

HEADQUARTERS 814 TD BN(SP)

SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATION

- 8 Aug. - Disembarked UTAH BEACH Attch. XX Corps. Moved to Ass. Pos. vic. ST. GERMAIN.
- 9 Aug. - Moved to BAIS. Attach. 4TD Gp.
- 10 Aug. - Moved to Pos. in Readiness South of VAIGES. ATTACH. 1st Cav. Sqn., 3rd Cav. Gp. Moved to MONTSURS for blocking mission between 1st and 80th Div. along line MAYENNE-EVRONS.
- 11 Aug. - "A" Co. moved to indirect fire positions north of MONTSURS.
- 12 Aug. - "A" Co. fired two concentrations on BEAU NOUVELLE and BELGEARD occupied by enemy. Rcn Co. employed as listening screen across Group front.
- 13 Aug. - Bn. attached 3rd Cav. Gp. Mission prevent enemy breakthrough along line MAYENNE - EVRONS. Selected direct and indirect fire positions. Rcn. provided listening screen. Attch. 7 AD 1/00 hours 13 Aug.
- * 14 Aug. - Rcn. provided listening screen. Attch. 7 AD 1/00 hours 13 Aug.

15 Aug. - 19 Aug.

CCA ("A" Co., 814 TD)

- 15 Aug. - Moved from CHATEAUNEUF to one mile SW of FAVOROLLES w/CCA. Mission; Rear Gd. of CCA.
- 16 Aug. - Moved 5 mile E. to occupy LA BOISSIERE. Same mission.
- 17 Aug. - Moved 14 miles to 1/2 mile SE JONEVILLIERS. Mission block approaches to BONVILL, BLEURY, and ST. SYMPHORIEN.
- 18-19 Aug. - Same mission. Captured two prisoners; moved 45 miles to vic. DREUX w/CCA.

CCB ("B" Co., 814 TD)

- 15-16 Aug. - Co. "B" employed as advance guard and Rcn w/e Inf. support for CCB. Engaged enemy near NOGENT. Captured german paymaster w/equivalent \$700,000. 1/4-T fired on by snipers - radiator punctured. Knocked out 5 enemy personnel carriers w/4 trailers. Captured 5 prisoners. Withdrew to CCB area on encountering enemy arty. and mortar fire.
- 17 Aug. - Occupied outpost positions vic. BONVILLE to prevent possible enemy breakthrough. Plts. reconnoitered ~~SOUR~~ SOURS, FRANCOURVILLE, VOISE AND SANTEUIL area for direct fire positions.
- 18 Aug. - M-20 hit mine in HOUVILLE injuring 1st Sgt. and damaging vehicle. Co. in position near SANTEUIL.
- 19 Aug. - Moved with CCB to position near DREUX.

CCR (814 (-))

- 15 Aug. - Moved from LA LOUPE to TREMBLAY. Mission; Rear guard CCR.
- 16 Aug. - Strafed twice by ME 109's near LOGENT LE ROI. Took up perimeter defense position near FAVOROLLES against possible enemy counterattack from NW. Moved to EPERNON as rear guard of CCR. Furnished road block at BECHEREAUX. (1st TD Sect.; 2 Rcn Plts.) Encountered small arms fire vic. CADY. Secured perimeter of CCR Trains S. of EPERNON.
- 17 Aug. - Strafed by 11 ME-109's. Remained in biv.
- 18 Aug. - 3 plts. Rcn. 2 plts TD. w/tk. elements made Rcn. in force on RAMBOUILLET. 3rd TD Plt. in res. destroyed 1 French Somua Tank; 1 AT gun at road block; located 4 guns of AT battery, mine field;
- * 14 Aug. - Moved to Area S. of CORMES. "A" ATTCH, CCA; "B" Attch. CCB; Bn (-) attch CCR. Trains left w/Div. See 7 AD FO #2, 14 Aug. movd w/Combat commands PM 14 Aug.

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CCR - 814 (-) cont'd

- 19 Aug. - 2 single AT Guns. Withdrew on order CCR to EPERNON. Moved from EPERNON to vic. CHATEAUNEUF, acting as rear guard for CCR.
 - Strafed by one MG-109 which was destroyed by ground fire. Moved to Ass. Area vic. BOUILLEY-MIOYE. Rcn employed as patrols between 7 AD and 5 Inf. Div. in CHARTRES area.

