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Abstract: U.S. Army 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion After Action Report from November 1944 and March-May 1945 with the 11th Armored Division, in areas such as the Angevillers, Volmerange, Burange, crossing the Moselle River to Rettel and in Austria.

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9 December 1944
Coord: VK 8550

SUBJECT: After Action Reports

TO : Commanding General, XIX Corps, Attn: Adjutant
General (Through Channels)

1. In compliance with instructions contained in ltr, XIX Corps, dated 3 November 1944, Subject, "After Action Reports," transmitted herewith is this Unit's report for the month of November, 1944.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

From: 010001A, November 44
To: 302400A, November 44
705th Tank Destroyer Battalion
Coord: VK 8550 - Kohlscheid
Date: 071200A December 44

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MAPS: France, Germany 1/50,000

OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

From 010001A, attached to 95th Infantry Division with mission of supporting the fires of Division Artillery and AT defense southern half Division sector. Battalion position, see attached overlay No. 1.

November 1, Company C and 3rd Platoon Company A fired 29 missions, 132 rounds HE, indirect fire. 2nd November the same units fired 40 missions indirect fire, expended 160 rounds HE. 022400A, relieved attachment 95th Division.

030720A, November, relieved by 818th TD Bn. At 030930A Battalion marched to Angevillers, coord. U477289, assigned Task Force Polk (VOCG XX Corps). Route: Thiaucourt, Beauchamps, Audun, Fontoy, Angevillers. Closed 031245A.

Period 4-7 November no change in position. Period spent maintenance vehicles, weapons, radios, individual equipment. 061000A Reconnaissance Company attached to 43rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron.

Orders received 072040A, moving Battalion vicinity of Weiler-la-Tour, (VP8906) at 081400A. Closed assigned areas 081617A, Battalion Headquarters and Trains remained Angevillers. Route: Angevillers, Volmerange, Burange, Weiler-la-Tour. Company A attached 802nd TD Bn., by order of Task Force Polk.

Effective 091800A, Battalion detached Task Force Polk, attached 83rd Division Artillery (auth. CG 83rd Div.) 091800A Company A, 802nd TD Bn., attached to 705 TD Bn. by command of CG 83rd Division. Reconnaissance Company occupied Fixem (U9495) and hill N.W. of Berg (U970935) from 6-9 November, reverted to Battalion control 091200. Reassembled vicinity Weiler-la-Tour 091200.

B Company, attached 330th Infantry Regiment, closed vicinity VP910066 at 101000A. Regimental and Company attachments: 3rd Platoon 3rd Battalion; 2nd Platoon 2nd Battalion; 1st Platoon in Regimental reserve.

November 11, 3rd Platoon Reconnaissance Company attached C Company. 1st Platoon Company C attached 1st Battalion 331st

Infantry Regt; moved to Puttelange, (VP937994).

Effective 121000A, Battalion relieved attachment 83rd Division, attached Task Force Polk. A Company reverted Battalion control. Company A, 802nd TD Bn. relieved of attachment 705th TD Bn.

By order of Task Force Polk, Battalion reassembled Angevillers, (U477289) closing 121630A. Company A attached 90th Infantry Division, moved to Division assembly area vicinity Cattenom Forest.

Message from 3rd Cavalry Group, signed 140955A, alerted B Company for movement to 3rd Cavalry Squadron area vicinity Cattenom Forest. Left Angevillers 141215A, closed new area 141430A. C Company alerted 141200A. They were attached 43rd Cavalry Squadron, cleared Angevillers 141410A, closed assembly area, (908921).

Battalion (+), moved from Angevillers 150815A. Original destination Fixem, (U9495) but movement delayed considerably by extremely heavy traffic on roads. Command Group and Reconnaissance Company crossed Moselle River to Rettel. Crossing effected at Cattenom 151330A. Battalion CP located Basse-Rentgen (VU890992). Closed at 151630A.

November 16, Advance CP, Company A, Company B, and Reconnaissance Company located Rettel, (982947) Company C vicinity Cattenom Forest. 161300A 1st platoon B Company advanced to Kirsch (coord. 023014), 161600A 2nd Platoon advanced to Evendorff (coord. 912045), 161630A Co. Headquarters and 3rd Platoons advanced to Sierck (coord. 002943). Co. A 135th Engineers attached to 705 TD Bn. and scheduled to arrive Rettel 170905A.

