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HEADQUARTERS  
 SECOND TANK DESTROYER GROUP  
 APO 230, U. S. Army

12 October 1944

TD Report #15. From 010600A October to 080600A October 1944

1. STATUS

- a. 2nd TD Group - Attached 1st Belgium Brigade.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Attached 2nd Armored Division.
- c. 803rd TD Bn. - Bn (-) attached 30th Infantry Division.
- d. 814th TD Bn. - Attached 7th Armored Division.
- e. 821st TD Bn. - Attached 29th Infantry Division.
- f. 823rd TD Bn. - Attached 30th Infantry Division.



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Group - Attached 1st Belgian Brigade per PO #27, Hq, XIX Corps. Supported 1st Belgian Brigade with attached troops consisting of "A" Co, plus one (1) platoon Ren. Co., 803rd TD Bn, "B" Co., 744th Tank Bn (Light), and "B" Co., 747th Tank Battalion (Med) for entire period.
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Bn (-) located at K765597 at beginning of period. Bn assembled vicinity Bn. CP for maintenance and briefing on coming operations. Co. "A" supported CC "A", Co. "B" supported CC "B", Bn (-) remained with Division for period 2 October 44 to 7 October 44. "B" Co. lost one (1) M-10 on 4 October to hostile AT gun, and "A" Co. destroyed two (2) AT guns 5 October 44. "B" Co. captured ninety (90) PW's, killed thirty (30) enemy EM, destroyed one (1) AT gun, one (1) Arty piece, neutralized one (1) OP and five (5) pill boxes, lost two (2) M-10's to enemy action, two (2) EM killed and two (2) wounded and "A" Co. also destroyed two (2) SP guns. 6 October Co. "B" established road blocks and fired at hostile gun emplacements, three (3) M-10's lost due to enemy action, one (1) Officer, two (2) EM killed, three (3) EM slightly wounded. At close of period 7 Oct. 44 strength unchanged. Units defending road blocks on major roads. Bn (-) at K820816.
- c. 803rd TD Bn. - At beginning of period Bn (-) at K769507, atchd 30th Inf. Div and further attached "B" Co. to 119th Inf. Regt. and "C" Co. to 117th Inf. Regt. "A" Co. atchd 2nd TD Group at K618836. "A" Co. fired in direct missions for entire period in support of 1st Belgian Brigade. "B" and "C" Companies on primary mission protecting areas of 119th and 117th Inf. Regts. respectively. 1 Oct. 44 moved forward with Regts. 2 Oct. pushed one (1) platoon "B" Co. across WURM RIVER. Continued on primary mission with Inf. period 2 Oct. 44 to 8 Oct. 44. "C" Co. on 4 Oct. neutralized three (3) pillboxes and one (1) OP. 5 Oct. 44 "B" Co. neutralized three (3) pillboxes, one (1) OP, and one (1) enemy infantry position, expended seventy-five (75) rounds HE and thirteen (13) rounds APC. Remained in primary mission until close of period. On 7 Oct. 44 "B" Co. destroyed two (2) enemy mortars, two (2) OP's, one (1) bazooka team, two (2) MG positions, two (2) pillboxes, killed approximately thirty (30) enemy personnel, and captured forty (40) PW's. Bn. CP at K765507 at close of period.

