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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 230, United States Army

6 August 44  
(Date)

T D Report # 6 From 300600 July 44 to 080600 August 44

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Atch'd XIX Corps
- b. 803rd TD Bn - Atch'd 2nd TD Group
- c. 702nd TD Bn - Atch'd 2nd Armored Div.
- d. 630th TD Bn - Atch'd 28th Inf Div.



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - Attached XIX Corps entire period. Coordinated AF defense in Corps sector and supervised employment of TD units under Corps control.
- b. 803rd TD Bn - Attached 28th Inf Div., 30 July - August 1. CP at 459541. Co. "C" assigned primary missions supporting 115th Inf Regt., balance of Bn. in Div reserve. All the guns of one (1) platoon, "C" Co., destroyed by direct enemy gun fire, morning of 30 July., vicinity Percy. Nineteen (19) casualties suffered. 2 August Bn. (minus) atch'd 28th Inf Div with 630th TD Bn atch'd forming TD groupment to support Div attack. Co. "C" atch'd 28th Inf Div. CP at 408452. 2 August, one (1) destroyer blew track on enemy Tallerrains, but was returned to action by the Co. same day, Bn continued to support 28th Inf Div until 5 August, when Bn atch'd 2nd TD Group in Corps reserve, to regroup and replace material losses. At end of period, Bn at 475385, atch'd 2nd TD Group.
- c. 702nd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn., minus one (1) company, atch'd CG"A", 2nd Armored Div., at 487522. Moved to 435454, 31 July, remaining until 3 August. Moved to 426453 - 3 August. 5 August, moved to 508347. At end of period, Bn at 508347, atch'd 2nd Armored Div. No report received on material status, losses, operational strength, etc...
- d. 630th TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn at 410480, atch'd 28th Inf Div Arty., in primary mission in support of Inf Regts. Routes and gun positions continuously reconnoitered. 2 August, Bn atch'd 803rd TD Bn forming groupment to support attack of 28th Inf Div. 3 August, Bn moved to 404454. 4 August, Bn. moved to 459593. One (1) company occupied indirect fire positions but did no firing. Remainder of Bn. on primary mission, with recon. elements assisting Engineers in mine-clearing. 5 August, Bn atch'd 28th Inf Div Arty, one (1) Co. in Bn reserve, two (2) Companies in primary mission. At end of period, Bn atch'd 28th Inf Div Arty at 502349.

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T D Report # 6 From 300600 July 44 to 060600 August 44.

## 1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\*
- b. 821st TD Bn - Atch'd 29th Inf Div
- c. 823rd TD Bn - Atch'd 30th Inf Div
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

## 2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp -

b. 821st TD Bn - At start of period, Bn at 465548, atch'd 29th Inf Div in primary mission. Two (2) E.M. killed, six (6) wounded 31st July. 3 August, Bn moved to 472513, lost one (1) gun which struck enemy mine, 4 August, Bn moved to 479438, continued in close support of Inf. No contact with enemy. At end of period, Bn at 554383, atch'd 29th Inf Div in primary mission.

c. 823rd TD Bn - At start of period, Bn at 481560, atch'd 20th Inf Div in primary mission. Bn under air attack night of 31 July - 1 August. No casualties or damage. One (1) company displaced twice and five (5) platoon moves, made during day, in support of infantry. One (1) officer and two (2) E.M. wounded by shell fragments. 2 August, following attainment of 30th Div objectives, Div. went into XIX Corps reserve, and Bn immediately started maintenance work of all types. 3 August, Bn performed first echelon maintenance and camouflage painting of guns and vehicles. 4 August, 30th Inf Div, with 823rd TD Bn atch'd V Corps.

