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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS *



Report Number 19

From 301200A Oct 44 To 051200A Nov. 44

ITEM	702 TD Bn (SP)			821 TD Bn (T)			823 TD Bn (T)			771 TD Bn (SP)						
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM				
1. PERSONNEL.																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed						1			12							
(2) Wounded																
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing																
(5) Total																
(6) Operation Str	36	1	594	30	2	717	31	1	700							
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned																
(2) Received			1	1		3			30							
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured																
2. INTELLIGENCE.																
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						1										
(5) O.P.																
(6)																
3. OPERATIONS.																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(1) Direct	17	39		8	1260		RC100	832	40							
(2) Indirect		959														
b. Short Summary of Operations	(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.	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															
M-18																
M-36																
b. M-5 Gun					35	1			34							
c. M-3 Primemover					35		1		36							
d. M-20	14	0			10				10							
e. M-8	4	0			4				5							
f. 2-1/2 T	21	0			16				16							
g. 1/4 T	37	0			57				58							
h. Others					65				30							

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

702nd TD BATTALION: (Atchd 2nd A. D.) Location at end of Period: K847588

Bn (-) remained in vic PALENBERG, GERMANY, K847588, during entire period (Coordinates) Co. "A", atch'd CC"A", vic UBACH, GERMANY, throughout period. Co (-) in mobile reserve. 3rd platoon on outpost supporting CC"A". 2nd plat relieved 1st plat Co. "C" on outpost near BEGRENDOFF, GERMANY (K900696). 3 Nov., 1 plat fired direct on suspected enemy O.P. Results unknown. One (1) M10 damaged by enemy arty fire, 4 Nov evacuated for repairs. Co. "B", vic HEVENHOF, GERMANY (K866604) in CC"B" mobile reserve during entire period. Co. "C" under Bn control at K861587) throughout week. 1st plat on outpost (K900596) in support of Ren Co. 66th Arm'd Regt until relieved by A-2 when it returned to Co assembly area. Co., on indirect missions, fired harassing and interdiction fires, total of 959 rds HE. Ren platoons atch'd to gun companies with pioneer platoon supporting 3rd plat Co. "A" on outpost duty at K907559.

821st TD BATTALION: (Atchd 29th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K737649

Bn (-) vic RAATH (K737649) during period. Co. "A" at K772634, in Div (Coordinates) Reserve. Two (2) platoons fired 1260 rds H.E. indirect on 377 missions. One (1) platoon in Battle Drills on Inf., Tank, and TD coordination, 2 Nov to end of period. Co. "B" (-) in assembly. 1st plat in direct fire posns vic NIERSTRASS and TEVEREN. One (1) section 3rd plat on Battle Drills, 2 Nov to end of period. Co. "C" at K732692, in direct support of 113th Cav. Grp., firing direct on enemy O.P. to deny its use. Co. relieved at 051000A by "C" Co., 771st TD Bn. and returned to Bn control. Ren - 2 supported C-2 until relieved by Ren - 1 at 030900A. Ren - 1 relieved of mission 051000A, and Ren Co then provided security for CP to end of period.

823rd TD BATTALION: (Atchd 30th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K849537

Bn (-) vic HERZONRATH during period. Co. "A" at K859505 during period. (Coordinates) No activity reported. Co. "B" at K369536. 31 Oct, fired 150 rds H.E. indirect, three (3) concentrations. 01 Nov., three (3) concentrations, 150 rds H.E. expended. 02 Nov. three (3) concentrations, 120 rds and one (1) concentration, 50 rds, reduced charge, expended. 03 Nov., fired three concentrations, 172 rds. 04 Nov., fired two (2) concentrations for 120 rds, one (1) for 50 rds reduced charge, and one (1) of 40 rds. using M54 fuze on enemy trenches. Co. "C" at K889546. No activity reported during period.

771st TD BATTALION: (Atchd 102nd Inf Div.) Location at end of Period: Not Reported.

Bn came under Corps control late in period, with 102nd Inf Div. Activity (Coordinates) restricted to preparations to assume tactical responsibility until 051000A, when Co. "C" relieved Co. "C", 821st TD Bn. under control of 113th Cav Grp.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required.)

