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HEADQUARTERS 634TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230 U. S. ARMY

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1. Narrative:

A. 1 April 1945: Weather: Slightly colder.
Visibility: Good.

As the period opened the 634th TD Bn remained attached to the 1st US Inf Div. Co A was attached to 26th Inf Regt; Co B was attached to 18th Inf Regt; Co C was attached to 16th Inf Regt and Ren Co was attached to 16th Inf Regt. The balance of the Bn (Hq & Hq Co) was attached to 1st US Inf Div, except for administrative control of vehicular movements at which time the Hq & Hq Co reverted to 1st US Inf Div Arty control.

The Battalion was disposed as follows:

Hq & Hq Co were situated in BIEDENKOPF, Germany with the Bn CP at (559587). Bn (-Co's A, B, C & Ren) moved from BIEDENKOPF to FURSTENBERG (700248), a distance of 79.4 miles closing in at 011640A. The Co "A" CP moved from OBR HORTESS to HUGENSDORF (619264). Platoons moved during the day with their respective Bns and were located as follows at close of the period: 1A in KELLINGHAUSEN (493270); 2A in HEMMERN (503253), & 3A in RUTHEN (483218). Co "B" moved with 18th CT to assembly area in HARTH (585231) and remained in Division Res. Co "B" CP established in LEIBERG (638250). Co "C" moved with 16th CT from WINTERBERG to seize BUREN (572288). Co CP established in BUREN (572287). Ren Co atchd to 16th Inf Regt and sub-atc'd to 2nd Bn. Ren Co plus I & R platoon and 1 platoon Co "E", 2nd Bn, 16th Inf Regt performed mounted recon from WINTERBERG to BUREN and GESEKE via BRENNKEN, AHDEN and HOLTBERG. Contact with the Eys was made in HOLTBERG (569369) and during a brief fire fight, Ren Co destroyed 1 GP Veh, 1 AA Gun, and 2 MG nests. 168 PW's were captured and approximately 8 Eys killed. At GESEKE, contact was made with elements of 3rd Arm Div. Ren Co plus attachments were relieved in GESEKE by 2nd Bn, 16th Inf and reconnaissance continued to STEINHAUSEN where Co "C", 16th Inf Regt was contacted. At close of period, Ren Co was assembled in BUREN with Co CP located at (573285).

B. 2 April 1945: Weather: Cloudy & windy.
Visibility: Poor.

Co "A" CP remained in HUGENSDORF, and platoons remained in position as of 1 Apr 45. Co "B" CP remained in LEIBERG and 18th CT remained in Div Res. Co "C" CP remained in BUREN (572287). Platoons moved with their respective Bns to occupy better positions as follows: 1A in KELLINGHAUSEN (542316); 2C in GESEKE (536370) and 3C in WEINE (572287). 1A destroyed 1 AA Gun and 2 Eys strong points, expending 30 rounds. Recon zone covering the wooded area bounded by 59 - 67 and 28 - 32 grid lines. 3 PW's taken. Ren Co CP in BUREN (573285).

C. 3 April 1945: Weather: Overcast.
Visibility: Clear in afternoon.

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Bn CP moved from FURSTENBERG to vicinity of BUREN (560281), a distance of 11 1/2 miles closing in at 031425B. Hq Co remained in FURSTENBERG (700248). Co "A" CP moved from HUGENSDORF to MEISTE (522240). Platoons remained in positions as of 2 April. Co "B" CP remained in LEIBERG (642253). Platoons occupied positions as follows: 1B in TULFTE (581161); 2B in KEDDINGHAUSEN (600267); 3B in HARTH (585232). 1B fired 6 rds HE and 400 rds Cal. .50 MG in close support of attacking Inf, - targets were Ey Inf in open and Ey strong points. Co "C" CP remained in BUREN (574284) with platoons occupying AT positions as follows: 1C in FRINGEFELD (505322); 2C in GESEKE (535386); 3C moved from fwd edge of woods at (529347) to positions on RJ at (505345). Rcn Co remained assembled in BUREN for maintenance and rest throughout the period.

d. 4 April 1945: Weather: Scattered rain showers.
Visibility: Fair.

