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**HEADQUARTERS  
825TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**

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AP0 655, U.S. Army  
3 May 1945

**Subject: Monthly Report of Activities.**

**To: Commanding General, Special Troops, 12th Army Group, AP0 655,  
U.S. Army**

In compliance with Section I, Administrative Bulletin Number 71, Headquarters, Special Troops, 12th Army Group, dated 24 October 1944; the following report is submitted:

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During the month of April, the 825th TD Battalion (Less Detached Units) continued to provide the perimeter defense of Hq, 12th Army Group TAC

COMPANY "A" LESS DETACHED UNITS

- 2 April 1945 Co "A" less 3rd platoon departed Mors, Germany at 1040 hours, arrived at Neuss, Germany at 1230 hours.
- 3 April 1945 Company "A" less 3rd platoon departed Neuss, Germany at 1215 hours arrived Mors, Germany at 1345 hours.
- 6 April 1945 1st Platoon Company "A" departed Mors, Germany arrived at Walstedde, Germany.
- 7 April 1945 1st Platoon Company "A" departed Walstedde, Germany arrived at Hamm, Germany.
- 8 April 1945 3rd Platoon departed Gladbeck, Germany arrived Herten, Germany.
- 9 April 1945 Company "A" less 1st and 3rd Platoons, departed from Mors, Germany arrived at Herten, Germany.
- 10 April 1945 2nd Platoon departed Herten, Germany arrived at Castrop, Rauxel, Germany.
- 11 April 1945 3rd Platoon departed Herten, Germany arrived at Castrop Rauxel, Germany.
- 11 April 1945 1st Platoon departed Hamm, Germany, arrived at Herten, Germany.
- 12 April 1945 3rd Platoon, Company "A" departed Castrop Rauxel, Germany at 0800 arrived at Witten, Germany at 0900 hours.
- 15 April 1945 3rd Platoon departed Witten, Germany arrived at Herten, Germany



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- 15 April 1945 2nd Platoon departed Castrop Rauxel, Germany at 0700 hours arrived at Duisburg, Germany 1200 hours.
- 18 April 1945 2nd Platoon departed Duisburg, Germany at 0935 hours arrived at Gelsenkirchen, Germany at 1030 hours.
- 18 April 1945 3rd Platoon departed Duisburg, Germany at 0945 hours arrived at Bochum, Germany at 1115 hours.
- 20 April 1945 2nd Platoon departed Gelsenkirchen, Germany at 1320 hours arrived at Bochum, Germany at 1345 hours.
- 26 April 1945 3rd Platoon departed Bochum, Germany at 1300 hours. Arrived at Essen, Germany at 1400 hours.

Company "B" less Headquarters Platoon, four (4) squads of the 1st Platoon and one (1) squad of the 2nd Platoon made the following moves:

- 1 April 1945 2nd and 4th Squads, 2nd Platoon Company "B" departed Namur, Belgium reported to Bn Advance Hqs, Luxembourg, Luxembourg. These squads assumed guard duty for King Radio and moved with King radio to vicinity of Wiesbaden, Germany, Hill 614 on 2 April 1945.
- 3 April 1945 Company "B" Headquarters departed Namur, Belgium and closed into Eeche Industrie, Luxembourg, Luxembourg at 1530 hours.
- 3 April 1945 Roving Patrol City of Luxembourg assigned to Company "B".
- 3 April 1945 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon departed Luxembourg, Luxembourg to replace 1st Squad 1st Platoon as guard for SUGAR radio. 1st Squad, 1st Platoon returned to Company Headquarters in Luxembourg, Luxembourg 4 April 1945.
- 3 April 1945 The following installations to be guarded by Company "B":  
3527 Ordnance Van Park.  
TAC Motor Park - Commanding General's Plane and Car Park.
- 4 April 1945 1st Squad, 1st Platoon departed Adenau, Germany for Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- 8 April 1945 Company "B" Headquarters departed Luxembourg, Luxembourg for Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 9 April 1945 5 Guards Posts established at TAC Motor Park. Roving Patrols assigned Company "B", Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 15 April 1945 4th Squad, 3rd Platoon departed Wiesbaden, Germany for vicinity of Hersfeld, Germany.
- 15 April 1945 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon departed vicinity Bad Wildungen, Germany for vicinity Hersfeld, Germany.

