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HEADQUARTERS  
824th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 758, US Army  
29 May 1945

SUBJECT: Organization History of 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion  
for Period 01 May to 10 May 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, US Army  
Attention: Historical Section

1. Enclosed herewith battalion history of this organization  
for the period of 01 May to 10 May 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

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OPERATIONAL HISTORY  
29 MAY 1945

The ensuing history of from May 1st to May 10th covers the last days in the battle of Germany. In writing the history, the dates that precedes the paragraph indicates that the period written about ended at 1800 on that date and began at 1801 hours the previous date.

01 May. "A" Company CP was at SCHMITZ (D66 71). The platoons were supporting the advance of the 409th Infantry pushing toward HERSBACH. "B" Company continued to support the 410th Infantry. All of the platoons supported the 1st Battalion of the 410th Infantry at SCHMITZ (D54 87). "C" Company was at GARBESCH (D51 81). The 1st and 2nd platoons were in HERSBACH (D54 86). The 3rd platoon was at GARBACH (D55 90). The company was alerted for movement in support of the 411th Infantry. Reconnaissance Company CP was at GARBESCH (D52 82). The 1st platoon maintained liaison between elements of the 44th Division and the 103rd Division. The 2nd platoon was attached to the 410th Regimental Task Force MAY for operations. The 3rd platoon was engaged in lateral reconnaissance and patrolling the area on the boundary between the 103rd and 44th Divisions in the vicinity of HERSBACH. The Battalion CP opened at GARBESCH (D52 82).

02 May. "A" Company CP moved to SEFFELD (D66 71). The company was at SCHMITZ (D66 71). The 2nd platoon moved out of SCHMITZ at 1900H with the task force of the 1st Battalion of the 409th Infantry to take the town of SEFFELD. The mission was completed on the afternoon of May 2nd. Company Headquarters and the 1st and 3rd platoons left SCHMITZ on May 2nd at 1100H and were in march halt in SEFFELD. The company minus the 2nd platoon was relieved from attachment to the 1st Battalion of the 409th Infantry control and reverted to regimental control. The 2nd platoon headed toward REITH (D62 62) with the 1st Battalion of the 409th Infantry. "B" Company was on the move to HITTENFELD and was supporting the 410th Infantry. "C" Company CP and the platoons moved to HITTENFELD (D59 81) and were supporting the operations of the 411th Infantry. The 1st platoon of Reconnaissance Company maintained liaison between the 44th and the 103rd Divisions. The 2nd platoon was attached to the 1st Battalion of the 410th Infantry and was engaged in reconnaissance of roads, bridges and road blocks. The 3rd platoon was engaged in liaison work for the 410th Infantry.

03 May. "A" Company was enroute to ZIERL. The 1st platoon was in march halt at SEFFELD. They were attached to the 3rd Battalion of the 409th Infantry with a mission to contact the XXI Corps. The 2nd platoon entered ZIERL at 1400H and were in march halt. The 3rd platoon was attached to the 2nd Battalion of the 409th Infantry and were in march halt at SEFFELD. "B" Company's CP moved to HITTENFELD (D59 81) and transported infantry troops of the 3rd Battalion of the 410th Infantry. The 1st and 2nd platoons moved to the vicinity of GASSE (D59 70) and were in direct support of Task Force MAY. "C" Company continued to the support of the 411th Infantry. Reconnaissance continued with their

missions.

04 May. "A" Company CP moved to INNSBRUCK (D77 59). The 1st platoon moved out of MILLER (D60 64) to INNS (D65 58) and at 1030B they left on mission to contact the XXI Corps. Corps was not contacted. The 2nd platoon moved to INNSBRUCK with one section carrying road blocks on the East side of town. The 3rd platoon was with the 2nd Battalion of the 409th Infantry and were in an assembly area at INNSBRUCK. "B" Company CP moved to INNSBRUCK (D77 59). The CP and Headquarters Group transported the 3rd Battalion of the 410th Infantry troops to INNSBRUCK. The 1st and 2nd platoons were with Task Force RAY and moved to MILLER (D52 62). They moved out of MILLER at 1030B for INNSBRUCK into a march halt. The 3rd platoon moved out of MILLER to a march halt in INNSBRUCK. "C" Company continued to support operations of the 411th and had moved during the night to GRUBS an BOZELER. Reconnaissance Company CP moved to INNSBRUCK (D80 59). The 1st platoon completed assignment to the 410th Infantry at 1100B and were relieved from attachment. The 2nd platoon and the 3rd platoon were on the move to INNSBRUCK. The Battalion CP moved to INNSBRUCK (D77 58) at 1115B.

05 May. One gun of the 1st platoon of "A" Company was sent with the Task Force of the 3rd Battalion of the 409th Infantry at 1800B to contact the 12th Armored Division. Contact was made at 2400 hours and the task force returned at 0800B hours. The balance of the company remained at INNSBRUCK. "B" and Reconnaissance Company also remained at INNSBRUCK. "C" Company's CP was at TRINS (North Italian Grid - Brown WQ4 35). Upon orders the company moved from the BRANIK PASS to TRINS.

06 May. "A" Company CP moved to GILZ (241 56). The company was relieved from the 409th Infantry Regiment and reverted to battalion control. The company left INNSBRUCK at 0930 and closed GILZ at 1100B. The battalion was assigned occupational area and duties and the companies were assigned zones in the battalion area. The company set up check posts, patrols and searched the area. "B" Company moved to GILZ-HOFEN (254 61). The company took up occupational duties in the assigned area. "C" Company moved to SAMS (245 58) and took up occupational duties in the assigned area. Reconnaissance Company moved to UNTERRIED (249 59). The 1st platoon was attached to "A" Company, 2nd platoon provided security for the CP area, and the 3rd platoon was attached to "B" Company. One platoon of "C" Company was attached to Reconnaissance Company to maintain check posts in the Battalion CP area. The platoons were engaged in liaison with adjacent units, maintained road and foot patrols. The Battalion CP moved to RINZ (249 59).

From May 7th to May 10th the Battalion was engaged in occupational duties consisting of maintaining check posts, foot and road patrols, a battalion prisoner of war cage, liaison with adjacent units and established a military government within the battalion area. These duties were maintained until the unit was relieved of its occupational duties by the 384th FA Battalion on May 17th.

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**ORIGINAL UNIT**

- (1) Designation - 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed)**
- (2) Date of organization - 10 August 1942.**
- (3) Place of organization - Camp Greber, Oklahoma**
- (4) Authority for organization - Headquarters, Third Army  
General Order Number 81  
dated 27 July 1942.**
- (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained -  
Draftees and transfers from other organizations.**
- (6) Reorganized - Battalion converted to a self-propelled unit.  
General Order No. 90, Headquarters Seventh Army, 11 March 45**

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**STRENGTH - Commissioned and Enlisted**

- (1) At beginning of period - 31 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers  
604 Enlisted Men
- (2) Net increase during period - 1 Officers, 0 Warrant Officers  
(1 Off asgd from 824th TD Bn)
- (3) Net decrease during period - 1 Officer, 0 Warrant Officer  
12 Enlisted Men  
(1 Off 92M trfd to DOP)  
(1 EM trfd to 399th Inf Regt)  
(2 EM deceased)
- (4) At end of period\* - 31 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers  
592 Enlisted Men

\* Period from 01 May to 10 May 45 incl.

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LOSSES IN ACTION FOR MAY - Officers and Enlisted Men

KILLED

None

WOUNDED

None

ARTERY "D"