- d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

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STATUS OF M-10's or 3" GUNS (Towed):

| UNIT | LOSSES        |              |            |                | STATUS      |                 |              | DEAD/LINED |       |       | REMARKS                       |
|------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
|      | Mech. Failure | Enemy Action | Recov-ered | Not Re-covered | Repair-able | Not Re-pairable | Oper-ational | Dead       | Lined | Other |                               |
| 803  |               | 4            |            | 4              | 1           |                 |              | 36         |       |       | 4 M-10's destroyed, replaced. |
| 821  |               | 3            |            | 3              |             |                 |              | 36         |       |       | Replaced                      |
| 630  |               |              |            |                |             |                 |              | 36         |       |       |                               |
| 823  |               |              |            |                |             |                 |              | 36         |       |       | As of 4 August 1944.          |
| 702  | Not reported. |              |            |                |             |                 |              |            |       |       |                               |

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

| UNIT | ARM'D VEHICLES       |   |    |     |    |       |     | ROUNDS FIRED |      |    |     |       |      |      |     |       |   |    |       |       |      |
|------|----------------------|---|----|-----|----|-------|-----|--------------|------|----|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-------|---|----|-------|-------|------|
|      | VI                   | V | IV | III | SP | Other | Veh | AT           | Pill | GP | Gun | Boxes | M.G. | P.W. | APC | Other | S | PC | Other | Other |      |
| 803  |                      |   |    |     |    |       | 2   |              | 1    |    |     |       |      | 150  | 136 | 160   | 8 |    |       |       |      |
| 702  | Not reported.        |   |    |     |    |       |     |              |      |    |     |       |      |      |     |       |   |    |       |       |      |
| 821  |                      |   |    |     |    |       |     |              |      |    |     |       |      |      |     |       |   |    |       |       | Neg. |
| 630  |                      |   |    |     |    |       |     |              |      |    |     |       |      |      |     |       |   |    |       |       | Neg. |
| 823  | as of 4 August 1944. |   |    |     |    |       |     |              |      |    |     |       |      |      |     |       |   |    |       |       |      |
| 803  |                      |   |    |     |    |       |     |              |      |    |     |       |      |      |     |       |   |    |       |       | Neg. |

TACTICAL STRENGTH

| UNIT | CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD |              |     |     | OPERATIONAL STRENGTH |              |     |     |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|----------------------|--------------|-----|-----|
|      | Officers                 | Enlisted Men | KIA | WIA | Officers             | Enlisted Men | KIA | WIA |
| 803  | 1                        |              | 5   | 13  | 40                   | 1            |     | 617 |
| 702  | Not Reported             |              |     |     |                      |              |     |     |
| 821  | 0                        |              | 2   | 7   | 34                   | 2            |     | 693 |
| 630  | 2                        |              | 16  |     | 32                   | 2            |     | 724 |
| 823  | 1                        |              | 2   |     | Not Reported         |              |     |     |

REMARKS: Seven (7) EM, Co. "C", 803rd TD Bn., missing in action following loss of platoon, vicinity Percy.

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## HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 250, United States Army

15 August 1944.

(Date)

T D Report # 7 From 060600B August 1944 to 130600B August 1944.

## 1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached XIX Corps.
- b. 803rd TD Bn - Attached 2nd TD Group.
- c. 630th TD Bn - Attached 28th Inf. Div.
- d. 821st TD Bn - Attached 29th Inf. Div.
- e. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Div.

