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HEADQUARTERS 773 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 403 US ARMY

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3 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 38 . From 1 October 44 1800 to 2 October 44 1800

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994 Rear CP located at 095994
Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3rd COMP:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Remarks
A	8	4	Ready at 1000 3 Oct 44 (Batteries)
B	12		
C	7	5	Ready 3 Oct 44.
TOTAL	27	9	Three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED													ROUNDS FIRED				
Armored Vehicles													: PMS :				
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	OTH	CP	AT	CK	es	MGs	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																	220
B						1					3	2					1
C																	
Rcn																	
TOTAL						1					3	2					221

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED													ROUNDS FIRED				
Armored Vehicles													: PMS :				
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	OTH	CP	AT	CK	es	MGs	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A		1	22		3	62	32	10		4	282	268	452	1			949
B			6		1	40	4			5	62	194	211				
C		8	40	9	6	75	16	12		4	100	347	476				1
Rcn										2	45						
TOTAL		9	68	9	10	140	52	22		15	489	809	1139	1			950

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs, Hqs Co & Rcn Co Hqs - No change.
 A Co - Continued indirect fire mission until 2400 hrs. Ammo expended. At 0800 Company reverted to Bn control and all pltns assembled at Co CP where motor maintenance was performed. CP & all pltns (114007). No change.
 B Co - 2nd & 3rd pltn remained in same position. 2nd Sec of 1st pltn ~~xxxx1100~~ to Luneville for track changing. 1st pltn moved at 1100 to 156045 covering roads E (Northern bdry of 314 Inf sector). CP to Luneville at 1800. CP 087000, 1st pltn 156045, 2nd pltn 160990, 3rd pltn 154017.
 C Co - 3rd pltn, motor maintenance at Luneville. At 1330 1st & 2nd pltns joined CP at Bienville then moved to 081061 on indirect fire mission in support of Troop A, 121st Cav. At 1700 hrs pltns laid on compass 1500. Targets - woods (Q143081). One round fired off at 1800 hrs. CP 1st & 2nd pltn 081061. 3rd pltn & 3rd Rcn pltn in Luneville.

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APO 403 US ARMY

4 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 39 From 2 October 44 1800 to 3 October 44 1800

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994 Rear CP located at 095994
Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Mechanical	Action	Failure	REMARKS
A	12					
B	12					
C	11			1		Ready in 48 hrs.
TOTAL	35			1		Three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ERS	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																	107
B																	555
C																	
RCN																	662
TOTAL																	

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A	1	22		3	62	32	10			4	282	268	452	1			1056
B		6		1	4	4				5	152	194	211				
C	8	40	9	6	75	16	12			4	100	347	476				556
RCN										2	45						
TOTAL	9	68	9	10	140	52	22			15	489	809	1139	1			1612

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs, Hqs Co (095994) No change.
 Rcn Co Hqs (094995) No change.
 A Co - Co continued on motor maintenance until 1030. At 1145 moved to S of Binville, relieving C Co on indirect firing mission. Fired 107 rds HE from 1315 to 1800. CP & pltns 078064. No further changes.
 B Co - Pltns remained in same general positions. 2nd pltn received heavy arty and mortar fire. CP 087000. 1st pltn 156045, 2nd pltn 164996, 3rd pltn 154017. No further changes.
 C Co - 3rd pltn in Luneville (Motor maintenance). 1st & 2nd pltns did indirect firing from S of Binville into NW tip of Foret de Parroy. Fire missions called for 555 rds HE and adjusted by Troop A, 121st Cav. Co was relieved by A Co, 773rd TD Bn at 1230 and moved to present location for motor maintenance. CP 0113008, 1st & 2nd pltns 114008, 3rd pltn Luneville. No further changes.

Casualties: None.

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5 October 1944
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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 40 From 3 October 44 1800 to 4 October 44 1800

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994 Rear CP located at 095994
Bn. attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Mechanical	Action	Failure	REMARKS
A	12					
B	12					One 1 1/2 ton security veh. (shell burst)
C	12					needs 5 tires.
TOTAL	36					Three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										PWS	ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ERS	Veh	Cans	es	MGs		ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																		343
B												2	5	1				
C																		
Rcn																		
TOTAL												2	5	1				343

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										PWS	ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Cans	es	MGs		ured	AP	HE	SMK	HE	AP	SMK
A		1	22		3	62	32	10		4	282	268	452	1				3399
B			6		1	4	4			5	64	199	212					
C		8	40	9	6	75	16	12		4	100	347	476					556
RCN										2	45							
TOTAL		9	68	9	30	141	52	22		15	489	814	1140	1				3955

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs & Hqs Co (095994) No change.
Rcn Co (098998) No change.