20 Aug. to 26 Aug. 1944

7AD CCR (814-)

- 20 Aug. - Bivouac near LE BOUILLAY-MIOVIE. Rcn. plts. patrol roads between IREUX and CHARTRES maintaining contact between 5th and 79th Inf. Divs.
 21 Aug. - Moved w/CCR to vic. MONTFLIX. Rcn. plts furnished CCR point and rear guard. Captured 2 prisoners. Encountered small arms fire near DUORDAN. 1 plt. C Co. in CCR adv. gd.; balance Co. in main body.
 22 Aug. - Same missions and March formations. Continued march to LA FERTE ALAIS where 1 plt. C Co. moved from adv. gd. to point. This plt. fired 2 rounds on German half-track; effect unknown. Rcn. Plts in point destroyed 9 enemy cargo vehicles, killed 10; captured 6 between RIONVILLE and MELUN. During night 1 plt. C Co. with 1 Co. Inf. remained at southern entrance to MELUN to hold ground taken by CCR.
 23 Aug. - 1 plt. C Co. delivered 55 rds. HE direct fire against railway fills south of MELUN (suspected of containing enemy installations) prior to CCR attack on MELUN. Balance of 814 (-) in reserve subjected to arty fire. 1 casualty in C Co. 1 plt. C Co. knocked out enemy arty OP with 10 rds. HE direct fire. Bivouaced 5 miles SW of MELUN.
 24 Aug. - 814(-) given mission of protecting CCR flanks and patrolling roads vic. MELUN. Enemy amm. dump, CP, Radio station discovered. Enemy (40 dismtd.) observed across river; arty. fire could not be delivered on this target without endangering CCA.
 25 Aug. - CCR moves across Seine at TILLY with 2 plts. Rcn., 1 plt. C Co. in adv. guard. Balance 814(-) remain in readiness to cross south of MELUN. 814 minus A,B,C attached to Div. Reserve.
 26 Aug. - Units across Seine recross at TILLY. 814(-) in biv. 2 miles south of MELUN attacked twice by "rocket carrying" planes. 1-0; 6-EM wounded. 2 plts. C Co. duffel bags destroyed. CCR recrosses Seine at FOUNTAINBLEAU. 814(-) follows; bivouacs 3 miles east of FOUNTAINBLEAU.

7AD CCA (A Co., 814 TD)

3rd plt. marched as adv. gd. for CCA; balance of Co. rear guard. 3rd plt. destroyed 1 MK IV tank encountered on march. 3rd plt. in biv. destroyed 23 German vehicles (misc. types) while assigned to perimeter defense. 1st and last vehicle of convoy were knocked out immobilizing balance of column which was then destroyed. 1 EM killed, 1 wounded in this operation.

7AD CCB (B Co., 814 TD)

Co. marched as advance and rear guard for CCB trains. Reinforced establishment of OPL.

7AD CCR (C Co., 814 TD) 27 Aug. - 2 Sept. 1944

- 27 Aug. - Moved from vic. FOUNTAINBLEAU along east bank of SEINE RIVER to assembly area vic. PROVINS. CCR divided into 3 Task Forces (Columns A, E, F); 1 TD plt. assigned to each task force. Movement to north-east continued. 814(-) joined Div. Reserve in bivouac 4 miles east of MELUN; marched from there 33 miles to biv. 2 miles north of BETON-BAZOCHE.
 28 Aug. - "C" Co. continued march with CCR crossing MARNE RIVER at CHATEAU-THIERRY. Column F to which 3rd plt. attached joined CCA moved north around RHEIMS;



