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HEADQUARTERS 610TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

A. P. O. 407, U. S. Army
3 November 1944

SUBJECT: History of Organization. (After Battle Report)

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., (Thru Channels)

In compliance with AR 345-105, par 13, dated 28 November, 1929, and changes thereto, the following report for the months of August and September is submitted.

1. Original Unit.
 - (a) Designation: 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
 - (b) Date of Organization: 10 April 1942.
 - (c) Place of Organization: Camp Barkley, Texas.
 - (d) Authority for Organization: Special Order #88, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, dated 10 April 1942.
 - (e) Source from which personnel was obtained: Cadre of five (5) Officers and seventy seven (77) EM from 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Fillers from Infantry Replacement Center, Camp Wolters, Texas; Replacement Reception center, Ft. Devens, Mass. and Replacement Reception Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

2. Changes in Organizations: None during period.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
 - (a) At beginning of period: August 1944, 32 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 725 Enlisted men.
 - (b) Net decrease for the months of August and September, 1944: 5 Officers, 76 Enlisted men.
 - (c) Net increase for the months of August and September, 1944: 6 Officers, 78 Enlisted men.
 - (d) At end of period - September 1944: 33 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 727 Enlisted men.

4. Stations of unit or parts thereof.
 - (a) Unit landed Utah Beach, France at 0200 hours 1 August 1944.
 - (b) Unit departed Weymouth, England 0600 hours 31 July 1944.

5. Marches.
 - (1) Unit made administrative move from Utah Beach, France to vicinity Le VALDECIS, France, to assembly area pending assignment and commitment, 2 August 1944.
 - (a) Length of March: 31 miles.
 - (b) Weather: Clear and warm.
 - (c) No incidents.

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(2) Unit made administrative move from vicinity DIEULOUARD, France to bivouac area 4 miles East of TOUL pending reorganization. 27 Sept. 1944.

- (a) Length of March: 21 miles.
- (b) Weather: Cloudy and cool.
- (c) No incidents.

6. Campaigns.

- (a) Name of: Western Europe
- (b) Duration: Not completed
- (c) Purpose: Liberation of France

7. Battles:

Battalion received orders delivered by Major WALKER, XII Corps, to move from vicinity Le VALDESIE to vicinity NAFTAL to help repel attack launched by a reported two panzer divisions in vicinity MORTAIN. Battalion alerted for move and crossed IP at 2030 hours, 7 August. Route of March was changed by MP's and CP group of Battalion was caught in air bombardment and strafing at AVRANCHES at 0030 hours, 8 August. Suffered one death and three casualties with loss of one (1) 1/4 ton and one (1) motorcycle, first combat losses of unit.

Battalion was attached to XX Corps and immediately upon arrival at NAFTAL were ordered to proceed to an area 3 miles South of VITRE. Arrived at that point at 1145 hours after a trip of 130 miles from original bivouac area. At 1440 hours, 8 August received orders to proceed to area vicinity CRAON and report to CG, 80th Infantry Division at CRAON. Battalion moved out at 1930 hours and closed in new bivouac area at 2200 hours.

On 9th August at 0745 hours, Battalion received orders to proceed to area of BEAU SOLSIL, 15 miles East of LAVAL, and also informed that we were now attached to XV Corps. Battalion cleared IP at 1210 hours and closed in new bivouac at 1742 hours and staff reported to 80th Infantry Division. At 2145 hours that evening three German prisoners of the 17th Reserve Panzer Division were brought into CP by french civilians. They were Lt. ERICH HUTT, Sgt. Helst Harms, and Pvt. Paul Welser. Prisoners were picked up by French at 2000 hours at farm 4 km. east of HAZOUGES.

At 2245 hours, B Company was ordered to report to 318th combat team with purpose of seizing BARON and C Company ordered to 317th combat team with objective of seizing St. SUZANNE. Both towns liberated. B Company was then ordered to move to vicinity SILLE LE GUILLIAME.