## 2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - Attached XIX Corps for entire period. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector and supervised employment of TD units under Corps Control.
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - Attached 2nd TD Group period 060600B August 44 - 081500B August 44. Bn. (-) attached 2nd TD Group period 081500B August 1944 to date. "A" Co. further attached to 630th TD Bn. for the period 081500B August 44 to date. Bn. in Corps Reserve during period 060600B August 44 to 081500B August 44. Bn. (-) Corps Reserve period 081500B August 44 to date. "A" Co. established positions to defend GATHEMO during period of attachment to 630th TD Bn. "B" Co. fired harassing and interdictory fires during hours of darkness 12 - 13 August 44. "C" Co. fired harassing and interdictory fires during hours of darkness 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, August 44. CP Bn. (-) now located 580247. CP "A" Co. now located at 607228. Unit made continuous reconnaissance for hostile armor in Corps Sector.
- c. 630th TD Bn. - Attached 28th Inf. Div. for entire period. Co. "A" supported 109th Inf. Regt. in primary mission during entire period. CP now located at 560200. Co. "B" fired harassing and interdictory fires under control 109th FA Bn. during hours of darkness 6, 7, 8, 9 August 44. Supported 110th Inf. Regt. in primary mission 090600B August 1944 to date. Co. "C" supported 112th Inf. Regt for period 060600B August 44 to 10 August 44, on primary mission. Co. "C" (-) supported 110th Inf. Regt. period 10 August 44 to date on primary mission. 1st Platoon under control 229th FA Bn. fired interdictory and harassing fires during hours of darkness 10, 11, 12 August 1944. Unit aggressively supported Inf. Regts during period by successive displacements and constant reconnaissance for hostile armor. CP Bn. now located at 558270.
- d. 821st TD Bn. - Attached 29th Inf. Div. during period 060600B August 1944 to 130600 August 1944. "A" Co. reconnoitered positions for secondary mission 6 August 44. Occupied position 7 August 44 and fired harassing and interdictory fires while in Bn. Reserve during hours of darkness 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 Aug 44. "B" and "C" Companies supported the 116th Inf. Regt and 115th Inf Regt respectively in primary mission during entire period by active reconnaissance for hostile armor and a series of successive displacements by platoons of "B" and "C" Companies. During period 070001B August 44 to 072400B August 44 "C" Co. stopped and captured one (1) hostile SP gun (7.5 on Sgs on PzKw Mc III chassis) and one (1) hostile half-track personnel carrier with fourteen (14) enemy soldiers. VOCC, 29th Inf. Div during period 100001B August 44 to 102400B August 44 Co. "C" given Inf. mission to clean out hostile resistance SOUTH of ST. GERMAIN. Mission successful and nineteen (19) hostile soldiers were killed. Two (2) enemy machine-guns and one (1) enemy mortar destroyed with no losses to the company.

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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER GROUP

APO 240, United States Army

15 August 1944  
(Date)

T D Report # 7 From 060600B August 44 to 130600B August 44 (Cont'd)

1. STATUS:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Gp.\*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Gp -

b. 702nd TD Bn Attached 2nd Armored Div. Bn (-) further attached to CC "B", 2nd Armored Division. "A" Co. attached CC "A", 2nd Armored Div. during entire period. No reports of locations, material and strength status, losses or enemy action have been received.

- c. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

- d. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

STATUS OF M-10's or 3" GUNS (Towed):

| UNIT | LOSSES        |              |             | STATUS          |              |                  | DEADLINED     |  |    | REMARKS |
|------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--|----|---------|
|      | Mech. Failure | Enemy Action | Recov. ered | Not Re- covered | Repair- able | Not Re- pairable | Oper- ational |  |    |         |
| 630  |               |              |             |                 |              |                  |               |  | 36 |         |
| 803  |               | 4            |             | 4               |              |                  |               |  | 36 |         |
| 821  | 1             |              |             | 1               |              |                  | 1             |  | 36 |         |

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

| UNIT  | ARM'D VEHICLES |   |    |     |    |       |        |        |            |      | ROUNDS FIRED |     |       |    |    |       |         |
|-------|----------------|---|----|-----|----|-------|--------|--------|------------|------|--------------|-----|-------|----|----|-------|---------|
|       | VI             | V | IV | III | SP | Other | Veh GP | AT Gun | Pill Boxes | M.G. | P.W.         | APC | Other | SM | FC | Other | sd      |
| 630   |                |   |    |     |    |       |        |        |            |      |              |     |       |    |    |       | 1243    |
| 803   |                |   |    |     |    |       |        |        |            |      |              |     |       |    |    |       | 398 7   |
| 821   |                |   |    |     | 1  |       | 1      |        |            | 2    | 46           | 2   | 1     |    |    |       | 2390 38 |
| 702   | NO REPORTS     |   |    |     |    |       |        |        |            |      |              |     |       |    |    |       |         |
| TOTAL |                |   |    |     |    |       |        |        |            |      |              |     |       |    |    |       |         |

TACTICAL STRENGTH

| UNIT  | CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD |              | OPERATIONAL STRENGTH |              |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
|       | Officers                 | Enlisted Men | Officers             | Enlisted Men |
| 630th |                          |              | 32 - 2 WO's          | 700          |
| 803rd |                          |              | 39 - 1 WO            | 588          |
| 821st |                          |              | 36                   | 739          |
| 702nd | NO REPORTS               |              |                      |              |

REMARKS: With their limited capabilities Towed TD units have experienced increasing difficulty in the rapidly moving situation and this terrain to maintain adequate support of advancing infantry units. Div. Commanders do not have confidence that Towed TD Units with their limitations can give them adequate protection from hostile armor and therefore call for additional Self-Propelled units. It is felt that all Towed, or at least a company thereof, TD units should be converted to Self-Propelled Tank Destroyers at the earliest opportunity.