November 17th Company C left area vicinity Cattenom Forest, crossed Moselle River. Closed new area Evendorff. Battalion Hq. and Trains left Basse-Rentgen for area U908923, closing 171415A. 1st Platoon B Company advanced to Merschweiler. No enemy contact thus far.

Battalion Hq. and Trains left U908923 18th. Infiltrated across Moselle River in groups, arrived new area Sierck 181130A. Co. B CP and 2nd Platoon moved to Apache, coord. 015960. Company C advanced from Evendorff to Ritzing, 076936, and 1st and 3rd Platoons pushed to Manderin 058954. 181600A Reconnaissance Company left Rettel with mission to clear enemy from woods north of Kitzing. Reported mission completed 181721A, occupied positions Kitzing. 1st Platoon B Company occupied position high ground north Merschweiler. Observed enemy motorized column moving towards Eft, coord. 903056, and took it under fire. One command car knocked out, one truck damaged. Dismounted enemy troops also fired upon, results unknown. 190600A 2nd Platoon B Company advanced to Besch, 3rd Platoon advanced to Merschweiler. Both platoons closed 190730A.

Company A departed Rettel 190700A, proceeded Sehdorf, 989025, closed 190855A. Battalion Advance CP left Sierck for

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Merschweiler 191045A. Other movements of companies as follows: Co. A moved to Merschweiler; Co. B CP moved to Oberperl; 2nd Platoon of Co. B moved to Besch; 1st Platoon of Co. B moved to Wochern; 3rd Platoon of Co. B moved to Borg; Co. C CP moved to Scheurwald. At 191815A, CP of B Company and Battalion Advance CP located Perl.

Afternoon of 19th B Company fired upon two enemy pillboxes and neutralized them. At 201500A, report received of unknown number enemy tanks vicinity 163923, moving from the northeast. Companies A, B and Reconnaissance Company alerted, C Company displaced forward to meet attack if it developed. C Company CP established Buschdorf, 2nd Platoon Scheurwald, 3rd Platoon Obertunsdorf, 1st Platoon Wehingen. Reconnaissance Company enroute to Perl. Threatened attack did not materialize, B Company fired on enemy personnel, results unknown.

November 21, B Company reassembled Perl and A Company Sehndorf.

During 23rd - 24th, there were no fires, no changes in position. Company B captured two prisoners vicinity Perl 23rd.

Advance CP returned to Sierck 251130A. C Company moved from Buschdorf to Perl.

No change 26th November.

Mortar platoon Reconnaissance Company moved forward 27 November to fire on 3 enemy pillboxes located 029033. Definite results not known. At 271000A, Operations Instructions #6 received from 3rd Cavalry Group ordered continued support of Group with A Company attached 3rd Cavalry Squadron, C Company attached 43rd Cavalry Squadron, 705 TD Bn. (-) Group Reserve. C Company moved 280945A. CP and 3rd Platoon to Buschdorf, 1st Platoon Mittel, 2nd Platoon Hellendorf. A Company moved also, 1st Platoon to Borg, 2nd Platoon Wochern, 3rd Platoon Besch. 2nd and 3rd Platoons split into sections. 1st section, 2nd Platoon took position 044015, 2nd section 049020. 1st Section, 3rd Platoon, located 016020, 2nd Section 015015. 281505A, Command Group left Sierck established CP at Perl. No change 29 November.

Orders received Battalion would be relieved by 614th TD Bn (T). 301300A, Company A 614th TD Bn. effected relief A Company. A Company assembled Sehndorf 301330A. Co. C 614th TD Bn. relieved Company C during afternoon 30th. Relief completed 301700A, C Company assembled Perl, Company B and Reconnaissance Company, already assembled Perl, remained in positions. Forward CP returned to Sierck 301530A. Preparations made for movement North as per instructions.

Secret orders received 28 November Ninth US Army relieved Battalion from assignment Third US Army, and assigned it to XIX Corps, Ninth US Army. Instructions were to move northward to Ninth US Army sector 1st December 1944.

SUMMARY

AFTER ACTION REPORT

Period: 01 0001 A, November 1944
30 2400 A, November 1944

During the period covered by this report the 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion fired 610 rounds HE indirect fire and 58 rounds AP direct fire. Two enemy pillboxes and one enemy vehicle were definitely knocked out, and one additional vehicle was damaged. Other enemy installations were neutralized by extensive harassing fires. The Battalion captured two prisoners during the period and suffered one casualty.

