

HEADQUARTERS 1ST TANK DESTROYER BRIGADE..

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1800 A*AKA*TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 20, 1944.1. AMMUNITION

The following ammunition is available in the Army ASP for tank destroyer weapons:

<u>GUN</u>	<u>AMMUNITION</u>	<u>ROUNDS PER GUN</u>
3"	AP, all types	190
	HE, all types	71
	Smoke	3
90mm	AP, all types	456
	HE, all types	1054
76mm	APC M62	191
	HE, normal charge	156
	HE, reduced charge	10
	Smoke	12

2. No changes in TD missions or attachments.

3. XII Corps:

603 TD Bn CP now located at VITEMONT (Q0743). This Bn reports only scattered tanks in Z of 6 Armd Div and that the German tanks are avoiding combat with TDs whenever possible. However, at a loss of only three M-18 (76mm) TDs this Bn has accounted for the following enemy equipment since Nov 8:

Mk III Tanks	1	SP Guns	3
Mk IV Tanks	11	88 mm AT Guns	8
Mk V Tanks	1	75 mm AT Guns	5
Mk VI (Tiger) Tank	5	Arty Pieces	4

These TDs are now in use against the Maginot Line fortifications and the 76mm high velocity TD gun has performed most satisfactorily in reducing strong points. T105 Fuse is giving better results against pill boxes than the APC in this unit.

4. XX Corps:

773rd TD Bn (M-10). This Bn has had no contact with tanks in Z of 90 Inf Div but close sup of Inf elms of Div have resulted in destruction of much enemy materiel and personnel. The following report from the Bn is of interest. "On 11 Nov 44 at 1810 hrs this bn commenced operations of crossing the river to support the 90th Inf Div advance East. Except for one M-10, lost when pontoon bridge was hit by enemy artillery, all of C Company crossed by 1400 hrs, 12 Nov 44. However, at 0615 hrs on 12 Nov, the 2nd

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pltn of C Co KQ'd two 7.5cm SP guns and killed 300 germans, while supporting the American counter attack E from Petite Hettange to Korling".

3" HE at point blank range IS effective.

## New CP Locations:

807th TD Bn	ST JULIEN-LE-METZ	(U8860)
609th TD Bn	KALTVILLER	(Q0290)
773rd TD Bn	EBERSVILLERS	(Q0376)
614th TD Bn	Vic MARS LE TOUR	(U6557)

5. Armored counter attacks of undetermined strength reported today in Z of 10 Armd Div.

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