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SECTION I - AUTHORITY

In compliance with par 10, AR 345-105, this report by the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 1 May, 1945 to 31 May, 1945 is submitted.

SECTION II - INTRODUCTION

1. Command: During the time covered by this report the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion operated under the following Headquarters and Commanders.

- a. First United States Army - - - - - General G. H. Hodges
- b. Ninth United States Army - - - - - Lt. Gen Simpson
- c. VII - - - - - Lt. Gen Collins
- d. 104th Infantry Division - - - - - Maj Gen Terry Allen
- e. 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion - - Lt. Col. W. H. Barden

2. Composition of 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion:

a. Organic

Commanders

Headquarters Company	Capt William J. Edgar
Reconnaissance Company	Capt Robert U. Sternfels
"A" Company	Capt Howard M. Vogel
"B" Company	Capt John J. McPhillips
"C" Company	Capt Rhondal L. Burton



3. This operation report covers the combat action of the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion during the period since the last report which was submitted as of 302400 April, 1945.

4. MAPS:

The following maps were used in this operation:

Central Europe, 1/100,000

Germany, 1/25,000

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1 May, 1945

1. SITUATION:

a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division. Battalion maintaining law and order in the city of HALLE and surrounding area as its assigned sector of responsibility.

b. Battalion CP located in HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE (942259) patrolling the Company sector. The 2nd platoon moved to AMMENDORF (592238) and relieved the 656th FA Battalion of static posts at the Ink Plant and at the Poison Gas Plant which are both at AMMENDORF. The 3rd platoon was relieved of their assignment with the 414th Infantry Regiment, having been relieved by Company "B" of this Battalion. The third platoon is now in HALLE in the process of cleaning their equipment and undergoing a training schedule in conjunction with the rest of the Company.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" less the 2nd platoon moved from their old position in HALLE to new location in HOHENLEINA (277282) where they closed at 1100 hours. Company "B" was given the mission to generally support the 104th Infantry Division along the MULDE river. B-1 relieved the 3rd platoon of Company "A" of support of the 414th Infantry and are in direct fire positions in the town of EILENBURG (400290) where they are covering the bridges over the canal and MULDE river. B-2 remained in TIEFENSEE (322421) where they are in support of the 413th Infantry with destroyers covering the roads leading west from the city of DUBEN (360432). The first section of B-2 accompanied an infantry patrol that had the mission of patrolling the area between the MULDE and ELBE rivers. B-3 moved from their positions in HALLE to new positions in the town of BACH (483136) where they relieved the 1st platoon of Company "C" of their assignment with the 415th Infantry Regiment. No activity reported by any unit.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" moved their CP from NIETLEBEN (890290) closing in HALLE (942299) at 0900 hours where they relieved Company "B" of their Zone of Responsibility. C-1 moved from WOLLMEN (360233) after being relieved by Company "B" of the mission of supporting the 415th Infantry Regiment. C-1 closed in HALLE at 1330 hours taking over the area formerly occupied by B-3 of this Battalion. C-2 moved from SCHLETTAU (897256) and closing in HALLE at 0830 hours. C-2 took over 2 static guard posts from B-1 and are now in the process of screening and patrolling their assigned area. C-3 moved their CP from DOLAU (877315) to NIETLEBEN (897290) and are now operating two static guard posts as well as patrolling their newly assigned area. No activity reported by any platoon or element of "C" Company.

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RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP in the location (935290). The Company has 2 daylight static guard posts in addition to their patrol duties and security missions. A training schedule is being followed with physical fitness and maintenance being stressed.

2 May, 1945

1. SITUATION:

No change.