At 2040 hours, 10 August Battalion-minus left with 319th combat team for assembly area in vicinity CHASSEVILLE. Closed in new area at 0210 hours, 11 August. Companies were all attached to respective combat teams. Forward CP moved to area 1/2 mile east of ROUEZ, closed in area 1725 hours. "A" Company took up indirect fire positions vicinity TENNIE-ROUEZ, tie in with Division Artillery survey.

2000 hours, 12 August, B and C Companies were relieved from assignment to 318th and 317th combat teams respectively.

August 13, at 0700 hours orders were received from CG, 80th Inf. Division, to move in three columns north, destroying hostile forces encountered to an area vicinity of SELS.

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Company A took middle route with Division Command group. B and C Companies advanced on the Eastern route. B, C and Battalion CP group made excellent progress. Just west of ALENCON, the 2nd French Armored Division and the 90th Infantry Division crossed in front of column. Column was ordered to give priority to other two units and Battalion assembled in an area just NW of ALENCON. At 1145, 14 August received orders to go to an assembly area 1.5 km. west of St. MORS LU DESERTES.

At 0200 hours, 15 August, received word of attachment to 8th Corps. Order also alerted Battalion for movement to area south of JUELAINS at 0630 hours. Crossed IP at 0848, arrived at 80th Division CP south of JUELAINS at 1148 hours. Commendation received from Division G-3 on Battalion movement. At 1750 hours received word of attachment to 3rd Army reserve from 8th Corps. Battalion alerted for movement to new assembly area at 1840 hours. Cleared IP at 2040 hours, arrived in assembly area north of EVRON at 2228 hours. Companies received Infantry units of 80th Division who are to ride on our transportation. Battalion placed on 4 hour alert status, 16 August for movement to assembly area SW of ORLEANS.

Received amendment to orders of August 16 at 0345 hours, 17 August. Battalion to move to area 5 miles NW of SERS, H hour at 0500 hours. Battalion closed at 1130 hours. At 1700 hours received oral orders from CG, 80th Infantry Division, to attack with 318th combat team to seize high ground East of ARGENTAN, then high ground to NE. 610th attached to 318th. Two Companies to protect artillery and take care of tank attack thru ARGENTAN to SE and from NE into our positions. Direct fire possibilities to east of town. Orders confirmed by FO #6, 80th Division, and at 1950 hours companies moved out on their mission. CP group moved out and closed in new bivouac area with 80th Division CP, one mile west of ALMENECHES at 2330 hours. "A" Company given mission of supporting Division Artillery by indirect fire. "C" Company attached to 318th combat team for attack. "B" Company supporting 318th combat team in Corps Reserve. Division is attached to 1st Provisional Corps for the attack.

Enemy forces are trapped in a pocket between British forces breaking out of CAEN, 2nd French Armored and 1st Army on our left, and 90th Division on our right. Escape route is narrow gap existing between FALAISE and ARGENTAN. Poles fighting with the British were reported at TRUN at 1400 hours, 18 August.

Attacking forces of 80th Division received heavy automatic weapons fire and tank thrusts. Advance limited to main road leading east from ARGENTAN.

On 19th August, 318th combat team launched attack on Division objective NE of ARGENTAN. Objective was not reached and 2nd and 3rd Battalion dug in. At 1735 hours, 317th with "C" Company, 610th TD Battalion attached, passed through 318th and launched attack. At 2300 hours it was stopped and dug in and ordered to resume attack at 0700 hours, 20 August. At 0900 hours, 19 August, forward CP of Battalion advanced to position in vicinity of Hill #171. Battalion commander concerned with getting elements of B Company across river at unimproved ford. Some elements succeeded in getting across without much trouble. Reported knocking out 3 MK VI tanks while elements of C Company knocked out 2- 88mm SP guns. The forward CP was taken under fire by enemy and Lt. Col. Herold, Major Greenhaw, T/Sgt. Senger, S/Sgt. Dreissel, Tec/5 Linge were injured by enemy fire at 2030 hrs.

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All casualties were evacuated. Word was received that Lt. Col. Herold died of wounds received at 0130 hours, 20 August.

