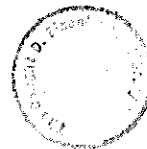


HEADQUARTERS
814 TD Bn



SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 8 - 14 October 1944

CCA 7 AD (Co. "A", 814 TD)

- 8 Oct - Moved with CCA to assembly position 1/2 mi. SW ALTWEERT. 2nd and 3rd Plt. attached to 48 inf. and employed as road blocks.
- 9 - 10 Oct. - No change.
- 11 Oct. - 3rd Plt. reld. atchmt. 48 inf; returned to Co. biv.
- 12 Oct. - No change.
- 13 Oct. - Moved as Co. to 1 mile E. of WEERT; occupied indirect fire positions under direction of 489th FA Bn. Registered with 8 rds. HE and 9 rds. HE for effect on house suspected of being used by enemy personnel. House destroyed.
- 14 Oct. - Remained in indirect fire positions; no missions.

CCB 7 AD (Co. "B" 814TD)

- 8 Oct. - No change. Company still in reserve. Moved to position 1 mile SE of BAKEL. No missions; changed tracks on 3 TD's.
- 9 Oct. - Moved from BAKEL to assembly position vicinity OMMEL after British relieved CCB. Each security section sent 5 men to A STEN to watch enemy patrol activity. Negative report.
- 10-11 Oct. - No change.
- 12 Oct. - Moved to indirect fire positions, vicinity 60901965 (SW of DEURNE) in support of 434 FA Bn. Fired 9 concentrations in vicinity 707181 as diversion to attack at 695230.; total rounds fired: 440 rds. HE.
- 13 Oct. - Repeated concentrations of 12 Oct. PW's reported fire was very effective. Total rounds fired: 452 HE. 3rd Plt. registered for another mission with 26 rds. HE but did not fire.
- 14 Oct. - No change. Platoons registered but did not fire expended 58 rds. HE on registration.

TASK FORCE JONES

- 8 Oct. - No change. Continued road blocks. 1st Plt. Rcn. on road block at ZEILBERG killed two of enemy patrol. Hq. TF Jones moved to southern outskirts of ZOMMEREN at 1500 hrs.

7 AD - Div. Res. (814 TD (-))

- 9 Oct - Task Force Jones relieved by CCB at 0900 hrs. and 814 TD (-) reverted to Div. Res. under CCR. Rcn and "C" Companies, returned to Bn. control at ZOMMEREN. Performed maintenance. No missions.
- 10 Oct. - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Plts., Rcn. on route and area rcn. for CCR. 1st Plt. area: MAARHEEZE, HULSEN, WEERT, grid line 920, LINDENHOF, BAKEWELL. 2nd Plt. area: DEURNE, HEUSDEN, HEITRAK. 3rd Plt. area: GINDEROVER, ZOMMEREN, MAARHEEZE, LEENDE. "C" Co. trained and continued maintenance; no missions.
- 11 Oct. - No missions for 814 TD (-). Continued training and maintenance.

AD Div Res. (814 TD (-) continued)

- 12 Oct. - 1st Plt., Rcn. established OP for CCR at NEDERWEERT church (614005) 2nd and 3rd Plt. maintained moving patrol 24 hrs. daily between ZOMMEREN-LIESEL. All reports negative. Pioneer Plt. w/Task Force MACE, CCR on mission to clear marsh area of enemy patrols in zone ASTEN, LIESEL, MEIJEL and NEDERWEERT and to booby-trap those likely spots that enemy might reoccupy. "C" Co. continued training; no missions.
- 13 Oct. - Rcn. and Pion. Plts. continued on missions; no enemy contact. "C" Co. continued training; no missions.
- 14 Oct. - Pion. Plt. in bivouac; Rcn. Plts. continued on missions; 2 TD's "C" Co. destroyed smoke stack at 641010 reported as enemy OP by direct fire at 2700 yds. with 34 rds (10 rds. AP, 24 rds. HE).

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 15-21 October 1944

CCA & 7 AD ("A" Co., 814 TD)

- 15-16 Oct. - Remained in indirect fire positions. No missions
- 17 Oct. - Fired rds. with airplane observation; target and result of firing unknown.
- 18 Oct. - Fired 23 rds. with Airplane observation; target: house suspected of being occupied by enemy, house destroyed.
- 19-20 Oct. - No missions.
- 21 Oct. - Fired 125 rds HE with Airplane observation; targets house and windmill reported as occupied by enemy; both targets destroyed.

CCB 7AD ("B" Co., 814 TD)

- 15 Oct. - Platoons remained in indirect fire positions, but fired no missions.
- 16 Oct. - Fired 61 concentrations (rolling barrages, counter-battery, troop concentrations, east of Canal Van Deurne) expended 917 rds. HE British counted 593 enemy dead in woods vicinity 745247. One sect. TD's detached and fired direct fire mission from position at 662255 at OP in church steeple at IJSSELSTELJN (range 4400 yds) occupied by enemy. (39 rds. HE, 34 Rds. AP). Steeple filled with holes.
- 17 Oct. - Remained in indirect fire positions but fired no missions.
- 18 Oct. - Fired 3 separate concentrations simultaneously one per platoon. Targets: troop concentration and counter-battery. Expended 210 rds. HE
- 19 Oct. - Fired 5 concentrations at targets east of 707181 in support of bridgehead; expended 136 rds. HE. 18 EM from Security Sections on mission of dismounted security for Co. B, 31st Tank Bn.
- 20 Oct. - Alerted for move and relief by CCR. No missions.
- 21 Oct. - Co. returned to Bn. control, closing in Biv. area south of ZOMMEREN (588115) at 1115 hrs. No missions.