Co "A" CP remained in MEISTE and Platoons were located as follows: 1A in KELLINGHAUSEN (493263); 2A in PEZEL (466253); 3A in RUTHEN (487218). Co "B" CP remained in LEIBERG (642253) and platoons remained in positions as of 3 April 1945. Co "C" CP remained in BUREN (574284) and all platoons remained in positions except 3C which assembled in STUPADE (506382) with 3rd Bn, 16th Inf. Rcn Co was detached from 16th Inf Regt and reverted to control of 634th TD Bn at 1200B, 4 Apr 45.

e. 5 April 1945: Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain.
Visibility: Fair.

Co "A" CP remained in MEISTE (522240). 2A fired 200 rds Cal. .50 MG Ammunition, killing 1 Ey soldier, and wounding many others. All platoons occupied the same positions as on 4 Apr 45. Co "B" CP remained in LEIBERG (642253). All platoons occupied same positions as of 4 April 1945. Co "C" CP remained in BUREN (574283) and all platoons assembled with their respective Battalions upon being pinched off by 8th Armd Div of 9th US Army, thus completing the sealing of the RUHR pocket which contained more than 300,000 Ey soldiers. Rcn Co atchd to the 16th Inf Regt as of 050001B and moved out on a zone reconnaissance mission ahead of the 16th CT. Mission was also to maintain contact with 3rd Armd Div rear elements. Co CP was in GESEKE at close of period.

f. 6 April 1945: Weather: Overcast.
Visibility: Poor to Fair.

Co "A" CP remained in MEISTE (522240) and platoons assembled with their respective Bns in preparation for movement to fwd assembly areas within two days. Co "B" moved with 18th CT to assembly area in BORGHOLZ (C-055372). Co "C" moved with 16th CT to assembly area in BRACKEL (C-001478). Rcn Co preceeded movement of 16th CT by 3 hours during this movement to BRACKEL. Co CP located in HEMBSEN (C-041469).

g. 7 April 1945: Weather: Clear.
Visibility: Excellent.

Bn CP moved from vicinity of BUREN TO PECKELSHEIM (B-968338) traveling a distance of 36 miles and closing in at 071730B. Hq Co remained in FURSTENBERG (700248). Co "A" remained assembled in position prepared to move fwd into assembly. Co "B" CP established in BORGHOLZ (055372) and platoons supported attack of 18th Inf occupying positions as follows at close of period: 1B in JACKOBSPERG (105394); 2B in LANGETHAL (110358); 3B in BEVERUNDEN (132418). Co "C" CP established in OTTBERGEN (087466) and platoons occupied the following AT positions: 1C in WEHRDEN (140473); 2C in GODELHEIM (124497) and 3C in vicinity of HEMBSEN (052479). Rcn Co remained assembled in HEMBSEN during the period and 1R made mounted Rcn from BRACKEL To PECKELSHEIM and returned. 5 PW's captured. Co CP at

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- h. 8 April 1945: Weather: Heavy Fog in morning, clearing by noon.
Visibility: Generally unlimited.

Bn CP moved from Peckelsheim to vicinity of ROTHE (078398) traveling a distance of 12 miles and closing in at 081045B. Hq Co moved from FURSTENBERG to NATINGEN (038397). Co "A" displaced fwd with 26th CT and established CP in FROHNSHN (008391). Platoons were disposed as follows at close of period. 1A in Natingen (039397), 2A in AIENHAUSEN (022399) and 3A in HELMARCHAUSEN (139386). Co "B" CP remained in BORGHOLZ (055372) and platoons supported their respective Bns from positions as follows: 1B in JAKOBSBERG (105394); 2B in LANGENTHAL (110358) and 3B in BEVERUNDEN (132418). Co "C" remained in position as of 7 April 1945 preparing for further moves to east. Rcn Co remained assembled in HEMBSEN (041469) performing maintenance and rest in preparation for next mission. Co CP in HEMBSEN (041469).

- i. 9 April 1945: Weather: Clear.
Visibility: Unlimited.

