

- UNIT REPORT -
NO. 3

From: OI0001 August 44
To : 312400 August 44

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2nd TD Group
051130Z September 44
909209

Maps: France and Belgium - 4538. 1/100,000.

1. ARMY: Principle armored activity occurred during the first half of the month while establishing the so called "Falaise Pocket". All available armored units were concentrated here and were used primarily in support of units fighting delaying actions, and maintaining the shoulders of the gap. The air force, artillery, and tank destroyer units inflicted much damage during the period, probably destroying about 80% of the enemy's remaining armor. After withdrawal from the gap, and during the German retreat to the EAST which is still in progress, armor was not used for attack purposes. It was accepted that the gasoline situation was so critical that, while gas could be supplied for withdrawal purposes, none could be spared for operational use. This appears to still be the case. Elements of all units are reported from all our fronts and it is evident that divisions have ceased to exist as tactical entities. At the end of the month PW statements and radio intercepts indicate that reorganization is in progress to the EAST and it is expected that shortly battle groups will appear composed of the remnants of several divisions. It is estimated that between 150-200 tanks may have escaped to be regrouped.

2. OWN SITUATION:

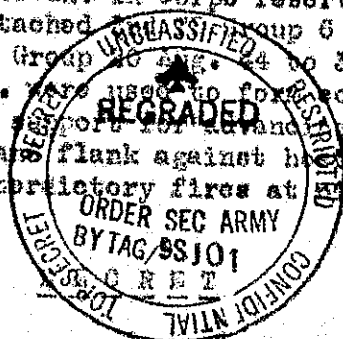
a. Does not apply.

b. See overlay XIX Corps.

- (1) 2nd TD Group - 909209
- (2) 803rd TD Bn. - 930132
- (3) 830th TD Bn. - Not reported.
- (4) 702nd TD Bn. - 800085
- (5) 813th TD Bn. - 880207
- (6) 823rd TD Bn. - 920278.

c. See overlay XIX Corps.

3. 2nd TD Group: Attached XIX Corps during entire period. Coordinated AT defense in Corps sector and supervised employment of TD units under Corps control. Made frequent inspections of gun positions and disposition of units within Corps sector. 803rd TD Bn. in Corps reserve, attached 2nd TD Group 1 Aug. 44; attached 2nd TD Group 6 Aug. 44 to 17 Aug. 44; attached 2nd TD Group 24 to 31 Aug. 44. Letter companies of the Bn. were used to form combat force. Unit provided direct support for advancing Inf. Regts. protected Corps front and flank against hostile armor, and fired harassing and interdictory fires at night.



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Battalions Under Corps Control:

- 830th TD Bn. - Atchd 28th Inf. Div. 1 - 27 August 44.
- 702nd TD Bn. - Atchd 2nd Armored Div. 27 - 31 August 44.
- 803rd TD Bn. - Atchd 28th Inf. Div. 2 - 6 August 44.
- 813th TD Bn. - Atchd 78th Inf. Div. 27 - 31 August 44.
- 821st TD Bn. - Atchd 29th Inf. Div. 1 - 12 August 44.
- 823rd TD Bn. - Atchd 30th Inf. Div. 13 - 31 August 44.



e. Combat Efficiency: Excellent.

f. Results of Operations: Exploitation of armored force "break through" continued. Tank Destroyer Units provided support against hostile armor and performed varied missions in a very satisfactory manner. During period Tank Destroyer Units destroyed five (5) enemy tanks, two (2) Self-Propelled guns, ten (10) armored vehicles, thirty-six (36) GP vehicles, two (2) pillboxes, and eight (8) MG emplacements; fired 528 rounds in direct fire and 4,671 rounds in harassing and interdiction fires; captured 332 prisoners, and had the following casualties:

25.....KIA
20.....WIA

Material losses: One (1) towed gun and one (1) M-10, both repairable.

3. ADMINISTRATION:

a. Authorized Strength:

- (1) 2nd TD Group - 15 Officers and 59 Enlisted Men.
- (2) 803rd TD Bn. - 35 Officers, one (1) WO, and 635 Enlisted Men.

b. Assigned Strength:

- (1) 2nd TD Group - 14 Officers and 59 Enlisted Men.
- (2) 803rd TD Bn. - 40 Officers, 1 WO, 610 Enlisted Men.

c. Strength Present for Duty:

- (1) 2nd TD Group - 14 Officers and 59 Enlisted Men.
- (2) 803rd TD Bn. - 38 Officers, 1 WO, 602 Enlisted Men.

d. Casualties:

(1) Killed:

- a. 2nd TD Group - None
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - One (1) Officer and nine (9) Enlisted Men.

(2) Sick:

- a. 2nd TD Group - One (1).
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - Nine (9).

(3) Passed:

- a. 2nd TD Group - None.
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - None.

(4) Wounded:

- a. 2nd TD Group - None.
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - One (1) Officer and sixty-seven (67) enlisted Men.

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3. ADMINISTRATION: (Cont'd)

d. Casualties: (Cont'd).

(6) Captured:

- a. 2nd TD Group - None
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - None.

(6) Missing:

- a. 2nd TD Group - None.
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - One (1)

(7) Replacements:

- a. 2nd TD Group - None.
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - Six (6).

e. Prisoners Captured:

- (1) 2nd TD Group - None.
- (2) 803rd TD Bn. - 197.

f. Evacuation: All cases evacuated.

g. Location of Supply and Evacuation Establishments: See Adm. O. #7, KIA Corps, with changes.

h. Status of Supply:

(1) Rations:

- a. 2nd TD Group - Four (4) days.
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - Four (4) days.

(2) Ammunition:

- a. 2nd TD Group - Full M/L
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - Full M/L.

(3) Gasoline and Oil:

- a. 2nd TD Group - No reserves, one (1) day supply.
- b. 803rd TD Bn. - No reserves, one (1) day supply.

i. Condition of Roads and Circulation in Area of Unit: Good.

j. Results of Operations: Facilitated the replacement of all combat losses for all Tank Destroyer Units in Corps.

SLES,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Cmdg.