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- d. 814th TD Bn. - CP E625150 at beginning of period. Bn. atchd 7th Armored Division, "A" Co. atchd CC "A", "B" Co. atchd CC "B", Bn (-) atchd TP "Jones" Bn. on primary mission. Bn (-) engaged in protection of SOUTH flank of Division with patrols and road blocks. Bn. CP did not move during period. Division relieved atchmt to XLX Corps atchd 21st Army Group (Br) per Letter of Instructions, First US Army effective 082000A October 1944.
- e. 821st TD Bn. - CP K732654 at beginning of period. Bn (-) atchd 29th Inf. Div. "A" Co. with Bn, "B" Co. atchd 116th Inf. Regt., "C" Co. atchd 113th Cavalry Group. "A" Co. occupied primary positions during daytime one (1) platoon withdrawing to alternate positions to fire secondary missions at night. "B" Co. in primary role with 116th Inf. Regt. protecting Corps SOUTH flank. "C" Co. on primary mission with 113th Cav. Group protecting Corps NORTH flank. Bn. CP did not move during period.
- f. 823rd TD Bn. - CP K977534 at beginning of period. Bn. atchd 30th Inf. Div. "A" Co. atchd 228th FA Bn. on secondary mission during entire period. "B" Co. and "C" Co. atchd 120th Inf. Regt. for entire period. "B" Co. and "C" Co. supported 120th Inf. Regt. during penetration of SEIGREID LINE, firing upon infantry entrenchments, gun positions, pillboxes, and hostile tanks. On 6 Oct. "C" Co. fired upon four (4) pillboxes one (1) of which was concealed in a haystack with excellent results. "B" Co. on the same date destroyed five (5) MG nests and two (2) fortified houses. On 7 Oct. Bn. CP moved to UBACH, GERMANY K867592. "C" Co. destroyed four (4) pillboxes expended forty-two (42) rounds HE and thirty-two (32) rounds APC. Bn CP at UBACH at close of period.

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

UNIT	LOSSES		STATUS		DEADLINED		Operational	REMARKS
	Mech. Failure	Enemy Action	Recovered	Not recovered	Repairable	Not Repairable		
702	0	3	2	1	2	1	35	Repaired two (2)
803	2	5	4	4	3	2	29	
814	NOT REPORTED							
821	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	
823	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	Short one (1) (MT repairable)

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

UNIT	ARM'D VEHICLES							ROUNDS FIRED											
	VIG	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	AT	Ball	Direct	Indirect	HE	Other	Smk	APC	HE	Other	Smk	
702	0	2	0	0	6	pc	0	2	5	0	108	0	2	0	0	640	0	0	0
803	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	9	42	340	4	0	0	89	89	0	0
814	NOT REPORTED																		
821	NOT REPORTED																		
823	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	0	87	52	0	0	0	68	0	0

TACTICAL STRENGTH

UNIT	CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD		OPERATIONAL STRENGTH	
	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men
702	NOT REPORTED			
803	36	1	36	1
814	NOT REPORTED			
821	NOT REPORTED			
823	2	0	32	1

REMARKS:



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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER GROUP  
 APO 230 United States Army

18, October 1944  
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T D Report # 16 From 0806001 to 1506001 October 1944

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Attached to 1st Belgian Brigade, ( 21st Army Gp (Br) ).
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Division.
- c. 803rd TD Bn - Bn (-) attached 30th Inf Div.
- d. 821st TD Bn - Bn (-) attached 29th Inf Div.
- e. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf Div.
- f. ~~111th TD Bn~~
- g. Co. A, 803rd TD Bn., plus 1 platoon Recon Co., attached to 1st Belgian Brigade.  
 Co. B, 821st TD Bn attached 110th Tank Gp, Co C, 821 TD Bn attached 113 Cavalry Gp.



