

████████████████████
HEADQUARTERS
705RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 250

DWS/ehl

OPS
210
1

A. 705RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

B. "A" and "B" Batteries, 415th AA Gun Bn attached to "A" and "B" Companies, 705rd TD Bn respectively, until relieved on 4 Aug 44.

**C. Strength: 5 Aug 44: 52 Ofers - 1 W.O. - 625 EM.
31 Aug 44: 55 Ofers - 1 W.O. - 577 EM.**

DECREASE: 48 EM

INCREASE: 5 Ofers

D. Does not apply (See Narrative for locations).

E. See Narrative.

F. CAMPAIGNS:

1. NORMANDY, FRANCE.

2. 1 Aug 44 to 31 Aug 44

3. Does not apply. See note below.

4. Does not apply. See note below.

NOTE: Bn has had Companies assigned to Combat Commands of the Third Armored Division and Platoons have been integrated into Task Forces or Combat Teams thereof. Due to distance and lack of Bn control, Bn has had very little detail of Platoon actions in Operations. Greater detail should be available from Combat Commands.

G. See Narrative.

H. Battalion Commander: Lt Col Wilbur E. SNOFWALTER.

"A" Company Commander: Captain John W. COLE.

**"B" Company Commander: Captain Louis C. CAPELLE, 1 Aug - 8 Aug 44.
1st Lt George J. BURKETTE, 8 Aug - 31 Aug 44.**

"C" Company Commander: Captain Evan REGAS, 1 Aug - 3 Aug 44.

1st Lt Henry F. GOSCH, 3 Aug - 31 Aug 44.

Rcn Company Commander: Captain Jack V. MURRAY.

Hq Company Commander: Captain Sydney S. SMITH.

I. Losses in Action: Battle Casualties:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY:

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----|
| Chism, Wilbur L., | 1st Lt | KIA |
| Allen, Edgar, | Pvt | KIA |
| Williams, Samuel P., | Pvt | DEA |
| Lynch, Albert J., | 1st Lt | LEA |

"A" COMPANY:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-----|
| Moore, Richard L., | Pvt | KIA |
| Cox, Frank J., | T/S | KIA |
| Ruiz, Louis R., | Pvt | KIA |
| Wissing, John L., | 1st Lt | KIA |
| Mayette, Ernest R., | Cpl | DEA |
| Ferchaud, Richard, | 2nd Lt | DEA |
| Thornhill, Orval W., | S/Sgt | LEA |
| Barbalinardo, Benjamin, | Sgt | LEA |
| Steinhart, Ralph L.F., | Sgt | LEA |
| Covey, Henry D., | T/S | LEA |
| Blocker, Royce | T/S | LEA |
| Ingram, Cledale S., | Cpl | LEA |
| Hennings, Bertice L., | Pfc | LEA |
| Reska, Stanley, | Pfc | LEA |

"B" COMPANY:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----|
| Juno, Joseph, | Cpl | KIA |
| Capelle, Louis C., | Capt | LEA |
| Clark, Thomas H., | S/Sgt | LEA |
| Hennison, Harry J., | S/Sgt | LEA |

"B" COMPANY (Cont'd)

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------|
| Krop, Hubrey L., | Pvt | Captured |
| Hart, Richard T., | Sgt | Captured |

"G" COMPANY

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| Ross, Christy T., | Pfc | KIA |
| Johnson, Alvin | Pvt | KIA |
| Ray, James M., | T/4 | MIA |
| Voghel, Armand P., | Pfc | MIA |
| Sigetti, Lawrence G., | Pfc | MIA |
| Drehuse, John | T/4 | LMA |
| Megas, Evan | Capt | LMA |
| Goldman, Henry | S/Sgt | LMA |
| Noack, Daniel F., | Pvt | LMA |
| Landt, Clarence J., | Cpl | LMA |
| Engel, Richard L., | T/4 | LMA |
| Backus, Samuel W., | Pvt | LMA |
| Dellaro, Carl J., | Pvt | LMA |

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|-----|
| Struts, Louis, | Pfc | KIA |
| Parker, Clyde J., | S/Sgt | MIA |
| Michalski, Stanley J., | Pfc | LMA |
| Cavender, Rogers G., | T/4 | LMA |
| Rushing, John N., | Pvt | LMA |

J. Citations:

S/Sgt Roger Ransitt, 31064516, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France from 1 July to 5 Aug 1944.

