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Transmitted herewith operations report of the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached this command, for the period 1 September 1944, to 30 September 1944, inclusive.

For the Commanding General:

Donald B Konover
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Capt AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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 645TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
 APO 45, U.S. ARMY

16 October 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Report

TO.....: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army (Thru Channels)

MAP REFERENCES: FRANCE 1/100,000, Sheets 13M, 14M, 15M, 14L, 15L, 14K, 15K, 14J, 15J,
14H, 15H, 15G.

PERIOD COVERED: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944.

PART I
 SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

The Battalion during this period was operating at a reduced strength; Company B and 4th platoon Reconnaissance Company being attached to the Provisional Air-Borne Division. The remainder of the battalion was attached to the 45th Infantry Division and operated in direct support of that division. The opening of the period found our units spread over a very wide front, which because of communication difficulties, necessitated the attachment of our units to the infantry regiments. This condition gradually changed and the close of the period found us operating on a comparatively narrow sector and under complete battalion control. The two foremost problems of this period were the maintenance of the M-10's and keeping up with the supply of rations, armor, and fuel. At one time, we had 10 of our 24 M-10's out of action for maintenance, mainly for the tracks which did not stand the long, fast, hard grind from the beach to this sector. At the close of the period, all our M-10's except one are in action but the battalion is badly in need of a maintenance period.

The missions were about evenly divided between antitank missions and assault fire. The terrain generally was mountainous but a few places were ideal tank country and usually enemy tanks were encountered in such places. However, due to heavy rain, cross country movement was gradually restricted until at the end of the period, the M-10's were practically road-bound. The foremost mission of the Division was pursuit of the enemy and we were almost continually on the move, sometimes carrying infantrymen on our M-10's. During this period there was close cooperation between our individual companies and units of the tanks supporting the Division. Our losses for the period were 3 M-10's, 1 1/2 Ton, and 2 1/2 Tons. Our total of enemy equipment destroyed or damaged is: 6 MK V Panther Tanks, 2 MK IV tanks, 7 Tanks (type unidentified), 1 flak-wagon, 10 motor transports, 2 AT guns, 1 Staff Car, 1 Trailer, 1 Motorcycle and 2 towed 88MM guns. Included in above total were 7 (type unidentified) enemy tanks Koed by 1st section, 1st pltn, "A" Company on September 1, 1944, SE MAXINEUX (215045) (13M). Only details on this action was supplied by statement of Cpl. CLIFFORD B. RILEY Attached here as ANNEX - D.

PART - II
 GENERAL

1. September 1 - At 1000 hours 1 gun 2nd pltn "A" Coy shot their way out of enemy trap vicinity CHAMMES (190980) to vicinity MAXINEUX arriving at 2000 hours. On the way, they knocked out 1 Staff Car, 1 AT gun, 5 Motor transports with personnel, 1 MK V vicinity of 195025. During morning 2 guns 3rd pltn "A" Company on road blocks vicinity of CHATILLION 1a PALUD (262114) fired on enemy vehicle on road to west knocking out 1 AT gun, 1 Flak-Wagon, and 4 Lorries with personnel. At 1340 hours 2 guns 2nd pltn A Company took under fire 5 MK V (PANTHER) tanks in the streets of MAXINEUX at ranges from 25 to 100 yards.

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3 MK Vs were KO'd and one immobilized which was abandoned by enemy. (Detailed account of this action in ANNEX - E). 2 M-10s and 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ Truck with personnel of "A" Company were captured in MAXIMEUX during an enemy counter attack on 179th Infantry. Total personnel: 1 Officer and 13 Enlisted-Men. (Additional details in ANNEX - D). At 1400 hours, Company "C" lost 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton to enemy AT gun fire (estimated 50MM). (Maps 1/100,000 France - 14M and 13M).

2. September 2 - At 1000 hours, 1 section 1st platoon "C" Company KO'd 2 large motor transports, 1 trailer, 1 motorcycle vicinity PONT - DI - AIN (322195). 3rd platoon "C" Company attached to 117th Ren SQDN. Our Ren Company reconnoitered road network to the Division front and flanks.

