

S-3 REPORT

FROM: 302400 May 1945  
TO : 302400 June 1945  
Unit: 702nd Tank Destroyer  
Battalion  
PLACE: Aken, Germany(D967703).

NO: 16

MAPS: GSGS 4416 Scale 1/100,000

I. OUR FRONT LINES: Does not apply

II. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Battalion in Aken, Germany, under control of CC"B", 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 remained in SEHLDE, GERMANY (B735855) from the 31 May 1945 through the 19 June 1945 charged only with local security and with orders to prepare for occupation of the American sector in BERLIN.

All vehicles were cleaned and painted and an intensive maintenance period instituted. 1000 mile checks were performed on all vehicles and all faults corrected. Care was taken to standardize vehicles.

In addition, specified training, athletics and the primary Information and Educational program was undertaken. Text books and unit libraries were requisitioned and portions of ON-THE-JOB Training begun.

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.

On the 15 June 1945 the Battalion received official notification that the unit was placed in Category IV effective the 12 June. Further notification delayed this readjustment until after the 25 July 1945.

Great stress during this period was laid on military courtesy and discipline, reorganization, including the rotation of key men and officers, formations and athletics. Scouting and patrolling, compass marches and firing of both small arms and the 90mm gun were also included. Various recreational facilities were provided for the enlisted men including swimming pools; Post Exchange; beer gardens; 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.

On the 20 June 1945 the Battalion moved under control of CC"A" from SEHLDE, GERMANY to AKEN, GERMANY (D967703), a distance of 113 miles, where the Battalion, attached to the 2nd Armored Division, remained under 7th Army control through the end of the period. Preparations were made for the coming movement of the unit with the Division to Berlin under the command of the Berlin District Headquarters. Intensive maintenance, reorganization and training in

proper road march discipline, guard duty and mounted reviews was instituted.

Final inspection of equipment and check of property records was completed. Great stress was laid on military discipline and courtesy, the cleaning of personal equipment and clothing and supervised athletics. Recreational facilities were provided and passes allotted as authorized by the Division.

V. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Does not apply.

VI. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

VII. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Negative.



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