Bn CP moved from ROTHE to DERENTHAL (178458) traveling a distance of 13 miles and closing in at 091835B. Hq Co remained in vicinity of NATINGEN (038397). Co "A" CP remained in FROHNSHN (008391) and platoons continued the attack fwd in close support of their respective Inf Bns. At close of period the platoons were still on the road moving toward fwd assembly areas and entire 26th CT having very rough going against many Ey road blocks. Co "B" CP remained in BORGHOLZ (055372) during the period while the TD platoons supported the 18th CT in their attack on USLAR (313420). During the period 1B destroyed 1 GP vehicle, neutralized 1 Ey OP and captured 6 PWs expending 18 rds HE, 3 rds APC, 4 rds HVAP T4 and 500 rds Cal. .50 MG ammunition. Co "C" (-1C) detached from 16th CT and attached to 4th Cav Gp as of 090130B. The reinforced Cav Gp's mission was to seize SFEJEN (630690) and the unit moved out at 090700B on the approach march. 1C remained attached to 16th Regt and sub-attached to 1st Bn. 1C occupied AT positions in FURSTENBERG (152495). Leading elements of 4th Cav Gp were reported at TCHIF (606565) at close of period. Rcn Co attached to 26th Inf Regt at 091000B. The Co moved out at 091500B to provide zone Rcn for 26th CT and contact with 83rd Inf Div on the left flank during the attack. Progress was very slow due to many defended road blocks. The entire CT attacked continuously throughout the period.

- i. 10 April 1945: Weather: Clear.
Visibility: Excellent.

Bn CP moved from DERENTHAL to USLAR (316424) traveling a distance of 15 miles and closed in at 101430B. Hq Co moved from NATINGEN to USLAR (330415) closing in at 101730B. The Bn transportation officer (LT. COLSON), captured 7 PWs while delivering rations and fuel to Rcn Co. Co A CP moved from FROHNSHN to EINBECK (441591) and all platoons supported the movement of their respective Bns onto the objective. The platoons were occupying positions as follows at the close of the period: 1A and 2A in EINBECK (470600), 3A in ELLENSEN (377589). Co B CP moved to NORTHEIM (565475) and all platoons supported the rapid advance of their respective Bns and at the close of the period, occupied the following positions: 1B in SUDHEIM (550438), 2B in NORTHEIM (565475), and 3B in WIEBRECHTSHSN (578510). During the period, 1B captured 5 PWs. Co "C" (-1C) remained attached to 4th Cav Gp and at 101530B, leading elements of 4th Cav Gp had passed through 26th Inf Regt's positions to continue the attacks. 1C remained attached to 1st Bn, 16th Inf Regt, and was assembled in FURSTENBERG (152495) preparing to stage fwd and continue the attack. Rcn Co attached to the 26th Inf Regt and continued and aggressive rcn forward within

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their zone and by 101500B, Rcn Co was established on Regtl objective. During the 24 hour period from 091500B to 101500B, Rcn Co plus attached Inf and Engineer platoons, removed 1 road block (271542) and engaged the enemy in 3 fire fights while clearing DASSL (350580), EILSEN (377589) and MARKOLDENDORF (402595). The towns of KOHNSEN (432608) and EINBECK (470600), were taken without a fire fight. A total of 174 PWs were captured and approximately 65 Ey killed. Rcn Co expended 27 rds HE, 10 rds Cann, and 3600 rds of small arms and MG ammunition. The Co positions were passed through at 101530B by elements of 4th Cav Gp and at the close of the period the Co was assembled in EINBECK (468599). Commencing at 101900B, Bn CP personnel operated a 24 hour security road block covering the exit and entrance to USLAR.

k. 11 April 1945: Weather: Warm and Fair.
Visibility: Fair to Good.