3. September 3,5 - During this period, general scene of operations was moved from vicinity BOURG (230360) to vicinity ORNANS (400885) (MAP France 1/100,000 15K). September 5 Battalion CP moved 105 miles to new area vicinity ORNANS (400885) (15K).

4. September 6,7 - During this period, all units in close support of infantry with our guns maintaining road blocks and firing assault fire on targets of opportunity mostly houses and enemy personnel.

5. September 8 - At 1500 hours 3rd pltn "C" Company crossed DAUBS River at BESCANSON and moved into position at SECLIN (988677) (1/100,000 15J). Reconnaissance Company crossed river DAUBS vicinity SECLIN (999073) on ferry. During crossing, the ferry sank with an M-20 and causing 2 casualties. M-20 later retrieved.

6. September 9,13 - Battalion in general support of the Division and during this period did considerable firing on targets of opportunity, including enemy personnel, CPs, houses, and MG nests. Results of all this firing was very good. At 1715 September 10, one M-10 "A" Company situated at 196294 (Sheet 15J) KO'd 2 MK IV tanks on road vicinity 195804 (15J). (Detailed account ANNEX - F). Company "C" During this period had units supporting all three Infantry Regts and did considerable firing on enemy personnel and road blocks. Ren Company reconnoitering roads to front of Division and maintaining liaison with 3rd Infantry Division on our left flank.

7. September 14,15 - At 1700 hours September 14, 2 guns 3rd pltn "A" Company advanced into ACCALONS (164859) (15J) carrying French paratroopers on the M-10s. The paratroopers using our TDs as support took the town and 62 PWs. At 1600 hours September 15, a similar raid was carried out against GENNY with French Paratroopers and 4 M-10s. Due to S/A, MG, AT and Tank fire, we were forced to withdraw leaving one M-10 with a thrown track which was later retrieved. "C" Company supported all three Infantry Regts. in an assault capacity. Reconnaissance Company reconnoitered ahead of 160th Infantry and maintained liaison with 3rd Infantry Division on left flank.

8. September 16,21 - Another period of general assault fire for Infantry with personnel and MG nests the main target. During this period, only one enemy tank was seen. At 1800 hours 15 September one M-10 1st platoon "C" Company took under fire an enemy tank near church in town of GENNY. Results of firing unknown.

9. September 22 - Entire Battalion (-B Company and 4th platoon Ren Company) in assembly vicinity Le MENIL (896496) (15J). The time was used for maintenance and all 24 M-10s were put in working order.

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10. September 23, 30 - During this period our main mission was AT defense for Division area. However again many target of opportunity were taken under fire and we caused many casualties on enemy personnel, houses, MG nests, and road blocks. Between 1000 - 1600 on 25 September 1st and 2nd pltns "A" Company fired 800 rounds HE on town of DOMEVRE-SUR-DURBION (062658) (15J) in preparation for an Infantry attack. At 1800 hours "C" Company fired at and dispersed enemy personnel from a towed 88mm gun which was subsequently captured. At 2130 28 September 2nd pltn "A" Company alerted to form a 4-gun indirect fire Battery to support 171 FA Battalion. At 1400, 2 guns 3rd pltn "C" Company knocked out an enemy towed 88mm gun in vicinity (221668) (15J). September 30, while working with tanks, we were credited with a EK V KO'd in vicinity 232675 (15J) (For detailed account see ANNEX - G). At 2100 September 30 2nd pltn "C" Company alerted to form indirect firing battery to support 158th FA Battalion. During this period we lost one (1) M-10 and one (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton to enemy mines.

