

HEADQUARTERS  
823RD TD BN.

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CHRONOLOGY

09 May 1945

The moves occasioned by the Battalions attachment to the 119th Infantry Regiment are as follows: A-1 to 508078 closing at 1415, A-3 to Y521063 closing at 1600, B-2 to Y343037 closing at 1330, B-2 to Y411039 closing at 1300. "C" Co CP to HARBKE (Y264042), closing at 1330.

10 May 1945

525 Russian PWs were taken to MAGDEBURG, to be, trans- shipped from there to the Russian Forces. Unit is now attached to XIII Corps, although no official notice has been received.

11 May 1945

Unit's area was slightly enlarged to include the town of BEENDORF, a concentration camp and a salt mine and aircraft - factory. A-3 was given the duty of guarding the concentration camp which now houses about 1,000 displaced persons.

12 May 1945

816 Displaced Persons were moved from the concentration camp at BEENDORF to towns in the BN area. Lt HUNT joined the unit as a reinforcement and was assigned to "B" Co.

13 May 1945

10 M.P.s are assisting in guarding the concentration Camp. Quota of 21 EM and 1 Officer received from Division for discharge. Everyone frantically counting points and conjectures on discharge possibilities.

14 May 1945

At 1400 Battalion was assigned a new area to occupy. At 1630 "B" Co left to establish partial physical relief of the 771st TD Bn, and at 1900 "B" Co closed into an assembly area in BURGSTALL (Y698305). All units (less "B" Co) sent out quartering parties to arrange for companies arrival. General HOBBS presented 4 Silver Stars and 22 Bronze Stars to Officers and Men of this Battalion.

15 May 1945

Lt WRIGHT and 21 EM left on the first stage of the long journey to the USA and Discharge. Battalion, less C-1 left guarding the salt mine at BEENDORF, moved to their new area for Military Government and located the following towns: Battalion CP, COLBITZ (Y685220) closing at 1410; Hq Co to Zielitz, (Y685178) closing at 1200; all "A" Co units closed at about 1600 CP UTZ (803266), A-1 RINGFURTH (Y839283), A-2 CABELL (Y810297) A-3 KARNER, (806238).

15 May 1945 (Contd)

"B" Co CP BURGSTALL (Y699305), B-1 to DOLLE (649308) both closing at 0900, B-2 to BLATZ (Y687274) closing at 1000, B-3 OROCHERN (Y668282), closing at 0900. "C" Co CP to ANGER (729255) closing at 1500, C-2 to SANDBIERDORF (Y712194) closing at 1200, C-3 to UCHTDORF (Y732318) closing at 1300. Ron CP to ROGATZ (Y747202) closing with the pioneer Platoon at 1300, R-1 to HEINRICHSBERG (Y733158), R-2 to MOSE (Y653158) and R-3 to ZIELITZ (Y 692172). At the close of the period the boundaries of the Companies were again changed necessitating moves for the following period. Captains SWANSON and CRISSINGER returned from the EIVIERA.

16 MAY 1945

Hq CO moved to 707234, closing at 1300. B-2 to BLATZ (689275), B-3 to SANDBIERDORF (Y710294) closing at 1200. R-3 to ANGER (Y726253) and the balance of Ron to vic ROGATZ (Y747202) and guard PW cage. Finally getting settled in their new area the Bn took up its duties of governing the section assigned to them. C-3 to COLBITZ (Y692205), C-2 to ZIELITZ (Y692172), C-1 to HEINRICHSBERG (Y733158) and "O" Co CP to LOITSCH (706182).

17 May 1945

A swimming pool was located at the water works and plans were made for its utilization. A large number of DPs were evacuated.

18 May 1945

A-2 moved to MAHLWINKEL (Y756295) closing at 1400. Usual duties of Military Government were carried on.

19 May 1945

Entire Battalion attended a showing of the film "Two Down and One To Go".

20 May 1945

Battalion held memorial services for its members who gave their lives toward the winning of the war. Services were held in the Lutheran Church in COLBITZ, and a large percentage of the Battalion's personnel attended to show their respect. 5 EM were transferred into the unit from the 643rd TD Bn. 2 EM for 7 day pass to Great Britain.

21 May 1945

General HARRISON made an inspection tour of the units installations, quarters and personnel and attended a luncheon given by the officers. One EM left for furlough to the USA. 4 EM were received as reinforcements, they were all former members of this unit. 1 EM returned to duty from DS Reinforcement System, where he functioned as instructor. Unit was entertained by a moving picture, shown at the theatre in COLBITZ.

22 May 1945

Advance Party of the British Forces who are taking over the present area of the unit, arrived today.

25 May 1945

Lt. OWENS left for a 7 day Athletics Course in Paris. Lt. J.S. RAINES, Field Team No: 60-M-, US Strategic Bombing Survey APO 413, arrived with a letter dated 24 May 45, signed by Major F. N. ARNOLDY Field Team Leader, requesting permission to remove the records of the KRUPP-GRUSON WERKES. Upon authority of the 117th

25 May 1945 (contd)

Inf Regt permission was granted. Lt CONNORS returned as a reinforcement and was assigned to "A" Company. Captain MC INNIS returned from Leave at the RIVIERA. 50 PWs recently released from the Hospital were consigned to the PW cage at ROGATZ, since the cage in MAGDEBURG was full. One BM returned from furlough to the USA. Co "B", 415 ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS, 156 Brigade, 52nd Div moved into ROGATZ preparatory to relieving Ron Company of the guarding of the PW enclosure. A red Cross Doughnut Truck visited each Company. Catholic Church services were held.

26 May 1945

Battalion quartering party, under the command of Lt FRANK, left for new area. Battalion was relieved by the 415 Scots Fusiliers.

27 May 1945

Battalion moved by motor-march from COLBITZ to WOLMIR-STEDT (BnIP), MAGDEBURG, EGELIN, ASCHERSLEBEN (Div IP7, HEFTSTEDT, EISLEBEN, QUERFURT, FREYBURG, NAUMBERG, TRIPTIS to WEISCHLITZ where the quartering party was met and the units located as follows: Ban CP, ADORF (K219010), Hq Co, POSSECK (K085017), "A" Co CP BOSENBRUNN (K101085), A-1 BOBBENEKIRCHEN (K075064), A-2 and A-3 SACHSGRUN (K051028), "B" Co and all platoons UNT. TRIEBEL (K115057), "C" Co CP BERGEN (K167027), C-1, 2 and 3 ELCHIGT (K155036). The motor march was 189 miles and 7 M-10s and 2 M-20s fell by the wayside, all units had closed by 2200. Unit was to relieve the 607th TD Bn, attached to the 87th Inf Div, but they were not prepared to leave until the following day, therefore relief was not accomplished during the period.

28 May 1945

Headquarters Company moved in with the Battalion CP, closing at 1000. The 607th TD Bn cleared the area by 0900, and the 823rd assumed the duties of administering Military Government in their appointed area. "C" Co CP and C-1 and C-2 moved to POSSECK (K085018) closing at 1500. C-2 remained in EICHEST, Unit commenced a training schedule with calisthenics and classes being scheduled.

29 May 1945

A-2 moved to WIEDERSBERG (K031046) closing at 1500. A movie was attended by the Battalion, the swimming pool was in use throughout the day and usual duties of Military Government were carried on.

30 May 1945

Usual duties were carried on during the morning, Wednesday afternoon being a period of freedom from training; games, swimming, movies and rest were enjoyed by all personnel.

31 May 1945

A-3 moved to Company CP BOSENBRUNN (K101085). Officers had party in ASCH attended by Chsechs.