A Co - continued on indirect firing mission. Fired every 15 minutes all night until 0800. Fired assigned missions through out day. No further changes. CP & pltns 078064. All pltns 076064.

B Co - At 1900 2nd pltn moved to Croismare with 1st sec moving further on to front line at 0800. 3rd pltn no change. At 2000 1st pltn moved to front lines at 156016. Fired 6 rounds to complete destruction of a disabled enemy tank at 1200. Wounded and captured 2 PW's at same time. CP 099998; 1st sec, 1st pltn 174048; 2nd sec 1st pltn 170051; 1st sec, 2nd pltn 140008; 2nd sec, 2nd pltn 169028; 1st sec, 3rd pltn 163028; 2nd sec 3rd pltn 157016.

C Co - At 2145 3rd pltn moved to Marainviller going into position at 2215 establishing road blocks on N and S edges of town. No contact with enemy other than arty at 2400. CP (Chanteheux) 113008, 1st & 2nd pltns (Chanteheux) 114008, 3rd pltn (Marainviller) 165994.

Casualties - None.

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 41 . From 4 October 44 0001 to 5 October 44 2400.

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994 Rear CP located at 095994
 Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Mechanical	Actions Failure	REMARKS
A	12				
B	12				Three tons not running (Clutch & tires)
C	12				
TOTAL	36				Three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED											: Fms :			ROUNDS FIRED			
Armored Vehicles											: Pill :			: Capt: Direct : Indirect			
Co	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ERS	:Veh	:Guns	:es	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:AP	:HE	:SMK
A																	21
B																	
C																	
Rcn																	
TOTAL																	21

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED											: Fms :			ROUNDS FIRED			
Armored Vehicles											: Pill :			: Capt: Direct : Indirect			
Co	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ers	:Veh	:Guns	:es	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:AP	:HE	:SMK
A		1	22		3	62	32	10		4	282	268	452	1		1420	
B			6		1	4	4			5	64	199	212				
C		8	40	9	6	75	16	12		4	100	347	476			556	
Rcn										2	45						
TOTAL		9	68	9	10	141	52	22		15	491	814	1140			1976	

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs & Hqs Co - No change (095994)(Luneville)
 Rcn Co - No change CP & Co at 098998 (Luneville)
 A Co - Continued on indirect firing until 1945, At 1500 moved and closed in at 1715 to positions NE of Moncel (120900) and prepared for more indirect firing. Co & CP (~~120900~~) → 123990
 B Co - No change. CP 089998. 1st pltn 169052, 2nd pltn 169026. 3rd pltn 157016.
 C Co - 3rd pltn received some enemy fire. (No casualties)
 No change. CP 113008, 1st & 2nd pltn 114008 (Chanteheux), 3rd pltn 165994 (Marainviller).

Casualties: None.

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7 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

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TD Report No 42 From 5 October 44 1600 to 6 October 44 1800

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994 Rear CP located at 095994
Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Remarks
	: Engine	: Mechanical	
	: Action	: Failure	
A	: 12	:	
B	: 12	:	: 3 tons not running (clutch & tires.)
C	: 11	:	: One out for modification.
TOTAL	: 35	:	: Three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED													PWS		ROUNDS FIRED			
Armored Vehicles																		
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ERS	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK	
A	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	116	1
B	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
C	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Rcn	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TOTAL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	116	1

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED													PWS		ROUNDS FIRED		
Armored Vehicles																	
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A	:	1	22	:	3	62	32	10	:	4	282	268	452	1	:	1536	1
B	:	:	6	:	1	4	4	:	:	5	64	199	212	:	:	:	:
C	:	8	40	9	6	75	16	12	:	4	100	347	476	:	:	556	:
RCN	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	2	45	:	:	:	:	:	:
TOTAL	:	9	68	9	10	141	52	22	:	15	491	814	1140	1	:	2098	1

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs & Hqs Co - 095994 (Luneville) No change.

Rcn Co - 098998 (Luneville) No change.

A Co - No change in position, began indirect firing at 1200, registering on three check points. Lt J.O. Sharp, Forward Observer. CP & Co (120987) No activity, No change.