PART III
ENEMY LOSSES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TARGET, ETC.</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
010815A	ST ROMAIN	Fired on enemy AT gun (Est. 47mm) and approximately 70 personnel mounted on bicycles. Gun was destroyed and direct hits scored on personnel.	"A"
010900A	CHATELION LA PAUDA	Fired on enemy personnel on road. KO'd 1 AT gun (Cal. unknown), 1 flakwagon, and 4 enemy Motor trucks with enemy personnel.	"A"
011300A	MAXIMEUX	One of our TDs shot it's way out from South of CHAMNES to vicinity of MAXIMEUX. On way up KO'd 1 Staff Car, 1 AT gun (CAL. unknown), 4 Motor Trucks, and a MK V (burned).	"A"
011700A	MEXIMEUX	Two of our TDs fired on strong force of enemy tanks in town of MEXIMEUX. 3 MK Vs destroyed, 1 MK V hit and immobilized and finished off by infantry mortars. (See ANNEX - E).	"A"
01 Sept.	MEXIMEUX	One section of Company "A" KO'd 7 and probably 10 enemy tanks. This section was later captured and information was supplied by one of our men who later escaped from the enemy (ANNEX - D)	"A"
021100A	North of POND D'AIN (300280)	KO'd 2 large Motor Trucks, a trailer, and a motorcycle.	"C"
101715A	196794 (Sheet 15J)	One TD took under fire 2 MK IVs vicinity of 195804. Both destroyed. (See ANNEX - F)	"A"
251800A	Vicinity BEYVELLERS	Two TDs fired at enemy road block causing abandonment of enemy towed 88mm gun.	"C"

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TARGET, ETC.</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
291400A	AUTREY	Two TDs KO'd towed 88mm gun vicinity 221668 with 32 rounds HE.	"G"
301100A	AUTREY	One TD fired on and destroyed one MK V tank vicinity 227670. (See Annex - G).	"G"

PART IV
AMMUNITION REPORT
3 INCH AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING SEPTEMBER

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2013

APGBDF
177

SMOKE
20

PART V

BATTLE REPORT FOR "B" COMPANY AND 4TH PLATOON RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944. DURING WHICH TIME THEY WERE DETACHED FROM THE BATTALION AND ATTACHED TO PROVISIONAL AIR-BORNE DIVISION.

"B" COMPANY

1. September 1 - 2nd pltn vic of ST PAUL in support of 509th Frecht Battalion, 1st and 3rd pltns in indirect fire positions vic of LA ROQUETTE in support of 460th FA Battalion. Company CP located 1 mile north of LA ROQUETTE.
2. September 2 - No change.
3. September 3 - No change.
4. September 4 - At 1230 hours CP moved to ROQUESTERON. 1st pltn moved to indirect fire position at 335043. 3rd platoon moved to indirect fire position at 473999.
5. September 5 - On order of CO, 509th Infantry Bn., 3rd pltn moved east to VAR RIVER, turned north and proceeded to a position in ST SAUVEUR, 487232. At 2200 hours, 1st pltn moved north to a position at PUGET-THENIERE with 551st preht Bn as AT defense.
6. September 6 - At 0700 hours, 3rd pltn moved 2nd section to firing position at 485282 and fired 20 rounds APC and 84 rounds HE into pillboxes located at 516317 and 518314. Infantry that moved in after fire mission reported targets destroyed. 1st pltn still in position in vicinity of PUGET-THENIERE. At 0700 hours CP moved to 538974.
7. September 7 - By order of General FREDERICK, 1st pltn and 3rd pltn of "B" Company plus 4th platoon Rcn Company, relieved from attachment to 509th Infantry Bn and placed in direct support of 509th Infantry Bn. 1st pltn moved from it's position in vicinity of PUGET-THENIERE, and 3rd pltn from it's position at ST SAUVEUR, to an indirect fire position on mountain at 496173. Both platoons were in position at 1800 hours. At 1500 hours, CP moved to vicinity of MARIE (502177).

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8. September 8 - By order of General FREDERICK, CG 1st ABTFA, 1st and 3rd pltns, plus Ren platoon relieved from direct support of 509th Infantry Battalion, and attached to 509th Infantry Battalion. At 0900 hours orders were received from CG 509th Infantry Bn for one pltn to report to CG "C" Company, 509th Infantry Bn, at ROQUEBILLIERE, 645149. 1st pltn ordered to that position. At 0900 hours 3rd pltn left its position at 496173 and moved north to ISOLA, where they expended 60 APC and 150 rounds HE at enemy vehicle and pillboxes located at 510335, 506345 and 499354 and 485380. The vehicle was destroyed and direct hits were made on the pillboxes. After fire mission, 3rd pltn returned to ST. SAUVEUR.

