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HEADQUARTERS 609TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 403, U. S. ARMY

1 December 1944

After Action Report of 609 TD Bn for Month of November 1944

The first two days of November the 609 TD Bn remained in XX Corps Reserve with Companies "B", at (U706746) and "C", at (U720625), in indirect fire positions supporting Corps Artillery.

Effective at ~~022400~~ the Bn was attached to the 10th Armored Division. Auth: XX Corps Operation Order No. 29, dated 30 Oct 1944. Company "A" closed in position at U686545 at ~~021100~~ to support fire of 10th Armored Division Artillery.

On 3 Nov 1944 Bn Hq moved from MOUTIERS (U710710) and closed in new CP in VIONVILLE (U695564) at ~~031130~~. At ~~031400~~ Bn CP was shelled by Enemy Arty and two EM were casualties. CP was moved back to PUXIEUX (U652547) closing at ~~032340~~.

~~051022~~ the Bn less Co. "A" closed in assembly area at U650530.

~~081100~~/Co "A" plus 1 Rcn Plat was attached to CCA; Co "C" plus 1 Rcn Plat was attached to CCB; the remainder of the Bn was attached to CCR. Auth: 10th Armored Div FO No 15 dated ~~052000~~.

~~092305~~ from PUXIEUX (U652547) Bn (-) closed in assembly area in woods at U730955.

142340 Bn (-) departed assembly area at U730955 and was on the road until closing in bivouac area at U870933 at 151705.

161645 Bn (-) departed bivouac at U870933, crossed the Moselle River on a ponton bridge at MALLING (U957927) and closed in new bivouac area at U957906 at 170225.

181530 - From bivouac at U957906 Bn(-) closed in KALTVILLER (~~0026903~~).

191500 - Co "A" (+) relieved from attachment to CCA and returned to Bn control under CCR; Co "B" (+) relieved from attachment CCR and attached to CCA.

22 Nov 44 - 2nd Plat of Co "B" operating with team Chamberlain of CCA, 10th Armored Div., fired 150 rds HB and APC from BORG (L062006) at 9 pillboxes and 2 mortars scattered along edge of woods at L057014. Targets were 1200 to 1500 yds distant. Pillboxes were armed with small arms and MG's and have not delivered any fire since engaged although Engineer parties have been working in exposed areas.

230800 - Co "A" plus attached to 358th RCT of the 90th Inf Div.

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24 Nov 44 - Two destroyers 2nd Plat Co "A", working with 2nd Bn, 358th Inf, fired 14 rds APC, 10 rds HE, and 10 rds HE w/ fuze T105 from edge of woods at (L073007) at a pillbox at L079009. Pillbox was 50' long, 30' ~~xx~~ wide with 6' of concrete overhead and walls 4' thick. There were three embrasures mounting two 75mm guns and one 88mm gun. Range was 800 yds. Pillbox managed to fire one rd, without effect, before destroyers blew out the embrasures. The destroyers then fired 5 rds HE at a machine gun nest to the left of the pillbox knocking it out. This same plat in position at L068018, in front of our own Inf, fired at an enemy SP gun or MK VI tank at L068018. Five direct hits were noted and the gun was knocked off the enemy vehicle which then backed out of sight. Co "A" (+) was released from attachment to 358th RCT and returned to Bn control 262030. During their action with the 358th RCT, Co "A" suffered 7 casualties, two killed and 5 wounded, all by Arty fire. Twenty enemy were captured and an additional nine enemy are known casualties.

280905 - From KALTVILLER (0026903) Bn Hq closed in bivouac at RUSTROFF (0012946).

290800 - Co "B" (+) released from attachment to CGA and closed in bivouac in RUSTROFF(0012946).

291300 - Co "A" plus 1 Ren Plat attached to CGA by Div FO No 20. Co "A" (+) departed from RUSTROFF (0012946) at 291600 to join CGA.

Ren elements of Bn made continual Ren of Div Zone for possible AT Positions and usable road net.

Casualties suffered by the Bn for the month are four EM killed and 7 EM wounded.

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