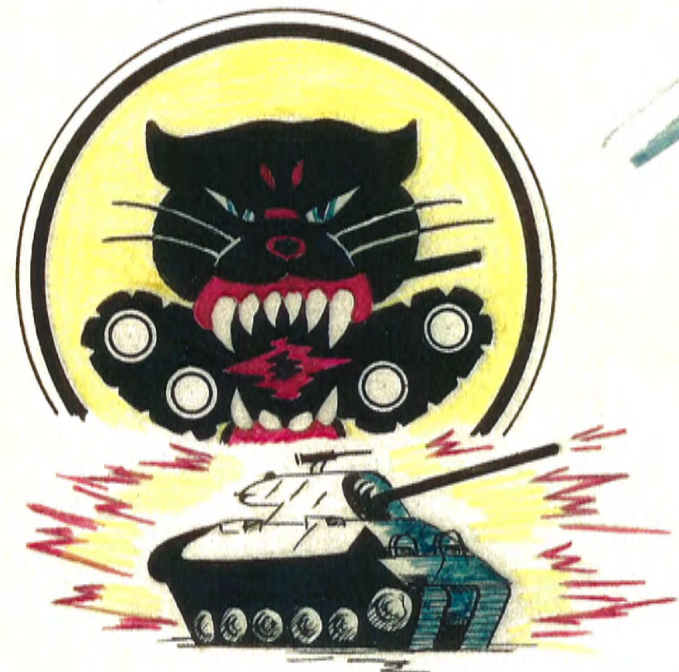


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# AFTER ACTION REPORT

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HEADQUARTERS  
821st Tank Destroyer Battalion  
APO 758

1 July 1945

AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945I SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS1. Phase XIV: Continued Task Force Bremen.

a. During the period 1 June through 30 June 1945, the 821st Tank Destroyer Battalion remained attached to the 29th Division Artillery. On 15 June 1945 the 821st was relieved of attachment to the 9th Army and was attached to the 7th Army.

b. During the month of May all troops of the Battalion moved out of private homes and established permanent quarters in hotels, school buildings, German army barracks or workers barracks. All elements remained in these same locations through the month of June. Company "A" was located in Berne, map coordinates 498102; Company "B", Company "C" and Headquarters Company was located in Deichshausen, map coordinates 592073; Reconnaissance Company was located in Elsfleth, map coordinates 487161.

c. During this period the Battalion continued its security mission of guarding intelligence targets in the Bremen Enclave Area. The area of responsibility being approximately 5 miles wide and 20 miles long, extending along the west side of the Weser River from Elsfleth, map coordinates 487161, on the north, to Deichshausen, map coordinates 592073, on the south.

(1) Motorized and foot patrols were maintained throughout the zone of responsibility, perimeter check points were maintained to control all foot and wheeled traffic entering or leaving the Battalion sector. Regular guard post were maintained at all German government and civilian installations that were considered intelligence targets.

e. In addition to the regular security mission emphasis was placed on general and specialized training, Information and Education activities, Special Service activities, athletics and preparation for redeployment.

(1) Training consisted of physical conditioning, small unit and section training, combat discussions and orientation, and specialized administration instruction. Training was conducted to improve basic techniques necessary for the accomplishment of the present occupational mission, to maintain the highest possible standard of discipline and health and to maintain military proficiency in small unit and basic subjects at a level which would permit recommitment with a minimum of preparation.

(2) Two hours each week were devoted to I and E Orientation. Subjects discussed in I and E orientation were, "Two Down and One to Go", "History of the ETO", "Pacific Round Up", "Our Job in Germany" and "The Home Front". A survey was conducted to determine the educational interest of all personnel in the Battalion. The interviewing of instructors for unit schools was completed during the month. United States Army Forces Institute courses were applied for, three were received and are now in progress.

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Three officers of the Battalion attended a twenty four hour course of study for Group discussion leaders. Personnel were interviewed and applications taken for Army University Courses in England and on the Continent, no action has been taken on applications pending receipt of quotas for attendance. High schools in the United States were contacted to determine the number of credits "non-graduates" required to qualify them for graduation. All personnel of the Battalion viewed the films "On to Tokyo", "Your Job in Germany", "Nazi Atrocities", and "This is the Philippines.

(3) During the period extensive Special Services were inaugurated and carried out. A German Aeroplane factory workers' mess hall was made into a Recreation Hall with an auditorium, game room, exercise room and PX. Through the Division Special Service a moving picture projector and popular films were made available every three days. In addition to moving pictures shown in the Battalion Recreation Hall, Division Theaters were available to members of the Battalion each afternoon and evening. Passes to the Riviera, United Kingdom, Paris and Brussels continued.

(4) Three base ball diamonds, a track with pole vaulting, broad-jumping and high-jump pits were constructed. Base ball players of the Battalion with players from the 747th Tank Battalion and the 554th AAA Battalion formed a team and entered the Division League. This team was leading the Division League at the end of the month. Inter-Company softball, volleyball and track events were in full progress at the close of the period.

(5) On 15 June the Battalion was placed in Category IV for redeployment. All commanders were briefed on the necessary action to be taken to prepare for the redeployment of the Battalion. No action was taken to effect redeployment of the Battalion during the period.



II BATTLE CASUALTIES

1. There were no battle casualties during the month of June 1945.

III AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. For heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy on 24 April 1945, 1st Lt William G. Pepper O-1822822, was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.