Major Arthur A. Jeffrey assumed command of Battalion, 20 August 1944. During the night of 19th, 20th August, "A" Company registered on house occupied by Germans and subsequently fired approximately 700 rounds, HE in indirect fire mission--harassing fires. At 0835 hours, 20 August, 3rd platoon "C" Company reported engaging tanks on their front. At that time, they had accounted for four (4) unidentified enemy tanks. "C" Company moved forward with 317th combat team occupying objective north of ARGENTAN and disposed company commanding all roads leading into town. Little activity was reported except Infantry patrols containing small pockets of enemy remaining in area. "B" Company with 318th combat team occupied town of CAENNES and also holding ARGENTAN. Some confusion occurred in our command by passage of lines of 317th and 318th combat teams. Our Companies were not sure at all times just who they were supporting.

21st of August was relatively quiet with mopping up operations and Division organizing into an assembly area assigned to V Corps units. The V Corps took over from the 1st Provisional Corps during the battle and Division plus attached troops fought engagement as 1st Army troops. At 1800 hours, 21 August, the command over the area of the 80th Division north of ARGENTAN-CAENNES road passed to the British. Battle was over and Division began assembling, completing operation at 0130 hours, 22 August.

On the 24th August, Battalion in conjunction with combat teams of the Division went through a re-enactment of phases of the battle to coordinate the actions of tanks, TD'S and Infantry, illustrating the limitations and capabilities of each to the other arms.

Battalion was relieved from attachment to V Corps, 1st Army and attached to VII Corps, 3rd Army. At 1445 hours, 26 August, Battalion departed from assembly area in vicinity of ALLENNECHES enroute to new assembly area in vicinity ST FLAVY. Battalion closed in new area two miles east of ST FLAVY at 1900 hours, 27 August. Distance traveled: 347 miles. no accidents, no casualties, no loss of equipment.

PO #9, 80th Infantry Division received at 2245 hours, 27 August. Battalion in general support of 80th Infantry Division. "A" Company with 318th combat team on left of Division zone, "C" Company in support of 317th combat team on right of Division zone. Remainder of Battalion in reserve. "A" and C Companies to pay particular attention to Division left flank. Early the morning of the 28th, the Companies moved to join respective combat teams. All bridges up to MERY-SUR-SEINE have been reported blown, but fords are passable. Many of the roads are reported mined. At 1850 hours, the 28th August, the Battalion CP moved to new area 1-1/4 miles NE of VILLESEBIEUS, arriving there at 2200 hours. Fords immediately behind the column were attacked by air. As of midnight the 28th, the Battalion was disposed as follows: "A" Company with 318th combat team in vicinity of MATOUGES, "C" Company with 317th combat team in position in vicinity of ECURY-SUR-COHLIS, and "B" Company continued in reserve with positions in vicinity 2 miles SE of highway from MATOUGES. Rear echelon 6-1/4 mile SW of Battalion CP.

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On August 29, at 0745, "C" Company reported they were to attack JALON at 0800 hours. "A" Company reported they were advancing 5,000 yards north of MATOUGES. "B" Company has been assigned new mission of direct support of 319th combat team to establish a bridgehead across MARNE River at CHALONS. At 1300 hours, report was received that CHALON-SUR-MARNE had been taken at 0900 hours that morning. Companies were ordered to continue support of their combat teams. Results of day, no casualties, no loss of equipment, 9 prisoners captured, 10 rounds HE fired, 2 MG nests destroyed by "A" Company.

August 30, 1944: "A" Company continued in direct support of the 318th combat team with positions as follows: CP and one platoon at LIVRY, one platoon at BOUY, one platoon at LES GRANDS LOGUES. "C" Company to continue same mission with 318th combat team. Company CP and two platoons were 1-1/2 miles north of ST ETIENNE. One platoon at L'EPINE. Battalion CP moved to vicinity of LO VELLUVE. "B" Company established road blocks as follows: One section at AUHERIVE, one section at SUIPPES, one section at AUBE, one section at LA PRESNE, and one platoon was in reserve with 319th combat team. Results of day: Ten prisoners captured by "A" Company.

