

HEADQUARTERS
607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

1 November 1944

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Period - 1 to 31 October 1944, incl)

A. Location at beginning of period:

1. Bn CP at (708674).
2. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP at RHOMBAS (7380).
 - (b) 1st plat - 1 gun at (807717), 1 gun 200 meters NE of PIERREVILLERS, (8070), 2 guns in rest area at RHOMBAS.
 - (c) 2nd plat - 2 guns in position 500 meters NW of MIRANGE - SILVANGE, (8169), 2 guns in rest area at RHOMBAS.
 - (d) 3rd plat - 2 guns at CR (859720) covering crossings of lateral canal, 2 guns at MONDELANGE (8975).
3. Co B -
 - (a) Co CP at JOUAVILLE (7062).
 - (b) 1st plat - 2 guns at (751642) and 2 guns at HABONVILLE (7364).
 - (c) 2nd plat - In rest area in vicinity of Bn CP.
 - (d) 3rd plat - At (735607).
4. Co C -
 - (a) Co CP at STE MARIE aux CHENES (7367)
 - (b) 1st plat plus 2 rcn sections - At ST PRIVAT LA MONTAGNE (7666).
 - (c) 2nd plat - 2 guns at RONCOURT (7668), 2 guns 1000 meters SW of RONCOURT.
 - (d) 3rd plat - In indirect fire position at (742683).

B. Operations for period:

1 Oct 44:

1. No change in disposition or missions.
2. Co B - 1st plat fired 254 rds on 10 harrassing and interdiction and 1 BP mission.

2 Oct 44:

1. Bn CP moved to STE MARIE aux CHENES (6773). Took over mission as outlined in Field Message #13. This mission was to take over and defend in depth the area of RONCOURT (7668) - ST PRIVAT (7666) - AMANVILLERS (7664) - HABONVILLE (7364). With a task force to be known as "Task Force SUNDT", composed of the 607th TD Bn (less Co A and 1st plat of Co B) and Co A, 712 TK Bn, assault gun platoon of 712 TK Bn, Co B of 179th Eng Bn attached. In the area and supporting, but not attached, is the following; Co D of 712 TK Bn and a mortar platoon of 712 TK Bn. Task Force SUNDT became effective at 1330 with units dispersed as follows: Co C, 607th TD Bn - no change. Co A of 712 TK Bn - 1 plat committed at (749658), Co CP and 2 plats in reserve at MINE ST MARIE (725680). Co B 179th Eng Bn - 2 plats committed along line (758667) to (748652), Co CP and 1 plat in reserve at STE MARIE aux CHENES.

2. Co B -

- (a) Co CP moved to new location occupying vacated Bn CP (708674).

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- (b) 1st plat in indirect fire 300 yards west of Co CP.
- (c) 2nd plat took up new positions - 2 guns at (751643), 1 gun at (739648), 1 gun in reserve at HABONVILLE (7464).
- 3. Co A -
 - (a) 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 342 rds at 15 harrassing and interdiction and 2 BP missions.
- 4. Co C -
 - (a) 3rd plat in indirect fire, fired 254 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction, and 1 BP missions.

3 Oct 44:

- 1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in dispositions. Co A and assault gun platoon of 712th TD Bn relieved from attachment and placed in direct support.
- 2. Co A - No change in disposition. 1st and 2nd plats changed positions as planned. Ren section attached to Co fired direct fire from MB on two suspected enemy OPs.
- 3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 210 rds on 11 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP adjustment and one observed fire on enemy gun position.
- 4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat exchanged position with 3rd plat on rotation plan.

4 Oct 44:

- 1. Task Force SUNDT - CP moved to new location very close to old one. No change in coordinates. No change in dispositions.
- 2. Co A - No change in location or mission. Platoons rotated, 2nd and 3rd plats changing location with each other. 2nd plat going into reserve.
- 3. Co B - No change in mission or disposition. 1st plat in indirect fire, fired 205 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and BP missions.
- 4. Co C - Two guns of 1st plat that were SW of RONCOURT (7668) moved to new location 500 meters NE. An enemy patrol made contact with one gun located in ST PRIVAT (7666).

