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77TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 408 US ARMY

5 June 1945

SUBJECT : After Action Report, Part No. 1 (Operations)

TO : Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division, APO 94, US Army.

Since the unit was not directly engaged against the enemy during the period 1-9 May 1945, but was fulfilling a special mission, occupying and governing a sector of Germany, no report, after action is appropriate and instead a report of the given mission and how it was accomplished follows:

Attached to the 30th Infantry, 9th Inf. Division, the Battalion was assigned the responsibility of occupying and governing an area of approximately 250 square miles consisting of eleven (11) Orts of the Landkreis, Dusseldorf-Mattman, located in the northwest corner thereof. The civilian population of this area is roughly 40,000 people including approximately 5,000 displaced persons of all nationalities, principally Russian.

The Battalion Commander, in order to adequately cover the assigned area divided it into four fairly equal sectors and placed one Company in each. To control the sector the Battalion Executive with all Staffmembers at his disposal was designated as the Unit Military Govt. Officer and likewise in each Company there was appointed a Military Govt. Officer who received his instructions through the Battalion Military Govt. channels thus established.

It was soon learned that it was an impossible task for the courts of the Mil. Govt. Detachments to try all the cases arising in the area so by proper authority the Battalion S-3 was appointed Summary Court Officer with jurisdiction over the Battalion area. This officer, because of his knowledge of law and proper court procedure was capable of handling all cases in the Battalion area. The principal civilian offense is violation of the imposed curfew regulations.

The most pressing problem confronting the Battalion in this area was the assembling and caring for of the 5,000 displaced persons living in small groups throughout the area and depending for food on the fruits of their pillaging and looting activities. The displaced persons were living under conditions best described as deplorable.

The Battalion was fortunate in finding in its area a vacant German military camp in good repair that would adequately house all the displaced persons in the area. To put this camp into operation, the Company Commander of Headquarters Co. was designated as Battalion DP Officer and through his efforts the camp soon housed and fed all the Battalion's displaced persons.

To guard and patrol the area the Battalion was using 300 men at the close of the period.

CONRAD B. STURGES  
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry  
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SUBJECT : After Action Report, Part No. 2 (Routine Activities and Data)  
TO : Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division, APO 9th, US Army.  
Attn: Historical Officer.

The 77th Tank Destroyer Battalion (ST), organized under provisions of T/O and E 18-25, dated 15 March 1944, which authorizes a strength of 35 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 607 Enlisted Men, has assigned, as of the end of the period, 34 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 608 Enlisted Men. The Battalion is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Conrad B. Sturges, O-282307 and key officers assigned are:

Major	Edward J. Bellamy	O-401603	Battalion Exec. O.
Major	Wade D. Jones	O-347586	Battalion S-3
Capt	Wilbur G. Anderson	O1822509	Battalion S-4
1st Lt	Frank H. McCartney	O1822297	Battalion S-2 and Acting S-1
Capt	Joe I. Elliott	O1822253	Battalion Motor Officer
Capt	Carl A. Black	O-378090	Commanding Co. "B"
Capt	Lum A. Ingram jr.	O-410738	Commanding Hq. Co.
Capt	Joseph W. Rood	O-417338	Commanding Co. "A"
1st Lt	Lawrence A. Satterfield	O1168898	Commanding Ren. Co.
Capt	Donald F. Falden	O1822053	Commanding Co. "C"
Capt	Carson B. Murdy	O-416608	Battalion Surgeon

During the period 1 May to 9 May 1945 the following awards were made in the unit:

AWARDED SILVER STAR

Sgt Joseph T. V. St. Pierre

AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR

Capt. Carson B. Murdy  
1st Lt Frank H. McCartney.

COFR B. STURGES  
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding