

**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

Headquarters  
612th TANK DESTROYER  
Battalion

APD 230  
20 July 1944

**SUBJECT:** Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

**TO :** Commanding General, 1st U.S. Army (Thru Channels)



1. In compliance with letter Headquarters First United States Army, dated 13 July 1944, subject, same as above, this organization submits the following report of its activities during the month of June 1944.

The first elements of the forward echelon of the 612th TD Bn, consisting of two platoons of Co "B", landed in France on 14 and 15 June 1944 and immediately moved into position in the 2nd Infantry Division sector. The third platoon went into direct fire positions at the crossroads at Hte Litte, and the first platoon took up indirect fire positions near La Mave. The second platoon later joined the first platoon in indirect firing in the vicinity of La Mave. The remainder of the forward echelon arrived on 16 June 1944, the entire forward echelon being composed of 25 officers and 575 enlisted men. The battalion was at its complete strength of 35 officers and 813 enlisted men on 25 June 1944, upon the arrival of the rear echelon.

The battalion was attached to the 2nd Infantry Division <sup>arrival.</sup> Field Order Number 8, Headquarters V Corps, dated 18 June 1944, confirmed this attachment.

During the period of 16 to 18 June, the first and second platoons of Co "A", were in prepared anti-tank positions to protect the division right front from mechanized attack. The third platoon was in indirect fire position, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire. Co "B" was in prepared anti-tank position to protect the division left front from mechanized attack. Company "C" was in battalion reserve.

During the period of 18 to 20 June, first and third platoons of Co "A" were in prepared anti-tank position to protect the division right front from mechanized attack. The second platoon of Co "A" was in indirect fire position, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire. First and second platoons of Co "B" were in indirect fire positions, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire, and the third platoon of Co "B" was in prepared anti-tank position to protect the division central front from mechanized attack. Co "C" was in battalion reserve.

During the period of 20 to 27 June, the first and third platoons of Co "A" were in newly prepared anti-tank positions to protect the division right front from mechanized attack, and the second platoon was in indirect fire position, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire. The third platoon of Co "B" was in prepared anti-tank position to protect the division central front from mechanized attack. Co "C" was in battalion reserve. The first and second platoons of Co "B" continued firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire from their previous indirect fire positions.

During the period of 28 to 30 June, the second and third platoons of Co "A" were in indirect fire positions, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire, whereas the first platoon was held in battalion reserve. Co "B" was in prepared anti-tank positions to protect the division right front from mechanized attack, and Co "C" was in prepared anti-tank positions to protect

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the division central front from mechanized attack.

During the period of 16 to 30 June, no battle casualties were sustained by this organization and no replacements were received, due to the fact that the battalion was well over-strength. Two officers were assigned the organization from the 2nd Infantry Division on 25 June 1944. The morale of the troops was high, and the fighting efficiency of troops was excellent during this period.

The battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. JOSEPH M. DEELEY.

Headquarters Co is commanded by Capt. JOHN B. MYERS.

Co "A" is commanded by Capt. CHARLES A. HARDING.

Co "B" is commanded by Capt. JOHN J. KENNEDY.

Co "C" is commanded by 1st Lt. DICK H. KING.

No changes in command were made during the period.



JOS. M. DEELEY  
Lt. Col., Infantry  
Commanding

1 Incl:

Battalion Journal from 14 June to 30 June 1944.

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To: Commanding General, 1st U.S. Army (Thru Channels)

INDIRECT FIRE SUMMATION

Fired under control of - 2nd Infantry Division Artillery.

Date - 14 to 30 June, 1944.

Size of unit firing - two platoons.

Number of indirect fire concentrations - 429.

Total number of rounds fired - 5885.

Type of targets - unobserved crossroads, intersections, and road  
junctions.

Results obtained - unknown.



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