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FROM: 302400 April 1945
TO : 302400 May 1945
Unit: 702nd Tank Destroyer
Battalion
PLACE: Sehlde, Germany
(B-735855)
Date and Hour of Issue:
302400A May 1945

NO: 15

MAPS: GSGS 4416, Scale 1/100,000.

I. OUR FRONT LINES: Does not apply.

II. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Bn in vicinity of SEHLDE, GERMANY, under control of CC"A", Second Armored Division.

III. LOCATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: Does not apply.

IV. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: The 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, less Companies "A", "B", and "C" remained in IMMENDORF, GERMANY (C-833978) from the 1 May 1945 through the 8 May 1945, under CC"A" control, charged with the responsibility of maintaining seventeen displaced persons and allied prisoner of war camps located in that area. In addition, with assistance from members of the 66th Armored Regiment, the Battalion received thousands of displaced persons from the Division zone and during the period 28 April 1945 through the 8 May 1945 shipped over 19,000 displaced persons and allied prisoners of war to entraining points at HILDENSHEIN and KALTENDORF, GERMANY.

During this period Company "A" remained in SALZGITTER, GERMANY (C-810986) continuing 6000 mile checks and painting of all vehicles. An extensive athletic program was initiated.

Company "B", less two platoons, under CC"A" control remained in SALZGITTER, GERMANY (C-810986), charged with the military government of that town and the protection of important installations. Outposts and roadblocks were maintained to enforce the Division regulations concerning German nationals and foreign displaced people.

The 1st and 2nd platoons of Company "B" were placed in support of the 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment respectively and maintained road blocks in BRAUNSCHWEIG and HUNSAN, GERMANY against potential enemy armored attack. These platoons were relieved on the 7 May 1945 and reverted to the control of Company "B".

Company "C" less the third platoon policed and maintained order in the town of SCHONINGEN, GERMANY (C204988) from the 1 May until the 7 May 1945, under control of CC"B". The third platoon was released to Company control on the 7 May 1945 and moved to SCHONINGEN. During this period Company "C" arrested twenty-one German soldiers and turned them over to the Division Military police.

On the 9 May 1945 the 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion was relieved from all military government functions; road blocks; and responsibility for prison camps and under CC"A" control assembled in the towns of SEHLDE (C-735856) and GR. HEERE, GERMANY

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An extensive program was instituted for the completion of all 6000 mile checks and painting of vehicles. Care was taken to standardize all vehicles. All these operations were completed by the 15 May 1945.

In addition, specified training, athletics, and the primary Information and Educational program was started.

The Battalion held inspections of all clothing and equipment, vehicles and vehicular equipment and organizational equipment and weapons on the 11, 12 and 13 May 1945.

Memorial Services for the Battalion dead were held on the 13 and 16 May 1945 to honor those men and officers who had been killed in action during operations across the continent.

Great stress, during this period was laid on military courtesy and discipline, reorganization, including the rotation of key officers and non-commissioned officers, formations and athletics. Scouting and patrolling, compass marches and firing of small arms were also part of the schedule. Various recreational facilities were provided for the enlisted men including swimming pools; Post Exchange; beer garden; non-commissioned officers' club; movies and athletic fields. Competition teams for close order drill; firing of small arms; crew drill and various athletics intensified the interest and participation by all men.

The basis for the army educational program was started and the program began for those subjects involving on-the-job training. Text books and unit libraries were requisitioned.


Recruit schools were started for the new men entering the unit to fill vacancies of those men and officers returning to the United States on the army point system.

V. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Does not apply.

VI. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

VII. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: NEGATIVE.

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