

HEADQUARTERS  
607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 330

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6 September 1944

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Period 1 August 1944 to 1 September 1944)

1 Aug 44: Bn in assembly area to North and East of ST SAUVEUR LENDELIN. Alert for movement. Co A attached to 343rd FA Bn for movement.

2 Aug 44: Bn, less Co A, moved as a unit from ST SAUVEUR LENDELIN. New position North-east of ST HILLAIRE de HAUCOUT. Co A attached to 357th Combat Team.

3 Aug 44: Bn in general AT support of 90th Division with Co A attached to 357th Inf. Co B in direct support of 358th Inf, knocked down one ME 109 with .50 cal MG fire. Co C in direct support of 359th Inf.

4 Aug 44: No change in missions. All companies deployed in support of Inf Regiments. Co B killed two Germans of a party of approximately 50 who were trying to infiltrate through their area. They later aided in rounding up 29 of this party.

5 Aug 44: Co A still attached to 357th Inf, moved as a part of Task Force Weaver, which was to spearhead the advance of the Division and was reported in the vicinity of ERNEE. The Bn CP moved to new location in vicinity of LANDIVY. Companies continued direct AT support to Inf Regiment in their advance to the East towards LE MANS.

6 Aug 44: Bn CP moved to new location in vicinity of LA BIGOTTERIE. No change in Co missions.

7 Aug 44: Bn CP moved to new location NW of STE SUZANNE. Co C in an engagement with small enemy force destroyed one enemy half-track at MONTSURES.

8 Aug 44: Enemy forces reported moving toward the Bn CP, forced CP to move out. After establishing temporary CP moved to new location 2 miles East of LA QUINTE.

9 Aug 44: CP moved to new location on Eastern edge of LE MANS. Companies on missions in direct AT support of Inf Regiments, generally around North, East of LE MANS.

10 Aug 44: No changes during day.

11 Aug 44: Co B attached to 358th Inf, Co C attached to 359th. Bn (less B & C) moved from location East of LE MANS to temporary location South of BALLON, thence to new location 1 mile East of CONGE SUR ORNE. No change in Co missions. Bn advanced 18.4 miles. No enemy action.

12 Aug 44: No change in missions. One platoon of Co A sent to give direct AT support to 357th Inf. Bn moved to new location 1/2 mile West of DANRUL.

13 Aug 44: Co A moved to direct support of 357th Inf. No change in mission of other companies. Bn CP moved to new position 2 miles NW of ALENCON.

14 Aug 44: Co A in skirmish with enemy, destroyed one MG, killed one and captured seven.

15 Aug 44: Co B, relieved from attachment to 358th Inf and moved to assembly area in vicinity of Battalion CP. Bn, less A and C companies moved to new location East of CHAILLOUF. Co B committed one platoon at NONANT LE PIN.

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16 Aug 44: Co C in fire fight with two armored half-tracks, destroyed one and had hits on the other. In another fire fight with three enemy tanks, destroyed two and had hits on the other. These tanks were Mark IV. One platoon gave direct fire support to infantry and acted as a base of fire to withstand enemy counter-attack at LE BOURG ST LEONARD. No change in company missions.

17 Aug 44: Third tank hit 16 Aug by Co C confirmed as destroyed. Co B committed to reinforce Co C in area of EXMES and CROISELLES, then to direct support of 358th Inf in FORST de GRIFFERN. Co A placed one gun to interdict road leading East from GAGE, destroying 5 vehicles and blocking road; also took over Co B positions in area of EXMES and CROISELLES in direct support of 357th Inf.

18 Aug 44: Co C in fire fight with tanks and infantry aided materially in breaking up enemy counter-attack and disorganizing enemy forces. As a result of this action two tanks and four wheeled vehicles were destroyed. 1st platoon Co B attached to 3rd Bn 358th Inf.

19-20 Aug 44: All companies continued missions. Co B, by aggressive action pushed 2nd and 3rd platoons well forward on the nose of hill in vicinity of ST EUGENIE and fired direct fire into enemy column attempting to escape the FALAISE pocket. In this role they destroyed 27 tanks, 16 artillery pieces, 20 SP guns and 60 vehicles and killed an undetermined number of enemy personnel and horses. Co C, employing one platoon in the vicinity of CHAMBOISE, brought 3" direct gun fire and bazooka fire, destroying two tanks and two self-propelled guns. Co B's 2nd platoon also was placed in action, first in vicinity of ST EUGENIE and then near BON MENIL. Bn CP moved to new location South-east of LE BOURG ST LEONARD.

21 Aug 44: Bn assembled in vicinity of LE PIN de HARRAS. One platoon of Co A with outpost of 357th Infantry.

22-25 Aug 44: Bn remained in assembly area.

26 Aug 44: Bn marched as a unit from NONANT LE PIN to FONTAINEBLEAU, a distance of 171 miles.

27 Aug 44: Co A in direct AT support of 357th Inf. Co C in direct support of 359th Inf. Bn, less 2 companies moved from FONTAINEBLEAU to LE CROIX en BRIE to new positions.

28 Aug 44: No change in missions of A and C companies. Bn less 2 companies moved from LE CROIX en BRIE to new position 2 miles North of MONTMIRAIL.

29 Aug 44: No change in missions. Bn, less 2 companies moved from MONTMIRAIL to new position 1 mile north of SAVIGNY SAUR ANDRES.

30 Aug 44: No change in missions. Bn less 2 companies moved from vicinity of SAVIGNY SAUR ANDRES to new position in vicinity of BRIGNY.

31 Aug 44: One platoon Co B sent to reinforce Co C. No change in missions.

## Summary of Operations of 60th TD Bn for August 1944. (cont.)

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

<u>* Destroyed</u>	<u>Prisoners</u>	<u>Losses</u>
34 tanks	570	1 3" Gun
19 S.P guns		1 half-track
4 armored vehicles		1 1 1/2 ton truck
9 half-tracks		2 1/2 tons
58 general purpose vehicles		
16 F.A pieces (horse-drawn)		

\*The above is confirmed destruction, estimated unconfirmed is 200 vehicles of all types.

## Coordinates of places and towns mentioned in summary:

St Sauveur Lendelin 2766	Chailloue 4634
Ernee 5871	Nonant Le Pin 4939
Landivy 5192	Amnes 4646
Le Mans 4036	Croiselles 5146
La Blotterie 6868	Falaise 1436
St Suzanne 0049	Le Bourge St Leonard 4047
Montsur 8552	Le Pin du Haras 4344
La Quinte 2943	Fontainebleau 2891
Conges Sur Orne 4684	Le Croix en Brie 5710
Dangeul 4689	Montmirail 9339
Alencon 3484	Savigny Sur Andres 7912
Chambois 4051	Brimont 3189

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