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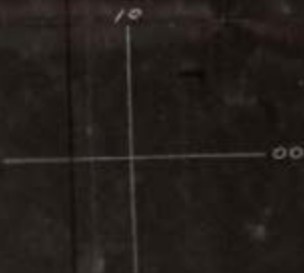
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17 April 1945

SUBJECT: After-Action Report
TO : CG, 11th Armored Division

1. Transmitted herewith is this unit's after-action report for month of March 1945.

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AFTER-ACTION REPORT 01 MARCH-31 MARCH 45

At beginning of period, Company A, 705 TD Bn., attached to CGA, 11th Armored Division. Companies B and C, 705 TD Bn., attached to CCB, 11th Armored Division.

01 March - Company B and C moved out of Hoffelt (702683) at 0730, closed vicinity Sellerich (029829) at 1500. 705 TD Fwd CP moved out of Hoffelt at 1000, closed vicinity Sellerich at 1400. Company "A" remained at Manderfeld (008938). At 1800 one round 75mm enemy artillery struck Bn. CP, killing C.O., wounding Bn.S-3 & S-4.

02 March - At 1300 Bn. Fwd CP moved to Buchet (989835). Ren.Co. moved from Alfersteg (910856) to vic. Buchet (998829) closing at 1630.

03 March - At 1400 Ren.Co. moved to Tafel (052808), at 1600 moved to Fleringen (119798). At 1935 Bn. Fwd CP moved to vic. Sellerich (022818). During the day Companies B and C crossed the Prum River in support of CCB.

04 March - Ren.Co. moved out of Fleringen at 0930 to hold line along 18 grid line (785 to 800). Relieved at 1430 by elements of the 90th Infantry Div. Bn.Fwd CP moved to vic. Fleringen. Company B supporting CCB moved to coord. L190790, expending 17 rds. HE, 14 boxes .50 Cal. on targets of opportunity. Company C supporting CCB moved to coord. L150790.

05 March - During the day, Companies B and C provided close support to CCB in their drive northeast toward Mdr. Rettingen, with Ren.Co. protecting the left flank as they advanced. At 1800 Ren.Co. crossed Kyle River to secure bridgehead at Dohn (235853), relieving elements of CCB, suffering several casualties due to enemy mortar fire.

06 March - Ren.Co. withdrew from bridgehead. Ren.Co., Companies B and C moved south with CCB, crossing Kyle river at Lissengen bridge.

During the subsequent drive by the 11th Armored Division to the Rhine river on the following two days, Companies B and C continued in support of CCB. Reconnaissance Company was employed as reconnaissance and leading elements for CCB from the Kyle river to the Rhine.

At the completion of the drive, companies assembled in the following positions: Co.B at Niederoberweilär F660069, Co.C at Wehr F628008, Ren.Co. at Mdr. Lutzigen F690085.

10 March - At 2000 one platoon and one section of Reconnaissance Co. assisted in the taking of Bruhl.

11 March - Companies B and C with one section of Ren.Co. cleared assigned sector vicinity Ndr. Durenbach, occupying ten towns and capturing 49 prisoners in designated area.

During the period 06 March to 11 March 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion captured 2145 German EM, 1 Warrent Officer, 17 Officers, killed unknown number of the enemy, destroyed 1 pillbox, 3 wheeled vehicles, 10 150mm howitzers. Total 76mm ammunition expended during the same period: 259 rds. HE, 13 rds. APC. Battalion suffered 17 casualties.

12 March - Companies B and C completed clearing assigned sector vic. Ndr.Durenbach, occupying towns in cleared area until relieved by elements of V Corps, thence moving to Bell, Germany, closing at 1530. Bn. CP, Hq.Co. and Ren.Co. moved to Bell during the morning.

13 March - No change.

14 March - Company A released from attachment to CCA, closed in Bell at 1430.

15 March - Company A re-attached to CCA, Company B attached to CCB, 705 TD Bn (-) attached to 11th Armored Division.

16 March - Battalion alerted for movement, companies A and B moving out of Bell at 1700 with CCA & CCB.

17 March - 705th TD Bn(-) moved out of Bell at 0430, closed in assembly area vicinity Wagenhausen (L4672) at 1100. At approximately 1600, Bn. (-) attached to CCR, with mission of protecting Division's right flank along route of advance. 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Wagenhausen at 2000, crossed Moselle River behind CCR, closed Altlay.

