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HEADQUARTERS  
802nd TANK ENGINEER BATTALION  
AIG 403

12 May 1945.

**SUBJECT:** 9-5 Summary, Period 1 April 45 to 4 May 45.

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

During period 1 - 4 April 45, Bn(-) was attached to 113th Cav Gp. Co C was attached to Troop "B", 125th Cav Sqdn. Bn(-) moved into 113th Cav Gp's Zone of Action and established roadblocks.

On 5 April Bn(-) moved to 83rd Inf Div Zone of Action. "Y" and "Z" platoons of 45th AAA Bn were attached to the Bn and reattached to Cos A and C respectively. The Bn was redesignated as 801st AB Bn(AB) on this date. A Ren Co consisting of 3 Ren platoons, a Recon platoon and Co Hqs was furnished coverage of personnel from the line companies. One Ren platoon, each, was assigned to Cos A, B and C, respectively. Status of primary weapons was one thirty-four(34) towed 3" guns and two (2) self-propelled M-18's.

On 6 April, 125th Cav Gp with 801st AB Bn(-) attached was attached to 83rd Inf Div and received mission of protecting Div South Flank on its advance through Germany.

During period 7 - 20 April, Bn(-) continued mission of protecting Div South Flank by clearing small towns and securing roadblocks at strategic points. In accomplishing this task many M's were captured.

At 200000 April, Bn(-) was relieved from 83rd Inf Div and Co C was relieved from 125th Cav Sqdn and ordered to proceed to assembly area vicinity HALLBERG. Outposts manned by Bn were relieved by elements of 8th Armd Div. "Y" and "Z" platoons of 45th AAA Bn reverted to 45th AAA Bn control. Status of primary weapons throughout period remained at thirty-four(34) towed 3" guns and two(2) M-18's.

The 21st and 22nd April were spent on maintenance of equipment. On the former date six(6) M-18's were received from ordnance.

On the 23rd April all 3" towed guns and excess vehicles were turned in to ordnance and on 24 April Bn received orders to proceed to HALLBERG by water on the 25th April and report to 15th Armd Div, Third Army. Bn received the balance of its M-18's and two(2) M-32's on this date, completing conversion, less one(1) M-32.

A company commander's meeting was held at Bn OP discussing route of march to Third Army. Route of march was designated by G4, XIX Corps and divided into a two-day march. An scout and advance party to the 15th Armd Div and billeting parties to the new division areas.

On 250300 April, Bn moved in assembly area via HALLBERG. 5 1/2 miles were traveled with the loss of only five(5) M-18's and one(1) Halftrack.

Bn was attached to 70th AB, 15th Armd Div on 27 April and prepared for forthcoming operations.

On 27 April, Bn, less one M-18 which remained at HALLBERG, moved 70th AB across the HALLBERG RIV and closed at 220 at GERSHALLBERG.

On 29 April, Co A was attached to 70th AB and Co B was attached to 70th AB, with one Ren platoon attached to each company. Ren Co(-) was attached to 70th AB with mission of maintaining contact between 70th AB and 70th AB. Bn(-) moved with 70th AB at 1200 and assembled in GERSHALLBERG.

6-3 Summary, Period 1 April to 4 May 1945, (continued)

On 30 April, Bn Co(-) moved to town of LESTING and reverted to Bn control.

1 May 1945, Bn(-) crossed the ISAR RIVER at BASTING and assembled vicinity ISARSTON. At 1500 Bn(-) moved with CO's and assembled vicinity of KNOSTON.

At 021000 May, Bn(-) cleared in assembly area vicinity IB NG and received mission from CO's to clear woods West of IB NG. A small task force (under command of Bn S-1) composed of one Bn plab and one ID plab surrounded the woods. One Hungarian Div Train surrendered to this force. At 1950 Bn received orders to move to vicinity STAMTIAN and was alerted to cross the INE RIVER to protect the bridgehead vicinity STAMTIAN. At 2200 this mission was cancelled and Co C was given mission of guarding approach to town of TAIN.

On 3 May, Hq and Hq Co was relieved from assignment to CO's and attached to Div Hqs.

On 4 May Bn C and Bn Co(-), moved to vicinity of IB NG. Maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment were carried out. Co C was relieved from its mission on this date.

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