At 0400 hours, 31 August FO #10 was received from 80th Infantry Division. Division to advance east on three routes at 0700 hours to seize BAR-LE-DUC, COMMERCY, and prepare for action toward ST MIHIEL or to the east. "C" Company with 317th combat team on Route #2, "A" Company with 318th combat team on Route #3, "B" Company under Battalion control to follow route of 317th combat team. Companies moved out at 0700 hours as planned and joined respective combat teams. At 1500 hours, "B" Company reported that they were being held up by 88mm fire in vicinity of NOI DISLEVAL. The Battalion CP left with rear CP of Division at 2200 hours. At 2400 hours all Companies were in position. "B" Company in vicinity of RAMONT, "A" Company in vicinity of JEMISE, "C" Company in vicinity MEMILANX. The 1st Section, 2nd platoon (Res. plt.) reported fire 6 rounds 57mm HE at enemy gun positions. Battalion CP closed in new position in vicinity LAHEY COURT at 0400 hours, 1st September after passing through two villages sacked by SS troops.

At 0925, 1 September, "B" Company reported its objective as ST DELIONVILLE, while "A" Company was one mile SW of COMMERCY. "C" Company was 1/2 mile north of REMONT. At 1630 hours, the CP left LAHEY COURT for new location in vicinity COMMERCY. "A" Company was proceeding on Route #3 with 318th combat team. "B" Company had 2nd platoon and CP in vicinity COURCELLE and one platoon with 3rd Battalion, 317th combat team across MEUSE River. "C" Company with two platoons and CP one mile east of MEMIL, one platoon with 1st Battalion, 317th combat team in vicinity MEGRIAN. The Battalion CP closed in bivouac area in vicinity COMMERCY at 2130 hours. Disposition of Battalion as of 2400, 1 September was; "A" Company in vicinity CHIONVILLE, "B" Company in vicinity MAR BOTTE, "C" Company minus one platoon in vicinity ST AGNASSY, Hq. Company in vicinity MATOUMONT.

During the 2nd of September, there was little change in assignments of the Companies. "A" Company moved to vicinity GIRAVOIS to continue support of 318th combat team. "B" Company furnished Division support to 319th combat team. At 1900 hours, one platoon, "C" Company, was at ST MIHIEL, one platoon at WORMVILLE, one platoon at ROUCONVILLE, all elements establishing road blocks.

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"H" Company had one platoon in vicinity of RAGNY-SUR-REUSE, one platoon in vicinity of WID establishing road blocks. "C" Company was located at APRESMONT. During the day, eleven (11) prisoners were captured by B Company, one PW by Company G, and nineteen (19) PW's by "H" Company. No casualties or losses of equipment.

Battalion CP moved to vicinity of GIRAGNOISIN at 1115 hours, 3 Sept. One platoon of C Company was in support of one company of 317 combat team. Seized town of ESSAY against slight opposition. One platoon of C Company with 317th combat team set up defense of APRESMONT.

On Sept 4, one platoon of C Company reconnoitered for river crossing and gun positions along MOSELLE River between FORT-ALEXANDER and DE LIGNARD. "H" Company had a gun disposed at road 1-1/2 mile east of WID, a gun at 1-1/2 miles south RAGNY-SUR-REUSE and another one mile south of WID. The Battalion CP moved with 80th Division CP to vicinity LICHVILLE. Field Message #6, 80th Infantry Division assigned Battalion missions as follows: Two platoons, C Company attached to 1st Battalion, 317th Infantry in position 1 mile east of ESSAY and 3rd platoon attached to 3rd Battalion, 317th Infantry 1/2 mile east of LICHVILLE. "A" Company in direct support 318th combat team in vicinity GIBRANVILLE. "E" Company in direct support 319th combat team vicinity BILLY. Objective of attack to capture BILLY, 1st Sect. Recon. Platoon encountered German patrol vicinity JEANVILLE, retired after exchange of small arms fire. ---no casualties.