18 March - Bn (-) Arrived Altlay (L6754) at 0430, moved out of Altlay at 0700, advanced to Hahn, closed at 1115. Ren.Co. given mission of reconnoitering route B as far as Kirn at 1215. Mission completed during afternoon.

19 March - At 0830 moved out of Hahn, advanced to CCR assembly area L691451, closed at 0925. Moved out of assembly area at 0955, advanced to Wickenrodt, closing at 1230. Moved out of Wickenrodt at 1730, closed in Hundsbach (L8725) at 2330. 212 Prisoners taken at Hundsbach.

20 March - Moved out of Hundsbach at 1330, closed in Dormoschel at 1730, reconnoitering routes on southern flank of Division enroute.

21 March - Co.C given mission of clearing Rathskirchen (L9912). Ren. Co. given mission of clearing Rudolphskirchen M9813. Missions completed 1000. Bn (-) atchd CCR moved out of Dormoschel at 1230, orders changed enroute, returned to Dormoschel, closing at 1330. Bn. (-) assigned an area vicinity Dormoschel to be cleared. By 1900 one-half area cleared, 18 prisoners taken.

22 March - Remainder of assigned area cleared. Rest of day spent in active patrolling of towns in cleared area.

23 March - At 1000, 705 TD Bn (-) attached to GCA, 11 Arm'd Div. and alerted for movement. At 1130 moved out of Dormoschel. At 1545 closed in Guntersblum M4433, attached to 41st Cav., 11 Arm'd Div. At 1930 elements of Co.C and Ren.Co. completed occupation of assigned front line sector along Rhine river.

24 March - Company C and Ren. Co. continued to maintain positions along assigned front-line coord. 473345 to 464391. At four hour intervals beginning at 2200, section of 1st Plat. Ren.Co. contacted elements on north flank.

25 March - Six prisoners taken. No change in position.

26 March - No change in position. No enemy contact.

27 March - Bn (-) relieved of their responsibility for front line sector along Rhine river. At 0900 Ren.Co. and Co.C withdrew their elements from W bank of the Rhine, closing in Guntersblum at 1045.

28 March - At 1030 Bn (-) moved out of Guntersblum behind 41st Cav. at 1030. Cmd. Grp. closed in Hechtsheim at 1255. Co. C and Ren. Co. closed in Marienborn at 1305.

29 March - At 0500 Bn. (-) alerted for movement. At 0730 moved out of Hechtsheim and Marienborn, marched with 41st Cav. along 11 Arm'd Div. route, closed in Kl Auheim at 1930.

30 March - Moved out of Kl Auheim M354674 at 0630. Closed in assembly area Langenselbold at M9377. Closed in Niedergrundau M9880 at 1245. At Niedergrundau given mission of clearing routes to Wittgenborn in conjunction with C Troop 41st Cav. Moved out of Niedergrundau at 0600, encountering no enemy resistance enroute. Having taken town of Wittgenborn, Bn. (-) moved north to Spielberg, closing at 0900.

31 March - Moved out of Spielberg (M0991), mission to take town of Schlierbach (M113905). Unmanned road block encountered on direct route east. Road block bypassed on northern route. 50 rounds HE fired into town of Hellstein (M1192). Closed in Schlierbach at 0930. Moved out of Schlierbach at 1500, mission to take town of Bad Soden. Closed in Bad Soden at 1715. Two hospitals containing 50 American and British PWs and 300 French PWs liberated. Ren.Co. reconnoitering route to NE, encountered moderate enemy resistance at town of Ahl (M181896) Town taken at 2000. Elements of Ren.Co. & Co.C withdrew to Bad Soden.

At end of period Co.A remained attached to GCA, Co.B attached to GCB, 705 TD Bn (-) attached to 41st Cav.

HEADQUARTERS
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AFTER-ACTION REPORT 01 APRIL-30 APRIL 45

At beginning of period 705 TD Bn (-) atchd to 41st Cav., Co.A, 705 TD Bn., atchd to CCA, 11 Armd Div., Co.B, 705 TD Bn., atchd to CCB, 11 Armd Div.

