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638th Tank Destroyer Battalion

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SUPJECT: Bistory of Operations for May 1945.

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

THROUGH: Commanding General, 84th Infantry Division.

- 1. Authority: Par 10, AR 345-105.
- 2. Introduction.
 - a. Lt Col Harold L. Davis, O 359 292, FA, Commanding.
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 - b. Not applicable.

c. eriod covered: 1 May to 31 May 1945.

d. Maps used during period: Central Europe 1:100,000 E6,E5, P4.

3. Narrative.

a. Operations.

(1) Company A.

1 - 31 May 1945: On 1 May A Company was employed on patroling and policing in the vicinity of Kaulitz, Germany. 4 May Company moved to vicinity of Ahrendorf, Germany. 6 May security section of Second Flatoon captured 11 German TW's in assigned area. 9 May Third Flatoon assigned mission of guarding 10 Cage of Battalion at Dahre, Germany. 10 May three German 10 staken into TW Cage at Dahre, Germany and reverted to company control. 16 ay company moved approximately 119 miles to Behrensen, Germany. 17 May company moved to vicinity of Harde Rode, Germany.

1 - 31 May 1945: 1 May Third Platoon was providing antitank defense for 84th Infantry Division CF. Remainder of company on patrolling and policing of assigned area vicinity of Raulitz, Germany. 4 May Third Platoon relieved of attachment to 84th Infantry Division Headquarters and reverted to Company control at Barnebeck, Germany. Policing in assigned area resulted in capture of 1 German Pa. 5 May Roadblocks were set up at Suhlendorf, Germany, Spithal, Germany and Bergen, Germany. Abandened Mk III tank taken in zone of patrol. 7 May Third Platoon

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captured three German 20's at Schnega, Germany. 14 Day First Platoon assigned to guard FW enclosure at Dahre, Germany. 16 May Company less First Platoon moved approximately 124 miles to beyon, Germany. First Platoon relieved of assignment to Battalion FW cage and reverted to company control joining organization at Payen, Germany.

(3) Company C.
1-31 May 1945: Company less third Platoon employed on patroling and policing vicinity of Kaulitz, Germany. Third Platoon attached to XHI Corps Headquarters for Anti-tank defense. 2 May Patroling in assigned area resulted in capture of 7 German PM's. 4 May company moved to vicinity of Wiersdorf, Germany. 7 May Third Platoon reverted to company control. 16 May company moved to Borry, Germany.

1 - 18 May 1945: 1 Day company employed on patrolling and policing of assigned area in vicinity of Asulitz, Germany. 4 May company moved to vicinity of Bonese, Germany. 5 May Fioneer Flatoon and one section of First Reconnaissance Flatoon confined 500 German FW's that had overrun area. 6 May one German FW captured in police of assigned zone. 9 May one officer and six German soldiers captured and turned into battalion FW cage at Dahre, Germany. Focke-Wolfe 190 crash landed in area and was badly damaged. However, milet was able to escape before troops could effect his capture. 10 Day company moved approximately 120 miles to vicinity of Halle, Germany and thence on to Mirchbrak, Mermany. 19-31 May 1945 Company in vicinity of Eschershausen engaged in guarding of military targets and police and patrolling of assigned section.

Due to lack of contact with the enemy with exception of policing and patrolling enemy resistance for the period would be considered nil. Organizations from all conceivable branches of the service would band together not for combat, but for "Share the Elde Service" back to their respective communities. Groups of as high as 500 attempted to return to their homes using such excuses as being discharged 2 days prior to their capture, writing their own discharges etc. Preponderance of troops taken in were mountain units just returned from Italy.

- 4. Annexes
 - a. Personnal
 - (1) deinforcements None.
 - (2) Casualties None
 - (3) 44 32's captured.
 - (4) Awards See Inclosures.
 - b. Supply and Evacuation.
 - (1) Ordnance:
 - 4 atches

1 - Armorers Set TD

3 - Tool set, Gun Mach

1 - Carbine, cal 30

10 - Binoculars # 16

Replaced

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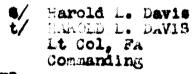
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(1) Ordnance Cont'd 1 - Truck 1/4 ton 4x4 1 - Truck 1/4 ton 4x4 3 - Trailers, 210	replaced Evacuated & replaced Initial issue
(2) Chemical: 1 - Kit, chemical Agent Detect	or Replaced
(3) Medical: 2 - Kit, first aid, Gas Casual 15 - Kit, first aid, 12 unit 1 - Litter	ity Replaced
(4) Signal: 5 - Tool Equipment TE 33	Replaced
1- Desk, field 25 -Bucket, canvas water 4- Bag, delousing 4- Bucket, gen purpose 1- Can, corrugated 16 gal 1- Can 24 gal 30- hit sewing 14- Cutter, wire 1- Whistle, thunderer 2- Screen, latrine 1- Tent, pyramidal 6- Lantern, kerosene	Replaced N N N N N N N N N N N N N

c. Friend material destroyed during month of Nay 1945 - None.



2 - Incls: Incl 1 - 24 extract copies of General Orders of Awards. Incl 2 - One Unit Journal.