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with their CP at (942259). The 1st and 3rd platoons are in HALLE with the 2nd platoon located in AMMENDORF (962238). No action or disturbances was reported by patrols or by the 7 static guard posts that are in operation by "A" Company. In addition to their above duties, Company "A" is carrying out the training schedule set up by the Battalion, which stresses maintenance, military courtesy, and physical fitness.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" remained in HOHENLEINA (277282) with general mission of supporting the 104th Infantry Division along the MULDE river. B-1 still in EILENBURG (400290) in support of the 414th Infantry, with the first section destroyers in direct firing positions covering the bridge over the MULDE river at (406294), and the second section with its destroyers covering the bridge over the canal at (398287). B-2 moved its CP from TIEFENSSEE to LOBNITZ (275429) where it is in mobile reserve in support of the 413th Infantry. One section of this platoon is at REITZSCHU (292429) with the other section at the platoon CP. B-3 continues to support the 415th Infantry with their CP located in BACH (483136). The 1st section of B-3 is covering a road block in the vicinity of (484135), and the 2nd section is set up in the town of PAUSITZ. There was no activity encountered by the company.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE with their CP in the location (942299), C-1 at (947297), and C-2 at (938298). C-3 is still at NIETLEBEN. Five static guard posts are maintained by the Company with 28 men operating same. In the period covered by this report, negative reports were received from patrols in the Company assigned area. A training program is also being followed with physical fitness, personnel maintenance, vehicular maintenance, and military courtesy being stressed.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE with their CP in the location (935290). The Company has 2 daylight static guard posts in addition to their patrol duties and security missions. No activity reported for the period. A training schedule is being followed with physical fitness and maintenance being stressed.

3 May, 1945

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No Change.

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 3rd platoons, while the 2nd platoon is located in AMMENDORF. No action or disturbances reported by patrols or by the 6 static guard posts (39) men that are in operation by the company. Check point #1, south of AMMENDORF, is also manned 24 hours a day by Company "A". In addition a training schedule is being carried out by all personnel available for same.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" was relieved from its mission of supporting the 104th Infantry Division along the MULDE river and at 0800 hours moved from HOHENLEINA, closing in the vicinity DEIMITZ (964303) at 1030 hours, reverting to full Battalion control. B-1 is now located in DEIMITZ (277282), B-2 at REIDEBURG (992294), and B-3 at REIDEBURG (996294). Check points # 1 (Obr Maschwitz), #2 (Rabatz), and #3 (Grobers) are now in operation by Company "B" 24 hours a day, as well as one static guard post located vicinity (994308). In addition to the above posts and patrols, a training schedule is in operation by all these not actively participating in guarding or patrolling. No activity reported.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE (942299) with the 1st and 2nd platoons. The 3rd platoon still located in NIETLEBEN. Check points # 5 and #6 are in operation employing 18 men as well as 5 static guard posts which 28 men operate. No action or disturbances reported by the above posts or by patrols that are in operation 24 hours a day. A training schedule is also being followed by all available men which stresses maintenance, military courtesy, and physical fitness.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE (935390) where they are patrolling the streets 24 hours a day. At 2200 hours, Ron 2 raided a displaced personnel camp in the north section of HALLE and found five American negro soldiers therein who were turned over to MP authorities who went along on the raid. A training schedule is being carried out by all personnel of the Company not actively participating in patrolling or guarding.

4 May, 1945

1. SITUATION:

No change.

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 3rd platoons, while the 2nd platoon remained in AMMENDORF. No action or disturbances reported except that 2 civilians were picked up after curfew hours and turned

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over to MG authorities. Four static guard posts are in operation along with Check Point #4 which is south of AMMENDORF. A total of 36 men operate these installations.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" remained in DIEMITZ with B-1 located in DIEMITZ, B-2 and B-3 in REIDEBURG. Static guard posts are now in operation, 2 of which were taken over from Company "A". Battalion Check Points #1, #2, and #3 are also manned by Company "B". A total of 36 men operate these above installations. No disturbances or activity reported by Company "B".

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 2nd platoons, and the 3rd platoon still located in NIETLEBEN. Five static guard posts employing 28 men and Battalion Check Points #5 and #6 manned by 18 men are being operated by Company "C". By information received from civilians, 2 former SS troopers were picked up in MERSEBURG and in their possession was found 4 panzerfausts, 10 hand-grenades, 1 machine gun, 3 rifles and 2 boxes of ammunition. No other action reported by Company "C".

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE patrolling and used as security in the city proper. One recon platoon in mobile reserve prepared to cope with any emergency. At the end of the period covered by this report, Recon 2 patrol discovered a wrecked civilian auto at MUHLWEG and ADVONATKENNEG streets. The car had been recently wrecked and the lights were still burning. The license number was LM 35530 which was turned over to MP authorities who investigated further. No person or identification was found in the car by Recon preliminary search. No other activity reported.

