

HEAD UNIT: 6888TH TANK INSTRUCTOR BATTALION, TOMB
APO 230, U. S. ARMY

6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

THROUGH: Commanding General, 71st Infantry Division, APO 360, U. S. Army.

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

REPORT SUBMITTED FOR APRIL 1945

a. Original Unit: No change.

b. Changes in organization: Released assignment First United States Army and assigned Third United States Army 29 March 1945 per par. 6 Troop Assignment Order #88 (amended) No. 12th Army Group dated 8 April 1945 - remained attached 71st Infantry Division.

Released from attached to XII Corps and attached XI Corps effective 17 April 1945 per Troop Assignment #A-135, No. Third United States Army dated 20 April 1945 - remained attached to 71st Infantry Division.

c. <u>Strength:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
	1 Apr 45	32	2	724
	30 Apr 45	34	2	696
Incr or Decr		2	0	-28

d. Station: Germany.

e. Marches: All marches and moves by Battalion Command Post and our Companies noted in narrative listed as Appendix No. 1.

f. Campaign: Western Europe.

g. Battles: See narrative listed as Appendix No. 1.

h. Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. Smith, Wirt (n), OL23028, P1.

i. <u>Losses in Action:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Killed in Action:</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	
	Pfc Louis F. Zarri	1 Apr
	Sgt Arthur F. Hanson	10 Apr
	Pvt Raymond (n) Martin	20 Apr
<u>Wounded - evacuated:</u>	Pfc Eugene W. Nadeau	1 Apr

(In April 29 enlisted men were evacuated as non-battle casualties)

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- j. Paper and report numbers who have distinguished themselves in action:
None: However, a number of recommendations are being processed.
- k. Photographs: None.
- l. Inclosure: Appendix No. 1 as Inclosure #1.

WILL SMITH
Lt. Col., FA
Commanding

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APPENDIX NO. 1

NARRATIVE
Excerpts from Unit Journal
Incidents

April 1945

- 1 The Battalion Commander approved the promotion of Pfc John Corpa, Co C, to Security Corporal.

Battalion CP moved - left coordinate 766629 Hausenstamm, Germany, 1345 hrs 1 Apr and arrived coordinate 935762 Langenselbold, Germany at 1615 hrs 1 Apr - distance travelled 28.6 miles - crossed River Main at 1425 hrs at Grossschm, Germany.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coordinate 753572 Dietsenbach, Germany, at 0820 hrs 1 Apr and arrived coordinate 008795 Liebles, Germany at 1220 hrs 1 Apr - distance travelled 30 miles.

Pfc Louis L. Parri killed in action by a hand grenade in area approximately 1200 yards southeast of Dietsenbach, Germany, in wooded area.

Pfc Eugene W. Madson KIA by a hand grenade in area approximately 1200 yards southeast of Dietsenbach, Germany, in wooded area. Fragmentation buttocks and lower right leg - evacuated by 71st Clearing Company.

Upon arrival Langenselbold, Germany on 1 Apr with billeting party, Major Scott and Lt. Tremer placed enemy hospital with 76 wounded enemy soldiers under guard and in care of a German Officer Surgeon. Our guards remained on duty until relieved by 71st Division MPs.

- 2 Company B moved - left coordinate 691625 Neu-Isenburg, Germany 1315 hrs 1 Apr and arrived coordinate 925727 Niederrodnbach, Germany, 1445 hrs 1 Apr, distance travelled 21 miles.

Company C moved - left coordinate 796643 Oberthausen, Germany, 1840 hrs 1 Apr and arrived Langendiebach, Germany, coordinate 889751 at 2010 hrs 1 Apr - distance travelled 12.6 miles.

At Langenselbold, Germany, the Battalion Commander noted a civilian carrying a basket toward woods and being suspicious that the basket contained food and civilian clothing for some enemy soldier in hiding, ordered Capt Inge and Lt Tremer with a Recon Section patrol to make a search of the woods located vicinity coordinate 88-9678 east of the CP building. Sgt Garner, Recon Section, captured one enemy who was hiding in a covered foxhole.

- 3 Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coordinate 889751 Langendiebach, Germany, and arrived coord 860883 Alenstadt, Germany - left 1420 hrs 2 Apr and arrived 1520 hrs 2 Apr - distance travelled 12.2 miles.

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At 0545 hrs 2 Apr, 2nd Platoon in position at coord 919892 Dudenlehn, Germany, fired direct fire mission in support of 14th Regimental attack to clear woods at coord 9191 of enemy. At 0545 hrs one (1) rd 3" Illuminating shell fired with mission accomplished. At 0830 hrs Gun Sgt Goodspeed sighted four enemy digging in. He fired 2 rds 3" HE wounding or killing all four. Sgt Linquist at edge of woods saw medics carry all four enemy out on stretchers. Sgt Goodspeed's gun also fired 3 rds HE at horse-drawn utility vehicle at 2000 yards - result 4 horses killed and vehicle destroyed. Sgt Cipra's gun fired 2 rds HE7105 at fortified house in woods; house destroyed and occupants killed. In support of the infantry endeavoring to march through the woods, the 2nd Platoon fired 20 rds HE direct. Results to enemy personnel unknown, but enemy cleared from woods.

Two (2) halftracks towing 3" guns of the 3rd Platoon led by Platoon Commander 1st Lt. Standfield, together with two (2) tanks attached, attacked the enemy in the woods north of Rodenbach with the 2nd Bn, 14th Inf Regt. Drawing small arms fire, Lt Standfield had his men dismount from their halftracks and personally led his men, with the tanks following, forward. Lt Standfield killed one German officer and one enlisted man and Sgt Shaws captured one SS trooper. The woods were cleared and the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Inf Regt personally commended Lt Standfield to Capt Pellegrino, Commanding C Company.

Company A reported:

2nd Platoon took three PWs south of Hailler, Germany at 1900 hrs 1 Apr. Turned in to Bn CP two British paratroopers who were liberated from the PW camp at Bad Ord - Sgt Robert Hornigold, 8008243, 3rd Para Bn captured at Arnhem 19 Sept 44 and Pvt Sidney Carter 4343883, 3rd Para Bn captured at Arnhem 23 Sept 44.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 915727 Niederrodenbach, Germany 1430 hrs 2 Apr and arrived coord 949884 Orleshausen, Germany 1930 hrs 2 Apr - distance travelled 16 miles
2nd Platoon took 3 prisoners in Orleshausen on 2 Apr.
1st Platoon took 5 prisoners in Orleshausen on 3 Apr.

The Battalion Commander approved the promotion of Pfc Warren E Grubb, Co A, to Gunner Corporal and Pfc Herman H Luvano, H Co, to Top 5 - Co Mail Clerk.

Batt Lion CP moved - left coord 935762 Langenselbold, Germany at 1310 hrs 3 Apr and arrived at coord 977877 Badlingen, Germany at 1430 hrs - distance travelled 11.8 miles.

Company B moved - left coord 949884 Orleshausen, Germany, at 1030 hrs 3 Apr and arrived coord 976885 Badlingen, Germany 1100 hrs 3 Apr - distance travelled 2 miles.

Bn Commander assigned two Ptn Plat M-8s in charge of Pts Cantrell and Jones as protection escort to Division Billeting officer to Ulmbach, Germany.

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4 Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 860889 Alenstaft, Germany, 1255 hrs 3 Apr and arrived coord 930934 Bleichenbach, Germany 1420 hrs 3 Apr - distance traveled 8.3 miles.

3rd Platoon captured 1 PW in Berghain, Germany on 3 Apr.

1st Platoon captured 4 PWs, including 1 SS trooper on 3 Apr in Bleichenbach, Germany.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 002795 Lieblas, Germany 1630 hrs 3 Apr and arrived coord 121959 Hirstein, Germany 1900 hrs 3 Apr 45 - distance travelled 21.1 miles.

Received Operations Instructions #7, Hq. 71st Infantry Division dated 32000 Apr 45: All units will complete present missions. On Division order move in organic transportation to new areas - conduct systematic, house to house, room to room search in towns in zones leading to new assembly areas, in towns in assembly areas. All males ages 18-45 will be placed under arrest and confined in PW enclosure unless each can prove his right to be in area - Company A 635th TD Bn will move with 66th Inf Regt to area surrounding Hirstein, Germany, Company B 635th TD Bn will move with 5th Inf Regt to area surrounding Gerbersdorf, Germany and Company C 635th TD Bn will move with the 14th Inf Regt to area surrounding Kressenbach, Germany. 635th TD Bn (-) will move to Ulmbach, Germany with Division Headquarters.

Received General Order #11, Hq. VII Corps, 19 March 45, Par 3: Lt Colonel First with, 0123028, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 14 September to 10 November 1944 in Germany.

Battalion CP moved - left coord 977877 Ludingen, Germany 1440 hrs 4 April and arrived coord 199979 Ulmbach, Germany 1700 hrs 4 Apr - distance travelled 29.3 miles. At 1530 hrs during the CP's march to Ulmbach, Capt Page, leading the column, noticed 5 armed enemy at coord 093866 crossing a field. Capt Page opened fire and killed one and the remaining four fired two or three rds from their rifles at the convoy and took cover. The Bn Commander directed machine gun fire at the enemy and the convoy proceeded to destination.

