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HEADQUARTERS 814 TD Bn (SP)

REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS

20 Nov 44

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AUTH: CO 814 TD

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From: 13 Nov To: 19 Nov 44

ITEM	TD Bn (SP)		
	O:	WO:	EM
<b>1. PERSONNEL.</b>			
<b>A. casualties</b>			
(1) killed	0	0	0
(2) wounded	0	0	3
(3) captured	0	0	0
(4) missing	0	0	0
(5) total	0	0	3
(6) operation str.	33	1	562
<b>B. Replacements</b>			
(1) requisitioned	2	0	40
(2) received	0	0	2
<b>C. prisoners</b>			
(1) captured	0	0	0

<b>3. OPERATIONS</b>			
<b>A. rounds fired (3" or 76)</b>			
(1) direct	0	0	0
(2) indirect	0	0	0
<b>B. Short summary of operations</b> See atch. sheet			

	STATUS OF VEHICLES EQUIPMENT			
	ON SERV	HAND UNSERV	EVAC	REPL
<b>A. M-10</b>				
M-10	36	0	0	0
M-18	0	0	0	0
M-36	3	0	0	0
<b>B. M-5 gun</b>				
M-5 gun	0	0	0	0
<b>C. M-3 prim.</b>				
M-3 prim.	0	0	0	0
<b>D. M-20</b>				
M-20	14	0	0	0
<b>E. M-8</b>				
M-8	6	0	0	0
<b>F. 2-1/2 T</b>				
2-1/2 T	21	0	0	0
<b>G. 1/4 T</b>				
1/4 T	37	0	0	0
<b>H. Others</b>				
Others	36	0	0	0

<b>2. INTELLIGENCE</b>		
<b>A. vehicles destroyed</b>		
(1) MK VI	0	
(2) MK V	0	
(3) MK IV	0	
(4) SP	0	
(5) others	0	
<b>B. miscellaneous</b>		
(1) guns. AT	0	
(2) guns. Arty.	0	
(3) M.G.	0	
(4) pill boxes	0	
(5)		
(6)		

**COMMENTS:**

Three M-10's to be turned in to ordnance 20 Nov. 44.  
 Five add'l. M-36's to be drawn 20 Nov. 44 POK

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## Report of Tank Destroyer Operations (cont'd)

## BRIEF SUMMARY OF MISSION AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

314 TD BATTALION (Atchd 7 AD) Location at end of period, 636408  
(Coordinates)

Remained in billets vic. FOURON LE COMTE, BELGIUM. continued training, maintenance, rehabilitation. Maintained two road blocks (1 Sect. TD's) on IV. perimeter (605380 and 633375).

Co "A" and 1st <sup>Nov</sup> recon plat atchd TF BIDDLE moved to conc. area vic. GRHAASDALL (649557). 17 Oct. balance bn. alerted to support XIII Corps in Corps Zone of action on order. Reconnoitered for assy. position vic. GROTENRATH (k8261). Robot bombs averaging 12 per day coming from east to west throughout period; one landed 1/2 mile north bn. CP. lightly wounding three men, 16 Nov.

"A" COMPANY: (Atchd 113 Cav. GP) Co. 650556 A1 668564 A2 668654 A3 668654  
(CP Locations by Coordinates)

Atchd TF BIDDLE with one plat. recon Co. moved to conc. area vic. GR HAASDALL 17 Oct. Remained there through 19 Nov.

"B" COMPANY: (Atchd 7 AD) Co. 611418 B1 611418 B2 611418 B3 611418  
(CP Locations by coordinates)

continued training, maintenance and rehabilitation.  
No missions.