B Co - No change. CP 089998. 1st pltn 169052. 2nd pltn 169026. 3rd pltn 157016.

C Co - C.O. & Pltn Ldrs reconnoitered routes of approach and positions in forest de Parroy, general vicinity of 175060. 1st & 2nd pltns in indirect firing positions. 3rd pltn in position at Marainviller. CP (113008) 1st & 2nd pltns 114008 (Chantenheux). 3rd pltn (165994) Marainviller. No activity. No change.

Casualties: Cpl Edgar W. Holt, 37383119, Co B WIA
T/5 John W. Keck, 35537379, Co B WIA

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8 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 43 . From 6 October 44 1800 to 7 October 44 1800

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994 Rear CP located at 095994
Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Mechanical	Actions Failure	REMARKS
A	12				
B	12				3 tons not running (clutch & tires)
C	12				
TOTAL	36				Three tons short

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										: Pts :			ROUNDS FIRED			
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ERS	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	used	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																	
B																	
C																	
RCN																	
TOTAL																	

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										: Pts :			ROUNDS FIRED			
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	used	AP	HE	SMK	HE	AP	SMK
A		1	22		3	62	32	10			4	282	268	452	1		1536 1
B			6		1	4	4				5	64	199	212			
C		8	40	9	6	75	16	12			4	100	347	476			556
RCN											2	45					
TOTAL		9	68	9	10	141	52	22			15	491	814	1140	1		2092 1

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs, Hqs Co - (095994) Luneville - No change.

Rcn Co 2 (098998) Luneville - No change.

A Co - 2nd pltns occupied position in Marainviller (165995) relieving 3rd pltn of C Co at 2300. Remainder of company & CP no change. CP, 1st pltn, & 3rd pltn (120987). 3rd pltn (165995).

B Co - 1st pltn moved to Bn maintenance area at 1130. 2nd pltn moved to Bn maintenance area at 0830. 3rd pltn no change. CP (089998) 1st & 2nd pltn (097994) 3rd pltn (157016)

C Co - Co reconnoitered routes of approach, location of enemy and positions of all pltns in the Forêt de Farroy. All supporting units were contacted. 3rd pltn relieved by 2nd pltn A Co at 2200 and withdrew to Bn motor maintenance for modification.

Casualties: None.

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9 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 44 . From 7 October 44 0000 to 8 October 44 2400.

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994 Rear CP located at 095954
Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	: Opera- tional	: Non-Operational	: Enemy Mechanical	: Action Failure	REMARKS
A	: 12	:	:	:	
B	: 12	:	:	:	1 M10's not running (clutch & tires)
C	: 12	:	:	:	
TOTAL	: 36	:	:	:	Three M10's short

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										: Fms:					ROUNDS FIRED		
	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ERS	:Veh	:Guns	:es	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:AP	:HE	:SMK	
A	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	105	4
B	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
C	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Rcn	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TOTAL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	105	4

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										: Fms:					ROUNDS FIRED		
	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ers	:Veh	:Guns	:es	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:AP	:HE	:SMK	
A	:	1	22	:	3	62	32	10	:	4	282	268	452	1	:	1641	5	
B	:	:	6	:	1	4	4	:	:	5	64	199	213	:	:	:	:	
C	:	3	40	9	6	75	16	12	:	4	100	347	478	:	:	536	:	
RCN	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	2	45	:	:	:	:	:	:	
TOTAL	:	9	68	9	10	141	52	22	:	15	491	814	1140	1	:	2197	5	

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs, Hqs Co - (095994) LUNEVILLE - No change.

Rcn Co - (099998) LUNEVILLE - No change.

A Co - 2nd pltn same position in HARRINVILLER (165995). Enemy shelled platoon and vicinity throughout night. Two M10's were hit but no damage resulted, 0100. Shelling continued intermittently during day. Remainder of Co & CP no change. CP, 1st & 3rd pltns (120987). Registered on 3 new targets firing 109 rds HE, 4 of which were smoke. 1st Lt. J.O. Sharp, Rcn Co, observed fire on one target, a house, occupied by enemy. Direct hit caused enemy to flee from house. Began indirect firing 1100 hrs and ceased firing 1517 hrs. CO, 1st & 3rd pltns (120987). 2nd pltn 165995.

B Co - Co CP moved to position (167051) behind 1st pltn at 2000. Rear CP no change (089998). 1st pltn at 1000 moved to (169053), 2nd pltn at 1700 moved to (154045) in preparation for attack. 3rd pltn - no change - (157016). No action other than enemy artillery.