Enroute to Ulmbach, Germany, Pvt Calasagno, Hq Co, took 1 PW - turned into PW cage.

Capt Harold L. Pellegrino, 016867, returned to duty from MIA per authority PG 70, Par 2, Hq 191st (US) General Hospital.

- 5 Received Operations Instructions #8, 42200 Apr 45, Hq. 71st Infantry Division: Company B 635th TD Bn will move with 5th Inf Regt to area generally two kilometers southeast of Fulda and will relieve 10th Infantry Division in position. Company A 635th TD Bn will move with 66th Inf Regt to area generally around Oberlahbach; will mop up enemy in woods and towns in zone. Company C 635th TD Bn will move with 14th Inf Regt on order from Division only to new assembly area generally two to three kilometers southwest of Fulda; mop up enemy in woods and towns in zone. 635th TD Bn (-) will move to Fulda on Division order.

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By order of the Bn Commander, Capt Pellegrino assumed command of Company C replacing 1st Lt Pritchard temporarily in command of the company.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 930934 Bleichenbach, Germany 1105 hrs 4 Apr and arrived coord 232985 Kressenbach, Germany, 1420 hrs 4 Apr - distance travelled 23.6 miles.

2nd Platoon took 4 PWs 4 Apr at Michelan, Germany.

Cpl Gaskrell took 1 PW on road between Bargheim, Germany and Delnhart, Germany.

Bn CP moved - left coord 199779 Ulmbach, Germany 1445 hrs 5 Apr and arrived coord 380002 Fulda, Germany 1735 hrs 5 Apr - distance travelled 23.3 miles.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 976385 Budingen, Germany 1645 hrs 4 Apr and arrived coord 159895 Bad Soden, Germany 1900 hrs 4 Apr 45 - distance travelled 32 miles.

Company B moved - left coord 159895 Bad Soden, Germany 1130 hrs 5 Apr and arrived coord 369198 Fulda, Germany 1515 hrs 5 Apr - distance travelled 29 miles.

Company B gun platoons assigned to 2nd Bn 5th Inf Regt and given mission of coordinating antitank defense of north and east Fulda - platoons placed in position.

- 6 Sgt Cunningham, Recon Platoon in charge of ration truck escort vehicle captured SS trooper of the 6th Mountain Arty-Grd in Leisenfeld, Germany.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 121959 Birstein, Germany 1640 hrs 5 Apr and arrived coord 202081 Reichlos, Germany 1950 hrs 5 Apr - distance travelled 13.5 miles.
1st Platoon took 1 PW 0900 hrs 5 Apr.

Company A moved - left coord 202081 Reichlos, Germany 1100 hrs 6 Apr and arrived coord 276227 Grossenlinder, Germany 1630 hrs 6 Apr - distance travelled 15.6 miles.
Company A vehicles, primarily halftracks, transported 66th Infantry foot troops throughout 5 Apr.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 232985 Kressenbach, Germany 1315 hrs 6 Apr and arrived coord 365200 Fulda, Germany 1700 hrs 6 Apr - distance travelled 31.3 miles.

At 1700 hrs 5 Apr 2nd Platoon captured 4 PWs in Breitenbach, Germany.

At 1130 hrs 5 Apr Sgt Hoffman's section (3rd Platoon) engaged in a fire fight with a patrol of 5 enemy at coord 233983, east edge of Kressenbach, Germany. Killed 1, wounded 1 and taken prisoner with the remainder of the enemy patrol. Sgt Hoffman's gun was in position as road block when infantry reported the patrol to him instead of engaging it. Within 300 yards of this position Cpls Genino and Dickson engaged 4 more enemy, wounding 1 and taking the other 3 prisoner - total 8 prisoners, 2 wounded.

On 6 Apr at 1500 hrs, Lt Stewart and his driver, Pfc Jaeger, took 4 PWs in the woods at Geisel, Germany.

Bn Adjutant reported the following from the Rear Echelon "One twin-engined German plane came over our area low morning of 6 Apr at approximately 0635 hrs and dropped 5 parachutes containing food, small arms ammunition and bazooka

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ammunition. Three parachutes were recovered and the two others are in the process of being recovered, and it is believed these final two did not open. Vehicular patrols were sent through the woods to SW of Rear Kehlen area".

Bn Adjutant reported the following from the Rear Kehlen "While our water detail was attempting to get water afternoon of 6 Apr, they took two prisoners in the town of Wolfersheim".

Received SO #11 of 20 Mar 45, Hq VII Corps - "VOOG 14 March 45 directing that Private Richard J. Kahweiler, 37093641, Hq Co, 635th TD Bn, be placed on DS Hq VII Corps for duty with G-6 Section are hereby confirmed and made of record".

Field Order #13 dated 061930 Apr 45, Hq 71st Infantry Division received: 108th Cavalry Group on our right maintains its between 71st Infantry Division and Seventh Army units on our right (S). 26th Infantry Division advances on our left (N). 71st Infantry Division Reinforced continues present mission of protecting right (S) flank of XII Corps. Company C 635th TD Bn attached to CT #14 Motorized will move with that unit 070700S Apr 45 to area Unterwald - establish positions and prepare for further action to south and east. Company A 635th TD Bn attached to CT #66 Motorized will move with that unit on Division order 7 Apr 45 to area Hofbieber - protect right (S) flank of XII Corps from positions in designated area. Company B 635th TD Bn attached to CT #5 Motorized will move with that unit to vicinity Heiningen and prepare for further action to the southeast within Division zone.

7 Company A reported:

Between 1300 and 1600 hrs 6 Apr the 4th Platoon expended 15 rds .45 cal. and 9 rds .30 cal. - taking 2 prisoners at coord 255195 and 3 prisoners at coord 257209.

Pvt Callwell, 2nd Platoon, took 2 prisoners at 0600 hrs 7 Apr vicinity gun position southeast edge of Grossaluder, Germany.

Company C moved - left coord 365200 Fulda, Germany at 0830 hrs 7 Apr and arrived coord 711259 Kaltensundheim, Germany 1300 hrs 7 Apr - distance travelled 34 miles.

8 Bn CP moved - left coord 360202 Fulda, Germany at 0800 hrs 8 Apr and arrived coord 894216 Heiningen, Germany 1250 hrs 8 Apr - distance travelled 49.5 miles.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 276227 Grossaluder, Germany 1820 hrs 7 Apr and arrived coord 900230 Heiningen, Germany 0620 hrs 8 Apr - distance travelled 63.3 miles.

At 1700 hrs 7 Apr 2nd Platoon took 2 prisoners at Grossaluder, Germany. 3rd Platoon attached to 3rd Bn, 66th Inf Regt, 71st Inf Div.

Company B moved - left coord 369198 Fulda, Germany 1045 hrs 8 Apr and arrived coord 896183 Untermassfeld, Germany 1515 hrs 8 Apr - distance travelled 52 miles.

Company C reported:

On 7 Apr, Opl Cookrell took 3 prisoners and Sgt Corbett took 2 prisoners on road between Fulda and Kaltensundheim, Germany.

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- 10 The Bn Commander approved the following promotions in Hq Co: Pfc Irving C. Pauley to Tec 5, duty OIA; Pfc Elton R. Sebaugh to Tec 5, duty O60; Tec 4 Johnny C. Peterson to S/Sgt, duty 824, Tec 5 Cecil J. Weiss to Tec 4, duty O60. Tec 5 Paul F. Conkman to Tec 4, duty O60 and Pfc Milton G. Bates to Tec 5 duty O60.

Company C moved - left coord 714215 Kaltensundheim, Germany 1415 hrs 9 Apr and arrived coord 891211 Weiningen, Germany 1650 hrs 9 Apr - distance travelled 16 miles.

Received Secret Letter Hq. VII Corps dated 25 Mar 45, file 377.5, subject, "Troop assignment #12 (Administrative)", par. 2 - 635th TD Bn-F relieved from attachment 4th Cavalry Group Area and VII Corps effective 15 March 1945.

Received Field Order #14, Hq. 71st Infantry Division 101000 April 45 - 106th Cavalry Group and 45th Infantry Division on our right (S) continue their advance. 26th Infantry Division on our left (W) continues its advance. 11th Armored Division continues its advance to our front. 71st Infantry Division Reinforced attacks on Division order in its zone of action, regiments abreast, 5th Inf Regt on right and 66th Inf Regt on left. Destroys enemy in zone. (Division zone generally from Hellerhausen in North and Untermassfeld in south continuing southeast toward Coburg and finishing in Delbau in north and Ehrenhausen in South - zone split in half with 66th Inf Regt in northern portion of zone and 5th Inf Regt in southern portion). Company B 635th TD Bn attached to 5th Inf Regt will advance with that unit and support them in destroying enemy in that zone. Company A 635th TD Bn attached to 66th Inf Regt will advance with that unit and support them in destroying the enemy in zone.

Bn CP moved - left coord 894216 Weiningen, Germany 1420 hrs 10 Apr and arrived coord 948157 Theuer, Germany 1510 hrs 10 Apr - distance travelled 14 miles.