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - C.P. at Heritter, K649869. Supported 1st Belgian Brigade for entire period, with attached troops consisting of "A" Co. plus 1 platoon Reconnaissance Co., 803rd TD Bn; "B" Co 744th Tank Bn (light); and "D" Co 747th Tank Bn (medium).
- b. 702nd TD Bn. 8 Oct continued attached to 2nd Arm Div. CC"B", Bn C.P. at K769507. 9 Oct moved C.P. to vicinity Palenberg K847588. "A" Co. continued ~~111th TD Bn~~ attached to CC"A", via Herbach, Germany, with 1st pl supporting 2nd Bn., 66th Arm Regt., 2nd pl supporting 1st Bn, with 3rd pl in CC"A" reserve. Co. assisted in mopping up area, guarding road blocks, and driving back several counterattacks. One M-10 hit by AT gun or Bazooka, unable to evacuate due to enemy fire. 3 MM wounded. 6 Oct destroyed 2 SP guns, 7 Oct destroyed 2 SP guns, 8 Oct destroyed 2 SP guns, 2 Mark IV tanks, captured 18 prisoners. 13 Oct reconnoitered entire sector for possible gun positions. 14 Oct fired indirect fire on suspected O.P.s.  
 "B" Co. 8 Oct continued attached to CC"B", remained on road blocks, prepared to defend against tank attacks from N. and E. 11 Oct fired 60 rds direct fire on enemy observation posts, and bazooka teams, results unknown.  
 "C" Co. ~~111th TD Bn~~ attached to 3rd Bn 66th Arm Regt as Div reserve in vicinity of Ubach, Germany. One platoon attached to Recon Co 66th Arm Regt defended road blocks N. of Boggendorf. 9 Oct (C.P.) indirect fire position fired 285 rounds, 10 Oct 300 rounds, 11 Oct 300 rounds, 12 Oct 250 rds 13 Oct 281 rds, 14 Oct 300 rds harassing fire. Results unobserved.
- c. 803rd TD Bn. - 8 Oct Bn (-) continued attached to 30th Inf Div. C.P. at K769507. 11 Oct C.P. at K766499. 13 Oct C.P. at K844545.  
 "A" Co - 8 Oct continued attached 1st Belgian Brigade. Unreported 7 Oct fired indirect fire on targets of opportunity and night harassing fire. F.S.C. computed for 1 platoon of 747 Tank Bn. 8 Oct fired 210 rds HE on targets of opportunity, and night harassing fire, F.S.C. computed for Tank platoon. A.O.P. observed for Belgian Arty. 9 Oct fired 223 rds M.E. effect unknown. 13 Oct fired 257 rds HE on targets of opportunity, night harassing fire and M.C. positions. 14 Oct fired 152 rds. "B" Co - continued in support ~~111th TD Bn~~ of 119th Inf Regt, fired on targets of opportunity. Unreported 7 Oct destroyed 2 mortars, 2 OP's, 1 bazooka team, 2 MG positions, 2 pill boxes, 30 enemy personnel and captured 40 PW's. Also fired 46 rds HE, 5 AP at pillboxes, houses and MG's results unknown. 8 Oct neutralized 5 OP's, 1 pill box, 1 Mark V tank. 9 Oct destroyed 1 pill box. 10 Oct fired 7 rds HE 3 AP at 2 half-tracks, damaging 1. 12 Oct 2 rds AP fired at Mk V, believed destroyed. "C" Co - 8 Oct continued in support of 117 Inf Regt with one platoon in direct support of each Infantry Bn. Fired on targets of opportunity captured 4 PW's, fired 2 rds HE 9 Oct captured 4 PW's. 11 Oct platoon leader 3rd platoon adjusted arty fire on 1 Mk V tank, destroying same. "Recon" Co. 8 Oct 1 platoon continued attached to "A" Co with 1st Belgian Brigade remainder of company with Bn.

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1. STATUS:

a. TD Gp.\*

b. TD Bn -

c. TD Bn -

d. TD Bn -



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

~~2d. 821st~~ TD Gp. Bn - Bn (-) continued attached to 29th Inf Div. CP K737649. "A" Co with Bn. B Co relieved from attachment to 116 Inf Regt on 11 Oct and attached to 1104 Engineer Combat Group, on primary mission. "C" Co continued attached to 113 Cavalry Group, on primary mission, protecting north flank of III Corps.

~~2d. 823rd~~ TD Bn - Bn (-) continued attached to 30th Inf Div attached to 120th Inf Regt. CP K864558. 9 Oct CP moved to K864560 (1500 yds E. of Herkstein). 13 Oct CP moved to K850537, north of Herzogenrath.

"A" Co. Continued attached to 228 PA Bn on secondary mission 8 Oct. Fired 2 concentrations totalling 100 rds HE. Occupied new indirect fire positions at K850537. 9 Oct fired 8 concentrations totalling 520 rds HE on road between Schneiden and Aldenhoven. 10 Oct fired 8 concentrations, total 750 rds, same target. Reconnoitered positions in sector of 119 and 120 Inf Regts., 1 casualty. 11 Oct fired 13 concentrations, total 669 rds. Co relieved of indirect fire mission, reverting to Bn control, occupied positions reinforcing AT defence in vicinity K874504. 12 Oct Enemy arty fire very heavy. 1 3 inch gun destroyed. Destroyed 1 Mk V and 2 Mk VI tanks, captured 4 PW's.