7AD CCR (C Co., 814 TD) 21 Aug. - 2 Sept. 1944 cont'd

- Captured PT ERINAN overlooking RHEIMS.
814 (-) moved 2 1/2 miles to bivouac 1 mile west of CONDE-EN-ERIE.
- 29 Aug. - Columns A and B continued NE towards Belgian Border; Column F consolidated position north of RHEIMS.
814(-) moved to assembly area 2 miles west of JOACHER, where Rcn. Co. given mission to secure bridge across VESLE RIVER. Rcn. then reconnoitered route to ORAINVILLE and established outposts while Div. Hq. and Reserve moved into bivouac, 1 mile south of ORAINVILLE.
- 30 Aug. - Column F moved to NEUFCHAPPEL; subjected to strafing attack but no casualties. All three columns assembled at EPOYE. Rcn. Co. patrolled roads vic. ORAINVILLE. Div. Reserve moved to vicinity EPOYE.
814(-) assigned to CCR.
- 31 Aug. - CCR moved 92 miles via ARGONNE FOREST to VERDUN with halt near BERZIEUX for refueling. Rcn Co. furnished 1 plt. as point for each task force (KEELER, RANKIN, WEMPLE), however all task forces followed same route. Fuel supply becoming critical.
- 1 Sept. - CCR moved through VERDUN, crossing MEUSE RIVER and establishing bridgehead 10 miles north of VERDUN with assembly area, 1/2 mile north of FROMEZIEY.
- 2 Sept. - Task force Keeler with 1 plt. C Co., 1 plt. Rcn. attachd. moved along east side of MEUSE to establish bridgehead at SEDAN. Halted 30 miles north of VERDUN by fuel shortage and enemy resistance. Balance of CCR moved to Division Assembly area 1/2 mile north of DAMLOUP.

7AD CCR (A Co., 814 TD)

- 27 Aug. - 40 Inf. fired on enemy sedan carrying German Major-General (Chief of Ordnance, Western France), Major (General's aide), captain (9th Panzer Division) and enlisted driver. EM from Co. A (814 TD) amm. truck wounded driver and assisted in capturing the 3 officers.
CCA separated into 3 columns at LES BOURGELS and 1 TD Plt. attachd. to each column. 2nd plt. in rear of Column D attacked by 6 tanks and 1 personnel carrier. Destroyed 2 MK IV, 1 MK III tanks and the personnel carrier. 2 prisoners captured. At MONMIRAIL, 3rd Plt. destroyed 1 half-track personnel carrier leading a convoy and a horse drawn field piece at tail of convoy. Nine remaining vehicles in the convoy (cargo trucks, 1 AT Gun, 1 horse drawn cart, 3 motorcycles) were abandoned by Germans and captured. 1st Plt. delivered 65 rds. HE indirect fire on 3 tanks concealed in wood. Air observer reported 1 definitely knocked out; 1 probable; effect on third unknown. Co. captured 100 prisoners during day.
- 28 Aug. - 1 EM killed, 1 wounded by sniper while convoy passing through CHATEAU-THIERRY. 3rd Plt. destroyed 20 vehicles (cargo vehicles, command cars, etc.) on highway N44 north of LA NEUVILLE.
- 29 Aug. - One cargo truck, 1 command car destroyed at NEUF CHATELON.
- 31 Aug. - 2nd Plt. destroyed 1 MK VI tank, 3 1/2 tracks and 8 misc. cargo vehicles at TILLY ET MEUSE. Captured 3 prisoners. 1st Plt. destroyed 1 80 AT Gun. Fired 65 rds. HE direct fire (range 4400 yds) on enemy vehicles and foot troops in column. Hits were obtained on road and column disrupted long enough for friendly arty. to bring effective fire upon it.



7 AD CCB (B Co., 814 TD)

"B" Co. continued on mission as guard for CCB trains moving from near ST. SUZANNE to EPERNAY, WARMERVILLE, CHATTANCOURT and bivouacing on 1 Sept vic. MARRE, east of MEUSE RIVER and north of VERDUN. In vicinity of ESNES on night of 2nd Sept. B Co. was fired on by 11th Regt. 5th Inf. Div. One destroyer was slightly damaged by 57mm AT shell. B Co. recognized fire as coming from friendly troops so did not return it, thus saving a great many casualties among the friendly troops. B Co. had no casualties.