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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 230, United States Army

20 August 1944

(Date)

T D Report # 8 From 130600Z August 44 to 200600Z August 44

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached XIX Corps
- b. 803rd TD Bn - Attached 2nd TD Group
- c. 630th TD Bn - Attached 28th Infantry Division.
- d. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Division.
- e. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Infantry Division.



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - Attached XIX Corps for entire period; coordinated AT defense in Corps sector and supervised employment of TD units under Corps control. CP - Q7823.
- b. 803rd TD Bn - Bn (-) attached 2nd TD Group period 130600Z Aug 44 to 170300Z Aug 44. "A" Co. attached 28th Inf. Div. period 130600Z Aug 44 to 170300Z Aug 44. Bn. attached 2nd TD Group period 191000Z Aug 44 to date. "A" Co. employed in primary mission supporting Inf. Regt's during period of attachment to 28th Inf. Div. Bn (-) employed active reconnaissance for hostile armor during period 130600Z Aug 44 to 170300Z Aug 44. Bn. in Corps reserve period 191000Z Aug 44 to date. Employed aggressive reconnaissance for hostile armor in Corps sector. CP - Q9026.
- c. 630th TD Bn - Attached 28th Inf. Div. for entire period. Co. "A" in direct support of 109th Inf. Regt period 130600Z Aug 44 to date. Co. "B" in direct support of 110th Inf. Regt. period 130600Z Aug 44 to date. Co. "C" in direct support of 112th Inf. Regt period 130600Z Aug 44 to 171000Z Aug 44. On secondary mission in coordination with 229th FA Bn period 171000Z Aug 44 to 180600Z Aug 44. Assumed that Co. "C" reverted to primary mission in direct support of 112th Inf Regt to date. Recon and patrols active throughout the period. CP - 711132.
- d. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Div for entire period. Co. "A" attached CC "A". Co. "B" attached CC "B". Co. "B" to Div. Reserve period 130600Z Aug 44 to 141430Z Aug. 44. Bn assembled for maintenance and reorganization period 141430Z Aug 44 to 172300Z Aug 44. Attached CC "B" period 172300Z Aug 44 to 182300Z Aug 44 to displace to vicinity SEES (507240) moving under Army control. Period 182300Z Aug 44 to 192300Z Aug 44 unit in motion. Co. "A" attached CC "A". Bn (-) attached CC "B". Co. "C" placed roadblocks on main roads leading to CC "B" assembly area, period 192300Z Aug 44 to date Co. "A" attached CC "A", Co. "B" attached LEFT column CC "B". Bn (-) attached RIGHT column CC "B". Prepared to assist and support 2nd Armored Div in attack on VERNEUIL. CP with CC "B", 2nd Armored Div. (839233).
- e. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf. Div for entire period. Bn provided direct support to the Inf. Regts for the period. FO #24, 30th Inf Div attached "A", "B", and "C" Co's to 112th, 117th, and 120th Inf Regts respectively, period 150600Z Aug 44 to completion of attack. Knocked out one (1) Mk IV tank, fired on hostile CP (church steeple at 813093) and captured three (3) German prisoners 14 Aug 44. Period 152300Z Aug 44 to 172200Z Aug 44 unit provided direct support of Inf. Regts and no contact was made with hostile troops. 172200Z Aug 44 to 182245Z Aug 44 unit reorganized and repaired and maintained equipment. 182245Z, VOOB, 30th Inf Div, companies again attached as before (FO #24) for purpose of movement. Bn CP to move with Div. CP. Bn CP 201330Z Aug 44 - 098303.

