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To: 012400 August 1944

Unit: 26th Tank Destroyer Bn

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1. Summary:

a. No units in contact. Enemy withdrawing on Division front and only resistance is scattered pockets across (to west) OISE RIVER - no real organized force.

b. Elements of two regiments of 548 Infantry Division reported in front of COMLEGNES; and 27th Infantry Division believed to be in area north of VAREUIL (2891) - NOGENT (1788). A number of reports place concentration of 10th SS and 1.9 m artillery in vicinity of COMLEGNES.

c. For the major part of the month slight enemy resistance was encountered, most of their activity being confined to rear guard and delaying action. Much of this was small in size and merely harassing in effect.

during the month the resistance was strong in the 2nd Infantry Division section but steadily pushed back. This was in vicinity of RECY and SOUTH. No enemy tank attacks were made, except one limited penetration in area of local infantry vicinity of GATHENO during night of 11 August. These did not reach our positions. From 12 August to 17 August evening resistance was very limited and often none was encountered. On 17 August battalion remained in location vicinity GAT until 20 August when it moved to new Sector in area of VAREUIL.

Enemy fought delaying action with small groups in division area north to LA NEDEURG and toward SALINE river. Heavy resistance was encountered at SALINE.

After leaving area of SALINE, no enemy was contacted until 23 August in area NW of PARIS (St Denis and Le Bourget) and toward COMLEGNES. No real resistance was met as all enemy moved out prior to arrival of our troops. This situation was continuing at close of period with battalion - South and SW of COMLEGNES.

d. Enemy located in vicinity of COMLEGNES but morale appears very low and they are withdrawing with little artillery or tank support. Knowledge of our situation probably very limited.

e. Enemy may continue to defend crossing sites of OISE RIVER and AISNE RIVER with strong local forces while organization to North withdraw eastwards or may withdraw northward to position NOTREVILLE (7519) - NOYON (5619) while delaying our advance with small detachments at critical points. Possibility of enemy counterattack considered unlikely as they have demolished bridge and their forces are limited and relatively unorganized.

2. OWN SITUATION:

a. Does not apply.

b. See overlay attached as inclosure #1.

c. Attached to 28th Infantry Division Artillery:

d. This Battalion attached to 803rd T.D.Bn. and both battalions in general support of the 28th Infantry Division, period 1-2 August 1944; Then 630th T.D.Bn attached 28th Division Artillery. The following operational procedure for the companies for the month was: Company "A" general support of 109th Infantry C.1; Company "B" 110th Infantry C.T; Company "C", 112th Infantry C.T. When a C.T. was not committed the respective company tied in with a FA Battalion and was available for an indirect fire mission. (2061 rds. F.A. expended for period). The Division advance has been rapid and only in a few instances the objectives not reached on schedule and they were

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in the hedgerow country. No organized resistance in strength was encountered. Enemy tanks were reported at various times to our front but only once did tanks penetrate the MLR then only to a depth of about 300 yards. After darkness turned their lights on fired a few rounds and withdrew south of GAMES C. Company "A" 803rd T.B.Bn attached 09 - 17 August 1944. 17 - 20 August 1944 hostilities ceased. Battalion in position S. of GEM (2 MI) performed maintenance on guns, small arms, and vehicle. Ordnance inspected and found all very satisfactory. 21 August 1944 Battalion with Companies supporting C.F.'s moved vicinity 4 miles south of VERVILLE, the next few days were spent advancing toward the objective BLOUF. The British relieved the Division, 26 August 1944. Battalion moved vicinity of LA HAYE, Division assembly area, performed maintenance. 28 August 1944 moved vicinity VERVILLE. 29 August 1944 moved to CIS DE BOULOGNE (Paris). Companies paraded in Paris and moved vicinity of LA COURCELLE after parade with C.F.'s. The Division advanced toward objective COULLEGE. At close of report (see overlay incl #1) vicinity of PONT STE MARCELE and VERGERLE.

e. Combat efficiency - excellent.

f. 28th Infantry Division objectives were advanced upon and secured with little delay. Companies supporting C.F.'s continued forward reconnaissance for gun position and road nets throughout operations and were well abreast of the entire situation at all times. One enemy battery of F.A. and 2 supply trucks neutralized by indirect fire. 2 MG nests neutralized by direct fire, Reconnaissance Platoon. Five (5) Enemy killed by small arms, 137 captured.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

a.	Actual			Replacements needed		
	Off	NO	EM	Off	NO	EM
	31	2	712	1	0	16

b. Battle Casualties: 3 EM KIA; 2 EM SWA; 2 Off & 18 EM LWA; 2 EM LIA.
Non-Battle Casualties: 13 EM sk, 3 Off sk, 1 EM Wounded, 3 EM Injured.

c. Prisoners captured: 137.

d. Evacuation: Normal.

e. Location of Battalion Supply Points:

Supply - 102610 1 MI NW BOUVEN

f. Status of supply: 2 days rations; 2 days gas; 15 days oil; 2 days ammunition.

g. Road net good - circulation good.

4. GENERAL:

a. The majority of orders given by this command for employment of guns are given verbally over radio or through personal contact by staff officer with company commanders, therefore, orders as inclosures are few.

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