01 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Bad Soden N1689 at 0800, advanced along 11 Armd Div route. At 1845 given mission of taking town of Ruckers H4229 on right flank of main advance route. Bn (-) encountered small arms fire as unit entered town. Enemy driven from town, estimated 11 killed, 27 PWs taken, one 40mm Automatic mounted on Mk I chassis destroyed. Co.B remained in town of Schaufhausen M3028.

02 April - Bn (-) moved out of town of Ruckers at 0745. At 0900, while enroute, Rcn.Co.rec'd orders attaching them to CCB, moved out immediately along CCB route. Bn. Cmd.Grp. and Co.C continued along CCA route, arrived Bettenhausen at 1345. At 1400 B Troop 41st Cav. atchd to 705 TD Bn, one plat. B Troop atchd to Co.C 705 TD Bn, one plat. Co.C atchd to A Troop 41st Cav. at 1400. Co.C plus atchd plat. established local security in town of Bettenhausen, B Troop 41st Cav. established local security in town of Stedtingen.

03 April - At 0800 B Troop 41st Cav. relvd atchmt to 705 TD Bn (-). One plat. Co.C relvd atchmt to A Troop 41st Cav. At 1000, 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Bettenhausen, mission to protect CCA rear and trains. Arrived Eichenberg 1500. Moved out 1630. Reconnoitered route to Themar, with reinforced patrol. Encountered road block one kilometer east of Themar. Fired upon by small arms and mortar. 25 rounds HE fired into town. Bn (-) moved to Lengfeld I065179.

04 April - Co.B, 705 TD Bn, moved to J0339 Oberfchonau, meeting light resistance. 2nd plat. with 21st Inf. Hq plat. acting as security for 41st Tk Bn trains. 1st and 3rd Plat. knocked out 2 horse drawn vehicles, captured 8 prisoners. At 1410 1st Plat. Co.C, 705 TD Bn atchd B Troop 41st Cav., moved to vic. coord. J068260. At approx. 1700, Co.C (-) moved to the south and fired into the town of Themar and at road block on outskirts of town.

05 April - Co.B departed for Oberhof at 1300 arriving at 1600. Hq plat. acting as front and rear guard for 41st Tk Bn Supply Trains. 1st and 2nd plat. on road block, 3rd plat. supporting fire for 974th FA Bn. From 1700 to 1730, Co.C threw 28 rounds indirect fire, 10 rounds direct fire HE into town of Themar, also expending 1,000 rounds .50 cal.

06 April - At 1200 705 TD Bn (-) with A Troop (-) 41st Cav w/ one plat. F Co. atchd, given mission of reconnoitering three routes to south from Lengfeld-Bischofred to the Themar-Rappelsdorf road. During afternoon, routes reconnoitered, road blocks established in Rappelsdorf and Klost-Vessra. One platoon Co.C remaining at road block established at Klost-Vessra. Fire thrown on Themar, but town not entered.

07 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Lengfeld at 0700, moved to Juchsen J960125. Small arms fire encountered from hills north of Juchsen. Town entered at 1400. At 1415, 1st plat. C Troop 41st Cav., 3rd Plat. F Co. 41st Cav. atchd to 705 TD Bn (-) with mission of clearing town of Exdorf. Mission accomplished by 1730. Route further reconnoitered to Obendorf. To provide security for the town of Juchsen 1st Plat. C Troop 41st Cav. remained atchd to 705 TD Bn.

08 April - At 1030 1st Plat. Co.C 41st Cav. with one plat. Co.C 705 TD Bn atchd patrolled road east to town of Exdorf. Town clear, no enemy resistance encountered. At 1245, Bn.C.O. rec'd mission of reconnoitering route south of Exdorf toward Haina and observe Haina and Romhild from high ground to the north. At 1330 1st Plat. Co.C 41st Cav. with one plat. TDs from Co.C 705 TD Bn. moved out on mission. Small arms fire rec'd from woods north of Haina. At 1415 TD's brought up to high ground, fired into Haina and Romhild, starting fires in both towns. At 1445, both platoons started back toward Juchsen, mission completed.

09 April - Co.B remained in Oberhof, no change. 705 TD Bn (-) located in Juchsen, moved out at 0700, arrived Themar 0800. Rcn.Co. released from CCB, arrived Themar at 0800. Effective 0900, 705 TD Bn (minus Co.A and B) atchd Div Hq, mission to provide security for Div. CP. At 1700, 3rd Plat. Co.C moved to vic. coord. J0614 establishing a road block at that point.