Bn (- Co's A, B, C & Rcn) moved from USLAR (316424) to NORTHEIM (571479) traveling a distance of 23 miles and closing in new area at 111430B. Co A CP moved from EINBECK (441591) to MARKOLDENDORF (402595) and the platoons occupied the following positions at the close of the period. 1A in WINDHAUSEN (710570) and still advancing, 2A in Res with 2nd Bn at KALAFELD (587567), 3A in Res with 3rd Bn at BADENHAUSEN (705556). 1A fired 20 rds HE at Ey targets in HOHNSTEDT & KALEFELD. Co "B" CP moved from NORTHEIM to SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN (713457). 1B was detached from 1st Bn, 18th Inf and atchd to 16th Inf Regt. The platoon moved from SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN to HERZBERG (808437). 2B moved from SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN to HERDEN (762441) and 3rd Platoon moved from NIENSTEDT to OSTERODE (738505). During the period 1B captured 2 PWs and Co Maint Platoon captured 2 PWs. 2B fired 1 rd APC at an enemy tank before 2 M-10s of the platoon were hit and totally destroyed. 3B expended 46 rds HE and 4 rds HVAP T4 destroying 1 Mk IV tk, and 3 GP Vehicles. Co "C" (- 1C) remained attached to the 4th Cav Gp. 1C atchd to 1st Bn 16th Inf Regt and moved fwd in support, to occupy positions at (822450). 1C fired 3 rds HE at suspected Ey strong points on high ground in vicinity of (810440). 2C atchd to 24th Cav Sqdn destroyed 1 Mk V tk and 3C atchd to the 4th Cav Sqn, destroyed 1 AT Gun and captured 5 PWs. Co (- 1C) moved from OSTERODE to ELLRICH (D-031362). Rcn Co attached to 26th Inf Regt. The entire Co made an administrative march from EINBECK to BODENHAUSEN (705554) closing in at 1800B. From there the Co proceeded tactically to WINDHAUSEN (709571). Mission of Co was to precede 2nd Bn of 26th Inf Regt to their objective. During the period the railway bridge over the highway at (732501) was captured. The bridge had been prepared for demolition but not destroyed. After capturing the bridge, the fuzes and caps were removed from all charges. The bridge over the stream at (733510) was blown as the point platoon leader was crawling forward to check for demolition charges. Dismounted Rcn was pushed down to the bridge and small arms fire was received from the enemy in vicinity of (735510). Co was recalled and assembled in WINDHAUSEN at 2230B. Co CP established in WINDHAUSEN at (709571).

l. 12 April 1945: Weather: Overcast.
Visibility: Poor to Fair.

Bn (- Co's A, B, C & Rcn) moved from NORTHEIM to OSTERODE (744505) traveling a distance of 13 miles and closed in at 2000B. Co A CP moved from MARKOLDENDORF to ECHE (675413). All platoons moved fwd in support of their respective Inf Bns and at close of period, occupied the following positions: 1A in ZEILLERFELD (796608), 2A in ALTENAU (865599), 3A, 1st section in CLAUSTHAL (797590); 2nd section in CLAUSTHAL (792593). Co Hq Platoon captured 20 PWs. Co B CP remained in SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN (713457) all platoons remained in position as of 11 April 1945. 3B fired 25 rds HE at Ey strong points in houses defending a road block at (762522). Co C (- 1C) remained attached to 4th Cav Gp. 1C atchd to 1st Bn, 16th Inf Regt and moved fwd to occupy AT positions in SIEDER

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(859479). 2C with 24th Cav Sqn occupied AT positions as follows: 1st Section at (053421) and 2nd section at (004390); 3C with 4th Cav Sqn occupied AT positions in CLAUSTHAL (803589). Co CP established in ELLRICH (033358). Rcn Co moved from WINDHAUSEN to BAD-GRUND (724598), and established Co CP in BAD-GRUND at (724598).

m. 13 April 1945: Weather: Fair.
Visibility: Fair to poor.

Bn CP remained in OSTERODE (744505). Co "A" CP moved from ECHE to EISDORF thence to ZELLERFELD (795809). All platoons remained in positions as of 12 April 1945. 3A fired 3 rds HE at Ey Inf and MG positions with good results. Co B CP remained in SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN and the platoons were disposed as follows: 1B atchd to 16th Inf Regt and in AT position at HERZBERG (809432), and destroyed 1 full track prime mover with 1 rd APC, 2B atchd to 2nd Bn, 18th Inf Regt, remained in AT positions at HORDEN (763442), 3B moved from their AT positions in OSTERODE to fire on strong point from (730510), results good. Co "C" (- 1C) remained atchd to the 4th Cav Gp. 1C atchd to 1st Bn of 16th Inf Regt remained in SIFBERG (859479). 2C atchd to 24th Cav Sqn occupied AT positions as follows: 1st section at (053421), 2nd section at (004390), 3C atchd to 4th Cav Sqn occupied AT positions in CLAUSTHAL (803589). Co CP remained in ELLRICH (033358). Rcn Co CP remained in BAD-GRUND (724598) and Co performed maintenance and rest.

n. 14 April 1945: Weather: Overcast.
Visibility: Fair.