Company A moved - left coord 900230 Weiningen, Germany 0930 hrs 10 Apr and arrived at coord 126068 Hildburghausen, Germany 1400 hrs 10 Apr - distance travelled 25.2 miles.

Rear Echelon moved into Weiningen, Germany coord 898113.

- 11 Company A reported Sgt Arthur Hanson KIA 10 Apr in town of Klosterveilsdorf, Germany.

Bn CP moved - left coord 948157 Theuer, Germany 1055 hrs 11 Apr and arrived at coord 126068 Hildburghausen, Germany 1210 hrs 11 Apr - distance travelled 8 miles.

Company C moved - left coord 891211 Weiningen, Germany 1430 hrs 10 Apr and arrived coord 900178 Obermassfeld, Germany 1500 hrs 10 Apr - distance travelled 2.6 miles.

Company D moved - left coord 900178 Obermassfeld, Germany 0800 hrs 11 Apr and arrived coord 138012 Eishausen, Germany 1045 hrs 11 Apr - distance travelled 23 miles.

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Company B reported:

1st Platoon took 10 prisoners on 10 Apr at Zeilfeld, Germany. 2nd Platoon took 2 prisoners the same day in the same town.

1st Platoon took 8 prisoners 10 Apr at Rischhausen, Germany.

Company B moved - left coord 896183 Untermarsfeld, Germany 0910 hrs 10 Apr and arrived coord 055053 Zeilfeld, Germany 1130 hrs 10 Apr - distance travelled 6 miles.

Company B moved - left coord 055053 Zeilfeld, Germany 0745 hrs 11 Apr and arrived coord 230930 area 300 meters north of Harbartsdorf, Germany 1015 hrs 11 Apr - distance travelled 18 miles.

12 Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 126063 Hildburghausen, Germany 1500 hrs 11 Apr and arrived coord 269025 Rottenbach, Germany 1630 hrs 11 Apr - distance travelled 10.7 miles.

At 1015 hrs 11 Apr 2nd Platoon engaged in firefight with an undetermined number enemy foot troops in vicinity coord 123058, Hill 496, approximately 1 Km south of Hildburghausen, Germany. After about 10 minutes of concentrated small arms firing by the enemy and our platoon and 30 minutes of scattered intermittent fire during which time the following ammunition was expended: 250 rds M¹ .30 cal., 125 rds .45 cal., 100 rds .50 cal M2, 92 rds M-1, 30 rds carbines and 6 hand grenades. The Platoon searched the woods and took 6 prisoners. Investigation revealed an enemy CP intact with BC scope and field phone installation. These destroyed with all enemy rifles found in the vicinity of the action. Six enemy dead were also found and by 1300 hrs the platoon completely searched the woods.

Company C reported:

On 11 Apr the 3rd Platoon captured two enemy; one officer and one enlisted man, in woods south of Stanfeld, Germany.

On 10 Apr in Kaltensiedheim, Germany, the 3rd Platoon captured 9 enemy 150mm towed guns.

Received Secret letter 8 Apr 45, Hq Twelfth Army Group, file 322 (10-0), subject: Troop Assignment Hq. 88, paragraph 6, VECI of 2 Apr 45, directing the following changes in status of troops, are confirmed and made of record effective that date: 633th TD Bn released assignment First United States Army; assigned Third United States Army.

Bn CP moved - left coord 126063 Hildburghausen, Germany 1515 hrs 12 Apr and arrived coord 296906 Coburg, Germany 1210 hrs 12 Apr - distance travelled 5 1/2 miles.

Received Secret letter Hq XII Corps dated 10 Apr, file AG 322 (CRMIC) subject "Troop Assignment A-40", That Infantry Division is assigned to XII Corps per Third United States Army Troop Assignment A-132 effective 29 Mar - 633th TD Bn (T) attached to XII Corps per Third United States Army Troop Assignment A-132 are further attached to First Infantry Division.

13 Company A moved - left coord 269025 Rottenbach, Germany 1500 hrs 12 Apr and arrived coord 406972 Houstadt, Germany 1630 hrs 12 Apr - distance travelled

15 miles.

Received Operations Instructions #9, HQ. 71st Infantry Division 122030Z Apr 45; 9th Inf Regt with Company B 635th TD Bn advance in column of battalions in zone to phase line generally from Weismann to Hainroth at 130700Z Apr 45, 14th Inf Regt with Company C 635th TD Bn advance in column in zone to phase line Hainroth to one kilometer south of Kirchleus at 130700Z Apr 45. 66th Inf Regt with Company A of 635th TD Bn advance in column of battalions in zone to phase line one kilometer south of Kirchleus to one kilometer north of Grossenrodorf. All towns and woods will be swept of enemy.

Company C moved - left coord 136012 Elshausen, Germany 1430 hrs 12 Apr and arrived coord 348932 Oeslau, Germany 1710 hrs 12 Apr - distance travelled 17 miles.

Company B reported:

During night of 12 Apr, Sgt Stubbs noticed a German officer near Immersdorf, Germany in the vicinity of his gun position. He challenged him and called for him to halt. The German, not heeding Sgt Stubbs call to halt, it was necessary for Sgt Stubbs to kill him.

The 4th Platoon captured 3 enemy: 2 officers and 1 FM, in Waltsdorf, Germany on 13 Apr.

Received Secret letter 11 Apr, HQ Third United States Army, subject: "Troop Assignment 4-132", par 2 - 635th TD Bn-F attached to XII Corps effective 2 Apr 45.

- 14 Company A moved - left coord 406972 Neustadt, Germany 1700 hrs 13 Apr and arrived coord 512832 Scholz, Germany 1845 hrs 13 Apr - distance travelled 17.3 miles.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 348932 Oeslau, Germany 1730 hrs 13 Apr and arrived coord 470818 Marktgrün, Germany 1930 hrs 13 Apr - distance travelled 16.3 miles. On 13 Apr 3rd Platoon took 15 prisoners at Biberbach and Unterlangenstadt. After the Infantry cleared Biberbach, Sgt Shaw took 6 prisoners and Sgt MacKay's Security Section took 9 prisoners at Unterlangenstadt, Germany.

1st Lt Thomas V Gans, HQ Co transferred to Company B.

- 15 Bn CP moved - left coord 294896 Götting, Germany 0745 hrs 15 Apr and arrived coord 661742 Kalsbach, Germany at 1010 hrs 15 Apr - distance travelled 40.1 miles.

Received Operations Instructions #12, HQ. 71st Infantry Division, 142000Z Apr 45, 5th Inf Regt supported by Company B 635th TD Bn will move one battalion to vicinity Dornhof to sweep woods to northeast and east of Dornhof. Upon completion assignment, assemble vicinity Mythenberg, O-7255. One battalion will sweep woods extending southeast to Oberwald and Weidenmühl and assemble vicinity Weidenmühl - protect right (S) flank of Corps. 14th Infantry Regt with Company C 635th TD Bn will continue on present mission; secure and clear Beyreuth. 66th Inf Regt supported by Company A, 635th TD Bn will advance in column of battalions to south along super-highway to vicinity Hirschbach - clear

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teams along route of advance - maintain contact with 26th Inf Regt on left.

Company B moved - left coord 296906 Coburg, Germany 1445 hrs 13 Apr and arrived coord 433799 Schwarvila, Germany 1730 hrs 13 Apr - distance travelled 17 miles. Company B moved - left coord 433799 Schwarvila, Germany 1230 hrs 14 Apr and arrived coord 629627 Immerdorf, Germany 1700 hrs 14 Apr - distance travelled 26 miles.

Bn S-3 and Pfc Bradbury captured two Germans in vicinity CP at Kulmbach, Germany.

Company C moved - left coord 470818 Marktgraitz, Germany 0900 hrs 14 Apr and arrived coord 705411 Altenplata, Germany 2000 hrs 14 Apr - distance travelled 25 miles.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 512852 Schmeln, Germany 1600 hrs 14 Apr and arrived coord 730744 Langenroth, Germany 1800 hrs 14 Apr - distance traveled 25.4 miles. Between 1000 hrs and 1600 hrs 14 Apr 1st Platoon took 4 prisoners at coord 620768 Unt. Dornbach, Germany and 81 prisoners at coord 646756 Metzdorf, Germany. At approximately 1800 hrs the same day the entire 4th Platoon engaged in a fire fight at coord 777698 Gessensroth, Germany. A group of enemy estimated at platoon strength were sighted and the platoon commenced firing. Sporadic firing continued up to 1930 hrs. Investigation revealed the enemy had a machine gun nest set up to fire southwest down the super-highway covering a road block. 22 prisoners were taken and two enemy soldiers were killed. An undetermined number of Organization Todt workers were also rounded up. Total number of prisoners taken for day - 107.

Received Secret letter G-360, Hq. First United States Army 10 April 45 "Troop Assignment No. 36", par 6 - VCCG of 2 Apr 45 directing following changes in status of troops, are confirmed and made of record effective that date; 635th TD Bn T released assignment First United States Army, released attachment Sixth Army Group, assigned Third United States Army.

Capt Page, Lt Tramer and Ren Platoon swept woods area Kulmbach, Germany on orders of Bn. Commander.

