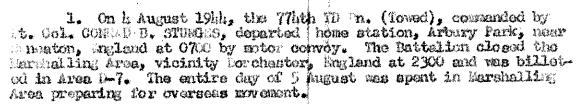
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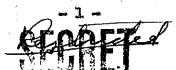
3 September 1944

SUBJECT: Battelion History, Month of August 1944.

20 : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 3hO, U. S. Army. (Att: Historical Section)



- 2. Battalion departed Marchalling Area at 1115 6 August and had completed loading from hards, vicinity Wyke Regis at 1630. The Battalion, loaded about three LST's, sailed at 0600 7 August and ofter an uneventful Channel crossing exrived at Utah Beach at 0200 8 August. The Battalion completed debarkation by 0900 and proceeded tempdiately to Transit Area 8 where it received informal verbal orders, Headquarters Third Army that it would move immediately on a combat massion to repulse an attempted breakthrough by German armor in the direction of Avranches. The Battalion them proceeded south under MF escort to the vicinity of Villeduieu where it bivouscked for the night.
- 3. During the might information was received that the armored breakthrough had been stopped and that the Sattalion was attached to XS Corps, and further attached to 4th TD Group, then located at Vergal. The following morning the Battalion moved to join the 4th TD Group at his bivouse and remained there the rest of the day.
- Artillery in vicinity of Valges. The Battelion furnished one Reconnaissence Platoon as security for Corps Artillery Reconnaissance Party in their reconnaissance and selection of positions. The Flatoon made no occay contacts and returned to Battalian the following morning. In the afternoon, Battalian moved to a new location, vicinity of Chasellle where it remained the night. The following day, 12 August, the following mission was assigned by the Commanding Officer, 4th TD Group: To reconnoitre the ground between St. Suzame and Le Mans with a view to preparing plans to meet any armored attack from the north or northeast.
- from attachment to the 4th TD Group and attached to 317th Combat Team, 80th Infantry Division. The mission of the 80th Infantry Division at this time was to advance to the north and seize and secure high ground in the vicinity of Argentan. Battalion moved immediately to assembly with the 317 CT vicinity Divion. The following day, 13 August, 317 CT moved out at 0700 on its assigned mission. The 2nd Reconneissance Platoon of this Dattalion, with mission to recommittee routes east and west of main route, advanced to their maximum limits and Company "A" of this unit in the 3170T Advance Guard. The remainder of the Battalion followed the 3rd Bm. in the main body. Turing the advance to Fre en Pail the Reconneissance Platoon



suffered two casualties and lost one M-8 due to enemy mines at Villeeines, and Company "A" in the same vicinity took two prisoners. The 317 CT advanced to vicinity Pre en Pail and Battalion assembled in this vicinity for the night. The first Reconnaissance Platoon had previously captured two and killed one enemy emiper at this spot.