Sgt Felix J. Cravitz, 31064381, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 2 July 1944.

Sgt Muriel F. Lehman, 36041691, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement against the enemy in France on 31 July 1944.

Cpl Arthur F Parnell, 31064436, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 31 July 1944.

Pfc Benjamin Hluschak, 36141640, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action against the enemy in France on 2 August 1944.

Pfc Harvey L. Ness, 37285007, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 31 July 1944.

Pvt Henry J. Hoffman, 36130597, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 2 August 1944.

1st Lt George W. BURKETT JR, 0018641, Ord, awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in France on 8 July 1944. Lt BURKETT,

while performing reconnaissance for a combat team, was unable to proceed in his armored car when the team came under direct fire of several enemy tanks. He dismounted and under heavy machine gun and rifle fire went forward on foot and made an estimate of the situation. He then returned and brought forward each tank destroyer and personally directed it into position, informed the crew of the situation, and pointed out the enemy tanks. His coolness, bravery, and complete disregard for his own personal safety enabled our forces to knock out four enemy tanks. His action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

2nd Lt Richard FERCHAUD, 01109103, awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in France on 2 August 1944. Lt FERCHAUD, leading a platoon of tank destroyers, was given the mission of protecting a column of armored vehicles on their way to an important objective. When the column was attacked by enemy tanks and infantry, he displayed exceptional courage and organizational ability in reducing enemy resistance. His action and materielly in the destruction of many enemy vehicles and men. His superior leadership and personal bravery under heavy enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

J. Citations: (Cont'd)

James R. Bush, 18062280, awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in France on 2 August 1944. When the tank destroyer, on which Opl Bush was a gunner, was heavily engaged by enemy tanks and infantry, he immediately opened fire. Although his vehicle was hit three times by direct fire and part of the crew wounded, Opl Bush succeeded in destroying three enemy tanks. His personal bravery, loyalty, and determination reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

Technician Fifth Grade Francisco C. Davalos, 18068414, awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in France on 2 August 1944.

T/5 Davalos, unable to proceed forward with his tank destroyer when his Combat Team came under direct fire of several German tanks, dismounted and under heavy machine gun and rifle fire went forward on foot and made an estimate of the situation. He then returned and brought forward his tank destroyer and placed it in the position he had chosen, informing the car commander of the situation, and pointing out the enemy tanks. His personal bravery and utter disregard for his own personal safety enabled the tank destroyers to knock out four enemy tanks. His action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sgt Frank L. Miller, 32213659, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 2 August 1944.

Col Melvin H. Stoddard, 31064305, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 28 July 1944.

Pvt Lloyd M. Pepper, 55799306, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 11 August 1944.

2nd Lt Marion L. Marchewka, 01177070, awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 2 Aug 44.

K. None.

- L. Attached, one copy of unit journal. All orders and plans of operations were received from Higher Hq and were issued by the CO and Staff verbally.

For the Commanding Officer:

DONALD E. SEIBERT,
Capt., 702nd TD Bn,
S-1

HEADQUARTERS
703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, US ARMY

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 1 August 44 to 31 August 44:

On 31 July 44 the Battalion was still attached to the THIRD ARMORED DIVISION. Assignment of elements of the Bn to units of the Division were as follows:

With C Comd "A": Co "A" with Battery "A", 415th AA Gun Bn, and 1st Plt Rcn Co and 3rd Plt Co "B" attached.

With C Comd "B": Co "C" with 2nd Plt Rcn Co attached, and Co "B" (-3rd Plt) with Battery "B", 415th AA Gun Bn, and 3rd Plt Rcn Co attached.

The Bn CP (Fwd) was located at (512449) vicinity of ST DENIS LE GAST. Co "A" (-2nd Plt) was located vicinity LE MESNIL GARNIER (327360). 2nd Plt Co "A" located vicinity VILLIDIU LES POELLES. Co "B" (-3rd Plt) with 3rd Plt Co "C" located vicinity South of HAMBIE. Co "C" (-3rd Plt) located vicinity VILLIDIU LES POELLES (271358). Bn CP (Rear), Rcn Co (-3 Plts) and Tns located vicinity LE DESERT.

1 Aug 44. Bn CP at 1400 hours moved from ST DENIS LE GAST (512449) to vic LE MESNIL BONANT (325397) arriving at 1700 hours.