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| STATUS OF M-10's or 3" GUNS (Towed): |                 |              |           |               |            |                |             |         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------|---------|
| LOSSES                               | STATUS          |              | DEADLINED |               |            |                |             |         |
| UNIT                                 | Mech. Failure   | Enemy Action | Recovered | Not Recovered | Repairable | Not Repairable | Operational | REMARKS |
| 803rd                                | 6               |              |           |               | 6          |                | 30          |         |
| 630th                                | NEGATIVE REPORT |              |           |               |            |                |             |         |
| 702nd                                | 1               |              |           |               | 1          |                | 36          |         |
| 823rd                                |                 |              |           |               |            |                | 36          |         |

| ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED: |                 |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |              |      |          |       |       |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---|----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|-------|--------------|------|----------|-------|-------|
| ARM'D VEHICLES            |                 |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       | ROUNDS FIRED |      |          |       |       |
|                           |                 |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       | DIRECT       |      | INDIRECT |       |       |
| UNIT                      | VI              | V | IV | III | SP | Other | GP | Gun | Boxes | M.G.         | P.W. | APC      | Other | Other |
| 803rd                     |                 |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |              |      |          |       | 862   |
| 630th                     | NEGATIVE REPORT |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |              |      |          |       |       |
| 702nd                     | NO REPORT       |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |              |      |          |       |       |
| 823rd                     |                 |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |              |      |          |       |       |
| TOTAL                     |                 |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |              |      |          |       |       |

| ACTUAL STRENGTH |                          |              |  |                      |              |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|----------------------|--------------|
| UNIT            | CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD |              |  | OPERATIONAL STRENGTH |              |
|                 | Officers                 | Enlisted Men |  | Officers             | Enlisted Men |
| 803rd           |                          |              |  | 59 - 1 WO            | 587          |
| 630th           | NONE                     | NONE         |  | 52 - 2 WO            | 710          |
| 702nd           | NO REPORTS               |              |  |                      |              |
| 823rd           |                          |              |  | 28 - 2 WO            | 671          |

REMARKS: During this period XIX Corps displaced approximately 125 miles. Units displaced 125 to 160 miles to new positions in preparation to attack new Corps objectives.



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## HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 250, United States Army

27 August 1944

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T D Report # 9 From 200600B August 44 to 270600B August 44

## 1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached XIX Corps.
- b. 803rd TD Bn - Attached 2nd TD Group
- c. 630th TD Bn - Attached 28th Inf Div.
- d. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf Div.

## 2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - Attached XIX Corps for entire period. Coordinated AF defense in Corps sector and supervised employment of TD units under Corps control. Employed 803rd TD Bn in support of attack by XIX Corps in drive north from VERNEUIL to ELBEUF. Emphasis on Corps left (WEST) flank.
- b. 803rd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn (-) at 873278, atch'd 2nd TD Group. Co. "A" atch'd 28th Inf Div. "B" and "C" companies in direct fire positions on Corps left flank, Recon Co. maintaining continuous recon. 20 Aug Bn (-) moved to vic. VERNEUIL (975351). Road patrolled from VERNEUIL - ST MAURICE LE CHEVRENOY. No contact with enemy. 21 Aug Bn moved to 027469, continuing recon loop patrols on Corps west flank. 23 Aug, "A" Co relieved attachment to 28th Inf Div and reverted to Bn. Bn moved to 041650, "B" and "C" in posn. west of BRATEUIL and north of CONCHES, resp. No enemy armor encountered but recon and security elements captured 170 PW's. 24 Aug "A" moved into posns west of EMANVILLE. "B" in Bn reserve, "C" blocking roads west of CONCHES. Recon patrols were first U.S. troops in LE NEUBOURG. 14 PW's taken. 25 Aug "B" moved to posns vic. ANNOUVILLE, recon. continuing loop patrols west of road, CONCHES - LE NEUBOURG. Companies moved to assembly area vic. CONCHES upon relief by British and Canadian troops. At end of period, Bn at 041650, atch'd 2nd TD Group.
- c. 630th TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn at 711132, atch'd 28th Inf Div. Co's "A", "B", and "C" with 109th, 110th, 112th Inf combat teams respectively. Bn equipment passed ordnance inspection satisfactorily. 20 Aug Bn moved with Div to 032309. 23 Aug, Co's supporting inf in attack north of VERNEUIL and BRATEUIL. Recon capturing 60 PW's. 24 Aug, Co. "A" atch'd TFD 28th Div in attack on LE NEUBOURG. No enemy armor encountered. "C" atch'd TFD for attack on ELBEUF. Continuous recon on Div and Corps west flank. During drive to north, all co's. established and maintained road blocks to west of road - CONCHES - LE NEUBOURG - ELBEUF. ELBEUF seized approx. 252400B and "C" minus 1 platoon, ordered to set up road blocks on roads west of town. Company (-) was under mortar, rocket, and artillery fire from time of occupation until relieved by British 261700B. 1 platoon fired indirect missions with 107th FA Bn, destroying 1 enemy battery. Bn assembled vic LA HAQUE, night of 26 Aug, to prepare for movement to SE with 28th Inf Div.
- d. 823rd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn at 095305, atch'd 30th Inf Div. Co's atch'd Regt'l combat teams, giving direct support. During 21 Aug, Co's continued moving with Regts, capturing 12 PW's, but contacting no enemy armor. 22 Aug, 30 platoon and Co moves made in support of inf, capturing 3 PW's and suffering 2 casualties. Recon was continuous. At 222300B "C" atch'd 119th Inf Regt to seize and hold high ground N and W of EVREUX. 23 Aug, Co moved to MISERREY, which was occupied by enemy. In ensuing encounter, 11 enemy killed, 60 captured, Bn casualties, 1 officer wounded. 2nd plat "B" killed unknown number of enemy and captured 115. No losses. 24 Aug Bn assembled and all types maintenance performed. 10 PW's were captured. 3 officer and 2 RM replacements received. 241800B, Co's again atch'd to Inf Regts and moved forward in close support, in attack on LOUVIERS. Upon relief after occupying objective, Bn prepared for move SE with 30th Div to Corps assembly area. At end of period, Bn at MISERREY, atch'd 30th Inf Div.