Bn CP remained in OSTERODE and CP personnel are maintaining a 24 hour security road block. During the period 15 PWs in civilian clothing were apprehended. Co A CP remained in ZELLERFELD (794607) and platoons occupied the following AT positions: 1A at (858555), 2A in TOLFFHAUS (932596), 3A remained in CLAUSTHAL (792593). 2A expended 15 rds HE, killing many Ey Inf while supporting the attack of B Co. Co B CP remained in SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN (713457) and the platoons were located as follows: 1B relieved of attachment to 16th Inf Regt and rejoined 18th Inf Regt. Platoon is assembled at Co CP for rest and maintenance. 2B moving forward in support of the attack by 2nd Bn last reported at (840500), 3B remained in AT position in OSTERODE (730510). 4 PWs were taken. Co "C" (-1C) detached from 4th Cav Gp and attached to 16th Inf Regt. 2C detached from 16th Inf Regt and atchd to 24th Cav Sqn. Co CP established in ST ANDREASBERG (923495). Platoons were disposed as follows at the close of the period: 1C in ST ANDREASBERG (924498); 2C with 24th Cav Sqn and occupied AT positions in BENNECKENSTEIN (059448). 3C supporting 2nd Bn 16th Inf, is occupying AT positions East of ST ANDREASBERG (934490). Rcn Co detached from 26th Inf Regt at 1020B and reverted to control of 1st US Inf Div. Entire Co closed in at OSTERODE and immediately occupied road block positions on North, Northwest and Western approaches to town. 4 PWs captured during the period. Co CP established in Osterode (743506).

o. 15 April 1945: Weather: Overcast.
Visibility: Fair.

Bn CP remained in OSTERODE and CP personnel operating a security road block on southwest road into town captured 7 PWs, 1 of whom was an officer. All were dressed in civilian clothes. Co "A" CP remained in ZELLERFELD (794607). The platoons were disposed as follows at the close of the period: 1A at (880557), 2A with F Co seized and held objective at (943577), 3A with 3rd Bn passed through 2nd Bn to seize ground at (943552). During the period 2A expended 79 rds HE at Ey Inf, AA Guns, and SP Guns. 1 M-10 of 2A hit and destroyed by CP direct fire. 4 EM KIA. Co CP personnel captured 7 PWs and 2A captured 3 PWs. Co "B" CP moved

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from SCHWIEGERSHAUSEN to SIEBER (865483). Platoons are disposed as follows: 1B in SIEBER (865483), 2B moved fwd to occupy AT positions at (867522), 2B captured 2 PWs. 3B occupied road block position at (885496). Co C (-2C) remained atchd to 16th Inf Regt. 2C atchd to 24th Cav Sqdn and occupies road block position in BENNECKENSTEIN (063452). 1C remained in AT positions in ST ANDREASBERG and 3C East of ST ANDREASBERG (934490). Co CP remained in ST ANDREASBERG (925495). Rcn Co atchd to 1st US Inf Div and maintained road block positions on Northeast, North and Northwest of OSTERODE. During the hours of darkness performed a mounted patrol through the streets of OSTERODE. 1 PW captured.

p. 16 April 1945: Weather: Excellent.
Visibility: Good.

Bn (- Co's A, B, C & Rcn) moved from OSTERODE to ST ANDREASBERG (923497) traveling a distance of 17.7 miles and closing in at 1625B. Co "A" CP remained in ZELLERFELD (794607). Platoons continued close support of the attacking Inf Bns and at the close of period were disposed as follows: 1A at road block positions (962536), 2A at (962578), 3A at RJ (980518) on the outskirts of BRAUNLAGE. 1A destroyed 1 SP vehicle mounting a 10.5 cm gun. Co B CP remained in SIEBER (865483). Platoons were disposed as follows at close of period: 1B remained in Co res in SIEBER (865483). 2B in HASSELFELDE (157482) and 3B at (884494). Co "C" atchd to the 16th Inf Regt. Co CP moved from ST ANDREASBERG to BENNECKENSTEIN (063452). Platoons were disposed as follows: 1C in ST ANDREASBERG (942494). 2C with 3rd Bn in TANNE (052483) and 3C with 2nd Bn at (995484). 2C destroyed 1 AT Gun (88mm), 1 AT Gun (105mm), 1 AA Gun (40mm), 1 AA Gun (20mm), 2 GP Vehicles and 1 Ey strong point, expending 20 rds HF, 20 rds APC and 24 rds HVAP T4. Rcn Co relieved of road block assignment in OSTERODE and Rcn Co (- 2R) moved to BAD LAUTERBERG (890402) at 1700B, relieving "C" troops of 4th Cav Sodn, and established road blocks at the following positions: 1R at (895406), 3R (886400), Pioneer Platoon at (890401). 2PWs were captured enroute. 2R cleared Ey pocket in VEHRDF near OSTERODE, capturing 9 PWs. Co CP established in BAD LAUTERBERG (890399).

g. 17 April 1945: Weather: Warm & fair.
Visibility: Good.

