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899TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 130 U.S. ARMY

3 June 1945.

SECTION - I - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

Authority

1. In compliance with Par. 10 (C4), AR 345-105, this Report of Operations of the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the period 1 May to 8 May 1945 (V-E Day), is submitted.

For the Battalion Commander:

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SECTION II - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

Introduction

1. a. During the period covered by this report the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion commanded by Lt. Colonel MAXWELL A. TINGHIN, was attached to the 9th Infantry Division, commanded by Major General LOUIS A. BRADY. The 9th Infantry Division was assigned to the VII Corps, commanded by Lt. General J. LAWTON COLLINS. The VII Corps was in turn assigned to the First United States Army commanded by General COUNTRY H. HOWARD.

b. During the period no units were attached to this organization.

c. During the period the following maps were used by this Battalion: Tactical Maps - 1/100,000, sheets 26, 27, 26 & 27. Road Maps - 1/300,000, sheet 152 and 1/500,000, sheet 4. Situation Maps - 1/250,000 and 1/1,000,000. Aerial photographs and terrain studies were also utilized.

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SECTION III - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

Report of Operations - Month of May 1945

May 1 to May 2, 1945 - The Division continued the defense of the Mulde River against no opposition. Patrols remained active east of the Mulde River. The Battalion continued to provide depth to the Division AT Defenses.

Bn CP - Remained in K0then (D937591).

Co. A - Remained under Battalion control and remained in AT positions as follows: 1st platoon vicinity Dessau (E107694), 2nd platoon remained in AT positions vicinity Aken (D968705) and (D977707), the 3rd platoon remained vicinity the Company CP in Alten (E075675). Maintenance of vehicles was continued throughout the period.

Co. B - Company CP located in Bitterfeld (E174453). The 1st platoon remained in Company reserve vicinity Company CP. The 2nd platoon remained in AT positions vicinity E139505 and E183459. The 3rd platoon remained in AT positions vicinity E205447. Company continued 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance of vehicles.

Co. C - Company CP located vicinity E074690. The 1st platoon remained in AT positions vicinity E050562. The 2nd platoon occupied AT positions vicinity E040511. The 3rd platoon occupied reserve positions vicinity Company CP. Maintenance continued throughout the period.

Ren. Co. - Continued in attachment to Task Force Hupfer in providing security for the Division in the Division rear areas.

Hq. Co. - Remained vicinity D953588.

May 3 to 8 May 1945 (V-E Day) - The Battalion assembled in the Bernburg area, 3 May 1945, and assumed an occupational role of the town and surrounding terrain. Relieving elements of TF Hupfer.

Bn CP - Located vicinity D766629.

Co. A - CP moved to vicinity D756605. Company relieved elements of TF Hupfer at the Salt Mines at D756605 and D793601.

Co. B - CP moved to vicinity D785632.

Co. C - CP moved to vicinity Paschleben (D862620).

Ren. Co. - CP moved to vicinity D759621. The Company remained attached to Task Force Hupfer.

Hq Co. - Moved to vicinity D768628.

Companies patrolled the Battalion area and enforced Military Government Regulations.

No contact with the enemy was made by the Battalion throughout the period.

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REPORT: ACTION AGAINST ENEMY: From 010001 May, 1945 to 032000 May, 1945.

SECTION IV

SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

Map: Central Europe, 1/100,000.



1. Location of Administrative troops and installations.

a. Rear echelon located at R.983800 vicinity Kethen, Germany at beginning of period.

b. On 3 May 1945, moved to R.771837 vicinity Bernburg, Germany. Remained at the above location at end of period.

2. Status of Supply:

a. Class I.

(1) Rations drawn daily from 9th Inf. Div. QM.

Two days 10 in 1 rations reserved maintained for all companies.

b. Class II & IV.

(1) All items of equipment and supplies of all services except Ordnance were drawn through service sections of 9th Inf. Div. Ordnance supply and maintenance by VII Corps, 136th Ordnance Company, in direct support.

c. Class III.

(1) The following amounts were drawn from 9th Inf. Div. QM to replace basic load.

- 37,720 gal. gasoline
- 218 gal. #30 oil
- 375 gal. #30 oil

(2) The following amounts were drawn through VII Corps truckheadst:

- 7,100 gal. gasoline
- 175 gal. #30 oil
- 385 gal. #30 oil
- 700 gal. diesel fuel

d. Class V.

(1) No Class V material drawn or consumed during this period.