"C" COMPANY: (Atchd 615418) Co. 615418 C1 615418 C2 615418 C3 615418  
same as "B" company

"RCN" COMPANY: (Atchd 7 AD) Co. 616418 R1 650556 R2 616418 R3 616418  
same as "B" company

COMMENTS:

for the commanding officer:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RANK \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

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ITEM	814 TD Bn (SP)			APC	HE	SMK
		WO	RM			
<b>1. PERSONNEL</b>						
A. Casualties	0					
(1) Killed	0	0	2			
(2) Wounded	0	0	18			
(3) Captured	0	0	0			
(4) Missing	0	0	1			
(5) Total	0	0	21			
(6) Operation Str.	35	1	559			
B. REPLACEMENTS						
(1) Requisitioned	5	0	65			
(2) Received	2	0	4			
C. Prisoners						
(1) Captured						
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE</b>						
A. Vehicles Destroyed						
(1) MK VI	0					
(2) MK V	0					
(3) MK IV	0					
(4) SP	0					
(5) Others	0					
B. MISCELLANEOUS						
(1) Guns AT	1					
(2) Guns Arty	0					
(3) MG	0					
(4) Pillboxes	1		(Dmgd)			
<b>3. OPERATIONS</b>						
A. Rounds Fired 3"					25	CP
(1) Direct	116			55	HE	0
(2) Indirect	0			0		0
B. Short Summary of Operations ( see attached sheet)						
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT</b>						
		On Hand				
		Serv.	Unserv.	evac.		Replaced
A. M-10	22	3		1		4
M-36	7	4		0		8
B. M-20	13	1		0		0
C. M-8	6	0		0		0
D. 2 1/2-T	21	0		0		0
E. 1/4-T	37	1		0		0
F. Others	32	4		0		0

COMMENTS:

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

ROBERT O LARIMER Capt, FA, S-3

## REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

## BRIEF SUMMARY OF MISSIONS AND OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT

814 TD Bn (Atchd CCR 7 AD) Location at end of period 654566

(Coordinates)

814 TD Bn (minus "A" Co and 1st Plat Rcn atchd TD BIDDLE) remained vic. FOURON LE COMPTE in assembly area as Div. Tps., 7AD, continuing maintenance, training and rehabilitation through 21 Nov. 22 Nov. atchd. to CCR and moved to conc. area vic. GROOT HAASDAL, HOLLAND (654566) to prepare for opns to east. C Co. and 3rd Plat Rcn atchd CCB 22 Nov. "A" Co. and 1st Plat. Rcn rld TF BIDDLE rtd Bn control 22 Nov. atchd 40 Tk Bn and 335 IR for mission w/2AD 23 Nov. All Units 814 TD (-) in billets.

"A" COMPANY (Atchd 40 Tk Bn, 335 IR) 935635 A1 935640 A2 930640 A3 935635

(CP Locations at end of period)

"A" Co with 1st Plat Rcn atchd 40Tk Bn and 335 IR 23 Nov. moved from assy pos. vic GROOT HAASDAL to vic. GEREONSWELLER, GERMANY. Column halted at CR vic. 938633 and rcd arty fire about 1645 which knocked counterweight off 1 M-10; damaged 1 M-20; 1 1/4-Ton 1 1/2-Ton; and caused 15 casualties (Co. "A" 2 KIA; 1 MIA; 9 SWA and LWA; Rcn: 3 LWA). 1st and 2nd Plats occupied defensive position by 1715 at GEREONSWELLER - 1st on NE side Town; 2nd on W side of town to cover Co. Zone to North (boundaries: West 93 grid line; East - GEREONSWELLER-LINNICH road) 3rd Plat in res in town. On 24 Nov. all positions received arty damaging 1 1/2-Ton, 1 1/4-Ton and 1 M-10. 1st Plat Rcn rld and rtd Bn control 1630. 1st Plat, Co. "A" fired on and silenced AT Gun w/6 rds APC. AT Gun had destroyed 2 40 TK. Bn. Med. Tks. Also fired 7 rds APC at MK IV tank 2000 yds to N, causing it to withdraw. 25 Nov. 1st Plat guns received continuous fire for 5 hours from AT Gun behind pillbox at 1000 yds. 1st Plat fired 10 rds HE to remove dirt from front of pillbox and 22 rds concrete piercing fuze. Although chips and cement flew up, pillbox apparently not KO'd. Also fired 22 rds APC without effect. 3 rds time fuze fired in case AT Gun was not inside Pillbox. Around 1530 large tank 3500 yds to NW front of 1st Plat opened fire. 1st Plat fired 81 rds APC, 3 rds CP; 52 rds HE at enemy Tk's. turret which was all that was visible. 2 M-10's destroyed, 1 by hit above left bogies; other by hit at junction turret and hull (Germans used some WP.) Bal. 1st Plat withdrew to edge of GEREONSWELLER and was reinforced by M-10 from 3rd Plat.