9. September 9 - 1st platoon in AT position at ROQUEBILLIERE, vicinity of 642140 in support of 551st Pzcht Battalion, 3rd pltn moved north leaving one section in position at ISOLA 453348, and the other section moved on to a position in ST ETIENNE DE TINEE.

10. September 10 - 1st pltn moved one section to firing position in vicinity of ST MARTIN-VESUBIE and fired 38 rounds HE and 3 rds APC, at fuel dump, personnel and field guns, in vicinity of 600235. Fuel dump set afire, personnel dispersed and field guns knocked out. Destroyers returned to ROQUEBILLIERE after fire mission.

11. September 11 - At 1030 hours, CP moved to LANTOSQUE (637093). At 1600 hours, Ren pltn went on armored patrol to investigate small arms fire reported in vicinity of 637163. Patrol went as far as ST MARTIN-VESUBIE and returned without seeing any disturbance.

12. September 12 - At 1400 hours, 3rd pltn moved 2nd section from its position in ST ETIENNE DE TINEE to a firing position at 363401, and fired the following missions: 15 rounds APC and 30 rounds HE at houses in vicinity of 419457, Range 8700 yards. 8 APC and 30 HE at pillboxes and down draw in vicinity of 418448, Range 8100 yards. (Enemy personnel had been reported as being in houses, and in vicinity of pillboxes.) 51 rounds HE and 11 APC at pillboxes in vicinity of 418440, Range 7500 yards. Results of Fire: Large holes were made in houses and direct hits were made on pillboxes. No information as to enemy personnel. Destroyers returned to ST ETIENNE DE TINEE after fire mission.

13. September 13 - No Change.

14. September 14, 21 - 3rd pltn moved 1st section to ST MARTIN-VESUBIE, 605-207 and second section to ST SAUVEUR (487232). At 1135 hours, a patrol consisting of 1 "B" Company officer and 9 Americans and seven FFI left 509th on reconnaissance mission to photograph knocked out pillboxes at 518314. When the patrol got within 500 yards of the pillbox, it was ambushed at 1430 hours. Two FFI, three enlisted men and one officer returned at 1530 hours. "B" Company officer was missing. Last reported by a paratrooper, either jumping or falling behind a rock as a shell landed nearby. One section of Ren pltn assigned to "A" Company 551st Pzcht Bn on 15 Sept. Remainder of Ren pltn still at LANTOSQUE. 3rd pltn moved 1st section to a firing position north of ST MARTIN-VESUBIE. While moving back to the town at approximately 1800 hours, the side of the road caved off, and one destroyer went over embankment, turned over three times before coming to rest in creek bed. Later recovered by company maintenance. On 17 Sept. LNO from Hq. 645th TD Bn arrived at "B" Company CP. 3rd pltn moved 2nd section from ST SAUVEUR to a firing position at 472336, and fired 18 rounds HE at possible mortar positions in vicinity of 474350. After fire mission 2nd section moved on to a position in ISOLA.

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On September 18th one M-8 from Rcn pltn sent to 645th TD Bn vicinity of ROUGHMENT. Section of Rcn pltn at ST SAUVEUR returned to LANTOSQUE.

15. September 22, 23 - No changes.

16. September 24 - At 1300 hours 3rd pltn moved one destroyer to a firing position at 472336 and fired 51 rounds HE and 19 rounds APC at three pillboxes located in the vicinity of 497350. Range 100 yards. Direct hits were made on the pillboxes. At 1500 hours, one 3rd pltn destroyer moved to 455340 and fired 25 rds HE and one round of APC at a pill-box located at 482378. Range 4400 yards. Direct hits were made on the pillbox.

17. September 25 - At 1030 hours one 3rd pltn destroyer and one 1st pltn destroyer moved from LANTOSQUE to a firing position at 657126, and fired 67 rounds HE, 2 rounds APC and 2 smoke, at a house believed to contain enemy personnel located at 741118 and a pillbox in vicinity of 734115. Range 9100 yards and 8400 yards. No hits were made on the house. Direct hits are believed to have been made on the pillbox. After fire mission, 1st pltn destroyer went to ROQUEBILLIERE and 3rd pltn destroyer went to ST SAUVEUR.

