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814TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 339, U.S. ARMY

DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

5 June 1945

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Month of May 1945.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C. (Thru Channels)

1. On 1 May 1945 the Bn (-) was attached to the 7th Armd Div and was in Eschede, Germany. Company A was also in Eschede, Company B in Bornbostel preparing for future operations and Company C departed from Sulce, Germany with CC B which was attached to 82nd Abn Div.
2. Battalion Hq, Headquarters Company, and Rcn Co (-) departed from Eschede, Germany on 2 May 1945 and moved north across the Elbe River. Company A, attached to CC A moved generally north with the first platoon attached to T/F Rhea, 2nd Platoon to T/F Wemple, 1st Section 3rd platoon to T/F Daly, and the 2nd Section 3rd platoon to T/F Chappius. Company B moved from Bornbostel with CC R north with the 1st platoon being attached to T/F Griffen and 2nd platoon being attached to T/F Brown. Company C, attached to CC B arrived in the vicinity of Rosien, Germany at 0300. The company moved from Rosien through Lubtheen to Luduighshust with the 325th Infantry Glider Regt., where road block positions were occupied around the town.
3. On 3 May 1945, Bn Hq, Hq Co, and Rcn Co (-) arrived in Vallahan, Germany. The Pioneer platoon of Rcn Co located and destroyed 6 Nebwerfers in the vicinity of the town. The battalion departed from Vallahan at 1430 and arrived in Zarrentin, Germany where they received orders to secure the town and to establish a PWE, but were later ordered to Damshagen, Germany. The 1st platoon of Rcn Company was left in Zarrentin to guard the PWE which contained 300 PW's. At 2115 the battalion (-) departed from Zarrentin. Company A moved to Kloddram and departed at 1630 hours for Roggenstorf, Germany. Company B closed in the assembly area at Camin at 0120, and later moved to Rhena, meeting no resistance. Company C was relieved of attachment to 325th Inf Glider Regt at 1000 hours and rejoined CC B in Breseyard, while CC B was relieved of attachment to 82nd Abn Div and reverted to 7th Armd Div.
4. The battalion closed into a new assembly area in the vicinity of Damshagen, Germany at 0115, on 4 May 1945. The 1st Plat of Rcn Co was relieved of responsibility for the PWE at Zarrentin and rejoined the company in Damshagen. Company C moved from Bresegard to Waschow, Germany to guard PWE for CC B.
5. On 5 May 1945, Bn Hq and Hq Co departed from Damshagen and arrived in Camin, Germany at 2030 hours. Rcn Co (-) moved to Granzin with the 2nd Plat and 3rd Plats being relieved from attachment to A and B Companies and joining the company in this town. Company X was relieved from attachment to CC A and arrived in Bennin

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at 2015 hours where it joined the remainder of the company. Company B was relieved from CC R and moved to Lehsen, Germany. Company C remained attached to CC B and moved from Waschow to Lutton where it established patrols in the general vicinity of the town. The battalion (-) was given the mission of collecting prisoners and controlling all movement in their portion of Division Troops area and supervising similiar functions of 203 AAA Bn in remainder of Div Troops area.

6. On 7 May Company C was reverted to Bn control and moved to Kogel, Germany. The Bn established a PWE in the vicinity of Camin and took control of a Germany PW Hospital in Boizenburg, and assigned its control to the 203 AAA Bn. All units were employed on mission of establishing road blocks throughout the area for control of all movement and picking up German PW's. Allied nationals were collected in preparation for their evacuation as conditions permitted. All German vehicles were collected and concentrated at VCP's in the assigned area.

7. At 0730 hours 13 May, the Bn was attached to Division Artillery and relieved of responsibility for Division Troops area, but retained responsibility, under Div Arty, for Battalion area including PWE in vicinity of Camin.

8. On 15 May the required WD Film "Two Down and One To Go" was shown to the Battalion. The 504th Para Inf Regt, 82nd Abn Div relieved the battalion on 19 May of all responsibility for its area. The battalion was attached to CC B and started to prepare to move to the new security zone.

9. On 20 May, the Bn moved under control of CC B from Camin to the following locations: Bn Hq, Hq Co and Rcn Co, to Zorbig, E Germany. Company A to Trebbichan, Company B to Ostrau, and Company C to Zoberitz, Germany. The Bn relieved elements of Cannon Company, and AT Company, 413th Inf Regt, 104th Inf Div, and assumed responsibility for security of the area at 1500 on 20 May 1945.

10. Company A moved from Trebbichan to Platz, Germany on 22 May. Four days later three platoons of Rcn Co moved to the vicinity of Wolfen and established the Division PWE. Rcn Co (-) remained in Zorbig. For the remainder of the month the Battalion maintained control of the area and conducted concurrent training and maintenance of vehicles. Motorized patrols were put on all roads and the area was searched for supply dumps, engineer property, and for training areas.

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