"B" COMPANY (Atchd CCR 7AD) Co. 653565 B1 653565 B2 653565 B3 653565

(CP Locations at end of Period)

Cont'd training and maintenance; drew 4 M-36 TD's. 1 Plt. on 24 hr. alert to move to any part CCR Zone on order. No Missions.

"C" COMPANY (Atchd CCB, 7AD) Co. 682547 C1 682547 C2 682547 C3 682547

(CP Locations at end of Period)

"C" Co. w/3rd Plat Rcn atchd CCB 22 Nov. moved to Conc. Area in HEEK, HOLLAND 23 Nov. to prepare for opns to E. Continued maintenance and training on 4 M-36 TD's. No Missions.

Rcn COMPANY (Atchd CCR, 7 AD) Co. 682547 R1 682547 R2 682547 R3 682547

(CP Locations at end of period)

Continued Training and maintenance. No Missions

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ITEM	814 TD Bn (SP)		
	O	WO	EM
<b>1. PERSONNEL</b>			
A. Casualties			
(1) Killed	0	0	1
(2) Wounded	0	0	2
(3) Captured	0	0	0
(4) Missing	0	0	0
(5) Total	0	0	3
(6) Operation Strength	35	1	583
B. REPLACEMENTS			
(1) Requisitioned	4	0	24
(2) Received	2	0	35
C. Prisoners			
(1) Captured	0	0	0

<b>2. INTELLIGENCE</b>	
A. VEHICLES DESTROYED	
(1) MK VI	1
(2) MK V	4
(3) MK IV	0
(4) SP	0
(5) Others	0
B. MISCELLANEOUS	
(1) Guns AT	1
(2) Guns Arty	0
(3) MG	0
(4) Pillboxes	0

<b>3. OPERATIONS</b>			
A. ROUNDS FIRED			
(1) Direct	91*	94**	0
(2) Indirect	0	0	0

\* 90mm

\*\* 3"

B. Short Summary of Operations  
(see attached sheet)

**4. STATUS OF VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT**

	On Hand		evac.	replaced
	Serv.	Unserv.		
A. M-10	15	2	0	0
M-36	15	5	0	0
B. M20	13	1	0	0
C. M8	6	0	0	0
D. 2 1/2-T	21	0	0	0
E. 1/4-T	37	0	1	0
F. Others	35	0	0	0

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT O LARIMER

Capt FA, S-3

Summary of Operations



1st Bn (Atchd Div Trs 7 AD) Location at end of Period (654566)

814 TD Bn(-) remained in billets in GROOT HAASDAL, HOLLAND from 27 Nov Through 3 Dec. Rcn for direct fire posns for 1 plat B Co (M36 TD) vic PRUMMERN and 1 Plat C Co (M36 TD) vic GEREONSWEILER completed 27-28 Nov. 2nd Plat B Co (M36 TD) atchd 814 TD atchd CCR 0800 28 Nov. A Co reld 102 Div rtd Bn control 28 Nov. 814 TD (minus C Co atchd CCB) rld CCR atchd Div Trs 0800 28 Nov. 2nd Plat B rld CCR, rtd Bn control 2015 1 Dec; 1st Plat B atchd CCB cleared Bn area 0615 2 Dec to assemble w/C Co. and CCB vic IMMENDORF. Rcn for direct fire posns for 1 Plat B Co. and 1 Plat C Co (M-36 TD) to be dug in on high ground between LINDERN and GEREONSWEILER to cover LINDERN-LINNICH road completed 2 Dec. Bn authorized to reorganize under T/O & E, dated 15 Mar.44, effective 1 Dec 44.