"A" Co moved from vic LE MESNIL GARNIER to vic (423193). 2nd Plt with Co CP. 1st Plt on Hill 202 (South of BRECEY 418166). 3rd Plt 1 mile South of ST GEORGES (392204). 3rd Plt Co "A" destroyed two (2) trucks and two (2) supply carts, killed three (3) and captured thirty (30) enemy. Expended 6 rds HE and 5 rds APCBDF. Received msg from "A" Co that in the last 48 hours the Company had suffered the following casualties: 1 EM KIA, 9 wounded, 1 Ofcr wounded, 1 M-10 out of action result of mine, 1 M-10 hit by AP shot, damaged not seriously, 1 M-10 out of action due to mechanical failure.

"B" Co moved to vicinity of COULOUVREY-VOIS-BENATARE. 3rd Plt fired 63 rds HE (indirect fire), results of firing unknown.

"C" Co let ant 2nd Plts moving with C Comd "B" Column location indefinite. 3rd Plt located vic LA BLOUTIERE (575263). 1st Plt destroyed one (1) Mk V and one (1) towed 88mm Gun.

Bn CP (Rear), Rcn Co and Tns joined CP (Fwd) vicinity LE MESNIL BONANT (325397).

2 Aug 44. Bn (- Co's and 3 Rcn Plts) moved from LE MESNIL BONANT to vicinity CHERFENCY LE HERON (422274).

T Co's still in support of Division. Attachments and composition of troops remained unchanged.

"C" Co under ant heavy enemy artillery fire all day. 1st Plt destroyed one (1) PzK V and one (1) heavy truck.

4 Aug 44. Bn (- Co's and 3 Rcn Plts) moved to vicinity JUVIGNY LE TERTRE (495147) arrived at 2115 hours.

"A" Co (-3rd Plt) located vicinity JUVIGNY LE TERTRE (309154)

"B" Co (-3rd Plt) moving to CHRENSY LE ROUSSEL (531176) to establish road blocks on all roads leading into town.

"C" Co located vicinity LA BOURIGNY (443276). 1st Plt destroyed two (2) PzK V's and one (1) PzK IV. Capt Logas (Co Comdr) wounded and evacuated, one (1) EM also wounded. 3rd Plts of "A" and "B" Co's reported in vicinity of MORTAIN (558111).

The town of JUVIGNY LE TERTRE was under considerable artillery fire at 2000 hours. Casualties of all types for the day were: 1 EM KIA, 1 EM KIA, 4 EM wounded (remaining for duty).

6 Aug 44. "A" Co (-3rd Plt) and with 1st Plt Rcn Co moved to vic OISEUX (770770).

"B" Co (-3rd Plt) and with 3rd Plt Rcn Co moved to vicinity REFFUVILLE (448155).

"C" Co with 3rd Plt Rcn Co arrived in Assembly Area at REFFUVILLE (440137). 3rd Plt destroyed one (1) SP 88mm Gun.

3rd Plts of "A" and "B" Co's located in vicinity of OISEUX (770770).

7 Aug 44. At 0900 hours, Ltv ATD (Major SHAVELY) visited Bn CP with message that enemy had a strong force counter-attacking towards the West. As the attack grew closer to our Bn CP, we selected another area, 1 Km South of REFFUVILLE.

At 0700 hours, C Comd "B", 3rd Plt, was attached to the 30th Inf Div to neutralize

7 Aug 44 (cont'd) the attack.
Outposts were set up in vic of Bn CP to provide protection for sub columns evacuating. Bn (-"A" and "B" Co's) moved at 1045 hours to vic REFFUVILLE (482125). Word was received at 1800 hours that enemy counter-attack has been repulsed.

"A" Co (-1st and 3rd Plts) no change in location. 1st Plt located vicinity HAYENNE (810720). 3rd Plt vicinity AMBRIERES LE GRAND (760790).

"B" Co no change.

"C" Co At 1800 hours moved into position to help repel enemy counter-attack. Took up positions in vicinity LE MESNIL ADELEE. Returned to vicinity of REFFUVILLE at 1700 hours.

8 Aug 44 By 8 Aug 44, Companies and Plts had advanced to the following locations:

"A" Co (-2nd and 3rd Plts) vic ST GERMAIN d' ANJURE (755625), 2nd Plt vicinity GORRON (670840). 3rd Plt vic AMBRIERES LE GRAND.

