

**HEADQUARTERS, 704TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**

APO 403, US Army  
13 June 1945

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**SUBJECT:** After Action Report for 1 May 1945 to 31 May 1945.

**TO :** The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.  
(thru channels)

Under the provisions of Paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as changed by Change Number 3, the following After Action Report for this command is submitted:

On 1 May 1945, the Battalion (- Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Co's) was billeted in Bayreuth, Germany with the mission of providing security for the Fourth Armored Division Headquarters. "A" and Reconnaissance Companies were billeted in Bayreuth, Germany in attachment to the Reserve Command of the Fourth Armored Division and "C" Company was in Gorschnitz, Germany attached to CC "G". "B" Company left Creussen at 1230 and marched 94 miles in main body of CC "A" to outpost the town of Oberndorf, Germany at 2000.

On 2 May 1945, the Battalion (- Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) started marching southeast from Bayreuth at 0945 and continued march until 0200, 3 May 1945, at which time the Bn (-) closed in Deggendorf, Germany, after traveling 145 miles. Rcn and "A" Companies moved from Bayreuth to Bruck, Germany leaving at 1015, and closing at 2100 after traveling 72 miles. "B" Company left Oberndorf, Germany, at 0630 and marched 54 miles to Grotterodorf closing at 1200. "C" Company left Gorschnitz at 0430 and travelled 155 miles to Hengersberg, Germany closing at 1800. The Battalion remained in these positions until 6 May 1945, performing maintenance and care and cleaning of equipment.

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On 6 May 1945, the Battalion (- Hq, Rcn, "A", "B", and "C" Companies) left Deggendorf at 1205, and arrived in Susice, Czechoslovakia, at 1630, after travelling 54 miles. The Bn (-) entered Czechoslovakia from Germany at 1630, at Eisenstein. Rcn Company left Deggendorf at 1125 and marched 80 miles to Volyne, Czechoslovakia closing at 1820. "A" Company moved from Deggendorf, Germany at 1130, and travelled 70 miles to Stritzling, Czechoslovakia closing at 1400. "B" Company marched in main body of CC "A", beginning march at 0615, and travelling 79 miles to Strakonice, Czechoslovakia closing at 1600. "C" Company left Hengersberg at 0600, after traveling 100 miles, arrived at Lnare, Czechoslovakia at 1600.

On 7 May 1945, Headquarters Company marched from Deggendorf, Germany at 0710 and arrived at Volyne, Czechoslovakia at 1600, after travelling 79 miles.

**CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:**  
**CANCELLED**  
**BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**  
*W. F. Mc Carthy (Adj AG)*  
**DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE** 15 Mar 46

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The Battalion was in these positions on 8 May 1945, the day of Victory in Europe.

On 14 May 1945, Rcn Co moved from Volyne to Protivin, Czechoslovakia, a distance of 20 miles. On 17 May 1945, Reconnaissance Company returned to Volyne.

On 26 May 1945, all the Companies rejoined the Battalion in Susice.

On 27 May 1945, the Battalion left Susice, Czechoslovakia at 0730 and travelled 105 miles to Landshut, Germany closing at 1715. The Battalion was billeted in the Schoch Kaserne, Landshut, Germany, and remained there for the rest of the month performing maintenance and assuring duties of an occupational force in this Bavarian Kries.

STRENGTH

OFFICERS.....7      SERGEANTS.....1      ENLISTED.....608

For the Commanding Officer:

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WILLIAM H. FINE  
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Adjutant

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