Enemy artillery destroyed one gun of "H" Company and inflicted three casualties on Sept 5. Company was in position vicinity BRANVILLE. One platoon, "H" Company was in position vicinity ST. H. GUYTON, one platoon in vicinity of TOUL. "A" Company was in position vicinity A. CA. and with 318th combat team. "C" Company had one platoon at B. EY, one platoon at HAJERVAIS, one platoon at JEANVILLE.

2nd Sect, 2nd platoon D Company in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 319th combat team, received a direct hit by enemy artillery; losses, 7 casualties, 2 deaths, one gun and one half-track destroyed at 0830 hours, 6 October. Lt. Harry E. Watkins, platoon leader was one of those killed. "E" Company had one platoon at JEANVILLE, one section vicinity ST. H. GUYTON and one platoon and CP vicinity BRANVILLE. Other dispositions unchanged.

On Sept 7, "A" Company moved to vicinity SAIGRAIS in direct support 318th combat team. They fired 55 rounds of HE accounting for 6 machine gun positions and one enemy CP.

Early in the morning of Sept 8, the enemy launched a counter-attack on positions occupied by 3rd platoon, "A" Company, 1-1/2 miles SE of SAIGRAIS. The supporting Infantry fell back without warning the platoon, and heavy mortar and machine gun fire forced the platoon to fall back abandoning three 3inch guns, three half-tracks, and three 1/4 tons. The attack was halted about 1000 meters to the rear of the original positions by the reorganized Infantry. The enemy turned the 3inch guns on our friendly units and one gun was destroyed by artillery fire and it was later determined that the other two guns were destroyed by 702nd Tank Battalion. One entire gun crew has been reported missing. One platoon of "H" Company established a road block 1/2 mile south of SAIGRAIS. The 2nd platoon, "A" Company, in position 2-1/2 miles SE of SAIGRAIS observed activity in vicinity of enemy CP. They held their fire until maximum number of personnel including a number of Officers retired into a tent. The platoon opened fire on the position with 3inch HE.

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Many casualties straggled out of the tent whereupon they fired 10 more rounds of HE silencing the position. Estimated enemy casualties as 40. No further change in Battalion position. It was later discovered that two of the three half-tracks previously reported as lost were recovered and repaired. The 3rd half-track was destroyed by artillery fire.

During September 9th and 10th, there was little change in our position. 1st Section, 3rd platoon, "F" Company was in position at FT DE JONDRE VILLE. The 2nd Section in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 319th combat team, fired upon FT VILLEY LE SEC with very poor results against the fortification.

During the past week, the Battalion had succeeded in changing the tracks on all 36 of our half-tracks without loss of combat efficiency of any unit.

September 11, 1944: Battalion continued in direct support of the 80th Infantry Division with "A", "F", and "G" Companies supporting the 318th, 319th, and 317th Regiments respectively in the attack to establish a bridgehead across the MOSELLE River from PONT-A-MOUSSEON to MILLERY. "C" Company spent the day preparing gun positions on high ground one mile SE of BEZAINVILLE, to cover the Infantry crossing. Companies received replacements for the three guns and one half-track destroyed the previous day.

The attack to cross the MOSELLE River succeeded on the 12th of Sept and "A" and "C" Companies shuttled by platoons across the river taking up positions at Ste GENEVIEVE, BREAUMONT, LANDREMONY, and MILLERY. "F" Company remained in the same position. Battalion CP moved to new position three miles south of WAMEY.

At about 0400 hrs, 13 September, the enemy launched a counter-attack against positions held by the 3rd platoon, "C" Company, in the town of STE GENEVIEVE. The Infantry support fell back but the platoon maintained their position against the Infantry and tank assault accounting for two of the enemy tanks, 1st Lt. Richard Merrill, the platoon leader, was wounded in the action.

In the same counter-attack, tanks advanced at 0415 hours, upon the road block established by 1st platoon, A Company. It was too dark to identify the tanks so the platoon leader with-held his fire. The tanks at this junction, shot flares at our positions, blinding the TD crews and opened up with small arms. The platoon destroyed one enemy tank but were forced to withdraw as they were then without Infantry support. The enemy tanks continued down the road south of LOISY where they were taken under fire by the 3rd platoon, "A" Company, in position two miles south of LOISY. They accounted for two (2) of the tanks. Our losses were three (3) killed, fourteen (14) wounded, one 1-1/2 ton and one 1/4 ton destroyed. Enemy losses five (5) MK IV tanks and four (4) machine guns. Company "B" had no change in position.

