

HEADQUARTERS 644TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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APO 230
2 December 1944

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, After/After Action Report

**TO: Major General,
Washington, D. C.
(War Zone).**

In accordance with Par. 16, AR 345-105, 13 November 1929, as changed by Changes No 3, and in accordance with instructions First United States Army, enclosed is written report of action against the enemy for the month of November 1944. Below is a complete listing of documents being forwarded.

- Report of Action Against the Enemy
- Unit Journal, 644 TD Bn, for month November 1944
- Overlay of Company Position, 644 TD Bn, 30 Nov '44
- Frag Order, 8th Inf Div, dtd 8 Nov '44
- FO #12, 8th Inf Div, dtd 14 Nov '44
- FO #13, 8th Inf Div, dtd 19 Nov '44
- FO #14, 8th Inf Div, dtd 20 Nov '44
- Frag Order, 8th Inf Div, dtd 21 Nov '44
- FO #15, Hq CT 121, dtd 20 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq CT 121, dtd 21 Nov '44
- Frag Order, 8th Inf Div, dtd 22 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq CT 121, dtd 22 Nov '44
- Frag Order, 8th Inf Div, dtd 23 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq CT 121, dtd 23 Nov '44
- FO #17, 8th Inf Div, dtd 24 Nov '44
- FO #18, Hq CT 121, dtd 24 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq 8th Inf Div, dtd 25 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq CT 121, dtd 25 Nov '44
- FO #18, 8th Inf Div, dtd 26 Nov '44
- Copy #1, Frag Order, Hq 644 TD Bn, dtd 26 Nov '44
- FO #17, Hq CT 121, dtd 26 Nov '44
- Frag Order, 8th Inf Div, dtd 27 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq 121st Inf, dtd 27 Nov '44
- Frag Order, 8th Inf Div, dtd 28 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq 121st Inf, dtd 28 Nov '44
- Frag Order, 8th Inf Div, dtd 29 Nov '44
- Frag Order, Hq 121st Inf, dtd 29 Nov '44
- FO #19, 8th Inf Div, dtd 30 Nov '44
- FO #20, Hq 121st Inf, dtd 30 Nov '44
- Medical Detachment report, Hq 644th TD Bn, dtd 30 Nov '44
- Ltr, Hq 644 TD Bn, dtd 30 Nov '44, with initial shortages of Major Ordnance Items.

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For the Commanding Officer:

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TO : Adjutant General,
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The 644th TD Bn, less Co's A, B, and C, continued attachment to 8th Div Arty. All units of the Division continued mission of holding within VIII Corps Sector. Co "A" was attached to CT 121; Co "B" to CT 13; and Co "C" to CT 28. On 9 November 1944, Ron Co, 644th TD Bn, was attached to CT 28, and reassigned mission of patrolling sector between HIRSHEN and KLEINBAU, and maintaining contact with friendly patrols of 13th and 28th Infantry Regiments on left and right.

Beginning the 15 November 1944, the 8th Infantry Division interchanged locations with 28th Infantry Division, protecting left flank of V Corps. Division, when relieved, passed to the V Corps control. CT 13 with Co "B", 644th TD Bn attached, was relieved at daylight on 16 November '44. CT 121 with Co "A", 644th TD Bn attached, was relieved in place by CT 109 (28 Inf Div) at daylight on 20 November '44. CT 28 with Co "C", 644th TD Bn attached, was relieved in place by CT 110 (28 Inf Div) at daylight on 19 Nov '44. Ron Co, 644th TD Bn, reverted to Bn control and the 644th TD Bn left area at 0800, Luxembourg at 0845 on 17 Nov '44.

On 17 November 1944 at approximately 1500 hours, 644th TD Bn arrived in nos area (929344) and attached to 28th Inf Div. Upon arrival, organized and in place of units taken over from units of 28th Inf Div.

On 18 November 1944, Co "A", 644th TD Bn, was attached to 13th Infantry Regiment; Co "B", 644th TD Bn, was attached to 28th Infantry Regiment; and Co "C", 644th TD Bn, was returned to Bn control. The 644th TD Bn (less Co's A, B, C) attached to Div Arty.

On 21 November 1944, the V Corps started attack to seize and hold HIRSHEN and KLEINBAU and the connecting road between these towns against enemy attack from North, East and Southeast. Co "A", 644th TD Bn, attached to 121st Inf Reg't. Rough Phase I of this attack. Co "B", attached to 13th Infantry Reg't, with mission of supporting that Regiment to hold on right flank and maintain patrols. Co "C", 644th TD Bn, attached to 28th Infantry Regiment.

On 26 November 1944, the Bn (less Co "A") was attached to 121st Inf Reg't. Co "B" in close support of 1st Bn, 121st Inf (also attached to 121st), supporting the 121st Inf, moved into HIRSHEN. Co "A", in close support of 2nd Bn, 121st Inf, moved into HIRSHEN.

On 29 November 1944, one platoon, Co "A", attached to 1st Bn, 13th Inf Reg't to hold KLEINBAU, Co's "A" and "C" attached to 121st.

Co "A", moving over circuitous route, reached northern edge of HIRSHEN at approximately 290200 Nov '44 to carry out mission of supporting the 1st Bn, 121st Inf Reg't. Co "A" arrived in position less two (2) destroyers. All are now operational.

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Co "C", following the tanks of 709th Tank Bn, arrived on their objective in HERTZEN with the infantry riding the TD's. Buildings and other targets in the town were fired upon and HERTZEN was taken by our forces. Co "C" suffered loss of nine, (9) M-10's, due to mines and the difficult terrain and arrived in HERTZEN with only three (3) destroyers, however, by 1500 of the same day, five (5) M-10's were operational and the company now has a total of eleven (11) M-10's operational. Three destroyers were recovered and put in working order by this unit.

Co "B" continued support of 13th Inf Reg't throughout the period. Mission of holding force only.

On 22 November 1944, at 1700, Co "A", moved one destroyer 1st platoon, to fire on M-4 tank used by Germans to bring heavy MG fire upon leading elements of the infantry company in that sector. This M-4 tank was destroyed.

On 23 November 1944, Co "A", 644th TB Bn, sent one (1) destroyer up Hill 1 - HERTZEN road to (028342) for purpose of firing at the site of German activity. On 23 Nov 1944, Co "A" sent one destroyer of 1st Platoon to (287304) for purpose of locating enemy gun, by flash, and firing counter-battery direct fire at gun-by gun.

For the Commanding Officer:

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Co "C", following the tanks of 709th Tank Bn, arrived on their objective in HUNTERS with the infantry riding the TD's. Buildings and other targets in the town were fired upon and HUNTERS was taken by our forces. Co "C" suffered loss of nine (9) M-10's, due to mines and the difficult terrain and arrived in HUNTERS with only three (3) destroyers, however, by 1500 of the same day, five (5) M-10's were operational and the company now has a total of eleven (11) M-10's operational. These destroyers were recovered and put in working order by this unit.

Co "D" continued support of 13th Inf Reg't throughout the period. Mission of holding force only.

On 22 November 1944, at 1700, Co "A", moved one destroyer 1st platoon, to fire on M-4 tank used by Germans to bring heavy MG fire upon leading elements of the infantry company in that sector. This M-4 tank was destroyed.

On 23 November 1944, Co "A", 644th TD Bn, sent one (1) destroyer up SPANNEER - HUNTERS road to (028342) for purpose of firing at targets of opportunity. On 23 November 1944, Co "B" sent one destroyer of 3rd Platoon to (087304) for purpose of locating enemy gun, by flash, and firing counter-battery direct fire at near-by guns.

For the Commanding Officer:

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