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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER Group

APO 230, United States Army

27 August 1944

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T D Report # 9 From 200300E August 44 to 270600E August 44.

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\*
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Div.
- c.        TD Bn \*
- d.        TD Bn -



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp -

b. 702nd TD Bn - At start of period, Bn at 977328, atch'd 2nd Armored Div. Co. "A" atch'd CC"A", Co. "B" to CC"B", right column, and Co. "C" to left column, CC"B", providing close AT defense for drive on VERNEUIL. 21 Aug Bn at 038427. Co. "C" atch'd 67th A. Regt. Co. "B" destroyed one enemy MK IV tank and 1 enemy MG nest. 1 officer wounded and evacuated. 22 Aug Bn (-2 co's) atch'd Div Res. Co's "A" and "B" atch'd CC"A" and CC"B". 1 MK III and 1 enemy half track destroyed and MG fired on enemy infantry. 1 officer and 2 EM taken prisoner by enemy. 23 Aug, Bn (-) at 049795. Bn maintained flank guards on Arm'd Div cross-country march in drive on ELBEUF. 1 French manufactured enemy tank with rocket attachments destroyed. 24 Aug, Bn (-) at 057901, with "B" in reserve. "A" Co destroyed 3 half tracks, 4 recon. vehicles, 2 supply trucks, 2 motorcycles, and captured staff sedan. "C" destroyed 3 MK V tanks. One M10 hit by 88mm, killing 2 EM, wounding 2. Destroyer still in operation. Co. "A" remained atch'd CC"A" in attack on ELBEUF until city fell approx 252400L. Upon relief in sector by Canadian elements, Bn prepared to move to

c. ~~SE with Div to Corps assembly area.~~ SE with Div to Corps assembly area. At end of period Bn atch'd 2nd Armored Div at 458657, in assembly for maintenance and reorganization.