The action of "C" in maintaining their position in vicinity of STE GENEVIEVE against the Infantry and tank assault was credited with helping to a large extent the securing of the bridgehead over the MOSELLE River by the 80th Infantry Division.

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On 15th September, the enemy again launched a counter-attack at MOUNSON HILL in vicinity of 3rd platoon, "A" Company. The platoon was subjected to a terrific barrage of machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire. The 1st Section of the platoon advanced to the top of the hill with the Infantry, but the 2nd Section's route was blocked and personnel surrounded. They destroyed two of the guns while the two half-tracks made a dash for the top of the hill. Some of the crew members who were blocked succeeded in escaping by swimming the river. They succeeded in securing some boats and evacuated some of the wounded across the river.

Another counter-attack was launched at 0400 in the vicinity of STE GENEVIEVE where Hq. Section and 3rd platoon, "C" Company were located. They knocked out two tanks with Bazooka fire and two with 3 inch guns. Capt. Duchossais was wounded in this action.

Another tank attack was launched against this position at 1600 hrs. The 1st platoon, "C" Company moved to a position covering this attack and knocked out eight (8) enemy tanks from their position. The Division artillery took the tank column under fire and dispersed the attack, although, Company was in position to take care of all tanks in the column. Later in the day, B Company moved to position in vicinity of LOISY.

Casualties were one man killed, three wounded, two guns lost and twelve (12) enemy tanks knocked out.

The enemy launched an attack supported by tanks against 1st platoon, "B" Company, position north of LOISY on the 16th September. Five (5) enemy tanks were destroyed, while five of our men were wounded and the trail of one gun was damaged. No change in Battalion disposition.

On 17 September, 1st platoon, "B" Company, moved to vicinity of MORVILLE-SUR-SKILLS, 2nd platoon to LESMÉNILS. No further change in disposition.

Battalion disposition on the 16th of September were as follows: "A" Company had 1st and 3rd platoons in vicinity of LOISY, and 2nd platoon north of LAUDREMOIT. "B" Company had 1st platoon west of POUL-SUR-SKILLS, 2nd platoon west of MORVILLE-SUR-SKILLS, and 3rd platoon in vicinity of ANTON. "C" Company had 1st platoon at LIÈRENS, 2nd platoon NE of AUBREVILLE, and 3rd platoon at VILLE-AU-VAL. Battalion CP had moved with Division to area north of DIEULOUARD.

The 3rd platoon, "A" Company which had been cut off and isolated by the enemy for three days atop MOUNSON HILL with the 3rd Battalion, 318th Infantry, made a full report of their action. They had been supplied by air using Cub-planes and withstood many hostile counter-attacks including a continual barrage of mortar, artillery, and small arms fire.

On September 19th, Battalion CP moved with Division to location SE of JEZAINVILLE. The 1st platoon, "C" Company, supported the advance of the 3rd Battalion, 318th Infantry, from positions in vicinity of AUBREVILLE by knocking out at least three mortars and unknown number of personnel. 3rd platoon, "A" Company, moved in vicinity of VILLE-AU-VAL. The 2nd platoon, "A" Company, received artillery fire in vicinity of LOISY.

The 1st platoon, "C" Company, fired 65 rounds of HE at targets of opportunity, supporting the advance of the 3rd Battalion, 318th Infantry on September 20. 3rd platoon, "C" Company, established a road block SE of LAUDREMOIT. "A" Company had the 1st and 3rd platoons in the vicinity of STE GENEVIEVE

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On the 21st of September, 2nd and 3rd platoons, Company "C", moved to vicinity of BELLEFONT in reserve ready to reinforce fires of Division against tank thrusts.