18. September 26 - 1st pltn moved to indirect fire position north of ROQUEBILLIERE, 6421426. 80 rds HE and 3 rds smoke were expended registering. (Incomplete) At 1600 hours 3rd pltn moved one gun to a firing position at 455348 and fired 58 rounds HE at pillbox 482378 and surrounding area. Range 4400 yards, 8 direct hits were made on pillbox and surrounding area was well covered.

19. 1st pltn expended a total of 187 rounds of HE and 24 rounds of Smoke, indirect fire, on the following targets, base point registration at 70431004, at trail junction at 701102, trail junction at 704108, at BARAQUEMENTS 706094 and zone fire at 701102 and at enemy tank at 694088. Effect unknown. Sept. 27, 1944.

20. September 28, 30 - At 1120 hours, 36 rounds HE and 12 rounds Smoke were expended adjusting and firing on enemy personnel at 715107. At 1210 hours, 24 rds HE were expended at enemy strongpoint and artillery at 707097. Effect unknown. At 1630 hours, 24 rounds HE and 4 rounds smoke, were expended at enemy personnel at 694090. Area well covered. At 1230 hours 29 September 3rd pltn moved one destroyer to a firing position at 455348 and fired 34 rounds HE at a pillbox located at 482378. Direct hits were made on pillbox. On 30 September 1st pltn expended a total of 72 rds HE and 37 rds smoke at trail junctions at 70431034 and at enemy personnel at 715107. At 1730 hours 3rd pltn moved one destroyer to 462344 and fired 60 rounds HE and 20 rounds APC at pillbox and supply dump at 503396. Direct hits were made on pillbox, and ration storage area was well covered with result of firing. 2nd pltn still with 550th AB Infantry in vicinity of BARCELONNETTE.

PART VI
4TH PLATOON RGN COMPANY

1. September 1, 17 - On 1 Sept. moved from DIGNE to 517th Hq NE of NICE. On 3 September relieved mission of escorting ammunition truck of FFI to TSOLA where the Germans had made a raid. Contacted no enemy. On Sept 4th made rcn to PUGET-TRONNIERS. No enemy contacted. Also attached to "B" Company 645th TD where we set up OPs. At 1100 hours set up CP at ST SOUCIEURS and had mission of making rcn to TSOLA again. The enemy had made another raid on it after we had been there before. No enemy encountered.

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On 6 September set up CP at ST SOUCIEURS. At 1500 hours 3-2 Officers from 509th ABI came with orders to borrow one M-8 and 1 1/2 Ton for a Recon mission. On 7th Sept the vehicles were returned. The M-8 had been shot up left front tire and mast section ruined. Jeep had two holes in it. Also set up two CPs for "B" Company 645th TD Bn. On 8 September detached from "B" Company and attached to 509th ABI. On 9 September received orders to contact pltn of 551 at ST ETIENNE, contacted 551 and proceeded on toward to BARCELONNETTE contacted with our vehicles. Were fired on by mortars a short distance from ST ETIENNE. Returned to CP and received orders to move to "C" Company 509th at ROQUEBILLIERE. Took up positions at LA - BOLLENE-VESULUE to assist outposts. At 0800 hours 10 September received orders to send one M-8 to ST MARTIN-VESUBIE where enemy had attacked outpost of 509th. Fired 3 rounds of 37mm at MG nest and M-8 crew helped take 3 prisoners. The rest of the pltn move CP to LANTOSQUE. 11 September our mission to investigate an area 3 kil from ROQUEBILLIERE where the Germans had been causing some disturbance. "C" Company 509th also wanted to know if road clear from there to ST MARTIN-VESUBIE. Encountered no enemy. At 0300 hours 13th Sept. to Recon road from ROQUEBILLIERE and ST MARTIN-VESUBIE, where German patrol had been reported at one of the bridges. No enemy was encountered.