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Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'd)

SUMMARY OF MISSION AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT

- a. 2nd TD Group - HEERLEN, HOLLAND, attached XIX Corps. At beginning of period, Group at K649868, NEERITTER, HOLLAND, attached 1st Belgian Brigade, with following units attached:

Co. "A" - 803rd TD Bn (SF)
 Co. "B" - 744th Tank Bn (Lt)
 Co. "B" - 747th Tank Bn (Med)

The Group supported active defense of the Belgian Brigade sector with patrols and indirect fire from attached troops. 31 Oct relieved of attachment to 1st Belgian Brigade and attached to 53rd Inf Div (Br.) on order of CG, VIII Corps (Br.), further attached to 71st British Brigade. Supported defense of sector until relieved of responsibility per VCG, 71st Brigade (Br.) 012000A November. 02 November assembled at KINROY, BELGIUM (K607847). 03 November detached from 53rd Inf Div (Br.) and reverted to XIX Corps (U.S.) control. Group supervised movement of attached units to respective parent organizations on 03 and 04 November and moved by infiltration to HEERLEN, HOLLAND, to rejoin XIX Corps. At end of period, Group located at HEERLEN, (K768553), attached XIX Corps, planning for future operations of TD Units under Corps control.

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Report Number 20 From 051200A Nov 44 To 121200A Nov 44

ITEM	702 TD Bn (81)			772 TD Bn (81)			821 TD Bn (1)			825 TD Bn (1)						
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM				
1. PERSONNEL.																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed									1							
(2) Wounded									3			20				
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing									5			20				
(5) Total									9			40				
(6) Operation Str	37	1	595	27	1	480	30	2	708	22	1	694				
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned										1		30				
(2) Received							2		3	1		34				
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured																
2. INTELLIGENCE.																
a. Vehicles Destroyed	None			None			None			None						
(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) OP's																
(6)																
3. OPERATIONS.																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(1) Direct		872			222			872			900					
(2) Indirect	15	25														
b. Short Summary of Operations	(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.																
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10	20				20				20				20			
M-18																
M-36	24															
b. M-5 Gun								1		1			24			1
c. M-3 Primemover					18				10				10			
d. M-20					6				4				6			
e. M-8					10		2		16				16			
f. 2-1/2 T									57				58	4		
g. 1/4 T					30				22				15	1		
h. Other													22			
i. Trailer																

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

702 TDBATTALION: (Atchd 2nd Arm'd Div) Location at end of Period: K847588

(Coordinates)

Unit atch'd 2nd AD during entire period. Bn CP 847588 (RIMBURG, GERMANY). Plans and preparations completed for attack with 2nd AD. Atchm'ts for atk - Co "A" (- one gun plat) atchd TFA, COA. One plat Co "A" atchd Div Res. Co. "B" atch'd CC"B". 2 gun platoons, Co "C" atch'd TFB. Co "C" (- 2 gun platoons) under control CC"A". Ren Co assembled under Bn control. Co "C" maintained indirect fire with two platoons during period. Bn received and has prepared 24 M-36's for operational use.

771 TDBATTALION: (Atchd 102nd Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K771639

(Coordinates)

"A" and "B" Co's placed in indirect fire position and destroyed a concrete tower and church steeple by direct fire. Both points had been used as hostile OP's. "C" Co atch'd 113th Cav Grp. Bn with 102nd Inf reverted to control XIII Corps 07 Nov 44.

821 TDBATTALION: (Atchd 29th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K877547

(Coordinates)

(See attached Sheet)

823 TDBATTALION: (Atchd 30th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K849537

(Coordinates)

Entire unit remained in defensive positions manning 3" towed guns during period. Guns are in well improved positions along Division front lines. Sector remained quiet except for spasmodic hostile artillery fire during period. Maintenance was conducted and limited passes were issued for recreation purposes. 1 platoon in an indirect fire position fired daily maximum ammunition allocated, firing a total of 23 concentrations, and expending 899 rds H.E.

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required.)