~~2d. 824th~~ TD Bn - Bn (-) "B" Co 9 Oct Forward elements received heavy shelling. 10 Oct fired 34 rds HE, 2 rds AP at OP's, pillboxes and houses, results unknown. Destroyed 4 Mk IV and 2 Mk V, total 10 rds AP. 11 Oct destroyed 2 Mk IV tanks, and damaged 2, expended 7 rds. Lost 2 guns by enemy action. 12 Oct Killed 10 Germans with 250 rds MG fire. Very heavy enemy arty fire. 1 3" gun destroyed plus 2 half tracks. Destroyed 1 German 1/4 Ton. Fired on church steeple in Euchen, result unknown.

"C" Co. 8 Oct - Occupied positions in area of 117th Inf Regt. 1 1/4 Ton destroyed in night by accident. 9 Oct Received heavy shelling, destroying 1 1/4 Ton. Captured 2 PW's. 10 Oct Captured 2 PW's. 11 Oct Captured 9 PW's. 14 Oct Fired 18 rds HE, 2 AP, direct - indirect fire at vehicles on road between Hengen and Aldenhoven, result unsatisfactory. Captured 1 PW.

"Recon Co." 8 Oct - 1 M8 badly damaged by land mine. 2 battle, 2 non battle

~~2d. 825th~~ TD Bn - Bn (-) casualties.

105 mm or 3" GUNS (Towed):										
UNIT	LOSSES	STATUS			DEADLIED			REPAIRS		
		Mech. Failure	Enemy Action	Recov-ered	Not Re-covered	Repair-able	Not Re-pairable	Opera-tional		
702 TD		3								
803 TD	1	1	2			2			31	
821 TD		Not Reported								
823 TD		4	4			2			33	

ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED:

UNIT	ARM'D VEHICLES							ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	Gun	Boxes	P.G.	P.W.	APC	Other	Indirect
702 TD		2		6								18	176	1733
803 TD	1			3	Morts			3	4	48		10	57	1930
821 TD				Not Reported										
823 TD	1	4	6									9	77	102
TOTAL:														1939

TACTICAL STRENGTH

UNIT	CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD				OPERATIONAL STRENGTH	
	Officers		Enlisted Men		Officers	Enlisted Men
702 TD	Not Reported					
803 TD	1 SWI	1 KIA	4 LMA	2 SWA	32 - 1	587
821 TD	Not Reported					
823 TD	1 WFI	1 PG	9 NBC	23 BC	31 - 1	688

REMARKS:



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HEADQUARTERS 2nd TANK DESTROYER GROUP  
 APO 236 United States Army

25, October 1944

T D Report # 17 From 150600 A to 220600 A October 44

1. STATUS:

- a. 2nd TD Gp.\* Hdqtrs ( plus) Attached to 1st Belgian Brigade (21 AG(Br)).
- b. 702nd TD Bn - Attached 2nd Armored Division.
- c. 803rd TD Bn - (-) Attached 30th Inf Div
- d. 821st TD Bn - (-) Attached 29th Inf Div.
- e. 823rd TD Bn - Attached 30th Inf Div.
- f. /// / TD Bn / - / A Co 803rd TD Bn plus 1 pl Ren Co attached 1st Belgian Brigade  
 G Co 821st TD Bn attached 113 Cavalry Group.



2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:

- a. 2nd TD Gp - CP at Meritter, K649869. Supported 1st Belgian Brigade for entire period with attached troops, consisting of A Co and 1 pl ren co 803rd TD Bn., B Co 744 Tank Bn (Lt), and B Co 747 Tank Bn (Medium)
- b. 702nd TD Bn. - Continued attached to 2nd Armored Div., OC"B", Bn CP remaining in vicinity of Felenburg K847588. A Co with 1 pl of ren Co attached continued attached to OC"A", Vic Herbach, defending road blocks. Co B under Bn Control  
6 / / / / TD Bn / defended road blocks in sector of OC"B". 16 Oct fired 20 rds direct fire on Enemy CP's, results unobserved. G Co plus 1 pl ren attached to OC"A" in indirect fire positions. 15 Oct fired 300 rds harassing fire 16 Oct fired 300 rds. 17 Oct Co minus 1 pl attached to Div reserve remaining in indirect fire positions, firing 306 rds of harassing fire. One pln remained attached to OC"A". 18 Oct fired 309 rds, 19 Oct 234 rds, 20 Oct 372 rds, 21 Oct 307 rds. All units on 21 Oct made plans and reconnaissance in preparation for an expected counterattack. Positions were strengthened by digging in guns and adding MG's and personnel where necessary.
- c. 803rd TD Bn. Bn (-) Continued attached to 30th Inf Div., with CP at K844545, A Co attached to 1st Belgian Brigade, (21st AG (Br)), CP at K633883. Fired indirect harassing fires, 15 Oct 318 rds, 16 Oct 351 rds, 17 Oct 336 rds,  
6 / / / / TD Bn / 18 Oct 168 rds, 19 Oct 146 rds, 20 Oct 130 rds, 21 Oct 170 rds. Also Air CP and FDG observed and computed for platoon of 747 Tank Bn. On 16 Oct fired with good effect on supply boat in canal and at AA gun. 21 Oct 2 platoons secured and established road blocks at Geystingen (K652835). CP moved to K609880. 2nd Pl of Ren Co patrolling road from Geystingen to Masseyok (K640790). B Co CP at K848532, in support of 119 Inf Regt in AT positions. 16 Oct in mobile reserve of 116 and 119 Inf Regts. 17 Oct CP moved to K858504. 18 Oct fired 4 rds AP destroying 1 MK VI Tank. 20 Oct moved CP to K843492, 1 rd AP fired killing 6 German Infantry men at K858476. 21 Oct fired 4 rds AP at Pillbox at K866471, result unknown. G Co CP at K891547, in support of 117 Inf Regt., in AT positions. 20 Oct moved CP to K893544. Ren Co less 1 pl with Bn CP at K844545.
- d. 821st TD Bn. Bn (-) attached to 29th Inf Div., CP at K737649. A, B, and C Co in direct fire rolls. "A" Co using two platoons for indirect fire missions at night. Total of (795) missions fired during period (3977) rds. However primary mission still holding priority. Third platoon in direct fire positions vicinity of "TEVEREN". 2nd Platoon (after completing indirect fire missions 0800 hrs), goes into a readiness position in vicinity of "STANS" until night when they revert to indirect fire roll again if no alert is reported. "B" Co was attached to 1104 Corps Engr Gp in direct support of 172 C Eng. At daylight 22 Oct 44, they were relieved of attachment and reverted to Bn control. In their support operation "B" Co knocked out 7 (seven) pillboxes and captured a total of 41 prisoners, during this period. "C" Co in direct fire positions in direct support of 113 Cav Sqdn. First Ren platoon providing extra security for "C" Co's right flank. Hq Rr still in position vic of "NUTH". No change in Bn CP location during period coord. 73756495. Co's A and C plus 1st ren pl continuing on present missions Co B

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APO 230 United States Army

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1. STATUS; 2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD; CONT'D

- a. 821st TD Bn: Continued; in assembly area vicinity of "VALE". First echelon and care and cleaning of equipment being carried on.
- b. 823rd TD Bn - Continued attached to 30th Inf Div with CP at K850537. "A" Co CP at K858537. 15 Oct took up positions in vic K863520 prepared to follow up attack of 3rd Bn 120th Inf. 17 Oct put a German 75 MM AT gun in position, pending replacement of destroyed 3" gun.
- c. 824th TD Bn: "B" Co CP at K866549, 18 Oct half track damaged by shell fire, but repairable. 21 Oct shell fire damaged sights and mounts but by improvisation guns were continued in action. "C" Co CP at K891548. 17 Oct capt'd 1 prisoner.

2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD;

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

b. \_\_\_\_\_ TD Bn -

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

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





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	
702 TD							36
803 TD		1	1		1		32
821 TD							36
823 TD							33

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED:

UNIT	ARM'D VEHICLES							ROUNDS FIRED						
	VI	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	Veh	AT	Pill	Boxes	Direct	Indirect	
702 TD													2128	
803 TD 1												8	1	
821 TD							7				1	140	6	
823 TD	Not reported.													
TOTAL:														

TACTICAL STRENGTH

UNIT	CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD		OPERATIONAL STRENGTH	
	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men
702 TD	Not Reported.			
803 TD		4 KIA 2 PW	32 - 1	588
821 TD		2 WIA	32	721
823 TD		9 MB 7 BC 2 BI 2 MBI	31 - 1	685