1st Sgt Clarence J Moore, Company B, reported to Bn Commander to be advised his recommendation for battlefield appointment to 2nd Lt approved per authority Hq Seventh Army letter 8 Apr 45, file AG 2014P. Sgt Moore returned to Rear Echelon to be discharged as an enlisted man and sworn in as an officer.

Company B reported that the 1st Platoon took 10 prisoners in Altstedt on 15 Apr.

Two members CIC searched CP house Kulmbach, Germany for subversive literature the former tenant believed to have had in his possession.

- 16 The Bn Commander approved the following promotions: Company B - S/Sgt William M Brumbaugh to 1st Sgt replacing Sgt Moore promoted to 2nd Lt. Pvt Lewis Reeper to Corporal duty 745. Tec A Peter A Manser to S/Sgt duty 804.
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Tec 5 Lester M Dow to Tec 4 duty 060. Pvt Glenn A Smith to Corporal duty 610.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 730744 Langenroth, Germany 1300 hrs 15 Apr and arrived coord 750856 Haredorf, Germany 1400 hrs 15 Apr - distance travelled 10.8 miles.

At 1020 hrs 15 Apr, Capt Williams, commanding Company A with the company gas and ration truck ran into five rds enemy mortar fire at coord 775611 on road toward Benk, Germany. First rd exploded 400 yards away and each succeeding rd came closer. When it was seen that there was a strong possibility the enemy could zero in on the vehicle, the truck withdrew. At 1030 hrs Capt Williams picked up 4 prisoners at coord 770645 near vicinity of Benk. At 1100 hrs Hq Platoon picked up 1 PW coord 730746 near Langenroth, Germany. At 1345 hrs Hq Platoon took 3 prisoners at coord 750856 near Haredorf, Germany. The 4th Platoon took 13 PWs vicinity airport coord 783630 south of Benk between 1330 and 1400 hrs. These were all German airborne pilots. The 2nd Platoon took 2 prisoners at coord 792630 near Daps, Germany.

Bn Rear Echelon left Coburg, Germany and established headquarters in Fulmbach, Germany.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 705611 Altenplatz, Germany 1315 hrs 15 Apr and arrived coord 752565 Bayreuth, Germany 1405 hrs 15 Apr - distance travelled 4.5 miles.

On 15 Apr, Lt McClellan with 5 Company C men and 5 Company B men captured 18 Germans north side Bayreuth, Germany.

Sgt Lirquist, 2nd Platoon, captured 4 enemy in Bayreuth, Germany on 15 Apr. Capt Pellegrino, commanding Company C took two prisoners 15 Apr in Bayreuth, Germany.

Lt Tremer, Bn Platoon officer, reported to CO 71st Cav Reg Troop to secure outline of use of our Bn Platoon and to discuss Rear Area Security Plan with use of our platoon on Main Supply Route. Platoon committed for afternoon of 16 Apr - 6 civilians of military age turned in to 71st div PW Cage for interrogation.

Company B moved - left coord 629627 Limmereck, Germany 1400 hrs 15 Apr and arrived coord 740557 Altstadt, Germany 1600 hrs 15 Apr - distance travelled 13 miles.

17 Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 750856 Haredorf, Germany 1400 hrs 16 Apr and arrived coord 775708 Schwarzhof, Germany 1500 hrs 16 Apr - distance travelled 8.4 miles.

Hq Platoon took a German Colonel prisoner at Schwarzhof, Germany on 16 Apr. 3rd Platoon took one prisoner at Haredorf, Germany on 16 Apr.

Received Secret letter 13 Apr, Hq Sixth Army Group, file AG 370.5 UC-0 "Effective 29 March 45 635th TD Bn-T assigned to Twelfth Army Group and having been relieved from attachment to this Hq, is relieved from attachment to Seventh Army.

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Company B reported:

Sgt Stubb's section captured a truck load of German medics escorting a group of wounded Germans - in all 27 prisoners - on edge of Ober Kornersreuth, Germany. 2nd Platoon captured enemy ammunition dump south east of Ober Kornersreuth, Germany with 150 500 lb aerial bomb and several tons of small arms ammunition.

1st Lt Carlson, Bn Platoon officer on TD with 71st Cav Reg Troop for purpose of taking charge of group of Troop personnel assigned the mission of guarding division headquarters. Pfc Varlas as driver for Lt Carlson.

- 18 Bn CP moved - left coord 661742 Nalbach, Germany 1225 hrs 18 Apr and arrived coord 705510 Pitzersdorf, Germany 1540 hrs 18 Apr - distance traveled 26.3 miles.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 740557 Altstadt, Germany 0730 hrs 18 Apr and arrived coord 730134 Nlag, Germany 0815 hrs 18 Apr - distance traveled 7 miles. Cpl Hoover, 2nd Platoon, took 2 prisoners on 17 Apr at Ober Kornersreuth, Germany.

2nd Platoon one prisoner on 18 Apr on highway south of their CP at Lankensreuth, Germany.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 752565 Beyreuth, Germany at 0700 hrs 18 Apr and arrived coord 732136 Hundenhardt, Germany 1030 hrs 18 Apr - distance traveled 13 miles.

2nd Platoon took one prisoner on 17 Apr at Dresendorf, Germany and took one prisoner at Densdorf.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 775708 Schwanstahof, Germany 0800 hrs 18 Apr and arrived coord 663400 Rehemirsherg, Germany at 1420 hrs 18 Apr - distance travelled 37.7 miles.

3rd Platoon took 3 prisoners at Driesendorf, Germany 0815 hrs 17 Apr.

Capt Page and Lt Rohrig, Bn CP, took 3 prisoners (1 officer) in Kornersdorf, Germany on 18 Apr.

- 19 Company B reported that Sgt Stubb, 2nd Platoon, took 3 prisoners on 18 Apr 100 yards in front of his gun position vicinity Lankensreuth, Germany.

Bn Commander approved the following promotions: Company B - Cpl Richard G. Schmitt to Sergeant duty 610; Cpl Bennett E Smith to Sergeant duty 745. Company A - Cpl John W. Keimer to Sergeant duty 745; Cpl Earl Satterfield to Sergeant duty 610; Tsgt Eugene B. Burnett to Corporal duty 745; Pfc Arlo R. Stahl to Corporal duty 610.

1st Lt Passett, Bn In O to 71st Division, advised the Bn Commander that the 71st Infantry Division and the 635th TD Bn-Towed attached to XI Corps.

Company A moved - left coord 663400 Rehemirsherg, Germany 1330 hrs 19 Apr and arrived coord 674300 Braun, Germany, at 1500 hrs 19 Apr - distance

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travelled 14 miles.

Company B moved - left coord 750284 Haag, Germany 1400 hrs 19 Apr and arrived coord 740356 Pegnitz, Germany 1501 hrs 19 Apr - distance travelled 16 miles.

- 20 Company A reported - 1st Platoon took 2 prisoners 2300 hrs 19 Apr at Hall, Germany.

Pvt Raymond (n) Martin KIA 20 Apr at Pittersdorf, Germany.

1st Sgt Brushbaugh, Company B, enroute to CP at Pittersdorf, Germany, captured one German, fully equipped, running across ditchland from woods south of Kichenreuth, Germany.

Cpl Baisel captured 3 enemy at Handlau, Germany coord 667302 19 Apr.

In CP moved - left coord 703510 Pittersdorf, Germany 1505 hrs 20 Apr and arrived coord 744354 Pegnitz, Germany at 1615 hrs 20 Apr - distance travelled 17.7 miles.

- 21 In Rear Echelon moved into Pegnitz, Germany from Kalmbach, Germany.

In Commander took Capt Charles B Smith, In S-2, to Division Hq. to represent him as Acting Antitank Officer for Division in place of Major Bert A Scott evacuated sick.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 733436 Lindenhardt, Germany 1600 hrs 20 Apr and arrived coord 870224 Kirchenthumbach, Germany 1700 hrs 20 Apr - distance traveled 14 miles.

3rd Platoon took 9 prisoners in Unken, Germany on 20 Apr.

T/Sgt Milligan took 3 prisoners in Schmalhaudd, Germany on 20 Apr.

1st Platoon took 2 prisoners in Kirchenthumbach, Germany on 20 Apr.

Pvt Hoke, 4th Platoon, took one prisoner in Kirchenthumbach, Germany on 20 Apr.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 740356 Pegnitz, Germany 1500 hrs 20 Apr and arrived coord 833245 Burgweith, Germany 1630 hrs 20 Apr - distance travelled 10 miles.

4th Platoon took 9 prisoners 20 Apr south edge of Burgweith, Germany.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 674300 Braun, Germany 0915 hrs 21 Apr and arrived coord 723189 Velden, Germany 1130 hrs 21 Apr - distance travelled 19.1 miles.

At 0900 hrs 20 Apr 1st Platoon took 1 prisoner at coord 690234 near vicinity Flach, Germany. At 0200 hrs 5 more prisoners were taken at coord 725226 near Hofen, Germany.

At 1930 hrs Pfc Garrett of 3d Platoon took 1 prisoner at coord 720225 near Hofen, Germany.