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3. Status of Transportation:

Type	On Hand			Total on hand 8 Mar 1945	
	1 Mar	Gains	Losses	Serviceable	Unserviceable
Trailer, 1/4 ton	6			6	
Trailer, 1 ton	20			20	
Trailer, M10	8			8	
Truck, 1/4 ton	48			48	
Truck, 3/4 ton	5			5	
Truck, 1-1/2 ton	11			11	
Truck, 2-1/2 ton	20			19	1
Truck, M. W. r. M1.	1			1	
Recovery, L-3	3			3	
CAL, M.8	6			6	
CAL, M.20	20			20	1
90mm M.26	25			25	1
M/T M.3	1		1		

4. Status of Demolition:

See After Action Report, 9th Infantry Division.

5. Conditions of roads and status of circulation: Excellent.

6. Salvage and Captured Material:

Normal salvage evacuated by this organization.

Location of all captured material reported to 9th Inf. Div.



For the Battalion Commander:

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Capt., 899th T.D. Bn.,
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9 May 1945

SECTION 7 - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

PART I

ENEMY, COMBATANTS AND ALLIED

	ENEMY			ALLIED		
	ABSENT	DEAD	POW	ABSENT	DEAD	POW
May 1, 1945	34			52		
May 8, 1945	34			52	1	0

Reinforcements received: 2
Temporary loss:

Officers: 5
Enlisted Men: 25



PART II

CASUALTIES

Notes

PART III

AWARDS AND INCENTIVES, UNIT CITATIONS

Silver Star

None

Bronze Star

None

Purple Heart

NAME	NO	GRADE	COMPONENT	DATE	REMARKS
BRIDGEMAN, ROBERT L.	3709037	1st Lt.	C.O.	8, 1944	1 May 45
DEARING, MILTON H.	3047740	1st Lt.	C.O.	8, 1944	1 May 45
SANDS, WILSON	3047765	1st Lt.	C.O.	8, 1944	1 May 45
REKSTINEK, WILSON C.	3710159	Pfc.	C.O.	8, 1944	1 May 45
MARTIN, ALEXANDER V.	3046540	Pfc.	C.O.	8, 1944	1 May 45
TRAMPSON, WAYNE E.	3753925	Pfc.	C.O.	8, 1944	1 May 45

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Oliver J. Seegrove
Personal Officer



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SECTION VI - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.
ANNEX I - Supporting Document.

Unit Journal for Month of May 1945.

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SECTION VI - Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.
ANNEX II - Supporting Document.

Operations Instructions, Numbers 2 and 3, and Annex to Operations
Instructions Number 2, this Headquarters.



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3 May 1945.

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

NUMBER 2)

1. This Battalion assumes responsibility of Security of Area 3 within the Division Rear Area Security Plan on 4 May 1945.

2. Companies are responsible for the Security within areas as follows:

- Co "A" - Sub Area "A"
- Co "B" - Sub Area "B"
- Co "C" - Sub Area "C"

3. Companies will make a complete reconnaissance of respective areas tomorrow morning, 4 May 1945.

4. Companies will patrol respective areas twice daily and throughout the night and as many times thereafter as is deemed necessary by the Company Commander.

- a. All Military Government regulations will be enforced.
- b. Curfew hours will be enforced.
- c. Riots of any kind will be suppressed and the responsible parties taken prisoners.

5. Company A will assume responsibility of the Salt Mines, now held by members of Task Force Hupfer, and will relieve members of TFH now holding same tomorrow morning. (Civilians will be allowed access to the mines but will be searched before entering and before leaving to insure that no explosives, etc., are taken into the mines and to insure that no treasures of any kind are removed).

6. All male personnel obviously of military age and capable of military duty found circulating will be apprehended. If their WEHRPASS, or other identification card bears the CIC or MG Stamp referred to below, such persons will be allowed to continue to circulate. However, if such is not the case, such persons will be sent to CIC for screening and if accompanied by females, the latter also will be sent to CIC.

The CIC Pass reads:

"This civilian, _____ Wehrpass No. _____ has been screened by CIC, 9th Infantry Division. This person should not be picked up again for screening by CIC, 9th Inf Div, unless he (she) commits an act, or information is obtained, which would warrant it. This pass is not to be honored for any purpose other than the exemption stated above."