7 AD CCR (814-) 3 Sept. - 9 Sept. 1944

- 3 Sept. - Task Force "Keeler" returned to CCR assembly area 1/2 mile north of DAMLOUP (Near VERDUN) no missions for 814(-).
- 4-5 Sept. - Remained in bivouac. No missions for 814(-). Division waiting for fuel.
- 6 Sept. - "C" assigned to 87 Ren. to reinforce that unit in reconnaissance in force towards METZ. Moved out approximately 6 hours ahead of CCR. 1st and 2nd plts. attachd. to main body, 87 Ren. 3rd plt. attach. to Task Force Keeler. 3rd plt. in vicinity of ST MARIE destroyed 2 MK IV tanks, and 5 trucks. Main Ren. force encountered stubborn enemy resistance in vicinity of GRAVELOTTE. In the attack, 1st and 2nd pits. destroyed 1 MK VI tank, 1 truck, 2 machine gun nests, and silenced 6 AT guns delivering direct fire on friendly troops. An enemy OP in church steeple in GRAVELOTTE was also knocked out. Attack halted by darkness. Ren. Co. given mission of reconnaissance for CCR on move from DAMLOUP to bivouac vicinity SUXEMONT.
- 7 Sept. - "C" Co. outposted line NW of GRAVELOTTE near MAIMAISON and was subjected to intense artillery fire. Supported infantry and tank attack towards MOSELLE RIVER. Silenced one enemy artillery piece. "C" Co. relieved of attachment to 87 Ren. at 2000 hours and regained 814(-) now assigned to Division Reserve. Ren. Co. moved with CCR towards GRAVELOTTE and was given mission of protecting left flank. Took up positions on high ground north of REZONVILLE and was subjected to artillery fire throughout the day. Upon being assigned to Div. Reserve, 814(-) assembled 1 mile east of SUXEMONT.
- 8 Sept. - No missions for 814(-). Remained in bivouac. "C" Co. changed trucks
- 9 Sept. - Moved to bivouac 3 miles east of DONCOURT. 814 (-) given mission of protecting 7 AD Fwd CP.

7 AD CCA ("A" Co., 814 TD)

- 3 Sept. - 5 Sept. Remained in bivouac vicinity BRAS-SUR-MEUSE.
- 6 Sept. - Moved with CCA to vicinity RONCOURT PIERREVILLERS-TALANGE.
- 7 Sept. - 2nd plt. on outpost(roadblock) mission 1 mile south of TALANGE captured 25 PW. One destroyer knocked out and 6 EM wounded by enemy artillery fire.
- 8 Sept. - 3rd plt. in vicinity RONCOURT with Task Force MC CONNEL. 2nd Plt. on outpost duty between TALANGE and MOSELLE RIVER. 1st Plt. established roadblock between PIERREVILLERS and ROMBAS. Enemy artillery very active. "A" Co. Cndr. and 1 EM killed, 5 EM wounded by artillery fire. 3rd plt. lost one TD by hit through meters(88 AT gun). No casualties. Destroyer recovered by T2 in daylight without drawing enemy fire.
- 9 Sept - 2nd plt. fired on and destroyed house suspected as OP.

7 AD CCA (A Co., 014 TD) continued

3rd Plt. fired on pillboxes (results unknown) and enemy foot troops. Destroyed 1 enemy vehicle. All platoons continued on previous missions with no other activity. 1st plt. under continued arty. shelling. 2nd Plt. subjected to sniper and mortar fire.

7 AD CCB ("B" Co., 014 TD BN)

- 3 Sept. - 5 Sept. - Remained in bivouac vicinity MARRE
- 6 Sept. - Moved with CCB towards METZ.
- 7 Sept. - 2nd plt., Co. "B" with Task Force Allison relieved armored infantry unit under enemy fire about 1 mile west of REZONVILLE. 2nd plt. given mission before daylight of holding ridge running SW from GRAVELOTTÉ. Enemy AT set 1 destroyer on fire with white phosphorous, injuring 2 crew members and no trace of gun commander has been found to date. Security vehicles were withdrawn and destroyers moved to derilade under protection of harassing arty. fire called for by platoon leaders. Platoon leader located the enemy AT gun, marked it with 50 Cal. MG fire, until a TD Gunner knocked out the gun and its ammunition pile with 3 rds. of HE direct fire. 1st plt. fired 33 rds. HE delay fuze into woods south of GRAVELOTTÉ, at reported dug-in enemy installations. Results of fire unknown. 3rd plt. on mission with Task force Erchlenbush vicinity ONVILLE. Encountered tellermine vicinity GORZE.
- 8 Sept. - 1st and 2nd plts. in position to protect flanks of CCB against counterattack from vicinity of GRAVELOTTÉ. 3rd plt. captured 5 PW vicinity ONVILLE.
- 9 Sept. - 1st and 2nd remain on missions in vicinity of REZONVILLE. 3rd plt. continues mission of AT defense on road net in assembly area north of ONVILLE.