5 May, 1945

1. SITUATION:

No change.

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 3rd platoons. The 2nd platoon remained in AMMENDORF. The static post at the ink plant in AMMENDORF was taken over entirely on the 4th of May by the 3456 Ordnance. Company "A" is now maintaining 4 static guard posts employing 32 men. At 1700 hours a terrific explosion which occurred from a school-barracks in HALLE in the vicinity (941258) was heard, and upon investigation found that an 88 gun had had an internal explosion about 2 feet from the breech block. The cause was not determined and no casualties caused by this explosion. Two other tubes were found loaded so a static guard post was set up to keep all people away from the area until the tubes are emptied. Battalion check point #4 which is south of AMMENDORF is also manned by Company "A". A 2nd platoon patrol took 2 German rifles (loaded) from 2 Russians and destroyed same. No other action reported.

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COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" remained in DIEMITZ with B-1 located in DIEMITZ, B-2 and B-3 in REIDEBURG. Battalion Check points #1, #2, and #3 manned by 18 men, and 3 static guard posts employing 18 men are operated by Company "B". Five German soldiers in civilian clothes were picked up in KLEINWUDEL and turned over to MG authorities. A patrol also picked up 3 Poles who were armed with pistols and released them after they were disarmed. No other action or disturbances reported for the period.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE with the 1st platoon. The 2nd platoon moved from their old position to the vicinity (942299) in compliance with VOCO, and the whole platoon is employed as guards for the food warehouse in this area. Five other static guard posts are in operation by Company "C" as well as Battalion Check points #5 and #6 which employ 46 men. No other action or disturbances reported by Company "C".

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE patrolling and used as security in the city proper. One Ron platoon in mobile reserve prepared to cope with any emergency. No activity reported.

6 May, 1945

SITUATION:

No Change.

OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 3rd platoons and the 2nd platoon remained in AMMENDORF. The company is now operating 4 static guard posts employing 32 men and also manning Battalion check point #4 using 8 men for same. No activity reported for the period.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" remained in DIEMITZ with B-1 located in DIEMITZ B-2 and B-3 in REIDEBURG. Battalion check points #1, #2, and #3 manned by 18 men, and 3 static guard posts employing 18 men are operated by Company "B". No action or disturbances reported by Company "B".

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE with the 1st Platoon. The 2nd platoon is located in the vicinity (923333) with the whole platoon used as guards for the food ware house located in that vicinity. The 3rd platoon CP is in the vicinity (886284) of NIETLEBEN. In addition to the food warehouse that is guarded by the 2nd platoon, Company "C" is operating 5 other static guard posts as well as Battalion check points #5 and #6 which in all employ 46 men. No action reported by Company "C".

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE sending out semi-static patrols which moved into a sector and remained static for an hour before moving to another sector, due to the shortage of gasoline. One Ron platoon remained in mobile reserve prepared to cope with any emergency. No activity reported for the period.

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7 May, 1945

1. SITUATION:

No change.

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 3rd platoons and 2nd platoon remained in AMMENDORF. The Company is now operating 4 static guard posts employing 32 men and also manning Battalion check point #4 using 8 men for same. No activity reported for the period.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" remained in BIEMITZ with B-1 located in DIEMITZ, B-2 and B-3 in REIDEBURG. An additional static post is in operation at the laundry located vicinity (939311) which makes a total of 4 static posts and 3 Battalion check points now operated by Company "B". A total of 42 men operate these posts. From information received from a civilian, a roving patrol found 156 cases of panzerfaust and many other cases of small arms and 20mm ammunition in a building in ZOBERTZ (982320) which was guarded by a few Polish workers. The ammunition was turned over to the MG and disposed of. A man and his son were also turned over to MG who were reported to be members of the SS and Hitler Youth respectively. Pictures were found to substantiate these charges in their house which is located in RABATZ. No other action reported.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE with the 1st platoon. The 2nd platoon is located in the vicinity (923333) with the whole platoon used as guards for the food warehouse located in that vicinity. The 3rd platoon is located in NIETLEBEN. In addition to the food warehouse that is guarded by the 2nd platoon, Company "C" is operating 5 other static guard posts as well as Battalion check points #5 and #6 which in all employ 46 men. No action or disturbances reported in the period covered by this report.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE patrolling and used as security for the city proper. A static post is now in operation in the prostitute section Nikolai Street of HALLE and also a dayligh static post on the bridge in the west end of town for the purpose of keeping X-FWs (Allied) from entering the city proper. One German civilian was picked up for refusing to obey curfew regulations and for resisting arrest and was turned over to Madeline Baker MPs. One platoon held in mobile reserve to cope with any emergency that may arise.