22nd of September; 1st and 3rd platoons, "A" Company, moved to vicinity of MILLENT, 2nd platoon, "C" Company moved NW of BELLEFONT and fired 18 rounds of HE on BELLEAU. Results were unobserved owing to poor visibility.

On September 24th, the 3rd platoon, "C" Company, moved to PAMA to reinforce the flank defenses of the 517th Infantry.

On September 25th, the 808th T. D. Battalion, relieved the 610th T. D. Battalion. The 610th T. D. Battalion was relieved of attachment to the 80th Infantry Division, and at 2100 hours, all companies had assembled into a bivouac area two miles west of DIAULOUARD. While exchanging positions with the 808th T. D. Battalion, the 3rd platoon, "C" Company received enemy mortar fire and suffered two casualties.

The Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 80th Infantry Division for the purpose of conversion to a self-propelled Tank Destroyer Battalion, being equipped with the new M-36 destroyer. (The first in the SPO).

The following is a summary of our operations as a towed T. D. Bn.

	<u>SUMMARY</u>					
	<u>Tanks</u>	<u>vehicles</u>	<u>S. I.'s</u>	<u>arty. eq's</u>	<u>Prisoners</u>	<u>S.P.'s</u>
"A" Company	3	0	9	0	54	2
"B" Company	3	3	2	2	15	0
"C" Company	20	2	10	3	6	5
Hq. Company	0	0	0	0	10	0
TOTAL	<u>31</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>7</u>

	<u>OWN LOSSES</u>					
	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Auto</u>	<u>Half-tracks</u>	<u>1 - 1/2 ton</u>	<u>1/4 ton</u>
"A" Company	4	10	4	3	1	2
"B" Company	5	14	2	1	0	0
"C" Company	4	15	0	1	0	1
Hq. Company	3	8	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	<u>16</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

3inch Ammunition fired

HE----1,341 rounds
APC---- 245 rounds
Snake---- 16 rounds

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8. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

(a) Western Europe

(b) Major Arthur E. Jeffrey, O-405 491, assumed command at 2030, 19 August, 1944, vice Lt. Colonel William L. Herald, O-19 916, killed in action.

9. Losses in action: (Officers and Enlisted men.)

(a) Engagements: Western Europe

(b) Names.

KILLED

Lt. Col. William L. Herald, O-19919	Tec 5 Donald Vetrono	32601664
1st Lt. Harry B. Watkins O-1822087	Pfc Edward A. Strain	32609380
Sgt. Ralph I. Derr 36272570	Pfc. Albert M. Luciani	32601393
Tec 5 Edgar M. Bird 32601533	Pvt. Clifford L. Hook	32485735
Tec 5 Wilbur R. Darsey 39101453	Pvt. Matthew Furta	31277473
Tec 5 James E. Jones 37141403	Pvt. Angelo V. Vaccio	32081264
Tec 5 Joseph J. Palmieri 32687639	Pvt. William R. Sorenson	33481480
Tec 5 Rudolph R. Pisani 32691107	Pvt. Albert J. Vercellin	31288020