2. September 15, 17 - Reconstrued road 8 kil beyond ST MARTIN-VESUBIE. No enemy encountered. At 1800 hours received orders to split platoon and send one section to 551 at TSOLA. 8th section reported to TSOLA 15th Sept. 1944. 16 Sept the 8th sect. had three Recon missions: 2 missions from TSOLA to ST ETIENNE and one from TSOLA to ST SAUVEUR. Mission were to see that no enemy block these roads. Also mission to fire on mortar position that was firing on road between TSOLA and ST SAUVEUR. Fired 40 rounds at mortar position mortar position. Pltn commander (Lt Muscante) received mission to go to MLENEDERE where 85 enemy personnel were to be approaching. No enemy encountered and returned back to his CP at LANTOSQUE where he maintained contact on the quarter hour with "B" Company 645th T. D. Bn. Also received orders to call the 8th section back to pltn CP. On 17th Sept 8th section returned to pltn CP at LANTOSQUE. Received orders to return one M-8 to parent Company which was located vic of ROUGEMENT.

Edward L. Austin

EDWARD L. AUSTIN
Lt. Col., Field Artillery
Commanding

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BATTLE CASUALTY SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 1944

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Ernest D Hurdman	1st Lt	0-1823003	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Alvin C. Newman	S/Sgt	38017991	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
George T Senter	S/Sgt	36303603	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Clarence C. Volner	Sgt	37082432	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Frank H. Hrnodka	Sgt	37119117	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Clyde E. Delaney	Cpl	35111492	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Thomas W. McManus	Cpl	33268501	Co A	1 Sept.	Missing
Albert J. Frager	T/4	35292283	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Duane W. Hockman	PFC	33629362	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Edward T. Ross	Pvt	36330083	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Albert J Morgese	Pvt	32356080	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
George T C Butler	Pvt	37413444	Co A	1 Sept	Missing
Fred Sutherland Jr	T/5	35111534	Co C	2 Sept	Wounded
Ralph J Barrale	Pvt	37603696	Co A	2 Sept	Wounded
Benjamin B Anderson	Sgt	35169046	Co A	3 Sept	Wounded
Michael Conway Jr	PFC	13077194	Ren Co	7 Sept	Killed
Paul Secchia	Pvt	32205032	Ren Co	7 Sept	Killed
Julius A Pilko	Pvt	35553516	Co C	14 Sept	Wounded
Thomas Mason Jr	S/Sgt	31028634	Co A	13 Sept	Killed
Harry P Gemung	T/5	32243798	Ren Co	15 Sept	Wounded
Eara Cohen	T/5	32204894	Ren Co	15 Sept	Wounded
Clarence J Oberg	PFC	37119217	Ren Co	15 Sept	Wounded
Charles DeMac	Sgt	35292060	Co A	15 Sept	Killed
Nicholas Pellowski	T/5	37093390	Ren Co	15 Sept	Killed
Theodore R Sheerer	2d Lt	0-1822321	Co B	16 Sept	Missing
Robert W Longwire	1st Lt	0-1822415	Co B	19 Sept	Wounded
Lloyd R. Bentz	PFC	36294121	Co A	24 Sept	Wounded
Zoel J Boucher	Pvt	31386040	Co A	24 Sept	Injured
Robert G Gillum	Cpl	36555601	Co C	26 Sept	Killed
Alfred Cruciani	PFC	31112152	Ren Co	27 Sept	Wounded
William I Douglas	Pvt	20833100	Ren Co	27 Sept	Wounded
Richard E. Rohde	Pvt	36660834	Ren Co	27 Sept	Injured
Charles J Hoffer	T/5	35111624	Ren Co	27 Sept	Killed
David Frank	S/Sgt	36303535	Ren Co	27 Sept	Killed

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ACTION DIAGRAM OF 1st SECTION, 2nd PLATOON, "A" CO.
645TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION.