REMARKS:



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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS \*

Report Number 18

From 222400 A 44 To 292400 A 44



ITEM	702 TD Bn (SP)			821 TD Bn (T)			823 TD Bn (T)			TD Bn ( )						
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM				
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed									1							
(2) Wounded						2			5							
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing																
(5) Total						2			6							
(6) Operation Str	36	1	599	30	2	717	31	1	681							
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned			24													
(2) Received			18													
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured																
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>																
a. Vehicles Destroyed																
(1) Mk VI																
(2) Mk V																
(3) Mk IV																
(4) SP																
(5) Others																
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT																
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.																
(4) Pill Boxes																
(5)																
(6)																
<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)																
	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(1) Direct		150		5	17			1988								
(2) Indirect		1260			1244	6										
b. Short Summary of Operations																
			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)				
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.</b>																
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10	35	1														
M-18																
M-36					36				34							
b. M-5 Gun					36				36							
c. M-3 Primemover					10				10							
d. M-20	14				4				5							
e. M-8	4				16				16							
f. 2-1/2 T	21				59				58							
g. 1/4 T	36				65				8							
h. Others																
i. 1 Ton Trailer									22							

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**Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'd)**

**SUMMARY OF MISSION AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT**

- a. 2nd TD Gp - CP at Neritter, K649869. Supported 1st Belgian Brigade for entire period with attached troops, consisting of A Co and 1 pl rcn Co 803rd TD Bn., B Co 744 Tank Bn (Lt), and B Co 747 Tank Bn (Medium).
- b. 702nd TD Bn - atchd 2nd Armd Div. Location at end of period K847588. Bn (-) atchd to 2nd Armd Div remained under CC"B" control through 26 Oct 44, in vicinity of Palenberg, Germany K847588. Bn (-) reverted to Div Reserve 27 Oct 44, atchd to 3rd Bn 66th Armd Regt until 291700A Oct 44, then reverting to Div Reserve under command of Col HINES, 41st Inf Regt, remained under their control through 29 Oct 1944. "A" Company: atchd CC"A", CP K877579, A1 K874579, A2 K878580, A3 K907559. Co A plus 1 pl rcn co atchd to CC"A" remained on outpost in support of CC"A" throughout period to 29 Oct 44; 1st pl in vic of K913580, 2d pl K914565, 3d pl K907559. Co A (-) reverted to Mobile reserve 291000 Oct 44 in vic of K877579. 3d pl remained on outpost K907559. Winterproofing of all vehicles completed. "B" Company: atchd CC"B", CP K866604, B1 K868605, B2 K868605, B3 K877597. Co B plus 1 pl rcn co under Bn control remained on outpost in support of CC"B", through 28 Oct 44. 1st pl K890610, 2nd pl K880619, 3rd pl K875610. Co B relieved of outpost and reverted to CC"B" Mobile reserve 282330 Oct 44 in vic K866604. Winterproofing of all vehicles completed. No change through 29 Oct 44. "C" Company: atchd Bn Control, CP K861587, C1 K900596, C2 K861587, C3 K861587. Co C (-) under Bn Control. (3rd pl Co C on outpost with Rcn Co 66th Armd Regt) remained in indirect firing positions in vic of Ubach, Germany, through 27 Oct 44. 1st pl K861587, 2nd pl K861587, 3rd pl K900596. Co C reverted to Bn Control 27 Oct 44. Winterproofing of vehicles completed. Co C remained in present locations thru 29 Oct 1944. 1 pl Rcn Co atchd to Company C. "RCN" Company: atchd Bn Control, CP K847588, R1 K866604, R2 K877579, R3 K861587. Rcn Co (-) under Bn Control remained in vic of Palenberg, Germany K847588. 1st pl K866604, 2nd pl K877579, 3rd pl K861587. Winterproofing of all vehicles completed.
- c. 821st TD Bn - atchd 29th Inf Div. Location at end of period K73756495. Complied with TC 42, Headquarters 29th Div. Hq Rr in vic of NUTH K698592. "A" Company: CP K772634, A1 K772644, A2 K731644, A3 K775633. A Co in div reserve. Two platoons, secondary mission. Fired total of 1244 rds HE on 360 missions. 3rd pl relieved by 1st pl Co B of its direct fire positions on 231740A Oct 44. "B" Company: CP K813663, B1 K838646, B2 K826662, B3 K814663. B Co relieved of atchmt to 1104 EngC Gp at 221000A Oct. Moved from assembly positions in vic of VAALS to position. 1st pl relieved 3rd pl Co A of its direct fire positions at 231740A Oct. 2nd and 3rd platoons in assembly positions. "C" Company: CP at K732692, C1 K763692, C2 K787694, C3 K713697. C Co in direct support of 113th Cav Gp. 2nd pl fired 10 rds HE at buildings and troops K798704. Results unknown. Also fired 5 rds APC, 1 rd CPT 105 and 1 rd of HE at an enemy CP K798704. Results unknown. "RCN" Platoons: R1 K73756495, R2 K786693. 2nd Rcn pl strengthening security of 2nd pl of C Co. 1st Rcn pl providing security for CP. COMMENTS: "A" and "B" Companies participated in battle drills demonstrating infantry, tank and TD coordination on the 28th and 29th of October 1944.
- d. 823rd TD Bn - atchd 30th Inf Div. Location at end of period K849537. "A" Co. CP K859505, A1 K874502, A2 K863485, A3 K861479. "B" Company: CP K869536, B1 K873501, B2 K828493, B3 K891520. "C" COMPANY: CP K889546, C1 K905542, C2 K889523, C3 K892536. 23rd Oct. Although hampered by poor observation both B2 and C2 finally got in a total of 3 registrations for a total of 30 rds. In order to obtain required ammunition for indirect firing all units were withdrawn to indirect fire position and later returned to direct fire positions. Between 1900 and 2155 362 rds HE were fired at 3 concentrations including vehicle parks and road junctions. B Company had one battle casualty and Hq Co had one non-battle casualty during the period. 24th Oct. Direct fire destroyed the sight of an A-1 gun but replacements and repairs were made in position. B Co had 1 KIA 2 WIA and Hq had 1 non-battle casualty. Ten men previously evacuated as casualties were returned to their units as replacements. All units again withdrew to indirect fire positions and later returned to their old location. Two concentrations for a total of 192 rds were fired by B2 and C2 upon a tank park at HONGEN and on a highway between VORWEIDEN and ESCHWEILER.

