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TANK AND TRANSPORT DATA REPORT

UNIT: 722nd Tank Destroyer Battalion

REPORT PERIOD: Report covers period from 11 June 44 to 7 Dec 44

A. SUMMARY

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
1. Tanks and AF Guns:	
a. Pz w VI	<u>2</u>
b. Pz w V	<u>35</u>
c. Pz w IV	<u>26</u>
d. Pz w III	<u>2</u>
e. Marder	<u>1</u>
f. Type not reported	<u>2</u>
g. T-4, Red Tank (in enemy hands)	<u>2</u>
h. ...	<u>11</u>
2. Transport	
a. MAF Tracks	<u>4</u>
b. Gun & Supply Vehicles	<u>8</u>
c. Arm'd Car	<u>3</u>
d. T/C	<u>2</u>
e. Light Ton Veh	<u>8</u>
f. Official Sedan	<u>1</u>
g. Command Car	<u>2</u>
h. Vehicles, Misc.	<u>32</u>
3. Towed Guns	
a. 88mm AT Guns	<u>19</u>
b. 75mm AT Guns	<u>3</u>
c. Light Arty Pieces	<u>2</u>



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QUANTITY

4. Aircraft.

a. C-119

1

5. Army Instructors. (P.O.s, C.O.s, G.I.s, etc.)

a. P.O.s

4

b. G.I.s

10

6. Miscellaneous.

a. Training time

15

b. Provision of food

5



1000
1000
1000

HEADQUARTERS
702 Tank Destroyer Battalion

20 Sept 44



Subject: Report on enemy materiel destroyed.
To : Commanding General, 2nd Armored Division, APO 252, U.S. Army.

In compliance with radio message, your headquarters, 20 Sept 1944, the following tabulation is submitted:

Date	Location	Material destroyed	Enemy killed Off - RM	Personal captured
27 July	St Giles		0	0 - 10
29 July	La Denisiere	1 MK IV tank 1 88mm AT gun		0 - 20
28 & 30 July	Villebaubon	1 machine gun nest 3 MK IV tanks 7 MK V tanks		
1 Aug	Tessy-Sur- Vire	2 machine gun nests 2 enemy tanks, type not reported 9 MK IV tanks 4 MK V tanks 1 Armored car 1 Command car 1 Scout car 1 Amm vehicle	0 - 64	0 - 64
7 Aug	Mortain	2 MK V tanks	0 - 9	
9 Aug	Ger	1 MK IV tanks 2 MK V tanks	0 - 13	
10 Aug	Mortain	1 MK V tank 20 unclassified Vehicles	1 - 9	
13 Aug	Mortain		0 - 3	0 - 7
20 Aug	Verneuil	1 MK V tank 3 enemy OP's	0 - 20	0 - 2
21 Aug	Le Gros Mach- erel	1 MK IV tank 1 machine gun nest	0 - 8	
22 Aug	Les Pts Brauyeres	1 MK III tank 1 Half track	0 - 18	1 - 2
23 Aug	Elbeul-le- Neubourg	1 sumax tank 1 Command vehicle 3 MK V tanks 10 Misc vehicles		0 - 5

	Location	Material destroyed	Enemy killed Off - EM	Personal Captured
24 Aug	Elbeauf-le-Neubourg	3 Half trucks 4 Light Gen vehicles 2 Supply trucks 2 Motorcycles 1 Official sedan car	0 - 23	0 - 44
30 Aug	Corbelle-les-Bois	1 AT gun 88mm 2 Misc vehicles	0 - 12	0 - 30
31 Aug	St Just en Chaussée		0 - 4	1 - 3
1 Sept	Verbecourt	6 88mm AT guns 3 Rec Vehicles	20	
2 Sept	Fechain	2 Pillboxes 1 Light arty piece 1 misc vehicle 3 Machine gun nest	18	0 - 25
3 Sept	Fechain	2 88mm AT guns 2 Supply trucks		
4 Sept	Fechain	2 Supply trucks		
12 Sept	Malson	1 Pillbox Several machine gun nest	Castellions unknown	0 - 12
15 Sept	Lanaken		7	0 - 84
17 Sept	Maastrecht	1 MK IV tanks 1 SP gun + 44MM,		1 - 12
17 Sept	Zwolschen	2 Machine gun nests	0 - 60	0 - 27
19 Sept	Hatterath	1 SP gun	0 - 3	0 - 1



2. Total enemy material destroyed and personnel killed and captured.

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| 1 - MK III tank. | 1 - Car, Armored. | 1 - Officials sedan. |
| 16 - MK IV tanks. | 4 - Half trucks. | 1 - Pillboxes. |
| 20 - MK V tanks. | 2 - Command cars. | 3 - SP's. |
| 20 - MK V tanks. | 1 - Scout car. | EM captured, 348 |
| 1 - Recon tank. | 8 - Misc & Sup Veh. | 3 Officers captured. |
| 2 - Tanks, (type not reported) | 32 - Veh, Misc | 26 - NK killed - 291 |
| 14 - 88mm AT guns. | 9 - Machine gun nests. | 1 - Officer. |
| 2 - SP guns. | 7 - Light Gen vehicles. | |
| 1 - Light arty piece. | 2 - Motorcycles. | |
| | 1 - Misc, Malson. | |

Personnel losses 2nd Para Bn from 10 June to date.

