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HEADQUARTERS  
801st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 403

7 May 1945.

SUBJECT: After-Action Report.

TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division, (attention I & E Officer.

1. In compliance with Inter-Office Memorandum dated 5 May 1945, Headquarters 13th Armored Division, subject: After-Action Reports, the following report is submitted:

25 April - The Bn CO, 3-1, 3-4, Liaison Officer and Co billeting parties proceeded to the 13th Arm'd Div. A billeting party from the Bn moved out for the assembly area, (over-night camp) via ARNSTADT. The Bn passed the IP (GOSLAR) at 0800. The Bn arrived at assembly area in ARNSTADT at 1845. Five M-18's and one Half-track had broken down during the march. The Bn maintenance recovered these vehicles and proceeded as far as MULHAUSEN. One hundred and thirty seven miles were travelled this day.

26 April - Billeting party left for PARSENBURG and were given assembly area via LUPBURG.

The Bn moved from ARNSTADT and passed IP at 0800. The Bn closed in new assembly area (LUPBURG) at 2300. One hundred and ninety seven miles covered during the day.

27 April - The Bn attached to CCR, 13th Arm'd Div.

From 0100 to 0400 companies refilled their vehicles with gas and prepared for future operations. During the day all the personnel cleaned up and rested as much as possible.

28 April - The Bn (-) Rear Ech and Pioneer Platoon of Ron Co passed IP at 0245 with the mission to follow CCR and cross the DANUBE River. Bn closed in its new assembly area via OBERTRAUBLING at 2200, all vehicles were immediately refilled.

29 April - At 0900 Co A attached to CCA, Co B attached to CCB. One Ron platoon was attached to each company.

The Bn (-) moved with CCR at 1200 to cross the ISAR River. Bn (-) closed in assembly area at RIMBACH on North side of the river.

Co A occupied direct fire positions covering roads leading from MARTINSBAHN.

Co B moved with CCB and assembled in town of FLATTING.

Ron Co (-) attached to TF GALE with mission of maintaining contact with CCA and CCR.

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30 April - The 3rd Ron platoon maintained contact between CCR and CGB. Eighty four PW's taken on first patrol.

Ron Co (-) moved to town of PILSTING. Company relieved from task force GALL and reverted to Bn control.

Co A moved to an assembly area vic FRIESEBENDORF. First platoon attached to task force SMITH. Their mission was to spearhead CCA to South to seize bridges on ROTT River and move on to seize bridge over INN River. The remainder of the company was given the mission to protect the trains of CCA.

B Co remained in assembly area vic PLATTING awaiting completion of bridge across ISAR River. First platoon attached to task force MALONE. Third platoon attached to task force McRAE.

1 May - Bn (-) moved from assembly area vic RIMBACH at 0300 and crossed the ISAR River at PLATTING. Closed in new assembly area vic ISAMHAGEN. Bn (-) then moved and assembled vic KROHSTORF.

Co A (-) moved with CGA supply train, crossed ISAR River at 0800 then ROTT River at 1200. Co A (-) assembled in vic of FRIESEBACH. The 1st Platoon Leader led his platoon with Task Force SMITH, when he ran upon a small pocket of enemy. The vehicle swerved off the road and overturned, causing serious injury to the officer and driver. The first section of this platoon reached the INN River just as the enemy blew the bridges.

The 1st Plat Co B, while moving with Task Force MALONE, a part of CGB, destroyed one enemy AA Gun and one 2 1/2 ton truck in the vic of MALSERSDORF. The 2nd platoon moved with CGB trains with the mission of protection and security. The 3rd platoon moved with Task Force McRae of CGs.

Co Hq and the attached Ron platoon assembled vic EGGENFELDEN.

2 May - Bn (-) moved at 0300 from KROHSTORF and closed in EIBERG at 1000. Orders received from CCR, to clear woods just west of EIBERG. A small task force was formed consisting of a section of Ron and one plat of TD's under the command of the Bn SX. This force surrounded the woods while parties entered. A complete Hungarian Division Train surrendered their arms.

Bn S-2 reported to the CO that he had with him a Lt. Gen. of the Hungarian Army who claimed to be the Catholic Bishop and Chief Chaplain of the Hungarian Army. He was instructed to bring the general to the CP where the later was informed that he would have to confine his movements to the village of EIBERG but that within the confines of said village he would be free to continue his religious activities. This general proved to be Lt. Gen. Stephen Hess.

At 1000 Bn (-) moved to vic of STAMMHAH.

C Co was given mission of guarding the western approaches to town of TAMM. Third platoon assigned mission of guarding Hungarian and German prisoners.