5 Oct 44:

- 1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
- 2. Co A - No change. 2nd plat fired 144 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
- 3. Co B - 2nd plat captured 5 PWs.
- 4. Co C - No change.

6 Oct 44:

- 1. Task Force SUNDT - No charge in disposition or mission.
- 2. Co A - 2nd plat moved from indirect fire position to assembly position in the same vicinity.
- 3. Co B - Platoons rotated according to schedule. 1st and 3rd platoons changed positions. 3rd plat moved to indirect fire position. This platoon adjusted on base point and fired observed fire on a gun emplacement and infantry in the area of Fort Joan D'Arc. One gun of 1st plat fired on Maginot Line Fortification in a town as a test. The test was not extensive, however, the following facts were established.



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- (a) There is little difference in the effect of CP fused ammunition and APC.
 - (b) Penetrations as published were confirmed.
 - (c) If fortification has a door it presents a weak point in the fortification. A large hole may be obtained by firing approximately 1 foot from the door. This affords a ready means of entrance into fortification.
 - (d) Concrete dust caused by the breaking up of the concrete is a nauseating, acrid dust which penetrates into the fortification and could be considered as a definite harrassing agent to any troops in the fortification.
4. Co C - No change. 2nd plat fired 266 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

7 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT-
 - (a) Co A of 315th Eng Bn replaced Co B of 179th Eng Bn and occupied the same positions with the same mission.
 - (b) A patrol sent out to the East of ST PRIVAT (7666) encountered no enemy action. It observed 30 to 40 rocket powered projectiles taking off east of the Moselle and heading generally South.
2. Co A -
 - (a) 2nd plat moved to new assembly area at (842733) 1000 meters South of ANNEVILLE (8474).
 - (b) No change in other elements.
3. Co B -
 - (a) No change in disposition.
 - (b) 3rd plat fired 227 rds on 11 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
 - (c) 2nd plat picked up 3 PWs.
4. Co C -
 - (a) No change in disposition.
 - (b) 2nd plat fired 310 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction, 2 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.

8 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change.
3. Co B - No change in disposition or mission. 3rd plat fired 298 rds on 17 interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - Rotated platoons. 1st to indirect position. 2nd plat replaced 1st in RONCOURT (7668). 1st plat fired 439 rds on 43 interdiction & harrassing and 1 counter-battery and 2 BP missions.

9 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change.
3. Co B - No change in indirect fire plat (3rd plat), adjusted and prepared to fire, but had no call.
4. Co C - No change. 1st plat fired 240 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

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10 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT -
 - (a) Co C, 179th Eng Bn - replaced Co A 315th Eng Bn, taking over their mission and installations.
 - (b) No change in other dispositions.
2. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to new assembly position at (843700) 1000 meters NW of MAIZIERES (8569).
 - (c) 2nd plat - No change.
 - (d) 3rd plat - 2 guns which were in position overlooking MIRANGE - SILVANGE (8169) moved to indirect fire position at (802732) South outskirts of RHOMBAS (8073).
3. Co B - No change in dispositions. 3rd plat fired 255 rds on 11 harrassing and interdiction, 1 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in dispositions. 1st plat fired 297 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction, 1 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.

11 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in dispositions or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 227 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP registrations.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 248 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

12 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Co B of 712th TK Bn replaced Co A of 712th TK Bn, occupying same positions and taking over mission. No change in other elements.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 199 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 170 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - 3rd plat to indirect fire. 1st plat occupied position in RONCOURT (7868). 3rd plat fired 314 rds on 22 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

13 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Co A, 179th Eng Bn replaced Co C of 179th Eng Bn. No change in disposition or mission on any other units.
2. Co A -
 - (a) Co CP - No change.
 - (b) 1st plat - Moved to indirect fire and rest reserve positions. 2 guns joined 2 guns of 3rd plat in indirect fire, 2 guns in rest reserve at Co CP.
 - (c) Indirect fire plat fired 169 rds on 10 harrassing and interdiction, 1 BP and 1 target of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in dispositions. 3rd plat in indirect fire, fired 123 rds on 9 harrassing and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in dispositions. 3rd plat fired 409 rds on 22 harrassing & interdiction, 5 targets of opportunity and 1 BP missions.