C Co - Co CP CHANTREUX (114008) No change. 1st pltn moved to 173053, 2nd & 3rd pltns moved to 170057, in positions of readiness in Foret de Farroy for attack.

Casualties: None.

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10 October 1944
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TANK DESTROYER DATA REPORT

TD Report No 45 From 8 October 44 1800 to 9 October 44 1800

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 152044 Rear CP located at 095994
Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Causes	Remarks
	: tional	: Non-Operational	: Empty : Mechanical : Actions : Failure	
A	: 12	:	:	
B	: 11	:	: 1	Turret lock broken on M10 (Ready in 24 hrs)
C	: 11	:	: 1	
TOTAL	: 34	:	: 1	Three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										: Pts :		ROUNDS FIRED				
	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ERS	:Veh	:Guns	:cs	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:AP	:HE	:SMK
A	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	: 18: 496
B	:	:	: 1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	: * 51: 7
C	:	:	: 1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	: 70: 20
Rcn	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TOTAL	:	:	: 2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	: 121: 27

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE: B Co assisted in capturing 138 PW's.

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										: Pts :		ROUNDS FIRED				
	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ers	:Veh	:Guns	:cs	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:HE	:AP	:SMK
A	:	:	: 1	: 22	: 3	: 62	: 32	: 10	:	:	: 4	: 282	: 268	: 452	: 1	:	: 2137 18 5
B	:	:	:	: 7	: 1	: 4	: 4	:	:	:	: 5	: 64	: 250	: 219	:	:	:
C	:	:	: 8	: 41	: 9	: 6	: 75	: 16	: 12	:	: 4	: 100	: 417	: 496	:	:	: 556
Rcn	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	: 2	: 45	:	:	:	:	:
TOTAL	:	:	: 9	: 70	: 9	: 10	: 141	: 52	: 22	:	: 15	: 491	: 1174	: 1389	: 1	:	: 2693 18 5

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4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Fwd CP (152004) opened 080900, closing 091800. Purpose for close coordination and command of Forest de Parroy attack. Fwd CP consisted of Bn Co, S3, Radio Sgt & driver of ton. Bn Rear CP (095994) and Hqs Co (095994) - No change.

Rcn Co - (098998) - No change.

A Co - Co (less 2nd pltn in position Marsinvillier) continued on indirect firing missions. Fired 380 rds HE on woods and trenches between 0630 and 0710. Fired 41 rds HE at 1000 on house and RR. Fired 60 rds HE and 18 AP on unknown number of tanks approaching Marsinvillier from NA. Firing ceased at 1700. 1st Lt. J.O. Sharp, Rcn Co, acted as fwd observer in Marsinvillier. 2nd pltn received arty and mortar fire through out night and day. One hit on destroyer was sustained but no casualties suffered. Shrapnel damage to clothing, equipment, watercoans and one .50 cal MG was suffered.

CP 120987, 1st pltn 120987, 2nd pltn 165995, 3rd pltn 120987.

B Co - 3rd pltn - no change. 2nd pltn moved at 0845 with 313th Inf advancing and securing objective at 1430. 1st pltn moved at 0650 supporting advance of 3rd Bn 314 Inf. They KO'd one MK IV tank and assisted in capturing over 138 PW's. 1st objective (CR at 176053) was taken at 1500 with T4 final objective secured at 1730. This pltn, led by Lt Vargo and Sgt Amberlain, performed excellently under very trying terrain conditions. M10 was KO'd by enemy fire at 0845 but was back in action by 1800.

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5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

4. Operations for Period (cont'd)

B Co - cont'd - CP 089998, 1st pltn 188056, 2nd pltn 197055, 3rd pltn 157016.