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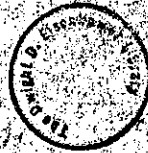
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT



821 TD BATTALION: (Atchd 29th Inf Div) Location at end of Period: K877547

(Coordinates)

"A" Co in division reserve. Moved from coordinates (772634) on 061010A Nov to vicinity of SCHAESBERG coordinates (772634). 1st platoon in direct support of 115th In. in direct fire positions coordinates (893582). On 8 Nov 1944 remainder of Co moved to forward assembly areas vicinity of BLAUSTEIN coordinates (882581). At present time continuing to prepare positions in their assigned sector. "B" Co relieved of its direct fire positions vicinity of NIERSTRASS & TEVEREN by 771st TD Bn on 060900A Nov. Moved from coordinates (813663) to vicinity SCHAESBERG coordinates (802545). On 8 Nov 3rd platoon "B" Co moved to vicinity of MERKSTEIN HOFSTADT coordinates (844575) to occupy indirect fire positions. Fired total of 878 rds on 102 missions during period. On 9 Nov remainder of company moved to vicinity of HERBACH (844569). Carrying on present mission at end of period. "C" Co in Division reserve. Moved from coordinates (732692) to vicinity of SCHAESBERG coordinates (795545) at 061200A Nov. 3rd platoon in direct support of 175th Inf. occupied direct fire positions during night 6-7th Nov. coordinates (892563). On 10 Nov remainder of Co moved to assembly areas vicinity of their 3rd platoon CP coordinates (892563). Carrying on same mission at end of period. Continuing in preparation of positions in their assigned sector. 1st and 2nd Ren moved from vicinity of RAATH coordinates (73756495) to vicinity of SCGAESBERG coordinates (79205590). On 10 Nov moved to vicinity of BLAUSTEIN coordinates (877547). At end of period carrying on same mission providing security for Bn CP.

2nd TD Group - K768553. Atch'd XIX Corps. Coordinated AT defense of Corps sector. Hastened issue of M-36 Tank Destroyers to 702nd TD Bn. Inspected gun positions of all TD units. Prepared reports of AT Situation for higher Hqs.

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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				
1. PERSONNEL.																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed	2		4			1			3							
(2) Wounded	2		24	1		8	1		20							
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing																
(5) Total	4		28													
(6) Operation Str	35	1	584	30	2	687	31	1	674							
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned									36							
(2) Received			3			5			5							
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured			1				2		31							
2. INTELLIGENCE.																
a. Vehicles Destroyed																
(1) Mk VI																
(2) Mk V		9														
(3) Mk IV		6														
(4) SP		2														
(5) Others		Mk III - 1														
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT		2														
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.		1						1								
(4) Pill Boxes		2						2								
(5) O.P.'s								2								
(6)																
3. OPERATIONS.																
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)	90mm	3" HE							RC							
(1) Direct	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(2) Indirect	42	294	250				69	578								
b. Short Summary of Operations		136	APC		618	6		2837	376							
			185													
	36 rds 3" HVAP (Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.																
a. M-10	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICABLE	UNSERVICABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED
M-18																
M-36	35	3		2												
b. M-5 Gun					36				34							
c. M-3 Primemover					36				33	1						
d. M-20	14				9	1			10							
e. M-8	4		2		4				5							
f. 2-1/2 T	21				16				16							
g. 1/4 T	49				58		1		61			3				
h. Others 1 1/2 T	11				65				9 1 1/2 T			1				

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

Group
 2nd TD BATTALION: (Atchd XIX Corps) Location at end of Period: K768553
 (Coordinates)
 2nd TD Grp atch'd XIX Corps at same location during entire period. The Corps AT defense was planned and all TD Bns in Corps were continuously contacted to maintain close liaison and coordination between units. During period, 702nd TD Bn (SP) was completely equipped with the new M36 destroyer to replace the M10. In addition, letter of authority from CG, NINTH U. S. Army authorized the conversion to self-propelled units of the 821st and 823rd TD Bn (T). The Group initiated a course of instruction in maintenance and operation of M10's for selected personnel of the Bns to facilitate the conversion and to continue until further need for it has ceased. At the end of the period, Group, atch'd XIX Corps, same coordinates.