- o. On 14 August Battalion was relieved from attachment to 317 CT and attached to XX Corps and 4th 1D Group and ordered to proceed at once to an assembly point in the vicinity of La Ferte Bernard. Battalion closed in bivouac at Lamnay late that day. Frior to leaving bivouac in vicinity of Pre en Pail, 120 German infantry were reported to be approaching our bivouac from vicinity of Grennes. Company "C" and the 2nd Reconnaissance Platoon were left as a rear guard and in the ensuing action thirteen prisoners were taken and one enemy killed.
- 7. With the 4th TD Group whose mission was to furnish the 7th Armored Division direct or indirect fire on call, Battalion moved by bounds to vicinity of La Loupe where it bivouacked for the night. On 16 August Battalion continued its mission to the northeast and moved by bounds to vicinity Nogent le Roi. En route, Battalion was strafed by enemy aircraft. No casualties suffered. During that day, Battalion took five prisoners. Late this evening, 4th 10 Group, along with Battalion was attached to Combat Command A of the 7th Armored Division whose mission was to encircle Chartres from the nertheast. One Reconnaissance section and one platoon of Company "B" was assigned a mission to protect the column from enemy tanks which had been reported north of Favorolles. Battalion arrived at its new assembly area south of Epernon the following morning. Battalion remained in this location throughout the day and was again strafed by enemy aircraft. No canualties suffered. In addition by prisoners were captured.
- 8. Shortly after midnight on the 17-18 August an enemy natrol consisting of 18 men approaching the Battalion bivouac was surprised by Company "A" resulting in one enemy killed and seventeen captured. That afternoon, 18 August, Battalion moved to Corps Reserve in the vicinity of Tremblay, having been relieved of attachment to CCA, With Armored Division. While in Corps Reserve, this Battalion, together with one Battalion of infantry was designated as Coops Reserve Troops.
- 9. On 19 August at 0500 Battalion received mission from 4th TD Group to reconnective and make plans for employment to protect bridgehead held by 7th Armored Division at Dreux. On 20 August Battalion was relieved of mission as Corps Reserve and moved with 4th TD Group through Chartness to bivouse in vicinity of Sours. During the might another enemy group attempted to pass through the Battalion area, resulting in two enemy killed and sixteen prisoners teken.
- 10. The following morning, 21 August, Battalion moved south to acceptly area vicinity of Sainville where the Battalion received orders to attach one company (Go. "B") to the hird Cavalry, a part of the 3rd Cavalry Group, with mission to protect the north flank of the 7th Armored Division in its assault toward Melun. The remainder of the Battalion was attached to Combat Command B, 7th Armored Division and assigned the mission of protecting combat command trains. The Battalion joined COB, 7th Armored Division in Rambouillet and moved during the night to vicinity of Bandoufle arriving thereat on the morning of 23 August. The Battalion established a perimeter of defense around combat command trains and remained in this position until after the middle of the afternoon at which time it moved forward, continuing its mission of protecting the trains to Fontenay le Vicomte. The

Battalion remained in this vicinity until approximately 2030 and then moved forward with the trains to the vicinity of Auverneaux. One prisoner was captured during the night.

- 11. At daylight, 25 August, the Battalion, being completed its mission with CCB, 7th Armored Division was relieved from CCB and again attached to bin TD Group in Corps Heserve, and moved during the day to divouse in the Forest of Fontainebleu, Battalion remaining in Forest of Fontainebleu for the night of 25 August and moving the following morning wouth and east to the vicinity of Diant in support of the 10th Combat Torm, 5th Infantry Division in its drive eastward along the south bank of the Seine. At this point, one company (Go. "A") was attached to the 1139 Engineer Group to protect the building of a pontoon bridge across the Seine River south of, Fontainbleu. The remainder of the Battalion moved during the day across the Young River to Misy and bivouseked one wills north thereof.
- of Postsine where it again bivouseked for the night. 20 August the Batteliar move to St. loup and was joined an route by Company "A" who reported on their return the capture of one prisoner and no further examy
 action. On arrival at St. Loup the leconnaissance flatoon was given a
 mission to make a recommaissance of the surrounding area during which
 enemy resistance was encountered in a vooded area southeast of Gays. As
 a result of this action, one enemy imittrack and certain amounts of assurition were destroyed. We suffered one man injured. The Battalion then
 moved to the vicinity of Vertus where it bivouseked for the night.
- 13. The following morning, 29 August, the two Reconnaissance Plateons and one TD Plateon (Co. "C") were sent to reconnoitre the area south of Gaye and north of Anglure where enemy in str ngth from three to five hundred had been reported. During this reconnaissance, 26 prisoners were taken, and three American solders from Company "F", 10th Infantry Regt., 5th Infantry Division were released from enemy captivity. He casualties were suffered during the performance of this mission.
- It. The Battalion remained in the same location and during the night another enemy patrol of thirteen men was surprised attempting to pass through the Battalion area. Ten prisoners were taken and one enemy killed.
- 15. On 30 August Battalion moved to the vicinity of Prunsy romaining there a few hours and then continuing to St. Masmo where it bivouscked for the night. On 31 August a Reconnaissance Patrol captured one officer prisoner. Battalion was given mission to provide antitank protection to math flank of CT 10 and moved to vicinity of Rouvroy.

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