2. For meritorious service in military operations against the enemy, the following named officers and enlisted men were awarded the Bronze Star Medal:

Capt Mathew J. Weisgerber O-1825386	1st Lt Wilbert G. Saal O-1823649
1st Sgt Frank O. Harvey 39006522	Sgt Irving Weber 39552720
T/Sgt Arthur H. Tobiason 37268776	Sgt Raymond C. Dodson 39275572
Sgt Don E. Wallick 39276080	Sgt Orville R. Hall 36256802
Sgt Kenneth M. Anderson 37268885	PO Harry F. Romick 35597703

3. The Purple Heart was awarded to 1st Lt Arnwel J. Joiner O-1824193 for wounds received in action against the enemy on 6 April 1945.

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IV COMMANDING OFFICERS

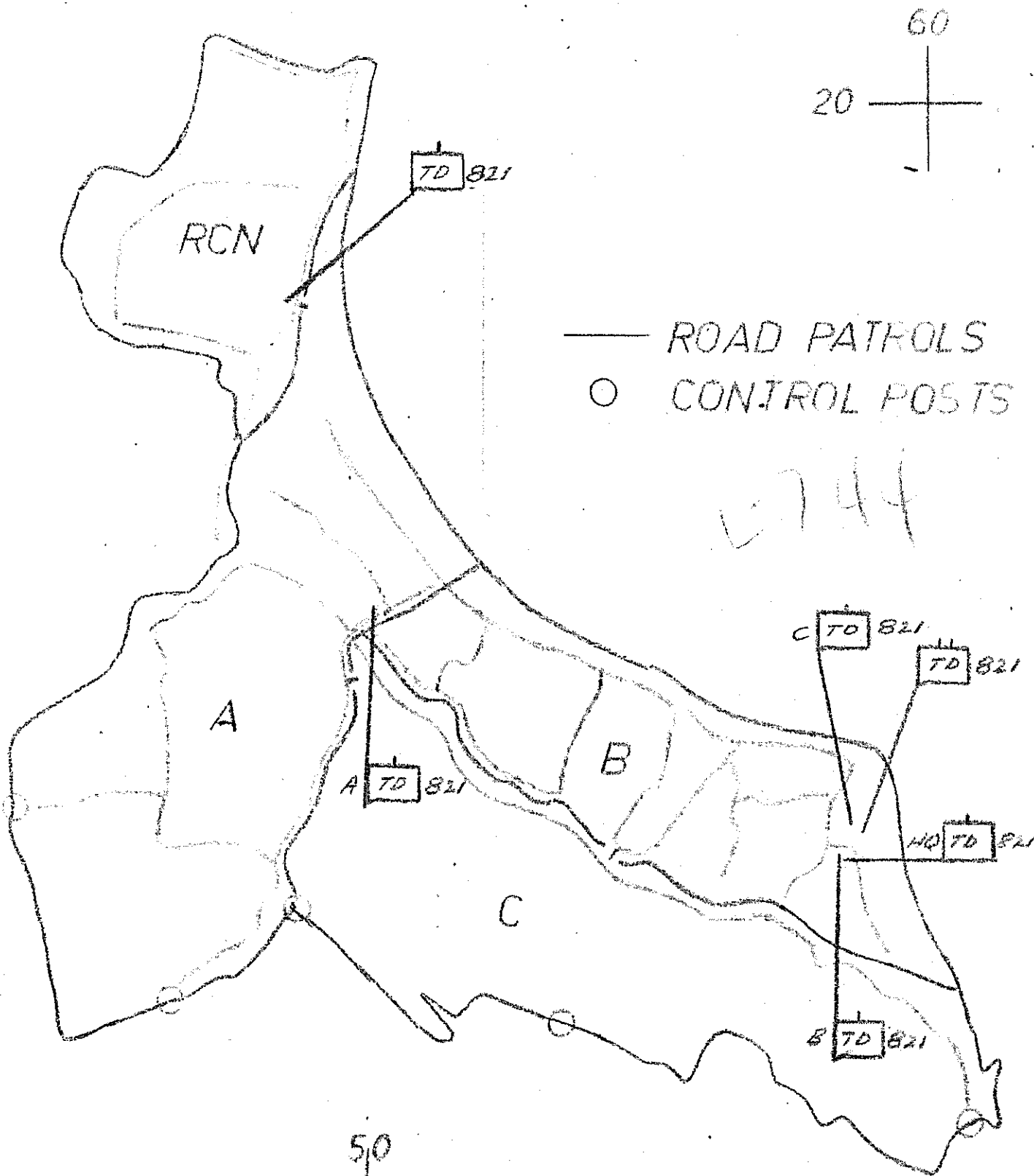
1. Lt Col. Howard H. Arbury was in command of the Battalion for the period 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945.

2. Company Commanders for the period 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945, were as listed below:

- Company "A" - Capt Edward A. Burke
- Company "B" - Capt Floyd F. Ginder
- Company "C" - Capt Dale A. Nafziger
- Ren Company - Capt Herman H. Von Benge
- Hq Company - Capt Harry G. J. Sweed



*Howard H. Arbury*  
HOWARD H. ARBURY  
Lt Col., FA  
Commanding



AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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MAP: GSGS 4416

SHEETS: L3 & M3