702 TD BATTALION: (Atchd 2nd Arm'd Div) (SP) Location at end of Period: K898596
 (Coordinates)
 At start of period, Bn at K847588, vic UBACH, with units sub-atc'd for Div attack, as follows: Co A (-) atch'd TF"A" of CC"A", with one (1) plat in Div. Res. Co B (plus 1 plat M36's) atch'd CC"B", Co C atch'd CC"A" with two (2) plats atch'd TF"B" of CC"A". Bn was in process of re-equipping with M36's and entire time before start of attack was spent on conversion, performing final maintenance, test runs and test firing, including indirect missions. At jump-off, Bn had 36 M36's and 12 M10's on hand. 16 and 17 Nov., Bn destroyed six (6) enemy tanks confirmed, with unknown number damaged, losing one (1) M36 and one (1) M10. 18-19 Nov., nine (9) more tanks destroyed for total of 15. Bn CP moved to BEGGENDORF (K898596). Two more M36's were knocked out near end of period, one (1) by direct fire and one (1) by direct hit from enemy artillery. At end of period, sub-atc'mts remained same, with plats in direct support of Div Task Forces attacking to E and NE, vic FRIALDENHOVEN and GERONSWEILER. Fighting was heavy all during attack, and all enemy armour encountered on Corps front was in 2nd Arm'd Div sector. At 191200A Nov. 44 Bn CP at K898596.

(SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

BATTALION: (Atchd) Location at end of Period: (Coordinates)

(SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required.)

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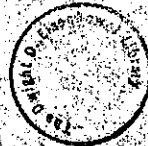
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821 TD BATTALION: (Atch'd 29th Inf Div) (T) Location at end of Period: K877574
(Coordinates)

Bn CP at same location during period. Until 161200A Nov, Bn was providing AT defense in Div sector with guns in position covering critical areas and approaches. Plans to support Div attack were completed, with Bn units under Bn control carrying out assigned missions. Bn was in readiness to support atk by leap-frogging of Companies to E in Div Zone. In meantime, B-3, supporting Div Arty fires, expended 618 rds 3" H.E. on assigned targets, during period. As attack progressed, Bn provided close AT defense by moving platoons to cover key points immediately behind infantry. No enemy armor was encountered in Div sector. On 16 Nov, Bn sent six (6) EM to 2nd TD Group for training in maintenance and operation of M10's to facilitate expected conversion to SP unit. At end of period, Bn disposed as follows: Co "A" at K904572 (vic BAESWEILNR) Co "B" at K879580 (vic Zu UBACH), Co "C" at K902553, N of SCHAUFENBURG, with platoons disposed in direct fire positions. No enemy armor encountered in period. Bn remained atch'd 29th Div.

823 TD BATTALION: (Atch'd 30th Inf D) (T) Location at end of Period: K849537
(Coordinates)

At beginning of period, Bn CP at same coordinates, with Co's "A" and "C" manning direct fire defensive positions in Div sector, and Co "B" (- 1 plat) in assembly. B-2 atch'd Div Arty, continued to fire indirect missions as assigned daily by Div Arty, firing both normal and reduced charge 3" H.E. 14 Nov, A-3 destroyed enemy OP with 11 rds H.E. direct, B-2 firing indirect missions. 16 Nov plans for Div Atk were complete and all preparations made. Co "A" atch'd 119th Inf., Co "B" (-B-2) atch'd 120th Inf and Co "C" atch'd 117th Inf. Bn also sent six (6) EM to 2nd TD Grp for training in operation and maintenance of M10 in view of expected conversion of unit to SP Bn. 17 Nov, Co "A" fired 327 rds H.E. and 15 CPA direct, destroying two (2) enemy pill-boxes and one (1) OP. B-2 continued indirect missions. Co "C" captured 19 PW's including two (2) officers. Bn suffered two (2) KIA, and four (4) WIA. 18 Nov, B-2 released to Co "B" upon relief by A-2, after firing indirect during period, a total of 2837 rds 3" H.E. and 376 rds RC. Balance of period, Bn supported Inf Regts with guns following atk closely to provide AT defense and direct support. No enemy armor encountered. At end of period, Bn at K849537 with Co "A" at K859505, "B" at K875527, and "C" at K905541, with attachments unchanged.