	Officers	Enlisted
in action	2	21
not evacuated	5	21
dying in action	1	1
Captured	0	0
Battle injuries and combat exhaustion	1	27
Evacuated, Sick, Miscellaneous	1	38

4. Material losses of this Bn from 10 June 1944 to date.

- 2 - 3" Motor carriage
- 2 - M-8, armored car.
- 1 - 1 1/2 ton truck.
- 4 - 1/2 ton vehicles
- 3 - Motorcycles, sole.



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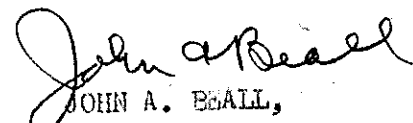
APO 230, U.S. Army
21 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Report on M-10's destroyed by enemy action.

To : Commanding Officer, 2nd Tank Destroyer Group.

In compliance with verbal orders issued 21 September 1944 in reference to loss of two M-10 tank destroyers through enemy action this report is submitted.

1. Company "A" plus one platoon Rec Co 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to combat command "A", 2nd Armored Division during period in question.
2. September 16, 1944 the 1st platoon, Co "A", under command of Lt. John W Cunningham was attached by order to the left column CC "A" under control 2nd Bn 66th Arm'd Regt. and remained under that status during attack on objective Gangelts-Gailenkirchen.
3. The objective had been taken when a strong counter-attack was encountered Lt. Cunningham was given mission of covering our tank attack from the left flank; by placing guns on high ground in vicinity of Gillrath. Friendly tanks had already moved through Gillrath and were on the slopes to the east of Gillrath.
4. Two M-10's were moved to the north of Gillrath to provide fire to the East. To obtain firing positions it was necessary for these vehicles to be placed in the open some seventy-five yards apart. The personnel were admonished to keep a look out to the north and east. Shortly after reaching these positions, a Mark IV tank moved from the woods to the right flank of friendly tanks and fired seven or eight rounds in rapid succession at the two destroyers. One M-10 was hit in the turret, killing two men, wounding three; and making it impossible to move turret. The M-10 on the left was hit and set afire. (Evidence points to incendiary grenades being carried in turret having exploded, causing fire). Two men were killed and three wounded escaping through bottom hatch.
5. The Mark IV Tank was destroyed by friendly tanks in the immediate vicinity of its position.
6. Evidence points to the fact that our tanks had been fired upon from woods in question, but that through error, or through mistakenly thinking it had been silenced, no report was made to the tank destroyer platoon operating on their flank.
7. Investigation proves no neglect on the part of the platoon leader in question or of the vigilance of the crews concerned.


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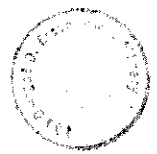
TANK DESTROYER COMBAT SCORE REPORT *

UNIT REPORTING 702 Tank Destroyer Bn

DATE UNIT BEGAN OPERATIONS 12 June 1944 TO 30 SEPT 1944

A. ENEMY MATERIEL

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
1. Tanks and SF guns.		
a. Pz Kw VI	_____	_____
b. Pz Kw V	20	_____
c. Pz Kw IV	16	_____
d. Pz Kw III.	1	_____
e. Pz Kw II	_____	_____
f. Summa	1	_____
g. Type not reported	2	_____
h. M-4, Med Tank (in enemy hands)	2	_____
i. S.P.	3	_____
2. Transport.		
a. Half Tracks	4	_____
b. Amm & Supply Veh	8	_____
c. Armd Car	1	_____
M/C	2	_____
d. Light Ren Veh	8	_____
Official Sedan	1	_____
e. Vehicles, Misc	32	_____
Command Car	2	_____
3. Towed Guns.		
a. 88 mm A.T. Guns	14	_____
b. Light Arty Piece	1	_____
c.	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____



*Report should cover period between the time unit began operations until 30 September 1944. Only confirmed action should be reported.