By order of Lt Colonel TINCHER:

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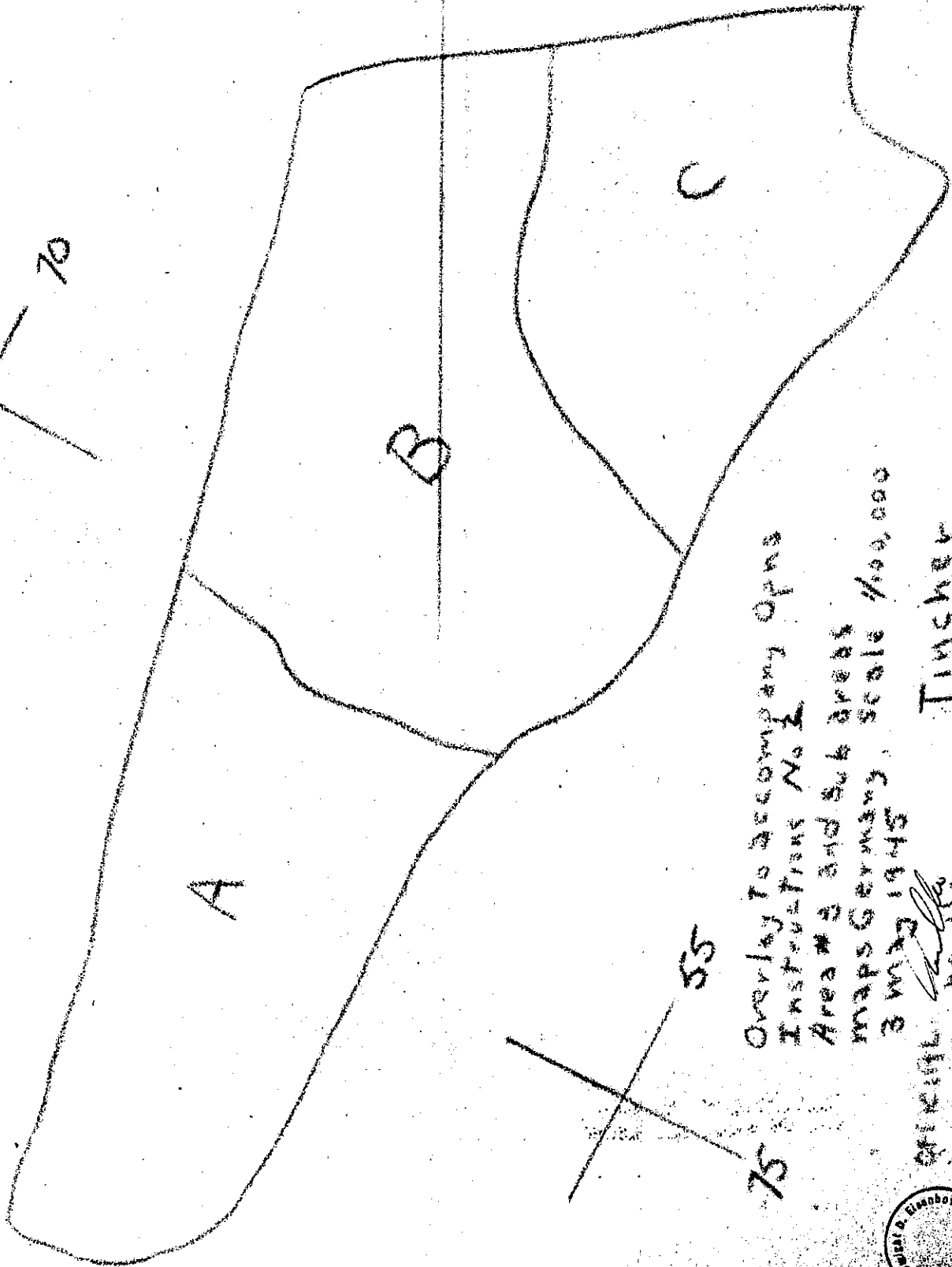


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 Instructions No 2
 Areas 3 and sub areas
 maps Germany, scale 1:100,000
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4 May 1945.

ANNEX TO OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)
NUMBER 2)



CONTROL OF CIVILIANS, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND ALLIED PWs.

1. Curfew Hours: 2000B to 0600B.
2. Travel and Circulation Restrictions.
 - a. Limit of circulation will not exceed 6 kilometers under any circumstances, except with an MG pass.
 - b. Farmers will be allowed to work their fields.
 - c. Displaced persons and allied prisoners of war will, under no circumstance, be permitted to leave town limits.
 - d. Only those civilian vehicles which have "Civilian Motor Pool, Landkreis _____" painted on the doors of the vehicle are allowed to circulate. The operator should have a CIC or MG pass.
 - e. Confiscate all bicycles on the roads unless the rider has a CIC or MG pass.
 - f. Travelers (those leaving an area with no intention of returning) will be picked up. Persons carrying luggage along roads between towns may be assumed to be travelers.
3. Installations designated by this Headquarters, will be guarded.
4. All persons, who have been picked up, will be brought to the MG office in Bernburg and turned over to Lt. Kluge.



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