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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				
1. PERSONNEL.																
a. Casualties																
(1) Killed	1		1													
(2) Wounded	7		55	2		15	4		19							
(3) Captured																
(4) Missing			3													
(5) Total	8		59				4		19							
(6) Operation Str	35	1	522	38	2	657	28	1	683							
b. Replacements																
(1) Requisitioned									17							
(2) Received	8		19	2		5			28							
c. Prisoners																
(1) Captured	0	0	0						62							
2. INTELLIGENCE.																
a. Vehicles Destroyed																
(1) Mk VI	2															
(2) Mk V	3															
(3) Mk IV	3						7									
(4) SP																
(5) Others	2															
b. Miscellaneous																
(1) Guns, AT																
(2) Guns, Arty																
(3) M.G.																
(4) Pill Boxes							2									
(5) Doodle Bugs																
(6) _____																
3. OPERATIONS.																
a. Rounds Fired (3" caliber)																
	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK				
(1) Direct	55	90			30		15	229								
(2) Indirect	362	548						3368								
b. Short Summary of Operations																
	/90mm/ direct (Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)			(Reverse Side)						
4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT.																
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED	SERVI CEABLE	UNSERVI CEABLE	EVA CUATED	REPLACED
a. M-10	5															
M-18																
M-36	36															
b. M-5 Gun				32	4			32								
c. M-3 Primemover				35	1			35								
d. M-20	12			10				10								
e. M-8	4			4				5								
f. 2-1/2 T				16				16								
g. 1/4 T				55	3	1		60								
h. Others				65				41								

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

2nd TD Group (Atchd XIX Corps) Location at end of Period: X768553
(Coordinates)

Group at above location entire period. AT defense in Corps sector was planned and close contact with TD Bns in Corps was maintained during the period. The school for training selected personnel of 821st and 823rd TD Bns (T) in maintenance and operation of M-10's, was continued without interruption, in order to give instruction to as great a number of men as possible before the expected conversion of these units to SP status. Battle performance of the new M-36 TD's of the 702nd TD Bn was closely watched and valuable information gained from the results. At end of period, Group at same location, atchd XIX Corps.

BATTALION: (Atchd _____) Location at end of Period: _____
(Coordinates)

BATTALION: (Atchd _____) Location at end of Period: _____
(Coordinates)

BATTALION: (Atchd _____) Location at end of Period: _____
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Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (Cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

702nd TD BATTALION: (Atchd 2nd Arm'd Div) (SP) Location at end of Period: K888549

At start of period, during operations, Bn forward CP established at BEGGENDORF, GERMANY, (K986597). Co "A" (-1 plat in Div Res) atchd TF"A" of CC"A", supported attack on EDEREN (K955619) 201100A Nov, with flank protection and direct support fires, destroying two (2) Mk VI's and one (1) Mk V, and losing three (3) M-36 TD's. Co outposted EDEREN and supported TF"B" atk on MERZENHAUSEN with flanking fire. Al outposted IBERENDORF, and atchd Co "B" prepared to defend against enemy atk. Co (-) remained in defense of EDEREN until 24 Nov when relieved by 771st TD Bn upon new XIII Corps boundary becoming effective. Co (-) then assembled via BASSWEILER (K915576) for maintenance and repair. Al rejoined Co on 24 Nov. Co "B" atchd CC"B" with platoons atchd to the three (3) Task Forces. Supported atk on high ground NE GERONSWEILER, and outposted area following seizure. Destroyed one (1) Mk V in operation, and on 21 Nov, Co repelled 'sneak' atk by enemy. 24 Nov, Co relieved of outpost duty and assembled via SIERSDORF (K938569) for maintenance and re-organization. "B" reverted to Bn control 25 Nov and assembled at ALSDORF (K888549). Co "C" atchd CC"A". 19 Nov Co (-2 plats) moved from BEGGENDORF to SETTENICH (K925594) 191800A for outpost duty and flank protection for TF"B"; attacking high ground E PUFFENDORF. Co (-) atchd TF"A" CC'A' 21 Nov and outposted EDEREN near K960622. Two (2) plats atchd TF"B" of CC'A' during this period and supported atk by flank fires. 21 Nov supported atk on FRIALDENHOVEN and MERZENHAUSEN (K985606) delivering direct fires on numerous Mk V and Mk VI tanks. 24 Nov, C(-) and the two (2) plats were rejoined under TF"B" of CC'A' and outposted high ground E of FRIALDENHOVEN (K958596) and prepared for atk on BARMEN (K995615) 27 Nov. Rcn Co used during operations to maintain liaison with 29th Inf Div units on right (S) flank. At end of period, Bn (-Co "C") in assembly vicinity ALSDORF, GERMANY (K888549) atchd 2nd Arm'd Div performing maintenance and reorganization and planning for future operations.