8 May, 1945

1. SITUATION:

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2. OPERATIONS:SECRET

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COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 3rd platoons and the 2nd platoon remained in AMMENDORF. The Company is now operating 4 static guard posts employing 32 men and also manning Battalion check point #4 using 8 men for same. No activity reported for the period.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" remained in DIEMITZ with the 1st platoon, and B-2 and B-3 are located in REIDEBURG. Four static posts are in operation as well as 3 Battalion check points employing in all 42 men. No activity reported for the period covered by this report.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE with the 1st platoon. The 2nd platoon is located in the vicinity (923333) with the entire platoon employed as guards for the food warehouse located in that vicinity. The 3rd platoon is located in NIETLEBEN. In addition to the food warehouse that is guarded by the 2nd platoon, Company "C" is operating 5 other static guard posts as well as Battalion check points #5 and #6 which in all employ 46 men. No activity reported.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE patrolling and used as security for the city proper. A static guard post is now in operating in the prostitute section on NICKOLAI street of HALLE and also a daylight static post on the bridge in the west end of town for the purpose of keeping Allied X-PWs from entering the city of HALLE. No action or disturbances reported for the period covered by this report.

9 May, 1945

1. SITUATION:

No change.

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- Company "A" remained in HALLE with the 1st and 3rd platoons and the 2nd platoon remained in AMMENDORF. The Company is now operating 4 static guard posts employing 32 men and also manning Battalion check point #4, using 8 men for same. No activity reported for the period.

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" remained in DIEMITZ with the 1st platoon, and B-2 and B-3 are located in REIDEBURG. Four static guard posts are in operation as well as 3 Battalion check points employing in all 42 men. No activity reported for the period covered by this report.

COMPANY "C" -- Company "C" remained in HALLE with the 1st platoon. The 2nd platoon is located in the vicinity (923333) with the entire platoon employed as guards for the food warehouse located in that vicinity. The 3rd platoon is located in NIETLEBEN. In addition to the food warehouse that is guarded by the 2nd platoon, Company "C" is operating 4 other static guard posts as well as Battalion check points #5 and #6, which in all employ 41 men.

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RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company remained in HALLE patrolling and used as security for the city proper. A static guard post is now in operation in the prostitute section on NICKOLAI Street and the Company is also maintaining 3 daylight posts on the SAALE river keeping Allied X-FWs west of the river. No activity reported for the period.

10 May, 1945 to 17 May, 1945, Incl.

1. SITUATION:

a. Battalion assumed responsibility of new area boundaries per authority Operations Memorandum # 84, Hq, 104th Infantry Division, effective 10 May 1945. All Battalion check points were disbanded or taken over by the 555 AAA Bn as they were out of the newly assigned sector of responsibility. For the above period no activity or disturbances of major importance was encountered by patrols or static guard posts.

b. Battalion CP located at HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- On 10 May two static posts in the vicinity of AMMENDORF were relieved by elements of the 555 AAA Bn at 0900 hours. On the same day Company "A" took over two static posts from Company "B" which were the Sugar Refinery and Food Warehouse. On 11 May Company "A" moved its CP from the vicinity 942259 to the vicinity of 938274 in the city of HALLE closing in their new location at 0930 hours. On 12 May the static guard post at the German Barracks located at 924247 was relieved by the 555 AAA Bn. On 14 May twelve guards were placed at the Central RR Station to maintain law and order among the displaced personnel shipping out to their native lands. On 15 May the third platoon moved out to Camp ALLEN to act as guards for the area where the SHAEF - SOVIET conferences were being held. On the same day a post was established on the ammunition train that is in the vicinity of 956275. Below are listed the static guard posts that Company "A" had in operation as of 17 May, 1945. All reports submitted hourly by roving patrols in the "A" Company sector were negative.