- d.        TD Bn -

| UNIT | LOSSES        |              |             | STATUS          |              |                  | DEADLINED     |  |    | REMARKS           |
|------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--|----|-------------------|
|      | Mech. Failure | Enemy Action | Recov. ered | Not Re- covered | Repair- able | Not Re- pairable | Oper- ational |  |    |                   |
| 803  |               |              |             |                 |              |                  |               |  | 35 | None lost         |
| 650  |               |              |             |                 | 1            |                  |               |  | 36 | 1 Gun turned over |
| 823  |               |              |             |                 |              |                  |               |  | 34 |                   |
| 702  |               | 1            |             | 1               |              |                  |               |  | 36 |                   |

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

| UNIT  | ARM'D VEHICLES |       |      |     |    |       |    |     |    |      | ROUNDS FIRED |     |       |   |     |       |
|-------|----------------|-------|------|-----|----|-------|----|-----|----|------|--------------|-----|-------|---|-----|-------|
|       | VI             | V     | IV   | III | SP | Other | GP | Veh | AT | Pill | P.W.         | APC | Other | S | APC | Other |
|       | Gun            | Boxes | K.G. |     |    |       |    |     |    |      |              |     |       |   |     |       |
| 803   |                |       |      |     |    |       |    |     |    |      |              | 189 | 29    |   |     |       |
| 650   |                |       |      |     |    |       | 2  |     |    |      |              | 5   |       |   |     | 38    |
| 823   |                |       |      |     |    |       |    |     |    |      |              | 211 |       |   |     |       |
| 702   | 3              | 1     | 1    |     |    | 1     | 14 |     |    |      |              | 67  |       |   |     |       |
| TOTAL | 3              | 1     | 1    |     |    | 1     | 16 |     |    |      |              | 472 |       |   |     |       |

TACTICAL STRENGTH

| UNIT  | CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD |          |     | OPERATIONAL STRENGTH |              |
|-------|--------------------------|----------|-----|----------------------|--------------|
|       | Officers                 | Enlisted | Non | Officers             | Enlisted Men |
| 803rd | 0                        |          | 6   | 39 - 1               | 602          |
| 650th | 0                        |          | 0   | 52 - 2               | 710          |
| 823rd | 1                        |          | 4   | 30 - 2               | 711          |
| 702nd | 1                        |          | 7   |                      |              |

REMARKS: 650th TD Bn. - One (1) enemy battery destroyed by indirect fire by one (1) platoon of "C" Company, firing with 107th FA Bn, night of 25-26 August 44.

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T D Report # 10 From 270600 August 1944 to 030600 September 1944.

## 1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached XIX Corps.
- b. 803rd TD Bn - Attached 2nd TD Group.
- c. 813th TD Bn - Attached 79th Inf. Div.
- d. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf. Div.
- e. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Div.

## 2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - Attached XIX Corps entire period. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector. Employed 803rd TD Bn. in support of rapid advance of Corps NE to vicinity TOURNAI, approximately two hundred (200) miles.
- b. 803rd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn. at 437523, attached to 2nd TD Group, in assembly performing maintenance. 272200R, Co. "B" attached 113th Cav. Group, VCGG, XIX Corps, to support crossing of SEINE and advance to NE in Cavalry sector. 28 Aug. Bn (-) moved to assembly area at 437517. 29 Aug., Bn (-) moved to 677868, advancing as Corps mobile reserve. Ron. maintaining close contact with front lines. 31 Aug. Bn (-) still in Corps mobile reserve, moving to 922873, vicinity MURU, FRANCE. 1 August Bn (-) moved to vicinity CLERMONT (145033). "B" Co. released from attachment to 113th Cav., needing two (2) days to rejoin Bn. 2 Aug. Bn. moved to vicinity ST. AMAND (930132). "A" Co. attached TF SUTHERLAND, 30th Inf. Div., VCGG, XIX Corps, at TOURNAI, to defend Corps objective following seizure. At end of period, Bn. (-) at 930132 in assembly, attached 2nd TD Group.
- c. 823rd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn. at 522538, attached 30th Inf. Div. Co's attached to RCT's for attach to NE, affording close support to Infantry. Co's continued in close support roles during entire drive from SEINE to BELGIAN BORDER. Bn. CP moved with Division CP, and, because of rapidly moving situation, Company reports are, as yet, not received. 3 Sept., Bn. CP moved into woods occupied by enemy. Following an impromptu fire fight, in which artillery and Infantry units of Div. Hq. joined, six (6) enemy were killed and ninety-one (91) captured. Unit suffered one (1) casualty, (Sgt. Major), who was evacuated. At end of period, Bn in assembly at ST. MAUR, BELGIUM (920278) attached to 30th Inf. Div., preparing for next operation.
- d. 702nd TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn. at 586657, attached to 2nd Armored Div. Bn (-) (- 2 co's) attached CC "B", Co. "B" in Div. Reserve. Companies provided close AT defense to CC's in advance to NE. SEINE RIVER crossed vicinity ROSNY-SUR-SEINE, 29 August. 30 Aug. Co. "C", supporting 67th AR., destroyed two (2) enemy trucks and one (1) AT gun. Bn (-) assembled vicinity CORBEIL-CERF 30 Aug. thirty (30) prisoners taken; 1 Sept., Bn (-) moved to vicinity HENSCOURT in CC "B" reserve. Co. "B" fired across SOMME RIVER, destroying six (6) 88mm guns, and two (2) light vehicles. CO, Ron Co, acted as FO for 78th FA, which was credited with destroying large part of enemy columns and seriously disrupting movements NORTH of SOMME RIVER, vicinity 489576. 2 Sept. Bn (-) moved to 785067, with Co's remaining in same direct support roles. Co. "B", supporting right column CC "B", destroyed, by direct fire, two (2) enemy pillboxes, one (1) light artillery piece, one (1) ammunition vehicle, and three (3) MG nests. At end of period, Bn (-) at 798049, attached 2nd Armored Division.
- e. 813th TD Bn - At beginning of period, Bn. attached 79th Inf. Div, providing close support in advance toward BELGIAN BORDER. Bn remained in similar role during period, and at end of period, is assumed to be in vicinity of 79th Div CP at 874185 (BELGIUM). No reports have been received from this unit since it came under control XIX Corps.

