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A.P.O. 712

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16 February 1944

SUBJECT: Conclusion of Desterity Operation.



TO : Commanding General, Backhander Task Force APO 320
Commanding General, Michaelmas Task Force, APO 321
Commanding General, Director Task Force, APO 323

1. Attention is directed to the attached letter, this headquarters, subject: "Historical Reports", dated 16 February 1944.
2. The Desterity Operation in which your command participated was officially closed 10 February 1944.
3. Expedite the historical report of your task force operations as per instructions in letter referred to in paragraph 1, above.

By command of Lieutenant General KRUEGER:

ALAN W. HALL,
Lt Col, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl - Historical Reports, dated 16 February 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS U S FORCES, APO 321, 22 February 1944.
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1. For compliance with basic communication.
2. Report will be submitted so as to reach this headquarters not later than 28 February 1944.

By command of Major General GILL:

/s/ R. B. Angell
/t/ R. D. ANGELL,
Capt, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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1. Attention is invited to Change 3, paragraph 10, AR 345-105, 9 March 1943, which for reference is quoted below:

"ACTION AGAINST ENEMY, REPORTS AFTER. - After every battle or engagement with the enemy, or when prescribed by higher authority, written reports thereof will be made by commanders of regiments, separate battalions or squadrons, companies or detachments, and by all commanders of a higher grade, each in what concerns his own command. Such reports will have annexed thereto the unit and staff journals, together with their supporting documents, which reports will be forwarded through the proper channels, as early as practicable, to The Adjutant General, except in the case of Army Air Force Units when they will be marked "Historical Data" and forwarded to the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces for subsequent transmittal to The Adjutant General.

It will be the special duty of all general staff officers attached to commands in the fields to keep careful journals of the operations (See FM 101-5), from which they will compile reports of said operations for their immediate commanders. Commanding officers may require preparation of reports described above during maneuvers or other exercises for training purposes, but such reports will not be forwarded to the Adjutant General unless specifically directed."

2. An engagement between ground units and either enemy air forces or naval forces will be classed as a battle and come within the provisions of AR 345-105.

3. Division and/or task force commanders will take the necessary action to insure rendition of subject reports. In this connection the following will govern:

a. Reports will be written in a narrative style listing events chronologically as they occurred.

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b. Reports will be kept up to date and submitted in duplicate to Headquarters Alamo Force, A.P.O. 712 on call.

c. The following should be covered in the body of the report:

- (1) Nature and name of operation including code names, if used.
- (2) Mission.
- (3) Identity or composition of force(s) involved.
- (4) Character of hostile opposition.
- (5) Summary of lessons learned.
- (6) Special or noteworthy data of value.

d. Supporting documents as referred to in Paragraph 10, AR 345-105 will include those listed below. The more important ones, particularly orders, maps and overlays should be furnished in duplicate.

(1) General Routine Records:

- (a) Orders of Battle and Station Lists with maps.
- (b) General Orders, Bulletins and Circulars.
- (c) Rosters of Officers.



(2) Troop Movements:

- (a) Troop movement orders with supporting administrative orders and annexes (extraining, detraining, embarkation, debarkation, entrucking (detrucking)).
- (b) Troop movement reports, including progress of overseas movements.

(3) Operations:

(a) Staff Sections:

G-1 Casualty reports, inspections reports, journals.

G-2a. Intelligence summaries and reports, maps, journals.

b. Codes, code names and ciphers in use.

G-3 a. Periodic Operations Reports and Journals w/maps and sketches.

b. Special Operations Reports.

c. Summaries of Operations.

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a. Supply, Salvage and Evacuation Records.

b. Technical Reports of Services.

c. Journals.

(b) Combat Orders:

1. Letters of Instruction Field Orders with Administrative Orders and Annexes pertaining thereto (including amendments and maps).

2. Field Messages "sent" and "received" (by telephone, telegraph, courier, etc.), filed chronologically with the appropriate operations report.

(4) Photographs.

g. Reports of subordinate units will not be compiled or incorporated into the report of the next higher headquarters but will be forwarded by appropriate indorsement through channels to this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General KRUEGER:

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ALAN W. HALL,
Lt. COL., A.G.D.,
Asst, Adj. Gen.

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/s/ RDA
/t/ RDA/rdm

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HEADQUARTERS 632nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
A.P.O. 705

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24 August 1944

MEMORANDUM:

Historical Reports will be submitted in the attached form. Four copies are required. All copies and all enclosures will be signed. The report will be classified as "Secret".

By Order of Lieutenant Colonel PANNING:

HERBERT J. ZENNECKE,
Captain, F. A.,
Adjutant.

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COMPANY HEADING

Date.....

Subject: Historical Report

To: Commanding Officer, 63rd Tank Destroyer Battalion,
A.P.O. 705.

Enclosed herewith Historical Report of this organization
for the period toinclusive.

JOHN JONES,
Capt., P.A.,
Commanding.



1 Encl: Historical Report

Note: This will be the cover sheet to be endorsed by the Bn C.O.

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DATE.....

HISTORICAL REPORT

For Period.....to.....inclusive

Maps:

1. Name and Nature of Operation, including Code Names used:

- a. Name of operation
- b. Code names used
- c. Nature of operation

Note: General terms may be used. For instance, for the period 27 June to present date, the nature of the operation might be described as: Reinforcement of the Persecution Perimeter Defense and Covering Force.

2. Mission:

- a. General missions of organization (show dates)
- b. Specific missions of organization (show dates)



3. Identity of Force:

Name and strength of organization. Include roster of Officers.

4. Character of Hostile Opposition:

- a. Strength, morale, etc.
- b. May use general terms such as: Enemy was on the offensive. His offense lacked air, mechanized, and mass artillery support.
- c. Estimate of his anti-mechanized weapons and capabilities.

5. Summary of Lessons Learned:

6. Special Data of Value:

Enclose copy of any special reports after action and under this paragraph make a reference to these reports. In addition, list here any other special data.

7. Narrative Chronological Report:

Make this on enclosure. The narrative must be supported by:

a. Maps:

No maps will be forwarded since all maps used will be included in the Battalion Report. However, at the head of the report all maps referred to should be listed. Map references in the report will be by village and by coordinates.

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- b. **Journal or Record of Events:**
When a Company or Platoon is attached to another unit, it will keep a journal during the period of attachment. When under Battalion control, a journal need not be kept but a record of events, with supporting documents, must be kept.
- c. **Documents:**
Written field orders, special orders, etc. affecting the Company during the period will be identified in the journal or the record of events and a copy will be attached. Where verbal orders were issued, a brief synopsis of the verbal orders will be placed in the journal or record of events. The issuing agency must be identified in the synopsis.

JOHN JONES,
Capt., F.A.,
Commanding.



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