C Co - at 0630, 1st pltn (173053) in support of 3 bn 315 Inf. 2nd pltn (170057) in support of 2 bn 315 Inf and 3rd pltn (170057) as regimental reserve. Co "C", 749 Tank bn in support of regiment also. 1st pltn at 0630, moved to attack CR (176053) but was halted by heavy AF fire at 0715 and fell back to (174052). At this time the W10 commanded by Sgt Rabe was hit and set on fire resulting in 2 serious casualties, Sgt Rabe & T/5 Peabody, and 3 of crew missing, Cpl Hellums, Pfc Harris, Pvt Owens. 2nd pltn moved to attack at 0700 meeting heavy mortar and automatic fire. Despite this the initial objective was reached at 0800, continuing from there to final objective at 178058. 2 (LWA) casualties were suffered. 3rd pltn committed at 1030, moving to 173060 with fields of fire to E and S. At 1630 a MK IV was observed but fire could not be brought on it. 2nd pltn fired on a MK IV at 1630 immobilizing it. Basookas closed in on damaged tank. At 1730 the 2nd pltn advance ceased due to terrain and it withdrew to rally position with 3rd pltn at 173060. 1st pltn attached to 1st bn 315 Inf in position at 182060. CP 114008. 1st pltn 173060, 2nd pltn 182060, 3rd pltn 173060.

Casualties: Sgt John W Griner, 33017457, Co B WIA
T/4 Duane B MacGregor, 35135546, Co C LWA
Sgt Ernest C. Rabe, 17066915, Co C SWA
T/5 Everett M Peabody, 39605245, Co C SWA
Pfc Giles B Winger, 35135505, Co C LWA

Cpl Judge C Hellums, 34048072, Co C
Pfc Lawrence M Harris, 35273011, Co C
Pvt Donald D Owens, 15140325, Co C

The above three men are missing in action. However this status cannot as yet be accepted as official.

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HEADQUARTERS 773 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

AFO 405 ARMY

11 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 46 From 9 October 44 301800 10 October 44 24051800

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 095994, Rear CP located at 095994
Bn attached to 79 Inf Div

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 37 GUNS:

Co.	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy	Mechanical	Actions	Failure	REMARKS
A	12						
B	11			1			1 M10-Turret lock broken, (repair over 48 hrs. (B Co) 1 1/2 ton KO'd by shell fragment. Repaired by Co Maint. (Co C)
C	8		1				
TOTAL	31		1	4			Bn 3 1/2 tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Co	ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED										: FMs:	ROUNDS FIRED
	Armored vehicles	: Pull:	: Other:	GP:	AT	: Box:	: Capt:	Direct	: Indirect			
A												
B								2				14
C								4	10			
TOTAL								6	10			14

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

*Revision of TD Report 45, 10 Oct 44.

Co	ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED										: FMs:	ROUNDS FIRED			
	Armored vehicles	: Pull:	: Other:	GP:	AT	: Box:	: Capt:	Direct	: Indirect						
A	1	22	3	62	32	10		4	282	268	452	1	18	2151	5
B		7	1	4	4			7	64	250	219				
C	8	41	9	6	75	16	12	18	110	417	496				556
TOTAL	9	70	9	10	141	52	22	21	501	935	1167	1	18	2707	5

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs, Hqs Co - (095994) No change.

Rcn Co - (098998) No change. Lt. J.O. Sharp still attached to A Co Forward Observer.

A Co - CP (120987) 1st pltn (120987) and 3rd pltn (120987) registered BPat 1150 firing 7 rds HE each. Ceased firing 1210. 2nd pltn (MARAINILLER) (165995) No changes.

B Co - No changes. CP - 089998, 1st pltn LUNEVILLE on maintenance. 2nd pltn 198055 and one M10 at 196045. 3rd pltn; 1st sec at 163028, 2nd sec

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5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD cont'd

157015. No activity. Revision to TD Report 45, 10 Oct 44. 1st pltn KO'd 2 MG's and 4 bazooka teams.

C Co - Revision of TD Report 45, 10 Oct 44. Between period 0700 and 1600 the 2nd pltn destroyed 4 MG nests and took 10 PW's, killing or wounding 75 to 100 enemy infantry. No change in pltn positions. Capt. J.D. Singer, Bn Surgeon verified fact that three distinct body fragments were left in burned MLO of 1st pltn. Survivors statements further verify fact that Cpl. Hellums, Pfc Harris and Pvt Owens were burned to death. Co sector very quiet for last 24 hrs.

CASUALTIES: Cpl. Judge C Hellums, 34048072, Co C KIA
Pfc Lawrence M Harris, 35273011 Co C KIA
Pvt. Donald D Owens, 15140325 Co C KIA

These men counted as missing on 9 Oct 44 are now established as KIA.

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HEADQUARTERS **773 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**
APO **403** US ARMY

12 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No **47** . From **10 October 44 1800** to **11 October 44 1800**.