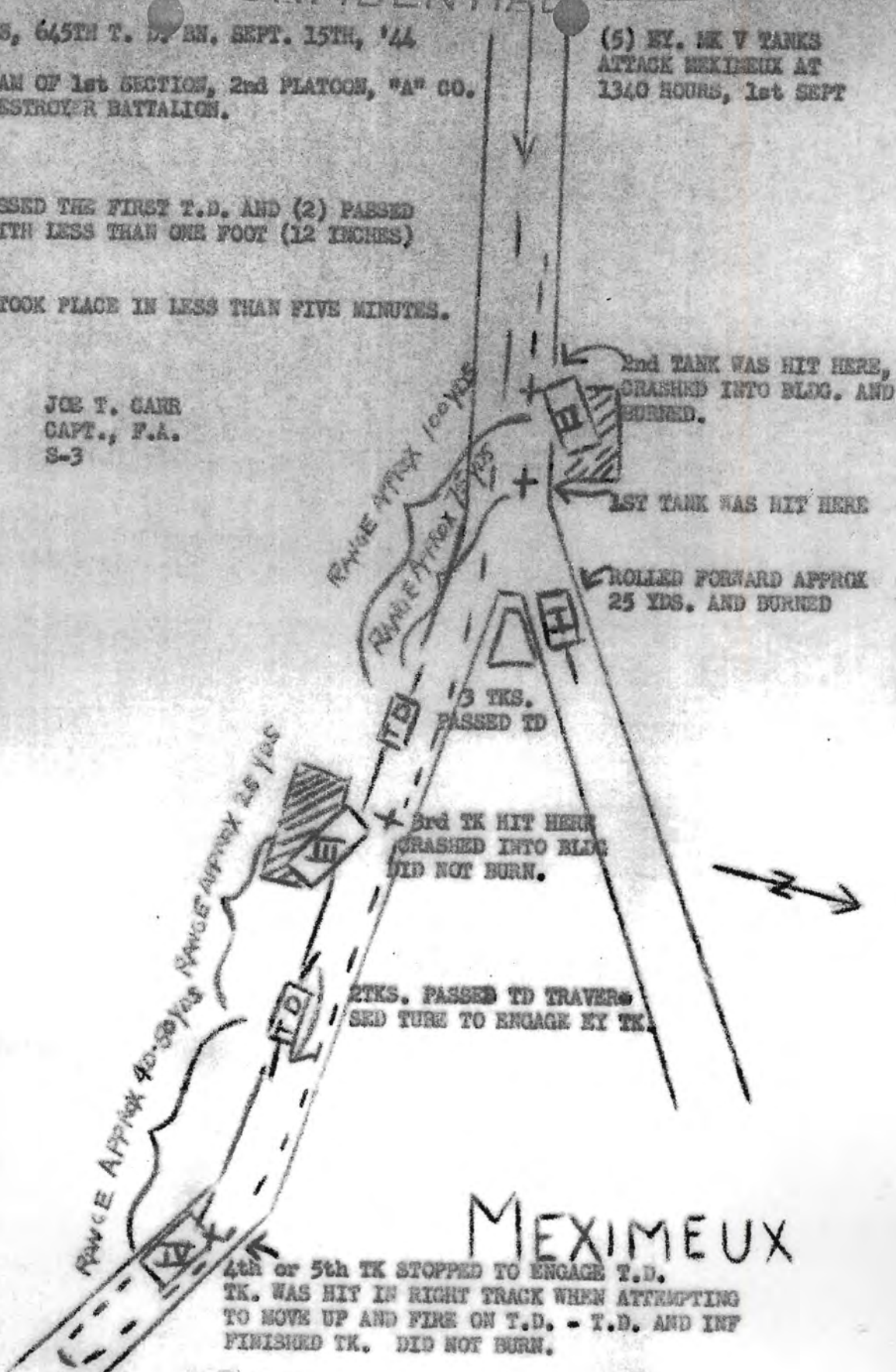
NOTE:

(3) MK Vs PASSED THE FIRST T.D. AND (2) PASSED
THE SECOND WITH LESS THAN ONE FOOT (12 INCHES)
CLEARANCE.

THIS ACTION TOOK PLACE IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES.

JOE T. GAMB
CAPT., P.A.
S-3

(5) MK V TANKS
ATTACK MEXIMEUX AT
1340 HOURS, 1st SEPT



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ONE TANK GOT AWAY.