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- 16 April 1945 3th Squad, 3rd Platoon departed vicinity of Hersfeld, Germany for vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 16 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Winterburg, Germany to vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 16 April 1945 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Hersfeld, Germany to vicinity of Zella Mehlis, Germany.
- 17 April 1945 4th Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Weimar, Germany to vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 17 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany to vicinity of Braunschweig, Germany.
- 19 April 1945 4th Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany to vicinity Erlangen, Germany.
- 21 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Braunschweig, Germany to vicinity of Bielefeld, Germany.
- 22 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vic. of Bielefeld, Germany to vicinity of Braunschweig, Germany.
- 24 April 1945 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity Bielefeld, Germany to vicinity of Armsfeld, Germany.
- 25 April 1945 Company "B" Headquarters departed Wiesbaden, Germany for Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 25 April 1945 M-20 patrols assigned to Company "B".
- 27 April 1945 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon departed vicinity of Armsfeld, Germany to vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 30 April 1945 4 guard posts established at TAC Motor Park.  
 1 Guard post established at Press Camp.  
 2 guard posts established at 305th Sig Parking Area.  
 1 guard post during daylight hours and 2 posts during hours of darkness established on road from Eagle TAC to Signal Center.  
 { 1 guard at Billets for Air Corps personnel.  
 { 1 post on field during daylight hours.  
 { 2 posts at night.  
 2 posts established on Commanding General's Plane.



Company "C" (Less Hqs Platoon) made the following moves:

- 1 April 1945 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, departed Verdun, France for Allenbach, Germany.
- 1 April 1945 Headquarters Section departed Namur, Belgium for vicinity Nurberg, Germany.

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- 1 April 1945 Pfc. White and Tee 5 Harvey while reconnoitering in woods vicinity of Salzburg, Germany captured four (4) Germans. Prisoners were turned into a 1st Army PW enclosure.
- 2 April 1945 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Bois de Villers, Belgium for Fraiture, Belgium to await further orders.
- 2 April 1945 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon departed vicinity Namur, Belgium for Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- 2 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon departed Funay, France for vicinity Nurberg, Germany for further orders.
- 2 April 1945 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon departed vicinity Cour, Belgium for Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- 3 April 1945 Company "C" Headquarters moved from Namur, Belgium, to Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- 4 April 1945 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon departed Luxembourg, Luxembourg for vicinity Obr. Ursel, Germany.
- 4 April 1945 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Fraiture, Belgium for Neroth, Germany.
- 5 April 1945 4th Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Idar, Germany for vic. Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 5 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon and Headquarters Section departed vicinity Nurberg, Germany for vicinity Salzburg.
- 8 April 1945 Company "C" Headquarters departed Luxembourg, Luxembourg for Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 9 April 1945 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Fraiture, Belgium for Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- 9 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon and Headquarters Section departed vicinity Slzburg, for vicinity Wallau, Germany.
- 10 April 1945 3rd and 4th Squads, 1st Platoon departed, Luxembourg, Luxembourg for Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 11 April 1945 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Wiesbaden, Germany for vicinity Breungstaun, Germany.
- 11 April 1945 1st Squad, 1st Platoon departed Thranweir, Germany for Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 12 April 1945 Company "C" assigned patrol of Cable line from Eagle TAC to terminal.
- 13 April 1945 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon Company "C" assigned guard duty at BBC radio installation vicinity Wiesbaden, Germany.



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- 12 April 1945 1st Squad, 1st Platoon departed Obr. Ursel for Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 14 April 1945 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, departed Wiesbaden, Germany for vicinity Armsfeld, Germany.
- 16 April 1945 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Stein-Neukirsh, Germany to vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 17 April 1945 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Bad Wildungen, Germany to vicinity of Schulemburg, Germany.
- 23 April 1945 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon moved from vicinity of Hersfeld Germany to vicinity of Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 23 April 1945 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Wiesbaden, Germany for vicinity of Wallau, Germany.
- 25 April 1945 Company C Headquarters moved from Wiesbaden, Germany to Bad Wildunge, Germany closed into new area at 1600 hours.
- 26 April 1945 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "C" departed Wiesbaden, Germany for vicinity of Gersfeld, Germany.
- 28 April 1945 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon departed Armsfeld, Germany for vicinity Leutenbaek, Germany.
- 29 April 1945 4th Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Wiesbaden, Germany for vicinity Armsfeld, Germany.
- 30 April 1945 Company "C" assigned perimeter patrol, Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 29 April 1945 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon and Headquarters Section departed Wallau, Germany for Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 29 April 1945 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon departed Breungestaun for Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 29 April 1945 3rd and 4th Squads, 1st Platoon departed Wiesbaden, Germany for Bad Wildungen, Germany.
- 29 April 1945 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon departed Wiesbaden, Germany for Bad Wildungen, Germany.