821st TD BATTALION: (Atchd 29th Inf Div) (T) Location at end of Period: K937564

At start of period, Bn vicinity Zu UBACH (K877547) atchd 29th Div. 211630A, Bn CP moved to SIERSDORF, GERMANY (K937564). Plans had been prepared to provide close direct support of Div Atk to E, employing "A" and "B" Co's, with "C" in reserve. Successive moves by platoons were continually made, and all likely enemy armor approaches were covered, during the drive EAST to ROER RIVER. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and very muddy conditions hampered operations, but all missions were accomplished. No enemy armor was encountered until 25 Nov when four (4) enemy tanks appeared vic BOURNEIM and were immediately taken under fire. Tanks were stopped, but not destroyed and later withdrew. No other firing was done during the period. Rcn Co was employed during operations to maintain liaison with the 702nd TD Bn on left (N) flank and 823rd TD Bn on right (S) flank and to make route rcn. Also provided security for Bn CP. At end of period, Bn CP at SIERSDORF, GERMANY, (K937564) atchd 29th Inf Div. "A" Co at K958576 with two (2) plats in direct fire positions at K996585 and K965577 and one (1) in assembly. "B" Co at K952548, with B1 and B3 in direct fire positions at F011563 and F011569 (BOURNEIM). B2 in assembly vicinity SIERSDORF. "C" Co at K902553, with two (2) platoons preparing to relieve B1 and B3.

823rd TD BATTALION: (Atchd 30th Inf Div) (T) Location at end of Period: K971521

At start of period. Bn at K849537, atchd 30th Inf Div with A (-) atchd 119th Inf. "B" atchd 120th Inf and "C" atchd 117th Inf. A-2 atch'd Div Arty on indirect missions. Co's provided direct fire support to infantry in atk to E. 21 Nov, all units except A-2 reverted to Bn control, and units supported infantry Regts in repelling enemy counter attacks near KINZWEILER and LANGENDORF (K9552). 22 Nov A-3 by direct fire upon enemy counterattacking from LOHN, destroyed two (2) Mk IV's and stopped two (2) Mk V's, later evacuated by enemy. Plat leader and eight (8) EM wounded. C-1 from positions at K986523, destroyed two (2) radio controlled tankettes (doodlebugs) at ranges of 100 and 1800 yds. Resulting explosions were terrific. "B" had one (1) gun and prime mover destroyed by enemy fire when they became mired in mud. 23 Nov C-1 destroyed three (3) Mk IV tanks. Five rds HVAP were fired upon front of Mk VI at 1100 yds. Three (3) rds bounced off glacis plate and two (2) were misses.

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The tank, although stopped, later withdrew and no assessment of damage or effect could be made. Recovery of mired vehicles was main activity of balance of Bn. 24 Nov, defensive positions were occupied to repel possible armored threats, continuing to end of period. Throughout the operations in period, A-2 remained in artillery missions, atch'd Div Arty. The platoon fired a total of 3368 rds 3" HE during the week. Missions were harassing, interdiction, and support. At end of period, Bn at K971521 (LANGENDORF) atch'd 30th Inf Div, preparing to support Div attack to ROER RIVER.



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