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at **095994** Near CP located at **095994**
Bn attached to **79 Inf Div**

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Mechanical	Action	Failure	REMARKS
A	12					
B	11	1				One M10 - Turret lock broken
C	9	0	2			
TOTAL	32	1	2			Bn three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

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Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										PWS		ROUNDS FIRED				
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ERS	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																	
B																	
C																	
Rcn																	
TOTAL																	



(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										PWS		ROUNDS FIRED					
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	HE	AP	SMK	
A			1	22		3	62	32	10		4	282	268	452	1	2151	18	5
B				7		1	4	4			7	64	250	219				
C			8	41	9	6	75	16	12		8	110	417	496		556		
RCN											2	45						
TOTAL			9	70	9	10	141	52	22		21	501	935	1167	1	2707	18	5

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs, Hqs Co - (095994) No change.

Rcn Co - 1st pltn attached to A Co at 2130. Pioneer pltn received mission of repairing bridge to Manonviller. German demolitions were removed from partially destroyed bridge. Bridge repaired with available materials by 1700. 1st pltn reconnoitered and secured high ground N of Manonviller for A Co. 2nd pltn reconnoitered gun positions E of La Neuveville, secured same for C Co. Town was heavily mined and boobytrapped. 3rd pltn performed protecting mission while Pioneers repaired bridge. CP, 2nd & 3rd pltns 098998.

A Co - 1st & 3rd pltns moved to new positions at Manonviller at 2000. 2nd pltn, Marainviller, No change. Quiet day and night. CP 120987, 1st & 3rd pltns 200985. 2nd pltn 165995. No further changes.

B Co - 1st, 2nd & 3rd pltns moved to Luneville, Bn mtr maintenance, for maintenance. CP 089998.

C Co - Co alerted at 1400 to support 313 Inf Regt in vicinity of La Neuveville Aux Bois. Foot reconnaissance was made by C.O. and 2nd & 3rd pltn ldrs. 3rd pltn in support of 1st Bn 313 Inf. CP & 1st pltn 195014. 2nd pltn 199022. 3rd pltn 203017. No further changes.

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Observations: None

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HEADQUARTERS **773** TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO **403** US ARMY

13 October 1944
(Date)

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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No **48** . From **11 October 44 1800** to **12 October 44 1800**

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at **095994** Rear CP located at **095994**
Bn attached to **79 Inf Div**

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 3" GUNS:

Co	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Mechanical	Action	Failure	REMARKS
A	12					
B	10	1	1			1 M10 - Turret lock broken (1-M10 clutch out
C	9	0	2			
TOTAL	31	1	2			Bn three tons short.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										Pills	ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ERS	Veh	Guns	es	MGs		ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																		
B																		
C																		
Rcn																		
TOTAL																		



(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Co	ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED										Pills	ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs		ured	AP	HE	SMK	HE	AP	SMK
A		1	22		3	62	32	10			4	282	268	452	1	2151	18	5
B			7		1	4	4				7	64	250	219				
C		8	41	9	6	75	16	12			8	110	417	496		556		
Rcn											2	45						
TOTAL		9	70	9	10	141	52	22			21	501	935	1167	1	2707	18	5

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)

Bn Hqs, Hqs Co - 095994 - No change.
 Rcn Co - At 0600 3rd pltn was attached to A Co. 1st pltn still attached to A Co. CP, Pioneer & 2nd pltn 098998. No change.
 A Co - Co CP moved at 0800 to 160993 (Marainviller). 1st pltn in support of 3rd Bn 314 Inf, moved into positions NE of Manonviller 209002, being held up temporarily while mines were cleared. 2nd pltn in Manonviller at 200989. 3rd pltn with 1st Rcn pltn in support of 1st Bn 314 Inf moved into positions E of Manonviller at 215995, being held up temporarily on route of march while mines were cleared. Company or parts thereof have been constantly employed or opposed to enemy for 31 days as of 12 Oct 44. No further changes.
 B Co - CP at 089998. Rest of company at Bn Mtr Maintenance (Luneville)
 C Co - Supporting 313 Inf Regt. CP plus 1st pltn (as reserve) moved to Marainviller at 1215 hrs. C.O. and 2nd & 3rd pltn ldrs reconnoitered positions in advance of those of 11 Oct 44. Div Engrs cleared a path through mines to new positions, permitting both pltns to occupy new positions at approximately 1900 hrs. No other change. CP, 3rd Rcn pltn, & 1st pltn (Marainviller) 2nd pltn at 209027 and on trail at 207026. 3rd pltn 205015.

Casualties - None.

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