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14 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - 179th Eng installed barb wire fence from ^{LEFT} left flank to ~~right~~ flank of 359th Infantry Regt.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. Indirect fire plat fired 254 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 2 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 112 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 479 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction, 4 registrations, 2 counter-battery and 4 targets of opportunity.

15 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition or mission. Indirect fire platoon fired 260 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 180 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 332 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction and 3 BP missions.

16 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Two platoons of Co B, 712th TK Bn which were in reserve took up indirect fire positions.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. Indirect fire platoon, fired 289 rds on 20 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - Rotated platoons, 1st plat to indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 2nd plat in direct fire south of VERNEVILLE (7362). 3rd plat in direct fire in vicinity of HABONVILLE (7364). Indirect fire platoon fired 178 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - 3rd plat from indirect to direct fire at ST PRIVAT. 2nd plat to indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP, fired 231 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction and 3 BP registrations.

17 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Co B, 179th Eng Bn replaced Co A of 179th Eng Bn, taking over same disposition and missions. No change in other elements. A German patrol encountered on of Co B's outposts. The outpost brought small arms fire on the patrol, killing one and repelling the remainder. One man of the outpost was wounded.
2. Co A - 3rd plat occupied 2nd plats position in direct fire. 2nd plat took up direct fire in MONDELANGE (8674) and TALANGE (8672). 2nd plat fired 100 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 185 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 245 rds on 15 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

18 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT. No change in disposition or mission.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 120 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 3 targets of opportunity and 1 BP missions.

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3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 336 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 3 targets of opportunity and 1 BP missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. Ran contact patrol to 357th Inf. 2nd plat fired 124 rds on 2 harrassing and interdiction and 1 BP missions.

19 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 183 rds on 17 harrassing & interdiction, 3 BP and 1 target of opportunity on enemy infantry. Casualties were observed.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 311 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 2 targets of opportunity.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 275 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

20 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co C, 179th Eng Bn - replaced Co B and taking over same disposition and mission. No change in other elements.

3. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 206 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.

4. Co B - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 294 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction missions.

5. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 272 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction, 2 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.

21 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition or mission.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 218 rds on 17 harrassing & interdiction and 1 target of opportunity missions.

3. Co B - 3rd plat replaced 1st plat, going to position of indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 1st plat in position at HABONVILLE (7364). 3rd plat fired 330 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and, 2 targets of opportunity missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 390 rds on 9 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 4 counter-battery missions.

22 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Capt Parker, CO Co C, 179th Eng Bn, conducted a patrol in the vicinity of ST PRIVAT (7666) and north of AMANVILLERS (7764). Enemy activity was observed at RR crossing north of AMANVILLERS and one enemy patrol was heard. No other action.

2. Co A - 3rd plat to indirect fire. 2nd platoon took up direct fire position in MONDELANGE (8674) and TALANGE (8672). 3rd plat fired 160 rds on 10 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 51 rds on 5 targets of opportunity and 1 BP.

4. Co C - 1st plat to indirect, 2nd plat to direct fire at RONCOURT (7668). 3rd plat plus 2 rcn sections in ST PRIVAT (7666). 1st plat fired 286 rds on 7 harrassing & 7 counter-battery and 1 BP missions.



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23 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Engineers and Tanks in front line made minor changes to afford better coverage of front, organizing into tank-engineer strong points and one squad in rest in vicinity of Co A, 179th Eng CP.
2. Co A, 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition or mission. 3rd plat fired 36 rds on 3 counter-battery missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd platoon fired 20 rds on 3 harrassing missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 40 rds on 10 harrassing & counter-battery missions.

