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HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 340 US Army
9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Reports.

TO : The Commanding General, 28th Infantry Division, APO 28 US Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are reports, Unit Report No. 1 and Unit Journal for this organization from 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944.
2. Information copy has been furnished Commanding General, XIX Corps.

For the Commanding Officer:

ARTHUR W. SHERMAN
WOJG USA
Personnel Officer.

2 Incls:

- #1 Unit Report No. 1.
- #2 Unit Journal.



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UNIT REPORT

No. 1

From: 010001 July 1944

To : 312400 July 1944

Unit: 630th Tank Destroyer Bn.

Date: 9 August 1944

Place: T531314 (St Sever Calvados
1 mi. SE.)

MAPS: FRANCE 1:50000

1. ENEMY:

- a. No units in actual contact with enemy.
- b. Only information regarding enemy reserves was that furnished by higher headquarters, viz. G-2, 28th Infantry Division.
- c. Enemy activity during period covered by report:
 - (1) On night 30 Jul 44 at 0100 in area vicinity of battalion command post, Headquarters Company and Company "A" were bombed by enemy aircraft. No casualties resulted, but one (1) $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehicle was hit and required replacement.
 - (2) During day 31 Jul 44 forward gun positions of Company "B" were shelled by enemy artillery, resulting in four (4) deaths and seven (7) wounded.
 - (3) 28th Infantry Division encountered enemy resistance during period, but this battalion was not directly involved.
- d. Enemy strength appears smaller than ours and much of his equipment is not of newer design. Many of the enemy soldiers are from occupied countries and they are willing to surrender. Morale appears to be poor.
- e. Possibilities for enemy future activities indicate slow withdrawal with rear guard action. Enemy will probably withdraw to commanding terrain and dig in to supplement his delaying action.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. Does not apply.
- b. See overlay attached as inclosure #1.
- c. Attached to 28th Infantry Division and 821st Tank Destroyer Battalion on our left, 4th Infantry Division and 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion on our right.
- d. 010001 July 1944 to 020500 July 44 normal training in the UK. Debarked Omaha Beach (France) 240500 July 1944 attached to FUSA sub-attached to XIX Corps, sub-attached to 28th Infantry Division. Tank Destroyer Companies assigned support mission one to each Infantry Combat Team (3) to perform this primary mission (Company "A" to 109th Infantry; Company "B" to 110th Infantry and Company "C" to 112th Infantry). Furnished Liaison to the 28th Infantry Division CP and Division Artillery. The division was committed to action 28 July 1944.
- e. Combat efficiency - Excellent.
- f. 28th Infantry Division objective was Percy, France and the high ground to the NE and this battalion moved forward with the Division on the Division advanced upon the objective. Reconnaissance for forward gun positions and road net is continuous.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. Upon disembarkation from UK (240500 July 1944) the strength of Battalion was 32 officers, 2 Warrant Officers (JE) and 720 Enlisted Men. Replacements needed to bring Battalion to authorized strength on disembarking was 8 enlisted men.

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UNIT JOURNAL

Unit: 630th Tank Destroyer Bn
 From: 010001 July 1944
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Date: 9 August 1944

7 Mar 46
1 July 1944 to 12 July 1944:

Usual training in the UK. (Station: Hampton-in-Arden, 6 Miles North, VK6904 British Cassini).

13 July 1944:

Usual training in the UK. (Station: Tillshed, 1 Mi SW W455674 - British Cassini).

14 July 1944 to 19 July 1944: Usual training in the UK. (Station: Trowbridge W82978 - British Cassini).

20 July 1944 to 21 July 1944:

Battalion in Marshalling Area at Cockerall, 1 Mi. South W00900.

22 July 1944:

Battalion boarded LST enroute to European Continent.

23 July 1944:

Arrived coast of France 2130 hours and remained aboard ship.

24 July 1944:

Disembarked LST at 0530 hours and bivouaced at location Colombieres, 1 Mi. SW (464634).

25 July to 28 July 1944:

Usual bivouac duties.

29 July 1944:

CP moved to location St Lo, 3 Mi W. (463631) upon receiving Field Orders No.1 from 28th Infantry Division.

30 July 1944:

Battalion moved to vicinity of Ganisy, 3 Mi. S. (456567). Enemy aircraft bombed area in vicinity of Battalion Command Post, Headquarters Company and Company A. No casualties resulted but one (1) 1/4 ton vehicle was hit and required replacement.

31 July 1944:

Battalion moved to vicinity of Bretonniere, 1 1/2 Mi. W (492466). During the day, forward gun positions of Company "B" was shelled by enemy artillery, resulting in four (4) deaths and seven (7) wounded. 28th Infantry Division encountered enemy resistance during period but this battalion was not directly involved.

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 Commanding.