Food Warehouse	6 Guards	Location	954287
Sugar Refinery	6 Guards	Location	955276
Ammunition Train	10 Guards	Location	956275
Cradle CP	32 Guards	Location	920300
Central RR Station	12 Guards	Location	953284

COMPANY "B" -- On 11 May Company "B" was relieved of all static guard posts, check points and patrolling responsibilities in order to undergo a week of intensive training. The entire Company was assembled in the vicinity of DIEMITZ (964303). Physical training, maintenance of weapons, vehicles and equipment, was stressed in this period.

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COMPANY "C" -- On 10 May the Company CP location was at 942299 with the first platoon in the same area. The second platoon was located at the Food Railhead Warehouse in the vicinity 923333 with the entire platoon employed as guards for same. The third platoon was in NITTELSEN but moved into HALLE on the 11th to join the Company CP. On May 10th Company "C" took over the static post at the laundry (939311) from Company "B" which made a total of 6 static posts in operation. All reports submitted to Bn. Hqs. hourly by roving patrols in the "C" Company sector of responsibility were negative. Below are listed the static guard posts that Company "C" had in operation as of 17 May, 1945:

Power Plant	8 Guards	Location 931283
Gas Plant	7 Guards	Location 931283
City power Plant	5 Guards	Location 920333
Count Von Luckner's home	3 Guards	Location 15 Muhlweg Strasse
laundry	5 Guards	Location 939311
Food Railhead & Warehouse	37 Guards	Location 923333

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company with all platoons remained in HALLE for the period in the vicinity of 935270. The Company employed 24 hour roving patrols in the city proper and had in operation one static guard post on NICKOLAI Street in the prostitute section keeping Allied troops from entering same. In addition the Company operated three daylight static posts on the SAALE river for the purpose of keeping Allied ex-PWs from entering HALLE and roaming the streets. These 3 daylight posts were disbanded on the 17th of May as by that time most of the PWs had been shipped out from this sector. Twenty German soldiers and 36 German civilians were turned into MP Headquarters for violating curfew regulations by Reconnaissance patrols. Other than a small brush fire that was reported and extinguished immediately, no other action was reported.

18 May, 1945 to 24 May, 1945 Incl.



1. SITUATION:

a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division. The Battalion continued to maintain law and order in their assigned zone of responsibility as well as carry out a training schedule in compliance with Training Memorandum # 5, Hq, 104th Infantry Division, dated 14 May.

b. Battalion CP located in HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- At 201800 May 1945 Company "B" relieved Company "A" of its zone of responsibility which is the southern sector of the Battalion area. All static guard posts were taken over by Company "B" to allow Company "A" to undergo a week of intensive training.

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At 221500 May 1945, the Third Platoon was relieved from its post at Camp ALLEN (920300) where they acted as guards for the area where the SHAEF - SOVIET Conferences were being held. Company "A" with all platoons were located in HALLE in the vicinity 938274. No activity reported during the above period.

COMPANY "B" -- At 201800 May 1945, Company "B" relieved Company "A" of its sector of responsibility taking over 4 static guard posts. On 23rd May Company "B" took over an additional post located at the Wine Distillery, 2 GR MARKE STRASSE, HALLE. At close of the above period five static guard posts were in operation as listed below. Roving patrols encountered little or no activity for the period. Company CP located at DIEMITZ with all platoons.

Food Warehouse	6 Guards	Location 954287
Sugar Refinery	6 Guards	Location 955276
Ammunition Train	12 Guards	Location 956275
Central RR Station	12 Guards	Location 954284
Distillery	4 Guards	2 Gr Marke Strasse Halle.

COMPANY "C" -- At 180900 May 1945 Company "C" with the first and third platoons moved from 942299 to a new location at 937306 in the city of HALLE. The second platoon remained at the Food Railhead Warehouse in the vicinity 923333 with the entire platoon employed as guards for same. In all, Company "C" operated six static guard posts and patrolled their zone of responsibility which is the northern sector of the Battalion area. All reports submitted hourly to Bn Hqs from "C" Company patrols were negative.