Co A CP moved from ZELLERFELD to BRAUNLAGE (986515), 2 PWs taken enroute. 1A with 1st Bn advanced through 3A in BRAUNLAGE to capture ELEND (035535). 2A in reserve and assembled in TORFHAUS (966575). 3A remained in BRAUNLAGE (990510). 1A destroyed 2 GP vehicles and killed 5 Ey, expending 10 rds APC, and small arms. 3A captured 12 PWs. 1 EM LVA and evacuated. Co B CP moved from SIEBER to STIEGE (177457) the platoons were disposed as follows at the close of the period: 1B in reserve at Co CP, 2B in HASSELFELDE (160487), 3B with 3rd Bn occupies road block positions in vicinity of RJ at (214472). Co C CP remained in BENNECKENSTEIN (068455) and the platoons are disposed as follows: 1C at TANNE (048480). 2C at HOHEGEIS (029450) and 3C in HOHEGEIS (028441). Rcn Co atchd to 1st US Inf Div. All platoons except 2R patrolled the area North, East and West of BAD-LAUTERBERG. 1R captured 9 PWs. 2R continued to guard 1st US Inf Div CP. Co Hq personnel captured 1 civilian in BAD LAUTERBERG, who upon being interrogated by IP of 1st Div; was found to be the notorious Mr. Bacher. Mr Bacher, a war criminal, was wanted for the murder of an American pilot and for the murder of two (2) 1st US Inf Div soldiers. The late Mr. Bacher was shot while trying to escape, enroute to a rear area PW camp, by a member of Rcn Co. Co CP remained in BAD LAUTERBERG (890402).

r. 18 April 1945: Weather: Cool and clear.
Visibility: Excellent.

Bn (- Co's A, B, C & Rcn) moved from ST ANDREASBERG to BENNECK-

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ENSTEIN (061458) traveling a distance of 15.1 miles and closing in at 1525B. Co A CP remained in BRAUNLAGE (986515) and the platoons were disposed as follows: 1A in ELEN (035535), 2A in SCHRIEK (024557), 3A in BRAUNLAGE (986515). Co Hq personnel captured 6 P's. Co "B" CP remained in STIEGE (177457). 1B atchd to 3rd Bn and moved to (191489) where they occupy road block positions. 1B destroyed 1 MG nest with 4 rds HE, killed 5 & captured 28 P's. 2B in support of 2nd Bn's attack expended 7 rds HE against Ey Inf dug-in on Hill 510 at (177493) results very good. 3B in support of 3rd Bn's attack expended 10 rds HE and 250 rds Cal..50 MG ammunition at Ey Inf Killing approximately 15. 3B occupies AT positions at (211502). Co "C" CP remained in BENNECKENSTEIN (068455) and the platoons are disposed as follows: 1C in WENDEFURTH (199537), 2C in RATHENHUTE (091538), 3C in FLBINGRODE (118569). Recon Co moved to ALLRODE and established the Co CP at (236473). Entire Co attached to 18th Inf Regt, at 1030B, 1R & 3R performed mounted contact patrols to North & Northwest of ALLRODE, contacting elements of 18th Inf Regt. 2R remained in Co res at Co CP.

g. 19 April 1945: Weather: Excellent.
Visibility: Good.