"B" Co (-3rd Plts) vic LA SOURIE (447156). 1st Plt vic LA BOZAGE (514107). 2nd Plt vic BELLE FONTAINE (544156). 3rd Plt vic BARENTON.

"C" Co (-5 Plts) vic LA SOURIE (447156). 1st Plt vic LE MESNIL TOVE (515164). 2nd Plt vic JUVIGNY LE TERTRE (515142). 3rd Plt vic LE CAMOONDUSE.

10 Aug 44 Bn CP moved to vic LE FOGERIERES (750736). "A" Co with 3rd Plt "B" Co moved to vic immediately South of GORRON. "B" Co (-3 Plts) no change in locations. 3rd Plt, Co "C" destroyed one (1) 88mm towed gun, expended 6 rds HE. 1st Plt Co "C" under heavy artillery and mortar fire. Casualties: 2 EM KIA, 2 EM SWA, 1 EM LWA. 3rd Plt Co "C" suffered the following casualties: 1 EM KIA, 1 EM LWA.

12 Aug 44 Bn (-3 Co's) moved to vic ST GEORGES BUTEVANT (752744). All Companies rejoined the Bn there and had closed in assembly awaiting attack order.

15 Aug 44 Bn (-Tns) moved with CC "A" this AM in attack as prescribed by FO #8, Hq 3rd AD. Co "A" with TF "X", C Comd "A", "B" Co moved with Div Res, and "C" Co with TF "Y", C Comd "A".

14 Aug 44 Bn was assigned the following missions:

Bn (-3 Co's) to remain in Div control.

"A" Co Support C Comd "A" in AT protection.

"B" Co Assigned to RANES FORCE under Command of LT COL HOGAN to secure road nets at RANES.

"C" Co Support C Comd "B" in AT protection.

1st Plt, Co "A", destroyed a Mk IV tank, expended 15 rds 3" ammo. Co "A" was released from its primary mission at 2000 hours, to assist 67th Brnd FA Bn in long range harassing fire.

"B" Co claims one (1) enemy tank destroyed.

Bn Casualties this date: "A" Co: 1 Offer, 2 EM KIA, 10 EM SWA, 1 M-10 destroyed. "B" Co: 1 Offer LWA, 1 EM LWA. 1 Offer and 3 EM MIA, believed to be captured.

15 Aug 44 2nd Plt, Co "B", destroyed two (2) Mk V Tanks, the gunner, Cpl JHino, was killed immediately thereafter by exploding shells from knocked out tanks as he attempted to assist the enemy casualties.

17 Aug 44 Bn CP moved to vic 5 1/2 Km North of RANES (603113). "A" Co moved to vic FROMENTAL (095160). "B" Co still with RANES FORCE. "C" Co still supports C Comd "B". Co "A" destroyed three (3) SPAT Guns on Mk IV Chassis, four (4) Mk IV Tanks, one (1) Mk V Tank, two (2) heavy Half-Tracks, one (1) 10-ton truck. "C" Co destroyed one (1) 88mm SP Gun, 1 Mk V Tank. Casualties: 1 Offer KIA, 1 EM SWA.

19 Aug 44 All Companies returned to Bn Control. "A" Co remained in position maintaining road blocks at FROMENTAL. "B" and "C" Co's in vicinity of Bn CP. Bn Tns rejoined Bn CP, Rcn Co in vicinity of Bn CP.

22 Aug 44 Bn (-"A" and "B" Co's) started march to Assembly Area at DIGNY (187130) arriving at 0510 hours, 23 Aug 44. "A" Co with CC "A", located 2 Km S.E. of CHATEAUNEUF EN THYMERAIS (241158). "B" Co with CC "B", located vic ST ARNOULT DES BOIS (230089).

25 Aug 44 Bn (-"A" and "B" Co's) arrived in vicinity of BALLANCOURT (014080). "A" Co arrived vic MAINVELLE LES ROCHE (123028). "B" Co arrived vicinity of ECHARCON (076117).

26 Aug 44 Third Armored Division crossed the SEINE RIVER. Bn crossed at 1900 hours.

29 Aug 44 2nd Plt "A" Co destroyed one (1) M4 V and two (2) heavy trucks.