

HEADQUARTERS
801st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230 U. S. ARMY

4 Sept 1944.

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., thru channels.

1. In compliance with AR345-103 the following report and documents are submitted for the month of August 1944:

- a. No change.
- b. Atchd to 4th Div for entire period.
Atchd to VII Corps from 1 Aug 44 to 22 Aug 44.
Atchd to V Corps 23 Aug 44 to 31 Aug 44.
- c. 1 Aug 44
32 Off., 2 WO., 768 EM
31 Aug 44
32 Off., 2 WO., 759 EM
Net decrease: Off - none., WO - none., EM - 9.
- d. Northern France Theatre of Operations.
- e. Not applicable - see Appendix 1.
- f. Not officially known.
- g. See Appendix 1.

- h. Lt Col E. B. HORSFALL, 0332211, throughout period.
- i. 1st Lt. THOMAS F. NOLAN, 01825434, SWA - 1 Aug 44.
Pvt LEO J. DAVIS, 37547191, KIA - 1 Aug 44.
1st Lt. ALBERT L. DUNKS, 01821839, KIA - 5 Aug 44.
St Sgt WILLIAM L. WALKER, 32087511, SWA - 5 Aug 44.
T/5 ROBERT F. PAYNE, 32087498, SWA - 27 Aug 44.
1. Silver Star - Pfc WILLIAM G. ROSENFELDT, 35663514, Gen Order 56

4th Inf Div, 20 Aug 44.

- Bronze Star - Lt Col E. B. HORSFALL, 0332211, Gen Order 48, 4th Inf Div, 7 Aug 44.
Major G. J. BERNHARDT, 0408159, Gen Order 57, 4th Inf Div, 24 Aug 44.
Capt T. F. FERRANT, 0408411, Gen Order 57, 4th Inf Div, 24 Aug 44.
Capt P. E. BREWER, 0407580, Gen Order 58, 4th Inf Div, 27 Aug 44.
Capt G. E. DECKER, 0405157, Gen Order 58, 4th Inf Div, 27 Aug 44.
Capt S. L. EVANS, 0419757, Gen Order 58, 4th Inf Div, 27 Aug 44.

- k. None.
- l. Enclosure #1 Narrative Report.
S-1 journal
S-2 journal
S-3 journal and accompanying messages and overlays.

E. B. HORSFALL,
Lt Col, 801 TD Bn,
Commanding.



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1. In compliance with AF 45-105 the following narrative report is submitted for the month of August 1944:

1-4 Aug 44.

The companies of this unit were employed so as to deepen the zone of the Div AT defense in the vicinity of Hambye. All main and secondary roads were covered while the reconnaissance platoons established outposts. During this period we received two(2) casualties in the reconnaissance platoon while on patrol at Percy.

5 Aug 44.

"A" Co was atchd to "Cabbage". Platoons of this company were atchd to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns. Their guns were employed right up with the Infantry using the Infantry as their security. It was during the phase of reaching their objective and holding it. Two(2) casualties were received in this company, one(1) killed, and the other seriously wounded. They occurred while the platoon leader was on reconnaissance. 1st Lt. ALBERT L DUNKLE, killed instantly and Sgt WILLIAM WALKER, platoon sergeant, seriously wounded. This company underwent continuous mortar and small arms fire for the entire period. "B" and "C" companies contained primary positions. "C" Co occupied positions in the vicinity of St Pois. Two(2) platoons were located in and around the town. The town at this time underwent heavy artillery fire. They received from their atchd regiment large quantities of sand bags to be filled and placed around the guns. During one(1) period the fire was so heavy that the crews, less two(2) men from each gun, were ordered to take shelter in a very heavily constructed building for their own safety. Equipment received damage in these positions. "B" Co occupied positions in the vicinity of a large chateau on top of a hill which overlooked the town and valleys in this area. They also received heavy artillery fire. This was during the period that the Germans made their counter-attack in the vicinity of Mortain.

6 Aug 44.

"A" Co was placed in an assembly position 56rr Bn reserve.

"B" Co was atchd to the 22nd Infantry.

7, 8 and 9 Aug 44.

"A" Co was atchd to the 70th Tank Bn. Their mission consisted of Div AT defense under supervision of the Tank Bn. "B" and "C" companies remained in their present locations while overlays were sent to coordinate the defense for Div.

10 Aug 44

"A" and "C" Cos reverted to Bn while "B" company still remained with the 22nd Infantry. The Div marched to the vicinity of Baulis. Companies were again placed in position for AT defense.

11, 12 and 13 Aug 44.

Div moved in the vicinity of Le Tailleul. AT defense was again set up. "C" Co was atchd to the 8th Inf and occupied positions in the vicinity of Deserbines. The reconnaissance platoons established patrols on the main and secondary roads outside of this defense.

14, 15 and 16 Aug 44.

Div at this time was holding and the companies still maintained AT positions "A" Co reverted back to Bn control to do maintenance on vehicles and weapons.

17 Aug 44.

Warning order was received for movement to Carrouges. The Cos were atchd to their respective combat teams as follows:

"A" Co to the 12th Inf., "B" Co to the 22nd Inf., and "C" Co to the 8th Inf. The Cos moved with their teams. Upon arrival "A" Co went into an assembly position to continue with its maintenance.

18, 19 Aug 44.

The Cos occupied AT positions.

20 Aug 44.

"A" Co relieved, assembled for maintenance.

21 Aug 44.

"B" Co relieved, assembled for maintenance.

22 Aug 44.

FO #21 received. Movement of the Div in the vicinity of Chartres.

23 Aug 44.

Cos moved with their respective teams while Bn Hq moved with Div Hq.

24 Aug 44.

Three(3) companies reverted to Bn control to extend depth to the Div

AT defense.

25 Aug 44.

"B" Co to support the 22nd Inf in the river crossing of the Seine. Positions on the high ground were selected to fire over the Infantry.

"A" and "C" Cos occupied AT positions on the main roads leading to Paris.

26 and 27 Aug 44.

Bn in reserve located in vicinity of Paris.

28, 29, 30 and 31 Aug 44.

The Cos during this period were used for AT defense of Div Hqs. Movement of the Div occurred every day while the mission of the Bn remained the same. All roads leading to Div Hqs and vicinity were covered by guns and security.

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