STATUS OF M-10's or 3" GUNS (Towed)

| UNIT | LOSSES        |              |            | STATUS         |                |             | DEADLINED      |              |                        | REMARKS |
|------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|---------|
|      | Mech. Failure | Enemy Action | Recov-ered | Not Re-covered | Not Re-parable | Repair-able | Not Re-parable | Opera-tional |                        |         |
| 803  | 1             |              |            |                |                |             |                | 35           | Cylinder sleeve broken |         |
| 823  |               |              |            |                |                |             |                | 36           |                        |         |
| 702  |               |              |            |                |                |             |                |              | Not reported.          |         |
| 813  |               |              |            |                |                |             |                |              | Not reported.          |         |

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

| UNIT  | ARM'D VEHICLES |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |      | ROUNDS FIRED |     |       |   |     |       |                  |
|-------|----------------|---|----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|-------|------|--------------|-----|-------|---|-----|-------|------------------|
|       | VI             | V | IV | III | SP | Other | GP | Gun | Boxes | M.G. | P.W.         | APC | Other | S | APC | Other |                  |
| 803   |                |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |      |              |     |       |   |     |       | NEGATIVE         |
| 823   |                |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |      | 109          |     |       |   |     |       | Incomplete Rpts. |
| 702   |                |   |    | 1   | 9  | 17    |    | 2   | 3     | 55   |              |     |       |   |     |       |                  |
| 813   |                |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |      |              |     |       |   |     |       | Not reported.    |
| TOTAL |                |   |    |     |    |       |    |     |       |      |              |     |       |   |     |       |                  |

TACTICAL STRENGTH

| UNIT | CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD |              | OPERATIONAL STRENGTH |              |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
|      | Officers                 | Enlisted Men | Officers             | Enlisted Men |
| 803  |                          |              | 58                   | 501          |
| 823  | NOT REPORTED             |              |                      |              |
| 702  | NOT REPORTED             |              |                      |              |
| 813  | NOT REPORTED             |              |                      |              |

REMARKS: All TD Units attached to Divisions in XIX Corps were further attached by Co's to ROT's in the case of Inf. Divisions, and Combat Commands in the case of the 2nd Armored Divisions, as a result, Bn. Commanders did not command tactically. 803rd TD Bn. in Corps reserve functioned as a Unit, except when Companies were attached to other units for special missions. The gasoline and diesel fuel supply became steadily more acute, until, near the end of the period, vehicles were stalling because of lack of fuel. The fuel situation continues to be critical.

The disorganized and scattered enemy opposition accounts for a rapid advance of approximately two hundred (200) miles, and, as a consequence, company reports to Battalions are several days late. Thus, a complete report by this Headquarters is unavailable at the present.

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