Co A CP remained in BRAUNLAGE (986515) and platoons are disposed as follows: 1A in ELEN (035535), 2A in SCHRIEK (024557), and 3A in BRAUNLAGE (986515). Co Hq personnel captured 3 P's. Co "B" CP remained in STIEGE (177457). The platoons moved fwd in support of the attacking Inf Bns and were disposed as follows at the close of the period: 1B in THALE (272524). 1B destroyed 1 Mk IV tank, 1 Mk III tank, 5 GP Vehicles, and 1 armored personnel carrier. In addition 50 P's were taken and approximately 45 Fy killed. Total ammunition expenditure: 18 rds HE, 10 rds APC and 1 rd HVAP T4. Casualties: 1 FM KIA and 1 Officer LTA and evacuated. 2B in WENDEFURT (200538), 3B in THALE (272524). Co "C" atchd to 16th Inf Regt. Platoons supported their respective Inf Bns in the final mopping up operations within the HALLZ mountains. At the close of the period the platoons were disposed as follows: 1C (160558), 2C (088544) and 3C (121569). 2C destroyed 1 "Royal Tiger" at (070536) while 3C destroyed 2 armored half-tracks, 1 Mk V tank, 1 GP Vehicle, and 1 Fy strong point. 3C also captured 145 P's. Ammunition expended: 24 rds HE, 11 rds APC, and 8 rds HVAP T4. Recon Co atchd to 18th Inf Regt. CP moved from ALLRODE to TRESEBERG (237513). Entire Co employed as a defensive screen to assist 3rd Bn clear the wooded area in vicinity of THALE. Co disposed as follows: 1R & 2R plus one (1) section of Pioneer Platoon in ALTENBRACK (213524) and 3R plus one (1) section of Pioneer Platoon in TRESEBERG (236513). 2R captured 54 P's.

t. 20 April 1945: Weather: Warm.
Visibility: Good.

Co "A" CP remained in BRAUNLAGE (986517). All platoons remained in position as of 19 April 1945. Co "B" CP moved from STIEGE to THALE (279549). All platoons moved fwd and occupied the following positions: 1B in THALE (279547), 2B in TIMMRODE (258576), 3B in THALE (068455). Co "C" CP remained in BENNECKENSTEIN and all platoons assembled in place, performing maintenance on vehicles. Recon Co CP remained in TRESEBERG (236513). Platoons are disposed as follows: 1R, 2R, and 1 section of Pioneer Platoon in ALTENBRACK (213524). 3R maintained road block positions in TRESEBERG (236513) until 201330B at which time 3R made mounted Recon from TRESEBERG to THALE using NE route and contacted I Co of 3rd Bn, 18th Inf Regt. 3R captured 125 P's enroute. 2nd section of Pioneer Platoon in TRESEBERG, destroyed all Ey Guns and vehicular equipment previously captured and not needed for transporting P's to Div PW Cage. At 202100B, 2nd section of Pioneer Platoon established a 12 hour road block in TRESEBERG. 1R relieved of road block assignment at 201900B and reported to THALE with the mission of guarding the 18th Inf Regt. PW cage. 2R captured 285 P's and upon questioning them discovered that the Germans' Unit had

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hidden their vehicles in the woods. German drivers were taken to the area and 45 vehicles were returned to the Co CP where they were used to transport PWs.

- u. 21 April 1945: Weather: Intermittent rain.
Visibility: Poor to fair.

Co A CP remained in BRAUNLAGE (986517). All platoons assembled in place performing maintenance on vehicles. Co B CP remained in THALE (277559). All platoons remained in position as of 20 April 1945. Co C CP established in NEUWARK (169551). All platoons released from CT attachments and reverted to Co control. Platoons performing vehicle maintenance. Rcn Co atchd to 18th Inf Regt. 1R detached from PW guard and reverted to Co control. All platoons performing mounted patrols within 18th sector. Co maintained security road blocks in TRISEBERG area. 302 PWs taken. Co CP remained in TRISEBERG (236515).

- y. 22 April 1945: Weather: Snow and overcast.
Visibility: Poor.

All Co's remained in positions as occupied on 21 April 1945. Rcn Co captured 64 PWs while patrolling the roads within the 18th Inf Regt sector.

- w. 23 April 1945: Weather: Cool and cloudy.
Visibility: Poor.

All companies remained in positions as occupied on 22 April 1945, performing maintenance, rest and rehabilitation. Rcn Co assembled at Co CP. 1st Sgt Grady of Co "A" captured 2 Officer PWs.

- x. 24 April 1945: Weather: Cool and cloudy.
Visibility: Limited.

Bn (- Co's A, B, C, & Rcn) moved from BENNECKENSTEIN to KLOSTERRODE (574287) traveling a distance of 47.5 miles and closing in new area at 1235B. Co "A" moved with 26th CT to assembly area. Co CP established in GROSSEETERHSEN (620237). Co B moved with 18th CT to assembly area and established Co CP in HERGISDORF (595334). Co "C" moved with 16th CT to assembly area and established Co CP in BORNSTEDT (601273). Rcn Co moved with 18th CT into assembly area and established Co CP in KREISFELD (600326). Rcn Co captured 12 PWs enroute.