WOUNDED

Maj. Herman H. Greenhaw O-305720	Pfc. Walter K. Breuerd	31278851
Capt. Richard L. Dichossois O-439969	Pfc. Michael Lamonia	32601466
1st Lt. Richard J. Merrill O-1169249	Pfc. George Niker	32601641
T/Sgt. Robert V. Senger 33032326	Pfc. Richard P. Smith	32601239
S/Sgt. Loyd A. Chipman 38082548	Pvt. Floyd S. Allison	37141614
S/Sgt. Sylvester S. Dreissel 36239558	Pvt. George Andre	32601266
S/Sgt. John C. Hall 35263314	Pvt. John P. Durocile	31218229
Sgt. John J. Koen 14004900	Pvt. Timothy J. Hartes	32081470
Sgt. Walter R. Lemart 16052369	Pvt. Leon F. Hawkins	20833513
Sgt. Ray R. Nichols 34289214	Pvt. James J. Holland	36312410
Sgt. Cooper S. Nichols 34300159	Pvt. Eugene E. Jackson	36748389
Sgt. Royal A. Samuelson 39181702	Pvt. Jack Kleinfeld	32601315
Sgt. Woodrow P. Wheeler 32044646	Pvt. John J. Larkin	32687784
Tec 4 James J. Bradshaw 38017878	Pvt. Delbert W. McConnell	18160822
Tec 4 Arthur J. Plathe 37112102	Pvt. Herbert McKinney	33163241
Cpl. David M. Garrison 32601242	Pvt. Bert Nickelsberg	32691116
Cpl. Robert Light 35261627	Pvt. Irvin A. Revis	37132161
Cpl. Marshall W. Marcus 31241177	Pvt. Lewis H. Schrimacher	38018081
Cpl. Walter J. Montini 32690151	Pvt. Charles J. Holtkamp	37015034
Tec 5 Stephen Reles 32081236	Pvt. Cecil C. White	38105146
Tec 5 Emil Krak 32800831	Pvt. Bernard Zaleski	31275789
Tec 5 Mursi C Lattansia 33163189		
Tec 5 Frank J. Lemme 32060790		
Tec 5 Hubert C. Linco 32697351		
Tec 5 Donald Raybuck 33017503		
Tec 5 Charles E. Webb 35537397		

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10. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in actions:

- (a) Lt. Colonel William L. Herold awarded the Silver Star (posthumously) for gallantry in action and courageous leadership.
- (b) The following members of this unit have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy.

S/Sgt. Woodford C. Fabers, 34045708
 Sgt. John E. Ryan 32692348
 Tec 5 Jess W. Duncan 35263249
 Pvt. Lawrence Kenyon 36921225
 Pvt. Charles H. Winn 37132252

- (c) The following Officers and enlisted men have been awarded the Purple Hearts:

Vaj Herman H. Greenhaw O-393720	Capt. Richard L. Duchesneis O-432969
Sgt Walter R. Lemart, 16052369	Pvt. Lewis H. Schrimsher, 36016081
Tec 5 Hubert G. Lingo 32597361	Tec 5 Emil Krak 32800631
S/Sgt. John C. Hall 35243314	Pvt. James J. Holland 36312410
S/Dgt. Loyd A. Chipman 38082548	S/Sgt Sylvester C. Priessol 36236638
T/Sgt Robert V. Senger 33032328	Pfc Richard C. Butler 31282541
Pvt John P. Demoule 31216229	Cpl Marshall E. Marcus 31241177
Pvt John J. Larkin 32587784	Pfc George Riker 32601641
Sgt Ray R. Nichols 34259214	Pvt Bernard Zaleski 31275789
Pvt Cecil G. White 38105146	Pfc. Owen P. Gaertfelder 36837856
Pvt George Andre 32601266	Pvt. Eugene L. Jackson 36746389
Cpl Walter J. Ventral 32690161	Pvt. Floyd S. Allison 37141814
Sgt. Cooper S. Nichols 34300159	Pvt. Leon F. Hawkins 20833513
Cpl. Robert Light 35261627	Pvt Bert Lickelsberg 32691116
Pvt Irwin A. Revics 37132161	Pfc. Walter H. Girouard 31275981
Sgt Woodrow P. Wheeler 32044648	Cpl. David M. Garrison 32601242
Pvt Michael Lasenica 32601466	Tec 6 Muzsi C. Lettausia 33163189
Pvt Timothy J. Hartes 32081470	Sgt Royal A. Samuelson 39181702
Sgt John D. Keen 14004900	Pvt Charles J. Keltkamp 37015034
Pvt Jack Kleinfeld 32601315	Tec 4 James W. Bradshaw 36017878
Tec 4 Arthur J. Plathe 37112102	Tec 6 Frank J. Lemme 32080790
1st Lt. Richard J. Merrill, O-1169249	Tec 6 Charles E. Webb 36537397
Tec 5 Stephen Sales 32081236	Tec 5 Donald Raybuck 33017503
Pfc Richard F. Smith 32601239	Pvt Herbert McKianey 33163241
Pvt Delbert W. McConnell-18160822	

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