7 AD CCA ("A" Co., 014 TD) 10 Sept. - 10 Sept. 1944

- 10 Sept. - 1st plt. continued on road block mission south of ROMBAS. 2nd plt. continued on outpost mission 1 mile south of TALLANGE. Fired 15 rds. HE at OP suspected in house. House destroyed. 3rd plt. with Task Force McConnell 1/2 mile NW of ST. PRIVAT occupied defensive positions. Destroyed 2 enemy machine guns with 29 rds. of HE.
- 11 Sept. - No change. 2nd plt. fired 20 rds. HE destroying house in which OP was suspected.
- 12 Sept. - No change.
- 13 Sept. - No change. < EM 3rd Plt. wounded by enemy arty. fire.
- 14 Sept. - No change.
- 15 Sept. - Moved with CCA to assembly position 2 miles north of CHAMBLEY. Reformed as company.
- 16 Sept. - Moved as company across MOSELLE RIVER at ARNAVILLE to bivouac 1/2 mile SW of ARRY.

7 AD CCB ("B" Co., 014 TD BN)

- 10 Sept. - 3rd plt. continued on AT defensive mission 2 miles north of ONVILLE. Balance of Co. moved with CCB to assembly area 1 mile SW of BUXIERES. 3rd plt. rejoined company here.
- 11 Sept. - No change
- 12 Sept. - Moved with CCB across MOSELLE RIVER at ARNAVILLE and occupied ass. position 1 mile north of ARRY. Enemy artillery active. Knocked out 1 1/2 ton truck and injured 1 EM.

"B" Co., 814 TD (A) continued

- 9 Sept. - No change. Arty. fire continued. 1 EM killed.
- 14 Sept. - No change. Arty. fire continued. 1 EM killed; 9 EM wounded.
- 15 Sept. - Co. "B" attacked with CCB at 0900 hours. Mission; support 31st tank Bn. 1st plt. destroyed 2 pillboxes. Attack halted 1 1/2 miles south of ARRY. 1 EM wounded. Outposted 2nd objective of attack Company under 5 mortar and 3 arty. barrages.
- 16 Sept. - No change. Enemy artillery fire continued.

7AD Div. Res. (814-)

- 10 Sept. - Rcn patrolled roads NE of Doncourt to ST. MARIE.
- 11-13 Sept. - No missions. Remained in bivouac.
- 14 Sept. - Moved with Div. Reserve to assembly position 1 mile NW of SPONVILLE. No missions.
- 15 Sept. - No change.
- 16 Sept. - Moved to assembly position 1 mile NE of WAVILLE. Rcn Co. furnished road block at north of area for protection of Division CP.

7AD CCR ("C" Co., 814 TD)

- 10 Sept. - Relieved from assignment to Div. Res. and attached to CCR. Joined CCR 1 mile NW ST. MARIE.
- 11 Sept. - Moved with CCR to attack south from PIERREVILLERS. 1st plt. in reserve lost 1 M-10 by 08 fire on outskirts of PIERREVILLERS. No casualties. 2nd and 3rd plts. fired 110 rds. HE in support of infantry-tank attack.
- 12 Sept. - 1st and 2nd plts. moved to high ground overlooking MIRANGE-SILVANCE and Malencourt. No missions fired. 3rd plt. in reserve between RONCOURT and PIERREVILLERS.
- 13 Sept. - 3rd plt. fired 150 rds. HE at FORT DE LORRAINE west of METZ. 1st and 2nd plts. remained in position of previous day without firing.
- 14 Sept. - Relieved with CCR by 90th Div. Moved to assembly area near MARS LA TOUR.
- 15 Sept. - Moved with CCR across MOSELLE RIVER to assembly position in vicinity of ARRY.
- 16 Sept. - Remained in position near ARRY under intense enemy artillery fire. No casualties.

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