establishing local security. 1st Plat.Co.A left Neustadt at 0600, moved to Nabburg, closed at 1800, meeting light resistance enroute. No casualties. 3rd Plat. left Grafenwohr at 0800, moved to Pfreind 018090, closing at 2300. No action. Cp and 2nd Plat. left Pfreind at 1200, moved to Cham, closing at 1930. No action. Co.B no change.

23 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Schnaittenbach P0814 at 0830, closed in Stamsried U485855 at 1645. Enroute, 1st Plat. Ren.Co. dropped off at Neunberg to guard over 1,000 Hungarian and German prisoners. At 2015 one plat. Ren.Co. started on mission of reconnoitering route to the north of Stamsried, completing mission shortly after dark. 1st Plat. Ren.Co. upon relief by elements of OCB at Neunberg rejoined Bn. the following day. 1st Plat. Co.A left Nabburg at 0700 hours with A Troop 41st Cav, closed in Miltach 667741 at 1700. Fired 37 rounds of HE 76mm ammo and 2200 rds. .50 cal. at enemy troops and equipment. Destroyed three enemy vehicles and many horse drawn carts - unknown no. of enemy killed. 3rd Plat. Co.A left Pfreind 018090 at 0800 with 55 Armd Inf Bn and moved to Katsburg, closing at 1900. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. left Pfreind at 1200 with CCA Hqs and marched to Cham, closing at 1930. Co.B no change.

24 April - At 1100, 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Stamsried, closed in Patersdorf U836595 at 1730. At 1715 two platoons Ren.Co. and one platoon Co.C moved out on mission of reconnoitering route to Bodennais U9166, mission completed at approx. 2000. 1st Plat. Co.A left Miltach at 1500, closed in Schlatzendorf 764653 at 2130. 3rd Plat.Co. A left Katyburg at 1600, closed in Viechtach at 1800. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. left Cham at 1730, closed in Viechtach at 2130.

25 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Patersdorf at 1000, advanced to Thonberg Q1042, closing at 2040. Co.C and Ren.Co. established

perimeter security of the town. 1st Plat. Co.A left Schlatsendorf at 0800 with A Troop 41st Cav., closed in Kreuzberg 262429. 3rd Plat. moved to Grafenau 148443, while Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. moved to Grafenau with GCA Hq., leaving Viechtach at 1230. Co.B no change.

26 April - At 1400 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Schonberg Q1042, advanced to Freyung Q2639, closing at 1910. Company C and Ren.Co. established perimeter security of the town. 1st Plat. Co.A left Kreuzberg at 0830, moved to Furhols 338376. Fired 26 rds. HE 76mm at enemy troops and vehicles. Destroyed two vehicles and unknown number of enemy personnel. 3rd Plat. Co.A left Grafenau at 1230 and moved to Furhols. Co. B moved to Perlesreut Q1836.

27 April - 2nd Plat. Co.A left Furhols at 0900 with elements of 41 Cav. on a Reconnaissance patrol to Czechoslovakia, traveling 30 miles and returning to Furhols at 1715. No action. Remainder of Battalion no change.

28 April - 3rd Plat. Co.A left Furhols at 0900 with 55 Armd Inf Bn on a Ren. patrol. Engaged enemy in fire fight near Breitenby Q4530 losing one destroyer to enemy anti-tank fire. Destroyer abandoned as it was on fire, burning fiercely. Fired 28 rds. 76 HE ammo and 18 rds. of 76 AP and 700 rounds .50 cal. at enemy troops and emplacements. 2 KM wounded, but not hospitalized. Remainder of Battalion no change in position. Co.B 1st Plat. fired 18 rds. HE at enemy installations, results unknown.

29 April - 705 TD Bn (-) remained in Freyung, continuing mission of providing security for 11 Armd Div CP. At 1100 received civilian report of SS troops moving down from north. One platoon Co.C and one platoon Ren.Co. alerted, moving out at 1200, closing in Kreuzberg at Q2642, establishing road block at that point. Relieved by elements of GCA at 1430, moved to Sonnderf and established a strong point there. Two platoons encountering no enemy elements returned to Freyung. Co.B no change. 2nd Plat. Co.A left Furhols at 1200 hours with C Troop 41st Cav. and marched to Wollaburg Q3630, returned to Furhols. No action.

30 April - 2nd Plat. Co.A left Furhols at 0800 with C Troop 41st Cav and moved to Schonberg 441271. Fired 27 rds. 76mm HE at enemy troops and suffered no casualties. 3rd Plat. left Furhols at 0900 with 55 Armd Inf Bn and marched 22 miles to Wegscheid 454182. No enemy contact. CP and 1st Plat left Furhols at 1015 hrs. with GCA Hq. and marched 19 miles to Kasby 444204. No battle casualties. Co.B moved to Waldkirchen Q3131. Bn. (-) moved out of Freyung Q2639 at 1115, closed in Sonnen Q4026 at 1530. Co.C and Ren.Co. established perimeter defense of the town.