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HEADQUARTERS  
824TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

AFG 758, US Army  
10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Organization History of 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion  
for period 11 May to 31 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 11 May to 31 May 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

EUGENE D MAYERS  
1st Lt., F.A.  
Adj.

6 Enclosures:

- 1- Annex "A" - Narrative Account of Operations (4 copies)
- 2- Annex "B" - Original Unit (4 copies)
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**HEADQUARTERS  
224TH TANK ENGINEER BATTALION**

**AFG 750, US Army  
20 June 1965**

**NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF BATTALION OPERATIONS  
FROM 11 MAY TO 31 MAY 1965**

The Battalion history from May 11th to May 31st covers the post-hostilities period of policing and occupying established areas in Austria.

On May 11th the Battalion was performing such duties in the area, with disposition as follows "A" Company was located at SILE (A1 96) with the 1st Reconnaissance Platoon attached. "B" Company was at GRENDFEN (E4 61) with the 3rd Reconnaissance Platoon attached. "C" Company was at STANS (E4 58) minus the 1st Platoon which was attached to Reconnaissance Company at UNTERDORF, RIETZ (E4 59). The Battalion CP and Headquarters Company were established at KINZE (E4 59).

Until the 17th of May the Battalion was engaged with occupational duties such as, maintaining check-points, foot and road patrols, a cage for PW's and suspected transients, liaison with adjacent units and the establishment of a military government within its assigned sector.

On the 15th of May the Battalion received verbal orders from the VI Corps that it was alerted for movement and would initiate preliminary inspections and conduct intensive maintenance operations to bring equipment into the best possible condition.

On the 17th of May the Battalion was relieved from duties within its assigned area by the 304th FA Bn, to enable swifter preparation for movement. On this date "A" Company moved to a bivouac area vicinity STANS (E4 58). "B" Company assembled in position at GRENDFEN and "C" Company assembled at STANS, the 1st Platoon returning to its control. The 1st and 3rd Reconnaissance Platoons were relieved from attachment and assembled with Reconnaissance Company at UNTERDORF, RIETZ.

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From 15th to 16th May the 83rd Ordnance inspected the Battalion equipment.

On the 21st and 23rd of May the line Companies conducted practice fire with 76MM guns while Reconnaissance Company practice fired its 37MM guns.

On 29 May the Battalion was alerted for movement orders from the 7th Army.

An inspection was conducted by I. G. 103rd Infantry Division on the 31st May. Battalion was rated Excellent.

Throughout this period a daily training program was maintained, athletic and recreational periods supplemented by scheduled competitive soft-ball games and the required hours of orientation talks.

**HEADQUARTERS  
CRANE TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**

**APO 750, US ARMY  
10 June 1945**

**GENERAL INFO**

- (1) Designation - 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed)**
- (2) Date of organization - 20 August 1942.**
- (3) Place of organization - Camp Greber, Oklahoma**
- (4) Authority for organization - Headquarters, Third Army  
General Order Number 82  
dated 27 July 1942.**
- (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained -  
Recruits 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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HEADQUARTERS  
124TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

AGO 758, 10 May  
10 June 1945

LOSSES IN ACTION FROM 11 MAY to 31 MAY incl.- Officers and Enlisted Men

KILLED

None

WOUNDED

None

ANNEX "D"

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AWARDS

AWARD OF BLENDED STAR MEDAL

Technician Fifth Grade Robert Lderbroom, 42026256, Field Artillery, Company A, 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 30 November 1944 to May 1 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Syracuse, New York.

Sergeant Alexander McIntosh, 32693450, Field Artillery, Company A, 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 27 November 1944 to May 1, 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant Arthur S. Weisman, 39108631, Field Artillery, Company "C", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 and 23 December 1944, Sergeant Weisman kept vital communications intact as his company advanced in direct support of infantry elements in the attack on Fort Senechal, France. Intense enemy artillery fire constantly disrupted communications, necessitating Sergeant Weisman's going forward under fire to repair the breaks. Communications were maintained adding immeasurably to the coordination between the Tank Destroyers and the Infantry. On 14 April 1945, near Obr Heinriet, Germany, when placed in command of a destroyer during an emergency, Sergeant Weisman responded brilliantly by displaying outstanding leadership and assisting in the repulsion of a counterattack by the enemy. Sergeant Weisman's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Francisco, California.

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BLENDED STAR MEDAL

Corporal John F. Gordy, 32695423, Field Artillery, Company "A" 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 10 April to 4 May 1945, in Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Mrs Mary Gordy (Mother), 1307 Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, New York.

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Private First Class Carl A. Knoll, 3-299504, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France 1 December 1944. Residence: Mayville, Wisconsin.