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Unat: 702nd Tank Destroyer Bn

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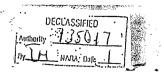
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- 1. OUR FRONT LINES: Fluid. Extend approximately from Saeffelen-Breberen and Waldenbath Southeast to Geilenkirchen, and South along railroad to Herzogenrath.
- 2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Battalion less two companies in vicinity Versilienbosch, Holland (K765597). Company "A" attached to CC "A" in vicinity (K830659). Company "C" attached to 113th Cavalry vicinity (K665677)
- 3. LOCATION OF BLACING CNITS AND SEPORTING TROOPS: Sees Not Apply.

4. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: September 1, 1944: The Battalion moved at 010900B Sept 1944 from the vicinity of Bois de Rotibequet, France (N138117) to the vicinity of Herbucourt, France (N489576). The battalion less Company "A" was attached to CC "B" and moved in two columns as CC "B" reserve. Company "B" operated with the right column, Company "C" operated with the left. Company "A" was attached to CC "A" in mobile reserve. The Battalion prepared to move across the Somme River on order. At 011400B Sept, Company "B" fired direct fire across the Somme River in support of the bridge head established near Herbucourt, France (N489526) destroying six 88mm guns and three light vehicles. Artillery fire observed by Commanding Officer of Ron Company, 702nd TD Bn was credited with the destruction of numbeous enemy vehicles and personnel and of seriously disrupting enemy activities.

September 2, 1944: The Battalion crossed the Somme River in two columns at 020200 Sept. The Battalion less Company "A" moved in the right column of CC "B"; Company "A" in the left column with CC "A". Company "B" assisted the crossing by placing one platoon of destroyers as anti-tank protection of the bridge head at 020130. Companies "B" and "C" at 020900 placed direct fire on enemy activity in the vicinity of Fechain, France (H798049) where the Germans had set up guns to protect destroyed bridges across the canal in that vicinity. Company "B" destroyed two



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pillboxes; one light artillery piece; one ammunition vehicle; three machine gun positions; and captured twenty-five prisoners in that operation.

September 2 - 5, 1944: The Battalion less Company "A" and Company "C" maintained road blocks at Auberchicourt (N800020); Pecquencourt (N788972) and Manchennes (N836102), France throughout the period 2 Sept to 5 Sept 1944. Company "A" attached to CC "A", in the same vicinity, established road blocks for AT protection to the Northwest. Company "C" attached to Division Reserve maintained road blocks on the main supply route through Pecquencourt, France (N788072) until 5 Sept 1944.

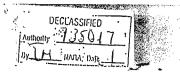
September 6, 1944: The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" moved from vicinity of Pecquencourt, France (N788072) 060800 Sept in three columns to the vicinity of Hulsen, Belgium (T267568). Company "A" was attached to CC "A". Company "C" remained in Division Reserve. All companies maintained road blocks during halts to protect Division assembly areas and supply routes. On the march close liaison was maintained with higher headquarters for possible use as flank protection against a hostile tank threat.

September 7, 1944: The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" moved to the vicinity of Hulsen, Belgium (T267568) in two columns in support of CC "B", and placed road blocks to protect the Division assembly area and supply routes. Company "A" under control of CC "A" moved to the vicinity of Herck La Ville, Belgium (K195635) on the 8 Sept 1944. Company "C" under control of Division Reserve Commander followed the two combat commands protecting the rear installations and replacing road blocks during the advance of the two combat commands as the Division displaced forward.

September 8 - 13, 1944: The Battalion remained in the 2nd Armd Division area in the vicinity of Terck La Ville, Belgium (M195635) accomplishing maintainance of radios and vehicles from 8 Sept to 13 Sept 1944. The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" under control CC "3" moved from vicinity of Hulsen, Belgium (T267508) to vicinity of Ker Berg, Belgium (K404492) on 13 Sept 1944, assisting in the attack south of the Albert Canal. One pill box was destroyed by direct fire of Company "B". Several MG positions and other strong points were encountered and destroyed. Twelve prisoners were taken during this action.

September 14 - 16, 19/4: Company "A", 702nd Tank Destroyer Sett Lion, attached to CC "A" moved across Albert Canal to assist in mopping-up operations North of the canal from the 14 to 16 Sept 1944. Seventy-two prisoners were taken by Company "A" on the 15 Sept 1944 in the vicinity of Lanceken, Belgium (K505565).

Company "C" remained in the vicinity of Herch La Ville, delgium (K195635) during this period protecting supply routes of the Division and prepared to move to the assistance of either combat command on order.



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Company "A", attached to CC "A", crossed the Maas River into Holland 15 Sept 1944, in two columns. Company "A" less two platoons (1st platoon attached 2nd Bn 66th Armd Regt, 2nd Platoon attached to 2nd Bn 41st Infantry) place on indirect fire mission 16 to 17 September inclusive, in the vicinity of Sibbe, Holland (K657503) under control of the 14th FA Battalion.