"A" Co (atchd Div Trs, 7 AD) Co 648569 A1 648569 A2 648569 A3 648569  
(CP Locations at end of Period)

- 26 Nov. Co "A" atchd 40 TK Bn and 335 IR. 1st Plat in posn NW side of GEREONSWEILER 2nd Plat in posn NE side of GEREONSWEILER: 3rd Plat in res in town. 1st Plat rc'd enemy arty fire 0700-0800 within 100 yards of M-10's. Shrapnel struck destroyers but caused no damage to vehicles. 2nd Plat. received about 15 rds. indirect fire at 0800 within 100 yards of M-10's No damage to TD's. Evacuation of M-10 in 1st Plat (dmgd. 25 Nov. by direct fire) completed 1600-2000 hrs. under arty fire.
- 27 Nov. GEREONSWEILER shelled but no damage to destroyers. No firing.
- 28 Nov. Dtdhd 40 Tk Bn and commenced move from GEREONSWEILER at 0130. Wheeled vehicles moved first, followed by sections of TD's at 15 minute interval; last vehicle Co Cmdr M-20 and Med Det 1/4-Ton. Co assembled at BASEWEILER, and moved from there to RAVENSBOOSCH HALSWICK, HOLLAND, closing there at 0530. Moved from there to GROOT HAASDAL, closing at 1500.
- 29 Nov. - 3 Dec. Remained in billets in GROOT HAASDAL. No missions. Rc'd 4 M-36 TD's 29 Nov. Maintenance, training and rehabilitation.

"B" Co. (Atchd Div Trs. 7 AD) Co 654565 B1 945655 B2 654565 B3 654565  
(CP Locations at end of Period)

- 26-27 Nov. - Co B in billets in GROOT HAASDAL. Rc'd 4 additional M-36 TD's 27 Nov.
- 28 Nov. 2nd Plat (M36 TD) atchd CCR moved w/C Co. 814 TD to CCR assy area vic. UBACH, GERMANY 1200. During night of 28-29 Nov. Pioneer Plat. Pcn Co., 814 TD dug positions for 2nd Plat. (3 M-36 TD's) in locations reconnoitered by plat. ldr. between PRUMMERN and SUGGERATH (89596500, 89506515, 89456540), and platoon occupied these posns. before daylight 29 Nov without incident Mission: to fire on targets of opportunity on high ground of BEECK (222)
- 29 Nov. 2nd Plat remained in dug in and camouflaged posns. Enemy did not discover them as no direct fire received. Haze and smoke laid by friendly tps obscured target area. No firing.
- 30 Nov. About 1410 2nd Plat sighted MK V tank 3200 yards to the East behind a pill box (918666) #3 destroyer fired 2 rds HE and 14 rds APC, getting at least 3 hits and causing tank to burn. Friendly artillery falling in the vic. of a supporting Panther caused it to withdraw.

Operations "D" Co. continued)

Artillery fire received in PRUMMERN at noon. No damage to TD's. 2nd Plat tied in by wire to 638 TD Bn, 113 Cav Sqn, and 207 FA (155 How) as AT warning net.

About 1555 hours plat ldr. personally destroyed MK V tank at 4600 yards with 9 rds APC, 2 rds HE. Panther smoked and finally exploded about 1630. 2nd Plat rld CCR, cleared posns at 1815; closed Bn Area 2015 hours.

- 2 Dec. 1st plat (M-36 TD) atchd C Co 814 TD, CCB moved to assembly area vic HUNSHOVEN at 0615, Rcn for direct fire positions to be dug in on high ground NE of GEREONSWELLER to cover LINNICH-LINDERN road was made and during night of 2-3 Dec positions were dug by security sections and pioneer plat. by daylight 3 Dec. 1st Plat w/2nd Plat, C Co occupied these positions.
- 3 Dec. No change. No targets appeared in 1st platoon field of fire.