10 April - At 1545 705 (-) moved out of Themar, marched to Rodach arriving at 1800.

11 April - Bn (-) continued to provide security for 11 Armd Div CP in town of Rodach. Co.B moved to Meeder O-2596, destroyer platoons acting as forward and rear guards for CCB. No enemy contact.

12 April - At 1000, Bn (-) moved out of Rodach O-1698, closed in Kleingarnstadt O-385890 at 1630. Perimeter defense of town established. At 1800 Plat. of Rcn. & section of TDs fired into woods NE of Gestungshausen - received small arms and panzerfaust fire.

13 April - At 1230, Bn (-) moved out of Gestungshausen O-453875, advanced to Mainleus, O-605730, closed at 1500. Established perimeter defense of town.

14 April - No change.

15 April - At 0830 a task force consisting of two platoons of Rcn. Co. and a section of TDs from Co.C moved out to investigate report of armed resistance in town of Danndorf to the north (5977). Report proven erroneous. German citizen in Danndorf who had been reported as organizing Vokstrom in that vicinity taken prisoner for further investigation.

16 April - Bn (-) continued to maintain all-around security for 11 Armd Div CP in town of Mainleus. Co.A 705 TD Bn in Stadt Steinach 690805 with 1st Plat. at Kulmbach 655742 with B Troop 41st Cav., 3rd Plat. at Kulmbach with 55 Armd Inf Bn. No enemy contact. Co.B no change.

17 April - 705 TD Bn (-) remained in Mainleus. At 1300 one platoon Company C and one section of Rcn.Co. moved to vic. coord. O-6383 to establish security for bridge at that point. 1st Plat.Co.A relieved from atchmt to B Troop 41st Cav., atchd to 55 Armd Inf Bn., remained in same bivouac area. Co.B 705 TD Bn moved to Mainleus. 4

18 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Mainleus at 0800, advanced to Bayreuth O-7556, closing at 0930. Company C and Co. established security outposts. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. moved from Stadt Steinach at 1330 to Altdrossenfeld 694636. 3rd Plat. Co.A moved from Kulmbach to bivouac coord. 695640. 1st Plat. moved to Pechgraben 723645, reld atchmt 55 Armd Inf Bn, atchd 41st Cav. No enemy contact. Co.B 1st Plat. atchd to 974 FA Bn fire support, 2nd plat. held in reserve, 3rd plat. in rear of CCB trains for security.

19 April - Bn (-) moved out of Bayreuth at 1400, advanced to vic. Vorbach O-876436, closing at 1730, establishing local security. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. moved with CCA Hq to Grafenwohr 005328. 3rd Plat. moved to Pressath 022383. 1st Plat. moved to Pressath, contacting enemy several times enroute, firing 42 rounds 76mm HE. 2 enemy killed, 40 enemy captured.

20 April - Bn (-) moved out of location west of Vorbach at 0930, arrived in Grafenwohr O-6032 at 1130, established perimeter security for 11 Armd Div CP. 2nd Plat. Co.A captured 15 enemy soldiers, 2 wheeled vehicles at 0430 vicinity Grafenwohr. 3rd Plat. Co.A moved from Pressath to Grafenwohr at 1700. 1st Plat. at 0945 moved from Pressath on a Reconnaissance mission with A Troop 41st Cav. to a point approx. 10 mi. s.e. of Grafenwohr and then returned to bivouac at 050307 1/2 mile s.e. of Grafenwohr. No casualties.

21 April - No change.

22 April - Bn (-) moved out of Grafenwohr at 1230, advanced to Schnaittenbach P-0814, closing at 1545, establishing local security. 1st Plat.Co.A left Neustadt at 0600, moved To Nabburg, closed at 1800, meeting light resistance enroute. No casualties. 3rd Plat. left Grafenwohr at 0800, moved to Pfreind 018090, closing at 2300. No action. Cp and 2nd Plat. left Pfreind at 1200, moved to Cham, closing at 1930. No action. Co.B no change.