At 2030 hrs 20 Apr the 2nd Platoon fired 12 rds 3" HE, 5 rds 3" APC and 500 rds .30 cal MG at the Hermann Goering Castle and surrounding buildings in Neudamm, Germany from which enemy small arms fire was coming - firing neutralized.

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At 1600 hrs 20 Apr the 3rd Platoon fired 6 rds 3" HE, 100 rds .30 cal. MG and 100 rds .50 cal. MG into town of Krottensee, Germany to neutralize enemy small arms fire encountered by advancing infantry - mission accomplished. At 1800 hrs 20 Apr 1st Platoon fired 6 rds 3" HE, 250 rds .30 cal. MG at enemy dugouts and position at coord 722200 south of Hefen - positions neutralized.

All operations were on call from the 66th Infantry Regt and Company A fired at targets prior to infantry making assault - all objectives taken before darkness on the 20th Apr.

Received Secret letter Hq. Seventh Army, 17 Apr 45, file 370.5-C, subject, "Assignment and Attachment Order" - effective 29 March 45 635th TD Bn-F assigned to Twelfth Army Group is relieved from attachment to Seventh Army.

- 22 Company B moved - left coord 833265 Bornreuth, Germany 1545 hrs 21 Apr and arrived coord 860165 Edelsfeld, Germany 1930 hrs 21 Apr - distance travelled 11 miles.

Capt Page, S-3 and quartering party to Sulzbach, Rosenberg, Germany. At the western edge of town the party was halted by a number of men in a ditch. They were Medics and a number of 71st Division wire crewmen. Our group did not receive any enemy fire but on proceeding forward with a wire truck were fired on by enemy machine guns from the town. Sgt Hood went back to elements of the 5th Inf Regt not yet arrived for the purpose of taking the town and directed them toward the enemy machine gun positions and the quartering party returned to Pegnitz, Germany.

Company A Reported:

Company A moved - left coord 723189 Lingsdorf, Germany, assembly area, 1545 hrs 21 Apr and arrived coord 735175 Hartenstein, Germany 1600 hrs 21 Apr - distance travelled 2.3 miles.

At 0530 hrs 21 Apr the 4th Platoon relieved the 1st Platoon attached to the 1st Bn 66th Inf Regt. At 0745 hrs, Pvt McCartney spotted an enemy tank camouflaged about 700 yards from Sgt Carroll's gun position. Platoon Sgt S/Sgt Dan Feord went forward to investigate, returned and moved Sgt Carroll's 3" gun about 25 yards from its original position to obtain better results. Gunner Corporal Warren Grubb fired 1 rd 3" HVAP which struck the tank in the rear. He quickly followed with 1 rd APC striking the tank in the same place. Going forward to investigate the results of the firing, the gun crew took 7 prisoners and found 2 enemy dead in the tank. Both rounds fired by Cpl Grubb entered the Tank's engine side by side. The tank was a Czech Medium mounting a 75mm Assault Gun. 30 rds .45 cal. were expended rounding up the prisoners. Entire action took place at coord 742187 south of Hartenstein, Germany.

At 1400 hrs 21 Apr the 4th Platoon took 3 prisoners at coord 747125 vicinity of Hirschbach, Germany.

At 0830 hrs 21 Apr the 2nd Platoon moved out of Neuhaus, Germany with the 3rd Bn 66th Inf Regt to support their attack and occupation of the town of Achtel Germany coord 780150. The infantry was halted by enemy small arms fire at 1000 hrs. Sgts McClurg and Thill put their 3" guns into position outside of Achtel and fired .30 rds 3" HE, 600 rds .50 cal. MG, 1250 rds .30 cal. MG, setting the town on fire and completely neutralizing enemy fire. A Mark IV tank sustained a direct hit and burned. Destroyed tank credited to Company A by 761st Tank Battalion who entered town after action.

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Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 872356 Kirchenthumbach, Germany 2040 hrs 21 Apr and arrived coord 928198 Schlich, Germany 2150 21 Apr - distance travelled 9.3 miles.

Two rds enemy artillery fell in Company CP area at midnight 21 Apr.

Received secret letter, Hq. First United States Army, 17 Apr 45, file H-65, 322 (C), subject: "Troop Assignment 38", par 8 - So much of par 6, letter this Hq. file 322 (C), subject: "Troop Assignment 36", 10 Apr 45 as relieves 635th TD Bn from assignment to First United States Army and assigns it to Third United States Army is amended to read "Effective 29 March 45".

Rear Echelon ration truck crew took one prisoner outside woods north east of Edelsfeld, Germany on 22 Apr.

Tec 5s March, Belloni and Pfc Hampton took 5 prisoners in front of Bn CP in Pegnitz, Germany at 2300 hrs 22 Apr.

- 23 Bn CP left coord 744354 Pegnitz, Germany at 0910 hrs 23 Apr and arrived coord 907072 Sulzbach-Rosenberg, Germany 1055 hrs 23 Apr - distance travelled 25.7 miles.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 860165 Edelsfeld, Germany 1300 hrs 22 Apr and arrived coord 867055 Aichazandt, Germany 1800 hrs 22 Apr - distance travelled 14 miles.

On 21 Apr 1st Platoon took 5 prisoners in vicinity of Krottensee, Germany.

On 21 April 2nd Platoon took 4 prisoners vicinity Angfeld, Germany.

On 21 Apr 1st Platoon supported Company 1st Bn 5th Inf Regt in their attack to clear the enemy from woods southeast of Krottensee, Germany. On nearing woods, the infantry were pinned down by enemy fire from the woods. 1st Platoon backed off and fired 9 rds 3" HE and 700 rds .50 cal. MG, clearing woods and permitting the infantry to go through the woods without opposition.

On 22 April the 4th Platoon, on high ground southwest of Sternstein, Germany, in support of the 2nd Bn, 5th Inf Regt, spotted an enemy Mark IV tank approximately 3100 yards distant along the edge of the woods south of their position. Sgt Shaw's gun opened fire, firing 7 rds 3" APC and 2 rds 3" HE. The 2nd rd fired knocked the tank's turret from the tank and the last rd of HE exploded the tank's ammunition, burning tank. Personnel casualties unknown.

Capt Mikorff, commanding Company B, took 12 prisoners on 22 Apr in woods northwest of Frohof, Germany.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 735175 Hartenstein, Germany 1430 hrs 22 Apr and arrived coord 760069 Hartmannshof, Germany 1630 hrs 22 Apr - distance travelled 17.1 miles.

At 1600 hrs 22 Apr, 3rd Platoon took two prisoners vicinity Hartmannshof, Germany.

At 1500 hrs 22 Apr 4th Platoon took 6 prisoners coord 825962 vicinity Dichtshof, Germany.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 928198 Schlich, Germany 1420 hrs 22 Apr and arrived coord 942118 Hahnabach, Germany 1520 hrs 22 Apr - distance travelled 4.3 miles.

Company C moved - left coord 942118 Hahnabach, Germany 1230 hrs 23 Apr and arrived coord 982015 Amberg, Germany 1400 hrs 23 Apr - distance travelled 6.8 miles.

1st Sgt Spangler reported the battle loss of a Company C 1/4 ton vehicle and submitted the following story by 1st Lt Lawrence J Stewart, Platoon Leader, 2nd Platoon: "I am Platoon Leader of the 2nd Platoon, Company C, 635th TD Bn, and my platoon is attached to the 3rd Bn, 14th Inf Regt, 71st Infantry Division. I was serving in that capacity and was so attached on 22 Apr 45. On that date we approached Amberg, Germany, from the north to attack and I was ordered by the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Bn, Lt Col Guthrie, to go through town, contact K and L Companies and set up my 3" guns in suitable places. At about 2300 hrs my platoon and I arrived in about the center of town and, leaving the Platoon there, I went forward on reconnaissance in my 1/4 ton vehicle. About 600 yards from where I had left the platoon, I met Capt Jones, S-3 of 3rd Bn, and stopped him to inquire about K and L Companies. At the same time a German armored car approached. We tried to halt it but it speeded up and shots were exchanged. The enemy vehicle quickly turned around and returned and ran down our two vehicles and backed off and fired a number of rounds into them. When the enemy vehicle had turned around, we went into a nearby cellar and defended it from the windows. About 3 hrs later, we escaped and made our way back to the center of town and located the 3rd Bn CP and I was told that the plans had been changed and that K and L Companies had never gotten past the center of town that night. The next morning I returned to the vehicle and found that it had been looted. There was no SOI in the vehicle."

On 22 Apr the 4th Platoon took 8 prisoners at Hahnabach, Germany.

At 2330 hrs 22 Apr, Tcs 4 Bengston took 3 fully armed Germans who were trying to enter Company CP.

At 0630 hrs 23 Apr Sgt Spangler and Pvt Schultz, his interpreter, took 4 prisoners including 1 Major, in hotel in Amberg, Germany.

1st Platoon took one prisoner in Amberg, Germany on 23 Apr.

Sgt Hood, Bn Platoon, took 3 prisoners east edge of Sulzbach-Rosenberg, Germany, 23 Apr.

- 24 Received Secret letter, Hq. Third United States Army, 20 Apr 45, subject, "Troop Assignment 4-135" 635th TD Bn (T) relieved from attachment XII Corps and is attached to XX Corps effective 17 Apr 45.