- y. 25 April 1945: Weather: Cool and cloudy.
Visibility: Good.

All companies remained in assembly areas performing maintenance, rest and rehabilitation. Rcn Co detached from 18th CT and reverted to Bn control at 1200B. Rcn Co remained in KREISFELD.

- z. 26 April 1945: Weather: Clear & cool.
Visibility: Good.

All companies remained in assembly areas performing maintenance, rest and rehabilitation. Preparations for movement of 2 combat teams (16 & 26th) on 27 April 1945.

- aa. 27 April 1945: Weather: Cloudy and cool.
Visibility: Fair.

Co A moved with 26th CT to assembly area in vicinity of ASCH, Czechoslovakia. Co CP established in STEINPOL, (P-156023). Co B

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remained in assembly area in HERGISDORF (595334). Co "C" remained in assembly area in BORNSTEDT, while 16th CT moved to vicinity of SELB (P-140840). Rcn Co remained in assembly area at KREISFELD (600326).

bb. 28 April 1945: Weather: Cloudy and cool.
Visibility: Fair.

Bn (- Co's A, B, & C) moved from ~~WOSTENRODE~~ to MARKTLEUTHEN (P-060784) traveling a distance of 152 miles and closing in at 1445B. Upon arrival in the new area, Hq 634th TD Bn was detached from Div Arty and reverted to control of 1st US Inf Div. Co "A" CP remained in STEINPHOL (P-156923) and all Platoons reported to their respective Bns and were disposed as follows: 1A in SCHONLIND (122999), 2A in ROSSBACH (160985) 3A in res in ASCH (174899). Co "A" has the dubious honor of being the first unit in the Bn to have all elements in Czechoslovakia. Co "B" moving with 18th Inf Regt to assembly area in vicinity of ARZBERG (184716). Co "C" moving to assembly area in vicinity of SELB (133840). Rcn Co atchd to 18th Inf Regt. Upon closing in assembly area at MARKTLEUTHEN, Rcn Co was atchd to 18th Inf Regt and upon refueling, moved immediately to new assembly area in WALDSASSEN (270660).

cc. 29 April 1945: Weather: Cloudy.
Visibility: Fair.

Co "A" CP moved from STEINPHOL to ASCH, Czechoslovakia (180898), the platoons are disposed as follows: 1A in res at Co CP. 2A in res for 2nd Bn at ROSSBACH (160990). 3A with 3rd Bn in ASCH (190900). Co "B" CP located in ROTHENBACH (167714). Platoons are joining their respective Bns. Co "C" CP established in SELB, Germany (145839). Platoons are joining their respective Bns prior to the Regt's assuming responsibility for the sector. Rcn Co atchd to 18th Inf Regt and Co CP established in WALDSASSEN (272656). Platoons performed mounted contact patrols between elements of the 18th Inf Regt and to 303d Inf Regt, 97th Inf Div on the right.

dd. 30 April 1945: Weather: Cold with snow flurries.
Visibility: Spotty.

Bn (- Co's A, B, C & Rcn) moved from MARKTLEUTHEN (060784) to ASCH, Czechoslovakia, (179889) traveling a distance of 18 miles and closing in at 1430B. This move places all elements of 634th TD Bn in Czechoslovakia except Co "C" CP and 3C the res platoon. Co "A" CP remained in ASCH with the platoons disposed as follows: 1A in Co reserve at Co CP, 2A, 1st section in MUEHLHAUSEN (220983) and 2nd section in SOHL (234964). 3A occupies AT positions with 1st section in RAUN (242938) and 2nd section in OBER-BRAMBACH (255913). Co "B" CP moved from ROTHENBACH to CHEB (305745) the platoons are disposed as follows: 1B in res at Co CP, 2B in AT positions supporting E Co at (313721), 3B in AT positions with 1st section in DOL-SHDN (347754), 2nd section at JINDRICHOV (335778). 3B fired 29 rds HE and 500 rds Cal. 50 MG while supporting 3rd Bn. Co "C" CP remained in SELB (132841) with platoons disposed as follows: 1C at (262901), 2C in HAGENGRON (263827), 3C in Co res and assembled at Co CP. Rcn Co CP remained in WALDSASSEN and the platoons maintained contact with elements of the 18th Inf and 303d Inf Regt of the 97th Inf Div on the right. No enemy contacted.