23 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Schnaittenbach P0814 at 0830, closed in Stamsried U485855 at 1645. Enroute, 1st Plat. Rcn.Co. dropped off at Neunberg to guard over 1,000 Hungarian and German prisoners. At 2015 one plat. Rcn.Co. started on mission of reconnoitering route to the north of Stamsried, completing mission shortly after dark. 1st Plat. Rcn.Co. upon relief by elements of CCR at Neunberg rejoined Bn. the following day. 1st Plat. Co.A left Nabburg at 0700 hours with A Troop 41st Cav, closed in Miltach 667741 at 1700. Fired 37 rounds of HE 76mm ammo and 2200 rds. .50 cal. at enemy troops and equipment. Destroyed three enemy vehicles and many horse drawn carts - unknown no. of enemy killed. 3rd Plat. Co.A left Pfreind 018090 at 0800 with 55 Armd Inf Bn and moved to Katzburg, closing at 1900. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. left Pfreind at 1200 with CCA Hqs and marched to Cham, closing at 1930. Co.B no change.

24 April - At 1100, 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Stamsried, closed in Patersdorf U836595 at 1730. At 1715 two platoons Rcn.Co. and one platoon Co.C moved out on mission of reconnoitering route to Bodennais U9166, mission completed at approx. 2000. 1st Plat. Co.A left Miltach at 1500, closed in Schlatendorf 764653 at 2130. 3rd Plat.Co. A left Katyburg at 1600, closed in Viechtach at 1800. Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. left Cham at 1730, closed in Viechtach at 2130.

25 April - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Patersdorf at 1000, advanced to Thonberg Q1042, closing at 2040. Co.C and Rcn.Co. established

perimeter security of the town. 1st Plat. Co.A left Schlitzendorf at 0800 with A Troop 41st Cav., closed in Kreuzberg 262429. 3rd Plat. moved to Grafenau 148443, while Co.A CP and 2nd Plat. moved to Grafenau with CCA Hq., leaving Viechtach at 1230. Co.B no change.

26 April - At 1400 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Schonberg Q1042, advanced to Freyung Q2639, closing at 1910. Company C and Rcn.Co. established perimeter security of the town. 1st Plat. Co.A left Kreuzberg at 0830, moved to Furholz 338376. Fired 26 rds. HE 76mm at enemy troops and vehicles. Destroyed two vehicles and unknown number of enemy personnel. 3rd Plat. Co.A left Grafenau at 1230 and moved to Furholz. Co. B moved to Perlesreut Q1836.

27 April - 2nd Plat. Co.A left Furholz at 0900 with elements of 41 Cav. on a Reconnaissance patrol to Czechoslovakia, traveling 30 miles and returning to Furholz at 1715. No action. Remainder of Battalion no change.

28 April - 3rd Plat. Co.A left Furholz at 0900 with 55 Armd Inf Bn on a Rcn. patrol. Engaged enemy in fire fight near Breitenby Q4530 losing one destroyer to enemy anti-tank fire. Destroyer abandoned as it was on fire, burning fiercely. Fired 28 rds. 76 HE ammo and 18 rds. of 76 APC and 700 rounds .50 cal. at enemy troops and emplacements. 2 EM wounded, but not hospitalized. Remainder of Battalion no change in position. Co.B 1st Plat. fired 18 rds. HE at enemy installations, results unknown.

29 April - 705 TD Bn (-) remained in Freyung, continuing mission of providing security for 11 Armd Div CP. At 1100 received civilian report of SS troops moving down from north. One platoon Co.C and one platoon Rcn.Co. alerted, moving out at 1200, closing in Kreuzberg at Q2642, establishing road block at that point. Relieved by elements of CCA at 1430, moved to Sonndorf and established a strong point there. Two platoons encountering no enemy elements returned to Freyung. Co.B no change. 2nd Plat. Co.A left Furholz at 1200 hours with C Troop 41st Cav. and marched to Wollaburg Q3630, returned to Furholz. No action.

30 April - 2nd Plat. Co.A left Furholz at 0800 with C Troop 41st Cav and moved to Schonberg 441271. Fired 27 rds. 76mm HE at enemy troops and suffered no casualties. 3rd Plat. left Furholz at 0900 with 55 Armd Inf Bn and marched 22 miles to Wegscheid 454182. No enemy contact. CP and 1st Plat left Furholz at 1015 hrs. with CCA Hq. and marched 19 miles to Kasby 444204. No battle casualties. Co.B moved to Waldkirchen Q3131. Bn. (-) moved out of Freyung Q2639 at 1115, closed in Sonnen Q4026 at 1530. Co.C and Rcn.Co. established perimeter defense of the town.