Bn CP moved - left coord 907072 Sulzbach-Rosenberg, Germany 0940 hrs 24 Apr and arrived assembly area coord 985022 Amberg, Germany 1005 hrs 24 Apr - distance travelled 7 miles.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 867055 Althausant, Germany 1430 hrs 23 Apr and arrived coord 170906 Schwandorf, Germany 2315 hrs 23 Apr - distance travelled 30 miles.

2nd Platoon took 10 prisoners in Krieth, Germany on 23 Apr. It Long took 6

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and Sgt Stubbs 4.

4th Platoon took 4 prisoners at Selwandorf, Germany and 4 prisoners at Jengenlohen, Germany on 23 Apr.

Bn Rear Battalion moved into Amberg, Germany from Pegnitz, Germany.

Bn CP moved - left assembly area coord 985022 Amberg, Germany 1335 hrs 24 Apr and arrived coord 126771 Burglangenfeld, Germany 1650 hrs 24 Apr - distance travelled 24.4 miles.

Company B moved - left coord 170906 Selwandorf, Germany 1615 hrs 24 Apr and arrived coord 164782 Teublitz, Germany 1715 hrs 24 Apr - distance travelled 11 miles - crossed Naab River at Selwandorf, Germany.

25 Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 760069 Hartmanshof, Germany 1630 hrs 23 Apr and arrived coord 046826 Schmidmühlen, Germany 2100 hrs 23 Apr - distance travelled 57.3 miles.

Company A moved - left coord 046826 Schmidmühlen, Germany 1600 hrs 24 Apr and arrived coord 134607 Schwetendorf, Germany 2000 hrs 24 Apr - distance travelled 34.3 miles.

At 0830 hrs 23 Apr the 4th Platoon supporting the 1st Bn cleared a number of road blocks at coord 910910 in vicinity Hausen, Germany with halftrack winches.

At 0900 hrs the 1st Bn's advance was held up by a number of Germans manning a machine gun in a house. 1st Lt Glen Horman, Platoon Commander, armed himself with a TMG, had his 1/4 ton driver cover him with a .50 cal MG and without aid entered the house. The enemy fire was extremely heavy and Lt Horman ran out of ammunition; returned to his 1/4 ton for an additional supply of .45 cal. ammunition and again returned to the house firing his weapon steadily. He mortally wounded two enemy and took 17 prisoners at the same time knocking out the enemy machine gun nest, enabling the battalion of infantry to advance. Ammunition expended 100 rds .45 cal. and 110 rds .50 cal MG. Lt Horman recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross by the 66th Inf Regt.

4th Platoon captured 61 enemy in the vicinity of coord 045829 Schmidmühlen, Germany at 1700 hrs 23 Apr.

At 1900 hrs 23 Apr the 2nd Platoon took 7 enemy prisoners at coord 912941 in vicinity Winkl, Germany.

At 1000 hrs on 23 Apr 2nd Platoon took 10 prisoners at coord 961900 vicinity of Thunhausen, Germany and at 1400 hrs took 21 more prisoners at coord 961900 vicinity of Egentshofen, Germany, one of these was a Captain.

At 0900 hrs 24 Apr, 2nd Lt Sild, A Co In C to 66th Regimental Hq, his driver Pvt Carr, and rifleman, Pvt Kulish, took 9 enemy prisoner at coord 020835 south of Winbuch, Germany.

On 22 Apr, the Commanding Officer 66th Inf Regt requested Capt Island H. Williams, Commanding Company A, to organize T.F. Williams, attack and secure the town of Hartmanshof, Germany for Regimental Hq occupation. Capt Williams with the 3rd Platoon of Company A, 3 tanks of 761st Tank Bn, and one platoon Rangers, moved into the town on the left flank, swept it clear of enemy and accomplished mission assigned him.

At 1125 hrs 24 Apr the 2nd Platoon took 340 prisoners at coord 110240 in Gd.

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Buckheim, Germany. 300 of these were Hungarians fully armed and fighting with the German Army and 40 were Germans.

On 24 Apr, S/Sgt James A Nelson, 1st Platoon, went on reconnaissance for gun positions in vicinity Grid square 0584 and woods all around Schmidmuller, Germany. He sighted a party of 40 armed enemy in woods and advancing behind him. Realizing his inability to handle the situation alone, he made his way back to his position and reported the situation to his Company and Platoon Commanders. Capt Williams organized a small task force consisting of Lt Proctor and 1st Platoon and the Regimental I & R Platoon and personally accompanied the force. Lt Proctor led the force on to the high ground and engaged the enemy in a small arms fight. Our 1st Platoon killed 2 Germans and took 23 prisoners and the I & R Platoon accounted for the remainder of the 40 enemy. Lt Proctor also captured 3 enemy heavy machine guns emplaced on the high ground where the fire fight took place. The guns were overlooking the only bridge crossing of the Vils River just northeast of Schmidmuller, Germany. The enemy was ready to destroy the bridge and defend the crossing point.

S/Sgt Ford and driver Pfc Black took 12 prisoners at coord 100700 vicinity Holzheim, Germany at 1500 hrs 24 Apr.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 982015 Amberg, Germany at 0720 hrs 24 Apr and arrived coord 189687 Fronau, Germany 1930 hrs 24 Apr - distance travelled 29 miles.

2nd Bn, 14th Inf Regt, supported by our 3rd Platoon were receiving enemy mortar and artillery fire which was holding up the battalion's advance through Regenstauf, Germany. Colonel Brandt, Commanding the 2nd Bn, assigned 1st Lt Standfield, Platoon Commander 3rd Platoon, the mission of clearing out any OPs and strong points in that town. Lt Standfield put out his four 3" guns and the 90mm gun of the 4th Platoon into position and fired 42 rds 3" HE, 2 rds HET-105, 7 rds 3" HVAP, 18 rds 90mm HE and 4 rds 90mm APC. All but two of the total rds fired hit their chosen targets. An OP in a tower was demolished; infantry found one dead German and a complete radio set up in the tower when they went through the town. Cpl Dickson sighted machine gun fire from one house. The five guns fired on it and destroyed the house neutralizing the machine gun nest. Cpl Genimo sighted a small group of enemy entering another strong point and leveled the house to the ground. The 90mm fired at vehicles and dug in positions at 3500 yards - definite results unknown, but the smoke cleared their targets had been completely knocked out and not in sight. Lt Standfield's platoon accomplished the mission assigned to them. All known and suspected OPs and strong points were either destroyed or neutralized and the 2nd Bn went through the town without further opposition. During the firing, they received 40 rds artillery and mortar counter-battery; however, our men continued firing their 3" guns and the 90mm during the barrage. 4th Platoon took 3 prisoners in Regenstauf, Germany on 24 Apr.

Bn Rear Echelon moved into Burglengenfeld, Germany from Amberg, Germany.

Received SO 48, 21 Apr 45, Hqs. 71st Infantry Division; per 6 - Capt Charles B. Smith, 0273009, FA, 635th TD Bn, is placed on TDY with Hqs 71st Inf Div (G-3 Sec) as Div AT Officer. Upon compl of TDY off will ret to proper orgn.

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Par 11 - 1st Lt Robert E. Carlson, 01822102 (TD) 635th TD Bn, is placed on TDY with Hq Co 71st Inf Div. Upon compl of TDY off will ret to proper orgn.

Received Secret letter Hq XII Corps 18 Apr 45, subject "Troop Assignment A-43", 635th TD Bn-T relieved from attachment to XII Corps effective 17 Apr 45 per Third United States Army Troop Assignment 4-135.

Received letter of appreciation addressed to Tec 4 Paul A. Stromberg, Battalion Motor Maintenance Section, from AC of S, G-3, 71st Infantry Division, dated 23 Apr 45, for the fine work Sgt Stromberg did in building an operations Van for Division G-3 Section. The commendation read "The Van has increased the efficiency of the Section in its operations many fold".

26 Company B moved - left coord 164782 Teublitz, Germany 1045 hrs 25 Apr and arrived coord 334644 Altenthann, Germany 2030 hrs 25 Apr - distance travelled 24 miles.

Bn Adjutant captured 5 enemy in Burglengenfeld, Germany at 0730 hrs 26 Apr.

Sgt Miller, Bn Platoon, took 4 prisoners at coord 121658 Schwaighausen Forest on 25 Apr.

Bn CP moved - left coord 126771 Burglengenfeld, Germany 0755 hrs 26 Apr and arrived coord 204595 area northeast edge of Hutzlhofen, Germany 0950 hrs 26 Apr - distance travelled 15.8 miles.

Bn Rear Echelon moved into area coord 213606 one kilometer southwest of Gornersdorf, Germany from Burglengenfeld, Germany on 26 Apr.

Company A reported:

3rd Platoon took 1 prisoner in Burglengenfeld, Germany on 25 Apr.

S/Sgt Wofford, Hq Platoon, took 1 Hungarian Captain with the German Army prisoner in Selmsendorf, Germany 1000 hrs 25 Apr.