"C" Co. (Atchd CCB 7 AD ) Co. 877632 CI 676545 C2 945655 C3 877632  
(CP Locations at end of Period)

- 26-27 Nov. - Co. in billets at HEEK, HOLLAND atchd CCB. Received 4 additional M-36 TD's 27 Nov.
- 28 Nov. 1st Plat and Co Cmdr. atchd CCR moved to assy area vic. UBACH at 1200. 1st Plat occupied defilade posns W. of GEREONSWELLER-SETTERICH road (935628) with mission of firing on targets of opportunity to NORTHEAST and EAST. Haze obscured targets. Enemy arty heavy. No damage.
- 29 Nov. About 1700 1st Plat moved on order CCR to positions on NE side of LINDERN (932676). Town occupied by 2 Bns 335 IR and 2 companies 40 TK Bn. LINDERN subjected to enemy arty fire and enemy infantry succeeded in infiltrating during night and destroyed 6 tks 40 Tk Bn.
- 30 Nov. Throughout day destroyers ordered to various posns. around LINDERN to meet enemy tanks. Destroyed 1 MK V, hit another which withdrew with 4 others between BBECK and LINDERN. Fired 20 rds APC. During night Co Cmdr went in Lt Tk up GEREONSWELLER-LINDERN road to deliver 90mm amm. Tk hit by direct fire as it came to AT ditch S of LINDERN. However succeeded in getting into town. 1 M36 not able to move because of motor trouble.
- 1 Dec. During day fired on 7 tks (MK V & VI), 3 pillboxes and 1 AT Gun. All targets were north of RR between LINDERN and GELLENKERCHEN. 2 Tks (probably MK V) were destroyed and burned; 4 were hit and of these 2 were not observed to move again. AT Gun was definitely destroyed as it flew up in the air; 2 holes were put in pillboxes. 48 rounds APC were expended. CCR ordered 3 M-36 to UBACH at 1830; one had been hit by shell fragments damaging suspension system and penetrating sponson where it knocked time fuzes off several rounds but did not explode ammunition. ~~the other~~ 1 had an apparently defective clutch, and the gun of the other would not return to battery. On LINDERN GEREONSWELLER road, the M-36's were subjected to bombing and strafing by enemy planes. Fragment from bomb killed; 1 EM. Another gun Cmdr. evac. for battle exhaustion. 4th M-36 rld and came out w/remnants of 1 co, 40 Tk Bn.
- 2 Dec. 1st Plat rld CCR closed Bn area 1100. Plat ldr sent to hospital. Co C (minus 1st plat plus 1st plat B Co and 3rd Plat Rcn) moved to CCB assy area vic HUNSHOVEN, GERMANY, closing 0900 hrs. Rcn for direct fire posns. to be dug in on high ground NE of GEREONSWELLER to cover LINNICH-LINDERN road was made and during night Of 2-3 Dec posns. were dug by security sections and pioneer platoon. By daylight 3 Dec, 2 Plat C Co (M36 TD) w/1st plat B Co occupied these posns. without incident.

of Operation "C" Co continued)

5 Dec. 2nd Plat. remained in dug-in posn. No firing. One section 3rd plat (M-10's) attempted to destroy church steeple (OP) in BRACHFLIN from posn's. between GERONSWELLER and LINDERN. Fired approximately 90 rds. HE. Many hits obtained but steeple did not fall. Enemy arty drove off M-10's and blew out tires of M-20 that accompanied them. No Casualties.

Rcn Company (Atchd Div Trs 7AD) Co. 651564 R1 651564 R2 651564 R3 877632  
(CP Locations at end of Period)

26-Nov. - 3 Dec. Rcn (minus 3rd plat atchd Co C, 814 TD, CCB) in billets GROOT HAASDAL. On night of 28-29 Nov. Pion Plat dug 3 M-36 posns for 2nd Plat "B" Co. vic PRUMMERN. On night of 2-3 Dec Pion. Plat in charge of digging 8 M-36 posns for 1st Plat B Co and 2nd Plat C Co. No missions for bal of Co.