

HEADQUARTERS 695TH TD BATTALION TOWED
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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

THROUGH: Commanding General, VII Corps, APO 307, U. S. Army.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in letter, file 319.1/401 (C), Hq. First U. S. Army, subject as indicated above, dated 13 July 1944, and paragraph 10 (C3) AR 345-105, the following report and copy of Unit Journal is submitted for the month of August 1944.

2. The firing companies "A", "B" and "C" have been attached to the 16th, 18th, and 26th Infantry Regiments of the 1st U. S. Infantry Division respectively, and have been under the control of the Regimental Commanders and Anti-Tank Officers. The firing companies have been used to reinforce the organic regimental anti-tank defenses. Our firing companies have not fired at enemy tanks due to the nature of the operations and the disorganization of enemy tank units. Combat efficiency of this Command is very satisfactory; has all its equipment except one (1) M-8.

a. During the month the number of battle casualties suffered by this battalion are 1 officer and 2 enlisted men killed, 1 officer and 18 enlisted men wounded and evacuated, and 1 officer and 3 enlisted men wounded and not evacuated.

b. The battalion captured, independently of assistance, 43 prisoners, and we know we were responsible for the infantry capturing many more.

c. We have positive proof of killing 5 of the enemy, and believe we killed many more.

d. The vehicular casualties of this battalion are as follows:

1 - M8 damaged by enemy shell fire

e. Incidents: On 1st August enemy bomber formations bombed our areas killing 1 officer and wounding 1 officer and 13 enlisted men. On 2nd August our Company "C" captured 3 spies; 1 woman and 2 men. On 3 August a Company "C" officer accompanied by two officers of the 26th Infantry Regiment were fired upon by the enemy. On 4th August an "A" Company officer and 2 enlisted men were on reconnaissance in a 1/4 ton vehicle and were attacked in force. They escaped but one enlisted man was SWA. On 5th August two platoons of Company "B", in position in Mortain, were bombed. Casualties 2 enlisted men killed, and two enlisted men wounded and evacuated. On 7th August the 3rd platoon of Company "A", going into position ahead of two infantry outposts, were fired upon by the enemy with small arms and heavy shelling. Reconnaissance platoon's M8, on forward

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reconnaissance work for 1st U. S. Infantry Division, was hit by two enemy shells while in bivouac area. Vehicle taken to Ordnance for repair or replacement. Our Company "B" CP heavily strafed. From 13th to 15th August our Company "B" furnished half tracks and one officer and enlisted men to haul infantry forward to capture and occupy Juigny, France. Our Liaison Officer, with 1st Division Artillery, assisted in observing and registering field artillery battalions in the destruction of an enemy column. On 16th August our 3rd platoon of Company "B" was fired upon and returned fire with small arms and 3" guns. 1st Platoon of Company "B", on order, fired 3" harassing fire into houses and area reputed an enemy strong point.

f. Our firing platoons were subjected to considerable enemy shelling, bombing and strafing.

g. Our reconnaissance platoons were used for screening activities between Division Artillery and advance mechanized reconnaissance squadrons.

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Excerpts from Unit Journal

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