2nd Platoon, in position at coord 165574 fired 30 rds 3" APC, 630 rds .50 cal. MG and 1500 rds .30 cal. MG into the city of Regensburg, Germany at 0130 hrs 26 Apr as a diversionary action while foot troops crossed Danube River farther to their left - mission accomplished.

Company B reported:

Pvt Anderson, 3rd Platoon, took 9 prisoners near Pottenreuth, Germany and Lt Klein, Platoon Commander, took 4 prisoners at Sulzbach, Germany on 25 Apr. On 25 Apr 2nd Platoon captured 6 enemy at Sulzbach, Germany.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 189687 Freudenau, Germany 1715 hrs 25 Apr and arrived coord 234601 Grunthal, Germany 1930 hrs 25 Apr - distance travelled 8 miles.

Capt Pellegrino, Commanding Company C, Lt Standfield and an infantry Lt and his driver took 50 Hungarians prisoners in Tegernheim, Germany 25 Apr. The Hungarians were armed with rifles and bazookas and were fighting with the German Army.

3rd Platoon was in position in Tegernheim, Germany on 25 Apr - at 1930 hrs Cpl Dickson and Sgt Shows fired 1 rd 3" HVAP and 2 rds 3" HVAP respectively

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at an enemy halftrack towing gun. Cpl Dickson's first shot knocked the vehicle and gun out. During the morning of 26 Apr an enemy personnel carrier was spotted at 2700 yards leaving Hegenesdorf, Germany. The Platoon fired 2 rds 3" HE knocking the carrier out - results to personnel unknown. During night of 25 Apr and early morning of 26 Apr, Sgt Shaw's gun fired 9 rds HE and Sgt Phillip's gun 18 rds HE at enemy personnel moving east of Hegenesburg, Germany. Definite casualties to personnel unknown, but many dead and wounded observed through binoculars. During night of 25 Apr, 1st Platoon in position at Kuberg, Germany received 24 rds artillery in their area. Sgt Corbett's 1/4 ton vehicle had radiator pierced by fragmentation and two front tires blown - repaired by company maintenance. During morning of 26 Apr, the 2nd Platoon in position in Donaustauf, Germany and 3rd Platoon in Tegernheim, Germany sustained exceptionally heavy artillery fire estimated at 150mm.

Received Secret letter Hq. Third United States Army, 22 Apr, "Troop Assignment A-136", par 10 - So much of Par 2, Troop Assignment A-132 indicating attachment of 635th TD Bn T to XII Corps as of 2 April is amended to read "effective date 29 March 45".

- 27 Bn CF moved - left coord 204595 area northeast edge of Gutzlhofen, Germany 0905 hrs 27 Apr and arrived coord 290525 Rosenhof, Germany 1630 hrs 27 Apr - distance travelled 16.9 miles.
Enroute while outside Gutzlhofen, Sgt Hood captured 2 enemy.
Bn CF crossed the Danube River at 1130 hrs 27 Apr at Sulzbach, Germany.

Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 134607 Schmetzendorf, Germany 1000 hrs 26 Apr and arrived coord 208586 Schottenheim, Germany 1150 hrs 26 Apr - distance travelled 20.3 miles.

Company A moved - left coord 208586 Schottenheim, Germany 0330 hrs 27 Apr and arrived coord 294498 Hiltraching, Germany 1030 hrs 27 Apr - distance travelled 24.7 miles. (crossed Danube River at Sulzbach)

At 1400 hrs 26 Apr 1st Sgt Sene and driver Pfc Fry took 6 prisoners in Schottenheim, Germany.

At 1500 hrs 26 Apr the 4th Platoon took 7 PWs and killed 1 German soldier at coord 355638 vicinity of Furtanville, Germany.

At 0600 hrs on 27 Apr, the 1st Platoon with Hq Platoon following crossed the Danube River and inadvertently took the wrong road. In the process of turning around, one halftrack became stuck in the mud, which was heavy and thick in the entire area. While the column was halted, a German panel truck comparable in size to our 1-1/2 ton truck, passed the column at approximately 60 miles per hour. One of the enlisted men in the column yelled "Brauts" and Sgt Reiner in front of the column fired 3 quick shots from his M-1 rifle into the back of the truck, the truck never slowing down nor stopping. Sgt Reiner promptly gave chase with his 1/4 ton vehicle with Pvt Olsen driving. 1st Lt. Proctor in a 1/4 ton vehicle and Capt Williams in another 1/4 ton followed Sgt Reiner. Sgt Reiner fired his .30 cal MG while on the move after the enemy, drawing small arms fire from the Germans in the back of the panel truck. About one mile down the road, Sgt Reiner hit the panel truck's rear tires and the truck overturned. 1st Lt Proctor and Sgt Reiner kept firing their machine guns into the truck and at the Germans coming out

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of it. Two wounded enemy were taken prisoner. Five Germans were killed and an undetermined number were burned in the vehicles when Panzerfaust ammunition exploded and blew the truck up. The entire action took place on the main road between coordinates 285540 and 305528 Wolfshofen, Germany where the enemy vehicle was knocked out. 500 rds .30 cal MG, 45 rds .30 cal. carbine and .30 cal M-1 were expended in the action.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 324644 Altentharn, Germany 1000 hrs 26 Apr and arrived coord 338570 Frengkofen, Germany 1530 hrs 26 Apr - distance travelled 9 miles.

Company B moved - left coord 338570 Frengkofen, Germany 0030 hrs 27 Apr and arrived coord 348557 Auberg, Germany 0140 hrs 27 Apr - distance travelled 10 miles - crossed Danube River at Sulzbach, Germany.

4th Platoon took 6 prisoners at Geisling, Germany on 26 Apr.

1st Platoon took 5 prisoners at Geisling, Germany on 26 Apr.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 234601 Grunthal, Germany 1245 hrs 26 Apr and arrived coord 267575 Donaustauf, Germany at 1400 hrs 26 Apr - distance travelled 4.2 miles.

Company C moved - left coord 267575 Donaustauf, Germany at 0205 hrs 27 Apr and arrived coord 287559 Sarching, Germany at 0300 hrs 27 Apr - distance travelled 2.5 miles - crossed Danube River at Sulzbach, Germany.

At 1500 hrs 26 Apr Sgt Phillip's gun (3rd Platoon) in position in Tegernheim, Germany fired 1 rd 3" HVAP and 2 rds HE at an enemy cargotruck sighted at 2500 yards moving out of Regensburg, Germany to the east - truck knocked out and burned, enemy personnel casualties unknown.

During afternoon of 26 April, 3rd Platoon in position in Tegernheim, Germany were ordered by 14th Inf Regt to fire on a group of buildings in Treushaf, Germany, where it is reported more than 100 enemy soldiers quartered. Sgt Phillip's gun fired 19 rds 3" HE and Sgt Poparty's gun fired 8 rds 3" HE. Sgt Phillip's section fired 210 rds .50 cal MG and Sgt Poparty's section fired 500 rds .30 cal MG at the personnel running out of the houses, but casualties to personnel unknown. Buildings demolished.

At 1430 hrs 26 Apr 1st Platoon in position in Gegernheim, Germany fired 1 rd 3" HVAP and 1 rd 3" HE at a 20mm AA gun emplaced in an airfield 3000 yards southeast of their position across the Danube, destroying it. Also fired 2 rds 3" HE at a small patch of woods east of airfield supposed to contain enemy personnel. Results unknown.

- 28 Bn Commander approved the following promotions: Company C - Pfc Alvie E Clark to Tec 5 duty 734; Pvt Ross J Manley Jr to Tec 5 duty 734 and in Company B - Pfc Joseph Stedronsky to Sergeant duty 610.

Company A reported:

At 1600 hrs 27 Apr 2nd Platoon took 3 prisoners (1 Lt) in vicinity Traubling, Germany coord 024502.

4th Platoon took 169 prisoners in town of Neosham, Germany coord 318642 between hours of 1700 and 1800 27 Apr.

Company C reported:

On 27 Apr Capt Pellegrino, 1st Lt Standfield and Pfc Goldstein took 3 prisoners in Kronstee, Germany.

Capt Pellegrino, 1st Lt Standfield, with Sgt Fogarty's 3" gun were in position in Regensburg, Germany with the 2nd Bn of the 14th Inf Regt when the Commandant of Regensburg, Germany Garrison arranged the terms of surrender for the city with Colonel Landauist, commanding the 14th Inf Regt.

Company B reported:

4th Platoon took 2 prisoners at Phatterron, Germany 27 Apr.

3rd Platoon took 3 prisoners on 27 Apr (1 Major) in woods near St Gila, Germany.

Bn CP group took 2 Volkstrum prisoner 27 Apr - were guards at 1st cage for Russians.

Received Field Order #15, Hq. 71st Infantry Division dated 280600B APR 45 - XX Corps continues its attack to Southeast. 13th Armored Division continues attack in Corps zone to make contact with Russians to the southeast. 71st Infantry Division Reinforced continues attack to southeast. Company B 635th TD Bn supporting 5th Inf Regt will attack with that unit on Division order to Hausmetting area - be prepared to seize Strabing U-5543. Company A 635th TD Bn supporting 64th Inf Regt will attack with that unit on Division order to Hausmetting area. Company C 635th TD Bn supporting 14th Inf Regt with that unit will revert to Division reserve and be prepared to follow 64th Inf Regt and Company B 635th TD Bn in zone on Division order.

