

HEADQUARTERS
4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
AND 230th AAA BATTALION

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy Reports After/After Action Reports.
From : Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division, AFN 4, U.S. Army.
To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. In compliance with para 10 (c) AR 200-10, and Letter Rpt., PUSA,
file and subject as above, dated 15 Jul 44, the following report is submitted
for the month of July 1944.

2. 29 Jun to 4 Jul 44. The Battalion was located in a rest area performing maintenance and cleaning of equipment. The remainder of the residue reported on 2 Jul 44, making the Battalion complete as a unit.

3 Jul 44. Orders were received to move south in the vicinity of Saalte. During the move Division reported a tank threat in the vicinity of Saalte. Good priority was given the Battalion by VOCO, 4th Infantry Division. The companies were immediately ordered to occupy positions south of Saalte to offset this armored threat. While crossing the bridge at Saalte they were subjected to heavy artillery fire. The reconnaissance platoons were sent ahead to investigate this tank concentration and within a short period of time they reported that none could be found.

4, 5 and 6 Jul 44. "A" and "C" companies did interdiction and harassing fires while "B" company was doing anti-tank work with the 2nd Infantry.

7 Jul 44. Word was received from Division that a heavy armored threat was assembling to our front and left flanks. Battery "D" of the 129th AAA Gun Battalion was attached by authority CG, VII Corps. The three(3) gun companies reverted back to Battalion for their anti-tank missions. The 129th AAA Gun BN was placed on the Carentan-Toures road with two(2) companies to its front and flanks while the third was in the rear and in mobile reserve. The object of this disposition was to deter the enemy armor which consisted at the time of Mark V's into the 90mm guns. Experienced non-coms were sent from this unit with the 129th AAA gun bn to act as instructors for anti-tank defense and recognition of armored vehicles.

8 to 13 Jul 44. The Battalion acted on its primary mission. A few casualties were suffered in "A" company from mortar fire due to the exposure of the Division left flank. "C" company while in mobile reserve fired numerous missions on interdiction and harassing fires, most of it being unobserved. Several reports of tank concentrations consisting of four to six tanks were received through the air-ground liaison net. One(1) Mark V tank was disabled by a rocket launcher from a platoon leader of "A" company.

14 Jul 44. Battery "D", 129th AAA Gun BN reported to VII Corps.

15 Jul 44. The 4th Division, with the 201st Tank Destroyer Battalion attached, passed to control of VII Corps. The Battalion was ordered to assemble and prepare for movement on Division orders.

16 Jul 44. The Battalion, less one company, moved to an assembly area south of Carentan. "B" company was followed by the 129th Gun BN on 16 Jul 44 and then moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of the Battalion.

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18 to 20 Jul 44. Maintenance, cleaning of equipment and resting were accomplished at this time.

19 Jul 44. The 4th Division was reattached to VII Corps.

21 Jul 44. The companies were assigned to their respective FA Battalions for the purpose of supporting fires. Due to inclement weather and limited visibility the attack did not go as planned.

24 Jul 44. The code-name for the attack was given. "A" and "B" companies remained in their secondary mission while "C" company reverted to Battalion control for anti-tank missions.

25 to 31 Jul 44. The three(3) companies protected the rear and left flank of Division on its move forward. One(1) company was used throughout this phase in a mobile reserve position. Reconnoitered routes and positions were made to the rear and flanks of the other companies. The reconnaissance platoons established outposts and patrols to the front and flanks of the forward companies.

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