

HEADQUINTERS, 704TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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SUBSLICE: Alter Action Report for 1 October 1945 to 31 October 1944

To : Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, 25, D. C.

Under the provisions of paragraph 10, AR 3/5-105; as changed by the note number 3, the following After Action Report for this command is substitute:

Armount, France. On this day the bettalian CO, Lt. Colonel Heid was transferred to the Sth rank Battalian and Major Dan C. Alemis was assigned to and priced the battalian and assumed command. "C" Company of the Library in the line 700 yards north of Juvrecourt astached to the pard Induced Battalian Amored. At 1000, 1 October., "C" Company was relived hald line by "D" dompany.

During October amon as intensive work was accomplished and in spite of the 1. We passed our forward position the bettalish was in far better maint-single position by the end of the month. The bettalion (-) remained in the acte bivour clare undil 27 October 1944. On the 3rd October one plateon of "d" dought, and into position for an indirect fire mission near Juvrece with a first 45 rounds. On 5 October, "O" Company relieved "3" Company is an intensity of duvrecount at 0800. These positions were shelled daily during the grade and a child pth one clausity in "3" Company (LAA) resulted from the earth, arming shelling. On oth, we 3rd plateon was attached to the 10th intensity and Bartalion, and went into position one mile northeast of Exchickans.

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On the 9th October 1944, at 0900, "A" company relieved "C" Company in the line at Juvrecourt. By this case all companies except the one in the line care operating company messes. The battalien received one replacement tank destroyer, M - 13 on 9 October, two on 10th, and one on the 11th Oct. "5" Company was attached to the 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Division, but remained in the battalien area.

"I" Company suffered one casualty from artillery fire at Juvrecourt. At 2300, "C" Company fired 14 rounds indirect fire.

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In the early morning of 15 October 1944, "A" Company position near Juvre-court was shelled and the company suffered five casualties. One casualty was suffered in the attached Rcn platoon. "A" Company was relieved by "C" Company at 0800 and rejoined the battalion. At 1440 three ME 109's straffed the battalien area. All companies fired on the enemy planes and two were shot down. On 16 one casualty in "C" Company from enemy artillery fire. "B" Company took up indirect fire positions one mile northwest of Bezange la Grande supporting 255th FA attached to 328th Infantry Regiment. Major Hammer and Captain Treece were transferred to the battalion from 35th Tank Battalien. "C" Company in position at Juvrecourt as attached to the 101st Infantry Regiment. "B" Company from same position, executed several indirect fire missions. The battalien was attached to the 26th Infantry Division for operations.

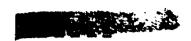
On 20 October 1974, Captain Trover was assigned to and joined the battalion.
"C" Company was relieved in the line at Juvrecourt and rejoined the battalion.
21 October 1974, "A" and "C" Company moved up behind line near Rechicourt at 1930 to support 20th Division attack. The attack jumped offfrom the line of departure East of Rechicourt 0600, 22 October. By 1400 the outskirts of Bezange la Petite had been reached. It Kellin, "A" Company was wounded and evacuated. On the 23rd "A" and "C" Companies remained in the line in close support. Both companies were heavily shelled both days. On the 23rd Lt. Preneta, CO of "A" Company was wounded and evacuated. In addition two collected men were wounded and evacuated from "A" Company, and one from "C" Company. On the 23rd Captain Smith was assigned to and joined "A" Company and assumed command. On this day "B" Company fired 75 rounds from its indirect fire position.

The positions of the battalien remained the same. The positions of "A" and "C" Companies were shelled each day but no casualties resulted. On the 24th a l_2^1 ton truck of "C" Company hit a mine southeast of Rechicourt and one enlisted man was resulted injured and evacuated. On the 25th "A" Company was relieved by "E" Company and "A" Company was attached to 102nd FA for an indirect fire mission.

On 27 October the battalian was relieved from attachment to the 26th Division and reverted to its original a tachment to the 4th Armored Division. The battalian was relieved in the line and at O830, the battalian by companies started to move to a bivouac area in the rear. "B" and "C" Companies were relieved in the line by the 602nd TD Bn., and by 1515 the entire battalian was closed in the new bivouac area 15 miles to the Mest and 1 mile north of Lenoncourt.

On 28-31 the battalion was addressed by General Wood. The battalion is now attached to Reserve Command, 4th Armored Division. Maintenance and care of weapons and equipment now being stressed and the men given opportunity for recreation as much as possible. On the 28th a convoy of 13 enlisted men and one officer left for Paris, returning the evening of the 30. A daily convoy is being run into Nancy and two movies a day have been provided in Lenoncourt.





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During the month the battalion lost the following officers by transfer, Lt. Colonel Heid, Major Hammer, Contain Treece. The following officers were wounded, Lt. Preneta, Lt. Kollin, Lt. Haimovitch was transferred out of the battalian due to illness from non battle causes. Major Alanis, Major Kimsey and Lt. Lane joined the battalian during the month.

Total casualties for the month were killed in action, none, and wounded in action 14. 39 Replacements and 22 returnees were received during the month. On 31 October the strength of the battelion was Officers 1, Enlisted Hen 623.

For the Cambadday Officer

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Incl # 1 - S-3 Journal

Incl # 2 - Consolidated Report of Operations.