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
4. Aircraft.		
a. ME - 109	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
b.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
c.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
5. Enemy Installations. (OP's, G.P.'s, Pillboxes, Etc.)		
a. O.P. 's	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
b. Pillboxes	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
c.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
d.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
e.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
6. Miscellaneous.		
a. Machine Guns	<u>14</u>	<u> </u>
b.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
c.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
d.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
e.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



B. ENEMY PERSONNEL

- 1. Officers
 - a. Killed 1
 - b. Captured 3
- 2. Enlisted Men
 - a. Killed 333
 - b. Captured 387

C. UNIT PERSONNEL LOSSES

- 1. Officers:
 - a. Killed 3
 - b. Wounded 5
 - c. Missing 0

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2. Enlisted Men.

a. Killed	<u>21</u>
b. Wounded	<u>96</u>
c. Missing	<u>2</u>

D. UNIT MATERIEL LOSSES

1. Primary Weapon.

a. Destroyed	<u>2</u>
b. Damaged but returned to action	<u>6</u>
c. Lost and not recovered	<u>0</u>

2. Other Materiel Destroyed

a. Car, Armd light, M-8	<u>2</u>
Truck, 1 1/2 Ton	<u>1</u>
b. Truck, 1/4 Ton 4 x 4	<u>4</u>
Motorcycle, Solo	<u>4</u>
c. Trailer, 1 ton, 2 wheel, Cargo	<u>3</u>



E. SPECIAL HONORS OR DISTINCTIONS RECEIVED

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702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion



AFD 230, US Army,
25 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Unit Data.

TO : Commanding Officer, Second Tank Destroyer Group, AFD 230, US Army.

In compliance with letter, subject: Unit Data, Headquarters Second Tank Destroyer Group, AFD 230, dated 23 October 1944, the following data is submitted concerning this unit:

- a. Roster of Officers. See attached list
- b. Date of Activation: 15 December 1941.
- c. This Battalion is operating under T/O and T/E's 18/25, 18/26, 18/27, and 18/28, dated 15 March 1944. The principal weapon 3" gun on motor carriage M-10
- d. Brief history of the 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion: The 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion was activated 15 December 1941 by cadre of 18 officers and 300 enlisted men of the Second Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Basic training started 8 January 1942. Unit training in conjunction with the Second Armored Division began 6 May 1942. The primary weapon of the unit was the 75mm DP, which vehicle was retained until 12 October 1943. The battalion received intensive training, including short operations in the field, from September to December 1942, engaging in the North and South Carolina maneuvers from July to 15 August 1942 with the Second Armored Division. Upon termination, this unit was bivouaced in the vicinity of Fort Bragg, North Carolina for a firing season. The battalion was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, attached to Second Army from 25 October 1942 to 16 January 1943, after which date the unit was transferred to Camp Hood, Texas for advance unit training under Tank Destroyer, Advance Unit Training Center from 15 January 1943 to 1 May 1943.

After completing the unit advanced training at the Tank Destroyer Center, the battalion was stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, attached to the 80th Infantry Division from 8 May 1943 to 26 June 1943 for completion of training and preparation for final MTP and ACF Tests.

The Battalion participated in the Third Period of the Third Army Maneuvers in Louisiana from 29 June 1943 to 23 August 1943, receiving the grade of excellent, returning to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma after maneuvers to prepare for overseas duty.

T-70's mounting the 76mm gun were issued 12 October 1944, and the unit completed their ACF firing in November at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. All firing and POM Tests completed by 27 December 1944, including AA firing at Indianola Beach, Texas.

The 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion was ordered to Camp Kyle Standish, Massachusetts 1 January 1944, remaining at that camp and at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, leaving for overseas duty 15 February 1944 from Halifax, Nova Scotia, landing at Gurock Scotland 25 February 1944.

The 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion received M-10 Tank Destroyers upon arrival in England and completed combat training at Pockington Park Camp and Tidworth Barracks including direct and indirect fire with the 3 inch gun under direction of the Second Tank Destroyer Group.

10 June 1944, the battalion sailed from South Hampton, England to land on Omaha Beach, France 11 June 1944.

The battalion has been attached to the Second Armored Division throughout

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operations in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, assigned to XIX Corps, under First United States Army, and has participated in all combat engagements with the Division.

Defensive positions were established at Caumont, France by this unit with the 41st Armored Infantry Regiment prior to the breakthrough at St Lo.

During operations against the enemy which included extensive fighting from St Gilles, Villebaudon, Tessy sur Vire, Balleroy, France; on the Albert Canal in Belgium, to the breakthrough of the Siegfried Line at Ubach, Germany, this unit has had the following casualties and destroyed enemy vehicles as shown on attached report.

For detailed accounts concerning enemy operations, see After/After Action Reports submitted by this unit.



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