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**HEADQUARTERS
803d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 290, U. S. ARMY**

4-379

1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History for Period 1 - 30 September 1944, Inclusive.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.



A. THE ENEMY -

1. Elements of two German Armies were in our sector. Morale of enemy troops was low and showed definite signs of disintegration of forces.
2. During first half of period withdrawal was rapid and enemy was in a state of disorganization. Contact was light and consisted of rear guard elements. During second half of period enemy was concentrating on building his defenses on and in back of the Selgfried Line.
3. In the sprint across France contact, when possible, was with non-descript units of all sizes from individual stragglers to units of company and battalion strength. During the last ten (10) days of the period, contact was largely through patrols and artillery.
4. Forty-four (44) Prisoners of War were taken during this period.

B. ELEMENTS EFFECTING ACTION -

1. Information during first half of period was scarce owing to lack of contact. During second half, lines were stabilized and information adequate.
2. The civilian population and underground forces were sincere in their attempts to assist military forces, but sometimes overenthusiastic.
3. The terrain was generally open rolling country. After lines became stabilized, terrain advantage was with the enemy as he was operating behind an intricate system of prepared defenses.

C. ACTION -

1. The Unit had the following attachments:
 - 2nd Tank Destroyer Group (XIX) Corps) 1 September to 16 September 1944.
 - 30th Infantry Division - 16 September 1944 to date.
2. First half of period battalion was generally in Corps reserve with Company "C" attached to 113th Cavalry Reconnaissance Group on spearhead across Belgium and into Holland. For last half of period battalion was in close support of Infantry.
3. Commanding Officers:
 - Lt. Col. C. W. Goodwin - Battalion Commander
 - Captain R. S. Wagenhals - Headquarters Company
 - Captain W. A. Burke - Reconnaissance Company
 - Captain R. T. Glove - "A" Company
 - 1st Lt. C. H. Brittain - "B" Company
 - Captain R. F. Sinclair - "C" Company
 - Captain J. D. Synnott - Medical Detachment

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4. No special weapons were fired. Communications were normal.
5. Artillery fired direct at enemy personnel and equipment, concrete pillboxes, and observed targets of opportunity.
6. No use was made of grenades and flame throwers.
7. Supply and evacuation was normal.
8. a. Daily strength figures were as follows:



	OFFICERS	WARRANT OFFICER	ENLISTED MEN
1 September 1944	40	1	610
2 September 1944	40	1	610
3 September 1944	40	1	609
4 September 1944	40	1	607
5 September 1944	40	1	607
6 September 1944	40	1	607
7 September 1944	40	1	605
8 September 1944	40	1	605
9 September 1944	40	1	603
10 September 1944	41	1	601
11 September 1944	39	1	600
12 September 1944	39	1	600
13 September 1944	39	1	601
14 September 1944	39	1	601
15 September 1944	39	1	601
16 September 1944	39	1	601
17 September 1944	39	1	601
18 September 1944	39	1	601
19 September 1944	38	1	600
20 September 1944	38	1	601
21 September 1944	38	1	601
22 September 1944	38	1	599
23 September 1944	38	1	599
24 September 1944	38	1	599
25 September 1944	38	1	597
26 September 1944	38	1	597
27 September 1944	38	1	597
28 September 1944	38	1	597
29 September 1944	38	1	597
30 September 1944	38	1	597

b. Casualties:

KIA	WIA	MIA
1	9	1

For the Commanding Officer:

Richard P. Peterson
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