Headquarters Company (Less 1st Reconnaissance Platoon) made the following moves:

- 3 April 1945 Headquarters Company departed Namur, Belgium for Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- 10 April 1945 Headquarters Company departed Luxembourg, Luxembourg for Wiesbaden, Germany.
- 29 April 1945 Headquarters Company departed Wiesbaden, Germany for Bad Wildungen, Germany.



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First Reconnaissance Platoon, Headquarters Company made the following moves:

- 2 April 1945 2nd Section, 1st Recon Platoon departed Bois de Villers, Belgium moved to vicinity of Fraiture, Belgium.
- 3 April 1945 1st Section, 1st Recon Platoon departed vicinity Wepion, Belgium arrived Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- 3 April 1945 2nd Section, 1st Recon Platoon departed Fraiture, Belgium arrived vicinity Linz, Germany.
- 14 April 1945 1st and 2nd Sections 1st Recon Platoon departed Linz, Germany for vicinity Earenbach, Germany.
- 15 April 1945 Three (3) PW's captured vicinity of Earenbach, Germany by 1st Recon Platoon.

Capture of Enlisted Men (See inclosure number 1).

Report on Enemy Killed or Captured (See inclosure number 2).

Report of Securing Radio Installation. (See inclosure number 3).

Report of Incident at EASY Radio Installation (RC 8265) (See inclosure number 4).

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
 RAYMOND T. CHAPIN JR.,  
 1st Lt, F.A.  
 Adjutant.



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COMPANY "C"  
825TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 655, US ARMY  
21 April 1945



Subject: Capture of Enlisted Men.

To: Commanding Officer, 825th Tank Destroyer Battalion  
APO 655, U.S. Army

At approximately 1600 hours 19 April 1945, Staff Sergeant Sam J. Villane, Company "C", 825th Tank Destroyer Battalion, NCO in charge of security at "JIG" radio, coordinates (WG 5763), and Technician Grade 5 Ralph M. Foss of the same organization, left the radio installation in a Willys ton truck, WD 20660368, to proceed to 312 Ordnance Battalion in order to return to the area mechanics who had been making repairs on another vehicle of this organization. After progressing approximately one half mile from the installation (about three hundred yards in direct line) they rounded a sharp curve and unexpectedly came upon five Germans, all armed with P-38 Pistols and machine pistols who immediately covered them and commanded them to dismount. The Germans were identified as an Oberleutenant named Fritz Roubal, two Sergeants and two Corporals-- all members of the Tank Corps and all in uniform.

The officer, who spoke excellent English, ordered S Sgt. Villane and Tec 5 Foss into the forest bordering the road. One of the Corporals drove away in the American vehicle. Several minutes later a crash was heard and shortly thereafter the Corporal returned. The Officer informed the Americans that the vehicle had been wrecked and badly damaged.

During the afternoon the captives were successively moved to different points, each more distant from the radio installation than the last. On one occasion a whistle was heard and one of the guards took a civilian to the German Officer. They conversed in low tones for several moments and the former then left the area.

At approximately 1830 hours two men in civilian clothes approached the group and S Sgt. Villane was ordered to write passes, the body of which was dictated by the German Officer. This he did as follows: "Please let this man go to his home." The passes were signed, "Capt. F.G. Jones".

At dusk the Germans insisted that the Americans repair the vehicle so as to make it driveable. On examination it was found that all of the oil had been lost but that the vehicle could be started. While working on the vehicle Foss placed the gears in low range and front wheel drive so that it could not be driven any great distance. This change went unnoticed by the Germans as they were not familiar with the mechanism or the method of driving the vehicle.