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A Co moved to assembly area vic of SEIBACH. First platoon reverted to company control on relief from Task Force SMITH. Road blocks were occupied out side of SEIBACH for security.

The 1st and 3rd platoons of Co B moved to assembly areas vic of EISENFELDEN. The 2nd platoon and one section of Ren escorted supply vehicles of COB.

Co Hqs. remained in EGGENFELDEN.

3 May - Bn Hq and Hq Co relieved from assignment to COB and attached to Div Hq.

C Co plus 3rd Ren platoon remained attached to COB.

Co A with Ren platoon attached remained in assembly area vic SEIBACH.

Co B (-) remained in assembly area vic EGGENFELDEN. First and 3rd platoons remained in EISENFELDEN.

4 May - Bn CP moved to EIBERG.

Ren Co (-) moved vicinity EIBERG. Maintenance, and care and cleaning of equipment were in progress.

A Co received orders from COA to place guards on 4 German Hospitals which contained German wounded. Maintenance and cleaning of equipment in progress.

The 1st and 3rd platoons of Co B plus the 1st Ren section were relieved from attachment to Task Force MALONE and MORAN and assembled in vicinity of Co Hq at EGGENFELDEN.

C Co relieved as prisoner guard. Maintenance and cleaning of equipment in progress.

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MAJOR, FA (TD),  
COMPANY MC.

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

BATTALION STAFF

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
Bn. Comdr.	R. I. MCKESSON	Major	0285974	FA
Ex O	CHARLES J. HERNHARDT, JR.	Major	0408159	INF
S-1	WILLIAM W. DOWNS	1st Lt	01821836	FA
S-2	FRANCIS J. CHASE	Capt	01169456	FA
S-3	PHIL S. WADE, JR.	Major	01168122	FA
S-4	THEODORE F. FERRANT	Capt	0403411	INF
Bn Motor O	ROBERT S. HOFFMAN	2nd Lt	01996504	FA

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Co. Comdr.	JAMES E. BULGER	Capt	01822233	FA
Lias O	ARMSTRONG E. BAILEY	1st Lt	01823963	FA
Lias O	EDWARD F. DOWNEY, JR.	1st Lt	01824597	FA
Sp S O	DONALD S. GREENWOOD	1st Lt	01822873	FA
Comm O	CHRIS G. RIEKENA	1st Lt	01825059	FA
Ex O	RALPH W. SOLLBERGER	1st Lt	01823080	FA
Trans O	FREDERICK J. THOMPSON	1st Lt	01824535	FA
Lias O	ALBERT E. WEIR, JR.	2nd Lt	01999896	FA
Pers O	HENRY G. WEISS	CWO	W2120908	
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RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

Co. Comdr.	CHARLES W. LEVINS	Capt	01822157	FA
Pio Plat Ldr	LOUIS S. OVERHOUSE	1st Lt	01825045	FA
Ex O	ROBERT W. PERRY	1st Lt	01823767	FA
Rcn Plat Ldr	JOHN C. DORSEY, JR.	1st Lt	01825525	FA
Rcn Plat Ldr	STEPHEN TENKE	1st Lt	01823956	FA

COMPANY A

Co. Comdr.	STANLEY L. EVANS	Capt	0419757	INF
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Plat Ldr	ALBERT L. DUNNING	1st Lt	01825740	FA
Plat Ldr	LEONARD EISENBERG	1st Lt	01821987	FA
Plat Ldr	ROBER T W. VAN DYKE	1st Lt	01821655	FA
Plat Ldr	WILLIAM R. PARROTT	2nd Lt	0887434	FA

COMPANY B

Co. Comdr.	PHILIP E. BREWER	Capt	0407580	INF
Ex O	JOHN HANSON	1st Lt	01822139	FA
Plat Ldr	WILLIAM S. RICHEY	1st Lt	01168433	FA
Plat Ldr	LOUIS E. HOLLIG	1st Lt	01825009	FA
Plat Ldr	JAMES C. LEEK	1st Lt	01823625	FA

COMPANY C

Co. Comdr.	GEORGE E. DECKER	Capt	0405157	INF
Ex O	WALTER A. SIELA	1st Lt	01823078	FA
Plat Ldr	CLIFFORD S. WILLIAMS	2nd Lt	01999897	FA
Plat Ldr	AUBREY A. KRAEGER	1st Lt	01823889	FA
Plat Ldr	WILLIAM R. DANE	1st Lt	01824286	FA

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Bn. Surgeon	PHIL L. BARRINGER	Capt	0469627	MC
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2nd Lt. PAUL D. NELSON, LWA, 2 April, 1945 - ASN 01999895

Major KENNETH E. TIMONS, 0399736, dropped from asgmt and asgd to Hq 113th Cavalry Group.