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801st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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SUBJECT: S-2 Summary. Period: 1 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. During the period 1 April 1945 to 25 April 1945, 801st T.D. Bn., was attached to 113th Cav Gp. Mcom., which, in turn, was attached to 83rd Inf. Div. The Battalion mission for the greater part of the period consisted of establishing road blocks and clearing small towns for purposes of protecting the right flank (generally south) of the 83rd Inf. Div. During the period 1 April 1945 to 11 April 1945, no organized enemy resistance was encountered. Platoons establishing road blocks and perimeter defense of strategic towns were engaged only by small groups of enemy foot soldiers, apparently lacking a concrete mission and armed, for the most part, with light automatic weapons and panzerfaust. Enemy artillery action during this period was conspicuous by total absence. The prisoner toll mounted steadily, identifications being made of a number of German units, some former elite and others of the "Ersatz" or improvised type. At the end of the period 1 April 1945 to 11 April 1945, the total number of prisoners captured and evacuated by the battalion was 291. On 7 April 1945, 1st Plat. Company B, fired 4 rds APC at and destroyed one (1) Mk IV tank which attempted to skirt a wooded area adjoining their position. On 8 April 1945, the Battalion moved from Nischheim, by road to Holsen. During this march, the column was strafed by approximately 12 ME-109's. No casualties were received and the planes were engaged but no claims were made.

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2. During the period 12 April 1945 to 19 April 1945, the battalion was given the mission of establishing road blocks to protect the south flank of the 83rd Inf. Div. which ran through the Harz Mts. The mission was successful and as in the preceding period, only disorganized enemy elements were engaged. Light enemy artillery was received spasmodically, in addition to automatic weapons and panzerfaust fire. No enemy armor was engaged during the period. The prisoners taken during the period 12 April 1945 to 20 April 1945 was totalled at approximately 606.

3. During the period 20 April 1945 to 26 April 1945, the battalion assembled and executed a road march to 3rd Army area and no contact was made with the enemy.

4. During the period 29 April 1945 to 4 May 1945, the battalion was attached to the 13th Armored Div. No organized enemy resistance was encountered and the PW's continued to stream in to all elements of the battalion. The 1st Plat., Company B fired

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on and destroyed one (1) enemy anti-aircraft gun (20mm, SP) and one (1) 2½ ton truck (cargo) in vicinity Halgerodorf. No enemy armor was encountered and only extremely light artillery fire was received by any of our elements. On 2 May 1945, a task force was composed of one (1) Recon Plat and one (1) plat of T.D.'s to effect the capture of a Division train of Hungarians in vicinity of Eiberg. Approximately 1500 prisoners surrendered without a wound being expended. During the period 29 April 1945 to 4 May 1945, the battalion captured and evacuated 2084 prisoners.

5. Period: 1 April 1945 to 4 May 1945

- a. Enemy armor destroyed: one (1) Mk IV Tk.
- b. Enemy casualties: 85.
- c. Prisoners captured: 2981.
- d. Misc: One (1) AA Gun. (20mm SP)
One (1) 2½ ton truck (cargo)

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