24 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - Boundary of area and troops changed by Field Order #33, 90th Inf Div.
 - (a) Troops attached - 607th TD Bn, less Co A.
Co A, 179th Eng Bn.
Co C, 315 Eng Bn plus 1 plat Co A 315th Eng Bn.
1 plat Co D 712th TK Bn
Assault gun platoon, 712th TK Bn.
 - (b) In direct support -
712th TK Bn, less attachments.
343 FA Bn.
 - (c) Boundaries - Right flank, a line from ST AIL (7366) through AMANVILLERS (7764); left flank, a line MALANCOURT (7870) incl, to (782690) thence SE to (8069).
 - (d) CP - No change, still at ST MARIE aux CHENES.
2. Co A, 179th Eng Bn - One plat less 1 squad, attached to Co C 315th Eng Bn (Right flank squad relieved by 359th Infantry and reserve squad, forming platoon less 1 squad). No change in other dispositions.
3. Co C, 315th Eng Bn (reinforced) - Occupied positions in new sector assigned Task Force SUNDT, forming platoon strong points. 1st plat at (797681), 2nd plat in reserve and operating four 8cm mortars at (784676), 3rd plat at (782667). One plat Co A, 315th Eng Bn at (788672), 3rd plat Co A 179th Eng (less one squad) in reserve at (787678). All elements closed and completed occupation and relief of Infantry elements in the area by 1400.
4. Platoon Co D, 712th TK Bn moved to MALANCOURT, as Task Force reserve.
5. Assault gun platoon of 712th TK Bn - no change.
6. Co A 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction missions.
7. Co B 607th TD Bn - 1st plat in direct fire in vicinity of HABONVILLE (7366). 2nd plat in indirect fire in vicinity of Co CP. 3rd plat in direct support of Co C. 2 guns in position at (775676). Crews of other two guns operating two 60mm mortars in vicinity of guns. 2nd plat fired 8 rds on 2 observed missions.
8. Co C, 607th TD Bn - No change in dispositions. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 2 counter-battery and 2 targets of opportunity.

25 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions by wiring in strong points and preparing fires. Two 60 mm mortars to 179th Eng Bn; two 60mm mortars to Co C, 607th TD Bn.
2. Co A, 607th TD Bn - No change. 3rd plat fired 125 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 1 BP missions.
3. Co B, 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 24 rds on 1 BP, 1 target of opportunity.

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4. Co C, 607th TD Bn - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 179 rds on 4 harrassing, 1 BP and 2 counter-battery missions.

26 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 115 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 23 rds on 1 Base point and 1 counter-battery missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 5 harrassing & interdiction missions.

27 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 22 rds on 1 base point and 1 counter-battery missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 5 harrassing & interdiction missions. 2nd rcn plat established an ambush patrol 500 yds NE of MORENGO (7766), no contact was made.

5. Co C, 315th Eng Bn - Ran a short reconnaissance patrol into the woods in their immediate area.

28 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Contact patrol and limited reconnaissance was run in the immediate vicinity of Co C 315th Eng Bn. All elements continued improvement of defense position.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 108 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction missions.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 85 rds on 2 counter-battery and 1 target of opportunity missions.

4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction, 1 counter-battery missions.

29 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Ambush patrol was made in BRONBAUX (801678). No contacts with enemy were made. A contact patrol and limited reconnaissance was run in the immediate vicinity of Co C 315th Eng. All elements continued improvement of defensive positions.

2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP adjustment.

3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 79 rds on 1 BP, 1 counter-battery, and 1 target of opportunity missions.

4. Co C - No change in dispositions. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 2 harrassing & interdiction missions.

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1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 60 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 34 rds on 1 BP and 2 targets of opportunity missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 120 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction and 1 counter-battery missions.

31 Oct 44:

1. Task Force SUNDT - No change in disposition. Contact patrol and limited reconnaissance was run in the immediate vicinity of Co C 315th Eng.
2. Co A - No change in disposition. 3rd plat fired 178 rds on 5 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP and 3 targets of opportunity missions.
3. Co B - No change in disposition. 2nd plat fired 35 rds on 3 harrassing & interdiction, 1 BP missions.
4. Co C - No change in disposition. 1st plat fired 154 rds on 4 harrassing & interdiction, 3 BP and 1 target of opportunity.

C. Results of Operations for Period:

1. Direct action - 8 PW's taken.
2. Indirect action - 15,105 rds fired on 904 missions (713 Harrassing & interdiction, 49 counter-battery, 101 base point adjustments, 41 targets of opportunity).


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