7AD Div. Trps. (814 TD (-))

- 15 Oct. - No change in Rcn. missions - 1st plt. maintained OP at NEDERWEERT, 2nd and 3rd Plts. on ZOMMEREN-LIESEL patrol. C Co. continued training; no missions.



AD Div. Trps. (814 TD (-)) continued)

- 16 Oct. - Rcn. patrol from ZOMMEREN-LIESEL discontinued and 2nd and 3rd platoons given mission of patrolling between ZOMMEREN and NEDERWEERT between 0630-1830 hrs. daily, with bivouac in different location each night. 3rd platoon, "C" Co. (less 2 TD's and plus 1 additional Sec. Sec.) established roadblock "D" at NEDERWEERT (618090). 1st Plt., "C" Co. moved to indirect fire positions W. of LIESEL for training with Air-Ground observation and time fire. Weather prohibited this. One Section TD's moved under direction of 17 Tk. Bn. to vicinity NEERKANT for direct fire mission against 100 ft. observation tower at 736122. Mission not accomplished due to range (5000 yds.) and location of target behind trees that made observation difficult. Balance of 814 TD (-) remained in biv. No mission.
- 17 Oct. - No change in Rcn. Plt. missions; Pioneer Plt. attached to TASK FORCE FULLER which had mission of making crossing of canal at 707180. Joined TASK FORCE at VREKWIJK and given mission of marking AP and AT mines after crossing was effected. No change in "C" Co. missions; 1st Plt. from indirect fire position 1/4 mile west of LIESEL. Knocked out German observation tower spotted by our observer at 737159. Attempted to knock out tower at 736122 by indirect fire with time adjustment and FO methods. Mission not accomplished.
- 18 Oct. - No change in Rcn. Plts. mission and no enemy contact reported. Pion. Plt. moved to canal as escort for British troops from 1268 Eng who were to install foot bridge for infantry. Pion. Plt. Ldr. had been told that route to crossing site was clear and as a result his armored car went over a Sprengriegel mine at 700182 seriously wounding the driver and blowing off the left front wheel. Pion. Plt. swept the road and shoulders, marking the mines but not removing them because of enemy arty. and mortar fire falling in the area. Platoon withdrew to ZEILBERG. 3rd Plt., "C" Co. on road block at NEDERWEERT. Knocked out MG on island and boat used by Germans to get to island. Fired 7 Rds. HE. 1st Rcn. Plt. had previously fired 23 rds. 37 HE on boat without effect. 2nd plt. "C" Co., attached to TASK FORCE FULLER knocked out 2 factory chimneys across HELENA CANAL from positions in vicinity 690180 used 15 rds. direct fire. Later moved to peat bogs vic. 695155 and attempted direct fire on observation tower at 736122. Three destroyers stuck while withdrawing after firing about 30 rds., when enemy opened up with direct fire (88?), small arms, MG and time fire. The last destroyer was buried to its turret and required 2 TD's to pull it out.
- 19 Oct. - 1st Plt. Rcn. rel'd by 3rd on Op mission in NEDERWEERT. 1st and 2nd plts. continued ZOMMEREN-ASTEN patrol. Pion. Plt. w/TASK FORCE FULLER completed reconnaissance for foot bridge location; bridge installed at 706181 at 1200 hrs. - no enemy contact. Plt. then swept area 800 yds. N. and E. of 706181 without detecting mines. Mines encountered N. and W. of 706181: SPRENGRIEGEL, SCHU (AP), and OINTMENT BOX (AP). Pioneer Plt. alone marked 20 of the first type. Plt. rel'd. w/TASK FORCE FULLER at 1830 hrs. No change in "C" Co. missions. 2nd Plt. rel'd from TASK FORCE FULLER and returned to ZOMMEREN biv.

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AD Div. Trps. (814 TD (-) 19 Oct. continued)

20 Oct.

- One M-10 burned out motors as enemy fire of day before had punctured radiator.
- Pion. Plt. returned to Zomeren Biv area. No change in Rcn Plat missions; no enemy contact reported. 2nd Plat Co C; went into indirect fire position vic 660100 to fire on tower at 736122. Lateral OP's established vic Liesel and Neerkant. Axial OP at 694115. OP at Liesel re'd 6 rds enemy arty 400 yds E of the town. When weather permitted, observers established that tower had already been destroyed (a check showed that an air mission had been flown against it the preceding day with undetermined results).
- All Rcn Plats rel'd by 87th Rcn by 1300 hours; Road Vlock "D" at Nederweert rel'd at same time. All units returned to Biv S of Zomeren.

21 Oct