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At beginning of period, 705 Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to 11th Armored Division, Company A, 705 TD Bn attached to CGA, 11th Armored Division, Company B, 705 TD Bn attached to COB, 11th Armored Division.

01 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Freyung Q2639 at 1115, closed in Sonnen Q4026 at 1530. Co.C and Reconnaissance Co. established perimeter defense of the town. Co.B remained in Waldkirehen Q3131, no enemy contact. Co.A CP and 1st Platoon left Kasby at 1100 with CGA Hqs., moved to Pielstein (535204). 2nd Platoon left Schonberg at 0800 with C Troop 41st Cav Sqd, moved to Oepping (578192). Fired 8 rds.76mm, 200 rds..50 cal. at enemy troops. No casualties. 3rd Platoon left Wegscheid at 0900 with 55th Armd Inf Bn, moved to Oepping.

02 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Sonnen at 1530, closed in Wegscheid at 2006. Established perimeter defense of the town. Co. 3rd Platoon contacted enemy, fired at enemy forward observer in watch tower, expending 15 rds. HE 76mm, resulting in the complete destruction of the observation point. Co.A CP and 1st Platoon left Pielstein at 0945, marched 10 miles to Neudling (610130). 2nd Platoon left Oepping at 0800 with 41st Cav., moved to Neufelden (622066). Fired 12 rounds 76mm HE and large quantity of .50 cal. ammunition at enemy troops and positions. No casualties. 3rd Platoon left Oepping at 0900, moved with 55th Armd Inf Bn to Neufelden, no enemy contact.

03 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Wegscheid at 1330, closed in Rohrbach, Austria Q606162 at 1730. Established perimeter defense of the town. Company B no enemy contact. Co.A 2nd Platoon left Neufelden at 0830, moved with C Troop 41st Cav Sqd to Rottenegg (730945), firing 20 rounds 76mm HE and 550 rds. .50 cal. ammunition at enemy troops and positions. No casualties. Cp and 1st Plat.moved to coord. 688973, 3rd Plat.to coord. 688973.

04 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Rohrbach at 1500, closed in Neufelden, Austria Q6206 at 1730. Established perimeter defense of the town. CP and 1st Platoon of Co.A moved to Gramstetten with CGA Hqs. 3rd Plat. moved to Gramstetten with 55th Armd Inf Bn. 2nd Platoon left Rottenegg with 41st Cav. and moved to Fichtner, no enemy contact. Company B no enemy contact.

CLASSIFIED BY 05 MAY 05 CHANGES TO (-) moved out of Neufelden at 1345, closed in Ob Neukirchen Q7905 at 1730. Established perimeter defense of the town. Company A no change. Co.A CP and 1st Plat. moved to

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Hellmonsdt (849025). 2nd Platoon moved to Linz with 41st Cav. At 1600 withdrew from Linz to Aicher (890022). No casualties. 3rd Platoon left Gramastetten at 900 and moved to Rechenau (883055) with 55th Inf Bn. No enemy contact.

06 May 45 - 705 TD Bn (-) moved out of Ob Neukirchen at 0515, cleared road to Kirchsschlag Q8300, completing mission of clearing Kirchsschlag and closing into town by 0615. A platoon of Co.C and a platoon of Ren.Co. cleared road to Unt Geng Q8001, and a platoon of Ren.Co. cleared road to Wildberg Q8599. One platoon of Co.C and one section of Ren.Co. which remained in Ob Neukirchen for purpose of providing security to 133 Engineers, closed in Kirchsschlag at 1330. At approx. 1600, Co.C destroyed a mortar position at coord. 854000 by direct fire. During the day 26 prisoners taken, 7 enemy killed.

705 Tank Destroyer Battalion (-) remained in Kirchsschlag until 16 May, Co.A attached to CCA remained in Hellmonsdt, Co.B attached to CCB, located in Altenburg. Following VE day, time devoted to handling of displaced persons and prisoners of war.

16 May Battalion moved to Urfahr, Austria, established a number of road blocks on the perimeter of the city to regulate flow of DPs and to maintain order, also established a prisoner of war cage and displaced persons collecting point. Remainder of period devoted to occupational duties.