At about 2200 hours the Americans, noticing that their guards slightly relaxed their vigilance, broke for the woods. They were not

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825TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**

APO 655, US Army

1 May 1945

**Subject:** Report on Enemy Personnel Kill or Captured at JIG Radio (WG5763)

**To:** Commanding Officer, 825th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 655,  
US Army.

1. The following summary of action against the enemy by security guard detachment under command of S/Sgt Sam J. Villane, Company "C", 825th Tank Destroyer Battalion supplemented by a squad of infantry of Company "L", 311th Inf. is submitted for your information:

<u>April 23:</u>	1 killed by Cpl. Taylor
<u>April 24:</u>	7 captured.
<u>April 25:</u>	33 captured, 1 killed by Sgt. Adais, 1 killed by Pvt Vaughn and Mason.
<u>April 26:</u>	62 captured.
<u>April 27:</u>	12 captured.
<b>TOTAL CAPTURED</b>	<b><u>114</u> -- KILLED <u>3</u></b>



2. All enemy personnel were turned over to Company "L", 311th Inf. located at Biedenkopf, Germany (WG 5657) for disposal.

s/ Melville E Dark  
t/ MELVILLE E DARK  
Major, 825 TD Bn  
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A TRUE COPY:

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**SECRET**COMPANY "C"  
825TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALIONAPO 655, US Army  
25 April 1945

Subject: Securing Radio Installation

To: Commanding Officer, 825th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 655,  
U.S. Army

At approximately 1630 hours, 23 April 1945, this headquarters received a call from S/Sgt Sam J. Villane this organization, non-commissioned officer in charge of security for "JIG" radio installation (WG 5763) stating that the station needed additional security as Germans in alarming numbers were assembling in a heavily wooded area 1500 yards east of the installation.

At 1900 hours, this officer left with twelve men to reinforce the guard. En route to the radio installation, Lt. Cole, Commanding Co. "L", 311th Inf., with C.P. in the town of Biedenkopf (WG 5858) was contacted and offered aid in the event additional men were needed.

After arriving at the radio installation, it was learned that Cpl. Ernest G. Taylor, while on reconnaissance with two other enlisted men of this organization, had encountered a German officer and approximately twenty German enlisted men, all in uniform. Cpl. Taylor shot and killed the officer.

During the day of 24 April, patrols picked up ten German soldiers all in civilian clothes. These individuals were turned over to Co. "L", 311th Inf.

In the afternoon of 24 April, a patrol of eighteen men, using a half-track and M-20 of this company scanned the woods in which the Germans were suspected of being hidden. Three prisoners were taken and evidence that the woods had been used as an assembly area was found.

Since infantry patrols have been established in the area of the radio station, it is believed that any threat to that installation has now been eliminated.

An infantry squad has been placed at the radio installation to reinforce the guards now stationed there.

s/ H Townsend Hader  
H TOWNSEND HADER  
Capt., 825th TD Bn  
Comdg. Co. "C"



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COMBAT  
825TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 655, US Army

3 May 1945

Subject: Report of Incident at "EASY" Radio Installation (RC 8265).

To : Commanding Officer, 825th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 655, US Army.



On 30 April 1945, at approximately 0145 hours, P.F.C. James F. White, ASN-38037208 and Tec 5 Irvin C. Livingood, ASN-35664650, both of this organization were on guard at "EASY" radio, (RC 8265). Both soldiers met at the center of the post and then proceeded in opposite directions. As P.F.C. White reached the end of his post, he opened the door of the radio trailer to check with Tec 4 Donald K. White, ASN-12153320, Det. "I", 3187 Sig. Serv. Bn., operator on duty, and was beset by an estimated six men, all armed and all wearing uniforms of the German Army, who demanded that he surrender. P.F.C. White refused to do so and made a movement to bring his carbine to firing position and was shot in the left hand by one of the Germans. White fell to the ground feigning serious injury. The Germans then moved to the trailer door, made some remarks to Tec 4 White and fired on him, inflicting injury to his leg when he ran from the trailer to gain the safety of the house in which personnel of the station were quartersd.

The Germans left the trailer and proceeded in the direction of the house. P.F.C. White entered the trailer, called carrier station, circled the house in cover of the woods surrounding same, and entered by a cellar window in order to alert the personnel inside.

Tec 5 Livingood had reached a point in the driveway directly in front of the door of the house when two Germans who had been hidden attempted to grab him. He disposed of one with a butt stroke of his rifle, struggled free of the second and entered the house.

Personnel in the house returned the fire of the Germans and when they moved from the house, the Germans retreated from the area. It was noticed from disturbance of the foliage that one of the raiding party had been dragged away.

The raiding party destroyed two generators by the use of hand grenades but only slightly damaged TD equipment.

/s/ H Townsend Elder  
/t/ H TOWNSEND ELDER  
COMMANDING

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