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HEADQUARTERS 644TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO #436, U S Army  
10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Operation

TO : The adjutant General  
U S Army  
Washington D.C.

1. Unit arrived in Normandy, France, in four groups, on 11, 12 and 13 July 1944, a portion of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Company, and Company "C" in one group, Company "A" in another, Company "B" and Battalion Headquarters in a third, and the balance of Reconnaissance Company in the fourth, each on a separate LST. Landing was made on "UTAH" Beach, near VARNEVILLE SUR MER. Unit (less elements of Reconnaissance Company) assembled and moved on 12 July 1944 to a point in vicinity of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE where they were joined by balance of Reconnaissance Company. Battalion was placed in VIII Corps reserve under First Army. On 13 July 1944 Battalion travelled to a bivouac near ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT. All officers except Lt BAER observed operations of 803 TD Bn (attached to 8th Inf Div) on 14 July 1944 and morning of 15 July.

2. Unit was ordered into action upon attachment to 8th Inf Div., replacing 803 TD Bn, on 15 July and moved into positions on a line about three miles south of LA HAYE DU PUIT. Company "A" was attached to 121st Regiment, Company "B" to 13th and Company "C" was held under battalion control to deliver indirect fire through division artillery. Later Company "C" was attached to 28th Regiment and these attachments continued intermittently throughout the period with one company under battalion control on artillery missions and two in infantry close support and anti-tank roles under regimental control. Elements of Reconnaissance Company operated both as a company unit and with a platoon attached to each close support company.

3. No contact except by patrols and through delivery of artillery fire was made by battalion until 26 July, and all elements were subjected until that date to sporadic fire from 88 mm guns and mortars. Personnel losses are shown on attached report.

4. All elements participated in operation "COBRA" on and following 260530 July 1944, with Company "B" firing prearranged missions for Division Artillery and Companies "A" and "C" in close support. All Units pushed forward in the advance of the Division in pursuit of enemy forces which continued south of LESSAY, PERIERS Line beyond COUTANCES to end of the report period.

5. Casualty report indicate personnel losses in the engagement. Major materiel losses are listed on B-4 Report. Running account of battalion activity appears in copy of Journal (from which inconsequential entries have been deleted).

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6. Battalion Forward CP with company elements not directly attached to division units moved to the following successive positions in the Normandy Peninsula.:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>DATES</u>
ST SAUVEUR DE PIERRE PONT	137 - 894	12-13 July 44
ST NICOLAS DE PIERRE PONT	155 - 875	13-15 July 44
LES PUITTS RUALTS	221 - 780	15-28 July 44
239738		28-29 July 44
LA RONDEHAYE	248 - 656	29-31 July 44
CONTRIERES	246 - 502	31 July 01 August

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