29 Company A reported:

Company A moved - Left coord 294498 Mintraching, Germany 1515 hours 28 Apr and arrived coord 443395 Perkan, Germany 1811 hrs 28 Apr - distance travelled 15.5 miles.

4th Platoon in position in Hirschling, Germany were ordered not to fire their 3" guns due to our armor approaching the town of Geiselhoring, Germany from the north and northwest. At 1400 hrs 28 Apr, part of the 4th Platoon on combat patrol in area Grid Square 420 to 440 and 330 to 360 taking in the towns of Geiselhoring, Handling and Hainebach, spotted and gave chase to a party of 10 enemy down a railroad track. After they had progressed a short distance the patrol ran into considerable small arms fire. A brisk fire fight ensued and lasted until approximately 1600 hrs. Our patrol expended all its machine gun and small arms ammunition when 60 enemy surrendered to the patrol consisting of 2 Sgts and 2 Pvs. Two enemy were killed.

At 1600 hrs Capt Williams and S/Sgt Nelson, in separate 1/4 ton vehicles, proceeded forward from Mintraching to Perkan to contact the infantry battalions of the 66th Inf Regt and to locate billets for a new Company CP in that town. As Sgt Nelson approached Perkan, a civilian stopped him and advised him that 10 enemy with a machine gun were covering the highway to the north. Sgt Nelson turned off the highway, went across country and proceeded to come on to the machine gun nest from the rear. In the meantime Capt Williams drove up, dismounted and proceeded to walk up the highway towards Perkan, unaware of the machine gun nest in his path. Noticing a movement in the ditch on the side of the road, he cried out "kommen sie here". Two enemy by the machine gun held up their hands and at that time Sgt Nelson's 1/4 ton drove

up behind them and a total of 18 prisoners were taken and the machine gun most neutralized. Prisoners were taken at coord 450391.

At 2200 hrs 28 Apr 2nd Platoon took 2 prisoners in Perlman, Germany.

Bn CP moved - left coord 290525 Rosenhof, Germany 1040 hrs 29 Apr and arrived coord 542420 Straubing, Germany 1205 hrs 29 Apr - distance travelled 23 miles.

Company C reported:

At 0900 hrs 29 Apr 1st Sgt Spangler, Sgt Miller and Pvt Cramer took 19 prisoners in woods north of Rieckhofen, Germany.

Company C moved - left coord 287559 Sarching, Germany 1810 hrs 28 Apr and arrived coord 379458 Rieckhofen, Germany 1915 hrs 28 Apr - distance travelled 11 miles.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 348557 Auberg, Germany 1915 hrs 28 Apr and arrived coord 535427 Straubing, Germany 2025 hrs 28 Apr - distance travelled 21 miles.

3rd Platoon took 7 prisoners in Straubing, Germany on 28 Apr.

1st Platoon took 2 prisoners at Pfatter, Germany and 1 at Mied, Germany on 28 Apr.

Bn Commander on reconnaissance of Straubing, Germany, area took one German 2nd Lt prisoner at a loaded 20mm AA gun and 7 German rifles around the AA gun position destroyed.

On Division order, Bn CP stationed two-man check point throughout night of 29 Apr until 1100 hrs 30 Apr northeast edge of Straubing, Germany, with S/Sgt Stradal in charge.

Enemy small arms ammunition dump about 75 yards from Bn CP building in Straubing exploded approximately 0015 hrs 30 Apr - our guards alerted for fire guard for possible wholesale spreading of fire our area. Origin of fire undetermined.

30 Company A reported:

Company A moved - left coord 443395 Perlman, Germany 1245 hrs 29 Apr and arrived coord 542341 Salching, Germany 1420 hrs 29 Apr - distance travelled 9.2 miles.

At 1445 hrs 29 Apr, Capt Williams took 9 prisoners (1 Lt) in woods south of Salching, Germany.

Approaching an airfield outside of Gensacker, Germany, vicinity grid square 6425, the 4th Platoon had a small arms fight with the enemy and took 43 prisoners after expending 100 rds .30 cal. MG. Action took place between 1700 and 1800 hrs 29 Apr.

At 1400 hrs 30 Apr the 1st Platoon in position at coord 691231 and the 4th Platoon in position at coord 690235; both positions just west of Kleeergarten, Germany, fired 59 rds 3" APC, 43 rds 3" HE and 5 rds 3" HVAP at suspected observation points in the town of Zeholfing, Germany. High buildings, church steeples and other suspected strong points were blasted and demolished eliminating all opposition for infantry upon entry. After completing their position of the mission assigned the platoons, the 4th Platoon displaced further west and the 1st Platoon remaining in position received 40 to 50 rds counter battery estimated at 75mm artillery with approximately 20% mortar. Although a number of rounds exploded 25 to 30 yards from the platoon's gun positions, no damage was sustained.

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2nd Platoon took 2 prisoners on 30 Apr in town of Klesgarten, Germany.

Company C moved - left coord 379458 Hiskofen, Germany 1900 hrs 29 Apr and arrived coord 510307 Liseoffing, Germany 2130 hrs 29 Apr - distance travelled 21.5 miles.

Sgt Stephenson, Hq Co, took 1 prisoner at check point in Straubing, Germany 1000 hrs 30 Apr.

Company B reported:

Company B moved - left coord 535427 Straubing, Germany 1845 hrs 29 Apr and arrived coord 656380 Strasskirchen, Germany at 2000 hrs 29 Apr - distance travelled 11 miles.

At 1100 hrs the 4th Platoon proceeded to enter the town of Schonbach, Germany for purpose of going into position after being advised by the infantry that the town was cleared of enemy. Upon entry, it was noted that the town was still occupied by the enemy. The 4th Platoon dismounted, entered the town and rounded up 75 prisoners. One (1) civilian tried to escape when accosted by Cpl Santarossa and he was shot - he proved to have been a German Army Major in civilian clothes.

On 28 Apr the 3rd Platoon took 35 prisoners in Straubing, Germany.

Bn CP moved - left coord 542420 Straubing, Germany 1200 hrs 30 Apr and arrived coord 680278 Wallersdorf, Germany 1445 hrs 30 Apr - distance travelled 18.2 miles.

Bn Rear Echelon moved into Straubing, Germany from area 1 kilometer southwest of Gomeradorf, Germany.

Company A moved - left coord 542341 Galsching, Germany 1215 hrs 30 Apr and arrived coord 680270 Wallersdorf, Germany 1417 hrs 30 Apr - distance travelled 17.2 miles.

Company B moved - left coord 656380 Strasskirchen, Germany 1805 hrs 30 Apr and arrived coord 680276 Wallersdorf, Germany 1835 hrs 30 Apr - distance travelled 8 miles.

Company C reported:

Company C moved - left coord 510307 Liseoffing, Germany 1815 hrs 30 Apr and arrived coord 615228 Hilsting, Germany 1930 hrs 30 Apr - distance travelled 12 miles.

3rd Platoon captured 122 enemy including 7 officers; at 0530 hrs 30 Apr in woods southwest of Lichtsting, Germany.

3rd Platoon in position in Landau, Germany on 30 Apr fired 9 rds 3" M2 into woods in direction southwest of Usterling, Germany. Enemy infantry were sighted running into woods. Personnel casualties unknown.

On 30 Apr Sgt Shaw's gun fired 5 rds 3" HVAP from Landau across Isar River at an OP tower while infantry was crossing river. OP destroyed and infantry captured 5 enemy running from tower.

Sgt Miller, Hq Co ration truck escort took 2 enemy prisoners on highway northwest of Strasskirchen, Germany on 30 Apr.

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Summary:

The battalion continued to closely support the 71st Infantry Division in its successful progress across Germany. The Battalion Command Post and the Command Posts of the three gun companies completed 92 marches during April 1945.

Although the gun companies were to be used to reinforce organic regimental antitank defenses, they not only accomplished their primary mission by destroying three (3) enemy tanks in April, but supported the advance of the infantry with direct fire missions eliminating enemy opposition during the swift advances. Our gun platoons sent out combat patrols, neutralizing enemy strong points, had many small arms fire fights, took over 1500 prisoners of war and assisted the infantry in taking many thousands more; however, no official credit was taken unless prisoners were actually taken unassisted. A sole bridge crossing of the Vils River was secured by our Company A by capturing an enemy strong point with three heavy machine guns and its personnel after a brisk fire fight and one of our officers, without aid, attacked an enemy machine gun nest holding up an infantry advance, neutralizing it, killing two enemy and taking the remaining of the enemy gun crew prisoner.

Prior to crossing the Danube River, elements of our Company C were responsible for knocking out many enemy vehicles attempting to escape the city of Regensburg to the east, firing from well-chosen positions in the vicinity of Tagersthal with 3" guns. The Commanding Officer of Company C was in Regensburg with the Commanding Officer of the 14th Infantry Regiment when arrangements were made with the Commandant of the Regensburg Garrison for the surrender of that city. One 3" gun section, 3rd Platoon, Company "C", were in position in Regensburg at that time.