Power Plant	8 Guards	Location 931283
Gas Plant	7 Guards	Location 920333
City Power Plant	5 Guards	Location 920333
Count Von Luckner's Home	3 Guards	15 Muhlew Strasse
Laundry	5 Guards	Location 939311
Food Railhead & Warehouse	37 Guards	Location 923333

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company with all platoons remained in the same area in HALLE in the vicinity of 935270. The Company employed roving patrols throughout the city proper 24 hours a day and kept one platoon in mobile reserve ready to cope with any emergency that might arise. The prostitute section on NICKOLAI street was patrolled 24 hours a day keeping Allied troops from entering the houses in that vicinity. The only action reported for the period by Rcn patrols were the picking up of six German civilians who were turned over to MP headquarters for violating curfew regulations.

25 May, 1945 to 31 May, 1945 Incl.

1. SITUATION:

a. Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry Division. The Battalion continued its mission of garrisoning the city and surrounding area of HALLE and in addition carried out an intensive training program.

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b. Battalion CP located in HALLE (937294).

2. OPERATIONS:

COMPANY "A" -- The Company with all platoons are located in HALLE in the vicinity of 938274. At 271600 May 1945, Company "A" took over the responsibility of the southern portion of the Battalion sector from "B" Company, after undergoing a week of intensive training. Company "A" operated five static guard posts employing 38 men as well as using roving patrols throughout their area 24 hours per day. No action or activity reported for the period. The list of static posts and locations of same are as follows:

Food Warehouse	6 Guards	Location 954287
Sugar Refinery	6 Guards	Location 955276
Ammunition Train	10 Guards	Location 956275
Central RR Station	12 Guards	Location 953284
Distillery	4 Guards	2 Gr Marke Strasse Halle

COMPANY "B" -- Company "B" located at DIEMITZ (964303) with all platoons. At 271600 May 1945, Company "B" was relieved of its sector by Company "A". Between the hours of 1700 and 2100 on 27 May 1945 Company "B" took over the northern sector of the Battalion area from Company "C" who was relieved to undergo a week of training. Six static guard posts were also taken over from Company "C" with 60 men used to guard same. Roving patrols operating 24 hours a day submitted hourly reports to Bn. Hqs. which were all negative. The static posts operated by Company "B" with locations are as follows:

Power Plant	8 Guards	Location 931283
Gas Plant	7 Guards	Location 931283
City Power Plant	5 Guards	Location 920333
Count Von Luckner's Home	3 Guards	15 Muhlweg Strasse
Laundry	5 Guards	Location 939311
Food Railhead & Warehouse	32 Guards	Location 923333



COMPANY "C" -- By 2100 hours May 27, 1945 Company "C" was relieved of its sector of responsibility and all of its static guard posts by Company "B". The entire Company is located in HALLE in the vicinity 937306 carrying out a training program with all personnel participating. No action to report.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY -- Reconnaissance Company with all platoons remained in HALLE (935270). The company employed roving patrols throughout the city proper 24 hrs per day keeping one platoon in mobile reserve ready to cope with any emergency. A 24 hr static post was also operated on NIKOLAI St. in the prostitute section. The only action reported for the period by patrols were the picking up of 11 German civilians and two civilian trucks carrying 15 German civilians who were all turned over to MP authorities for violating curfew regulations.

William H. Barde

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Commanding

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S-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ANNEX FOR OPERATIONS REPORT PERIOD 1 MAY 45 TO 31 MAY

	BATTLE CASUALTIES					TOTAL SICK AND NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES
	KILLED	WOUNDED	MISSING	CAPTURED	TOTAL	
OFFICERS	0	0	0	0	0	1
E.M.	0	0	0	0	0	12
TOTAL	0	00	0	0	0	13

REINFORCEMENTS

	Officers	Enlisted Men	Total
1 May, 1945	0	5	5
2 May, 1945	0	1	1
3 May, 1945	0	9	9
4 May, 1945	0	1	1
11 May, 1945	0	3	3
12 May, 1945	0	3	3
14 May, 1945	0	1	1
15 May, 1945	0	1	1
27 May, 1945	0	1	1
29 May, 1945	0	3	3
TOTAL	0	28	28



STATUS OF SUPPLIES

1. STATUS OF SUPPLY FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1945:

a. During month status of supply did not change.

Class I - Two (2) days supply on hand
Class III - Two (2) days supply on hand

Class V - One hundred per cent (100%) basic load on hand.