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## Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'd)

## SUMMARY OF MISSION AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT (Cont'd)

d. 823rd TD Bn (Cont'd) - 25th Oct. 221 rds HE were fired indirect during the early morning hours at German vehicles and installations at MARIAGRUBE BF. From 1730 to 2030 B2 fired 300 rds HE at Cross Roads and a Detour. The following moves were completed during the period. A Co CP at 1515 to K859505, C2 at 1815 to K897537, A2 at 1845 to K865489, half of C2 at 1900 to K887523, A3 at 2020 to K860478, and half of C2 at 2230 to K881513. The above moves were made in order to assume complete AT defense of Div sector upon relief of the 803rd TD Bn. B1 received one 3" gun replacement. B Company had one non-battle casualty during the period. 26th Oct. Between 0630 and 0830 B2 fired 2 concentrations for a total of 202 rds HE upon a Cross Road and a Road Detour. No Moves were made for the period. 27th Oct. Two concentrations for a total of 118 rds HE were fired by B2. No other activity took place during the period. 28th Oct. During the early morning hours B2 fired 72 rds HE on 2 concentrations. A Co suffered 2 battle casualties from mortar fire at their CP. B Company captured 2 prisoners and turned them over to Custom PW. Again during the evening B2 fired 172 rds HE upon 2 concentrations. All other positions continued to be manned. 29th Oct. A Company: All guns being manned in direct fire positions. B Company: B1 and B3 in direct fire positions while B2 in indirect fire. 1 gun replacement of B1 in position at 873516 firing S and SW. B2 fired 48 rds HE and 50 rds reduced charge indirect fire. C Company: All guns being manned in direct fire positions. COMMENTS: All guns went into indirect fire positions and returned to their previously occupied direct fire positions.



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