September 17, 1944: Two platoons Company "A" moved on Valkenburg, Holland (K659535) in support of CC "A" on September 17, 1944. Company "A" minus two platoons placed on road block on road fork north of Valkenburg 17 and 18 September during which operation Capt Mauro, Company Commander

was seriously injured in a mine field.

On the afternoon of Sept 17 Company "B" by direct fire, destroyed one Mk 4 tank, four 88mm guns, one SP gun, and captured one officer and twelve enlisted men. One M-10 tank destroyer temporarily out of action due to hit by enemy artillery shell. At 170900 Company "B" was relieved of secondary mission by Company "C" and rejoined 67th Armd Regt.

Company "C" returned to Battalion control on the 16th September in the vicinity of Masstricht, Holland (K560520) and were placed on indirect fire mission 17 Sept to reinforce fires of CC "B" artillery. Company "C" remained

on indirect fire mission until 180900 September.

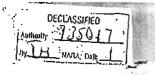
September 18 - 20, 1944: Battalion less Company "A" moved to vicinity of Geleen, Holland (K667661) 18 September assisting in advance of CC "B", by protection of flanks and securing of crossing over obstacles. The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" moved to vicinity of Zwelkhuizen, Germany (K679635) Company "C" attached to 113th Cavalry 19 September 1944 and remained in the vicinity of Geleen, Holland (K667661). Company "B" during advance into Germany destroyed by direct fire two machine gun positions and killed approximately sixty enemy. Twenty-seven prisoners were taken.

Company "A" under control of CC "A" moved in three columns on the 19 Sept 1944 into Germany at Niederbusch (K869658) attacking and securing the objective of the Gangelt-Geilenkirchen road. One platoon attached 1st Bn 66th Armd Regt; one platoon attached 2nd Bn 66th Armd Regt and the 3rd Platoon attached 2nd Bn 41st Infantry. One SP gun was destroyed by 2nd Platoon, Company "A" during the attack. Two M-10 Tank Destroyers were destroyed by an enemy Mk 4 tank during the attack at Gillrath, Germany

(K835662).

September 21, 1944: The Battalion less three companies reverted to control of CC "A" on the 21 Sept 1944 and moved to vicinity of Gangelt, Germany (K780675). Company "B" remained in attachment to CC "B" in vicinity of Sittard, Holland (K690683) placing road blocks to protect their flank. On 21 Sept Company "C" remained at Geleen, Folland (K668659) under control of the 113th Cavalry prepared to take over positions of Company "B" when relief of CC "B" was ordered. Company "A" reverted to control of the battalion and placed gains the capacity of "A" along the Capacity Cailentichen road.

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September 21 - 30, 1914: Company "A", 702nd TD Bn remained in the vicinity of the Gangelt-Geilenkirchen road from 21 Sept to 30 Sept 1944 in support of CC "A". On 25 Sept Company "A" attacked enemy position lest of . Gillrath, Germany (K835662), and destroyed two M-4 Medium tanks that had faller into enemy hands. Company "A" was relieved by elements of the 29th Inf Division on 30 September 1944 reverting to Battalion control in Division Reserve near Versilienbasch, Holland (K765577).

Company "B" under control of CC "B" was relieved of road block responsibility on 22 September 1944 and moved to assembly area in the vicinity of Vulkenburg, Holland (K659535) for maintainance and reorganization. They remained in that location until 29 September in Division Reserve, reverting to Battalion control in the vicinity of Versilienbosch, Holland (K755597)

on that date.

Company "C" attached to 313th Cavalry relieve? 00 "67 in the vicinity of Sitterd, Molland (1690683) where they remained on a 1500 yard front until 29 September protecting the left flank of the Corps. At 290700 Company "C" supported the attack of 113th Cavalry to the North. Company "C" encountered numerous dug in énemy positions, unocked out 1 SP gun, three machine gun positions, killed 42 enemy enlisted men and captured 29 enemy enlisted men as prisoners.

5. EATHER & VISIBILITY: Does Not Apply

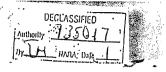
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			y II Captured	
13 Sept			Row Destroyed	
15 Sppt	7 Incay III Milled			
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17 Sept			Tank Dest.	
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Co "B"

Co "C"

19 Sept SP Gun Dest -2 Machine Gun Rests Dest

3 Enemy EM Captured

60 Enemy BM Killed

Enemy M. Captured

25 Sept

29 - 30

Sept

2 M-4 Med Tanks in

enemy hands Dest.

1 SP gun Destroyed

3 MG Nest Destroyed 42 Enemy HM Killed

39 Enemy EM Captured

b. Total by Type

10 88mm Guns

Pill Boxes

It Artillery Piece

SF Guns Destroyed

10 MG Nests Destroyed

Mk 4 Tanks Destroyed

2 M-4 (in enmey hands) Dest.

Ammunition Vehicle Destroyed

Lt Vehicles Destroyed

Enemy Officer Captured

Enemy M Captured Enemy M Killed 186

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Lt. Col., Inf, Commanding.

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