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899TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
AFG 230 U.S. ARMY

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

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (Thru Channels)

1. In compliance with letter, Subject and File same as above, dated 13 July 44, Hdqrs. FUSA, the following After/After Action Report for month of June 1944 is submitted:

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June 6, 1944 - This Battalion, less "B" Company, Recon. Co., and Administrative elements, landed on UTAH Beach in Wave 25 and proceeded to Assembly Area in vicinity of 424942. Unit was attached to 4th Inf. Div. Arty. First mission was to provide anti-tank protection to North and West of Division and Division Arty. Hdqrs. located just South of AUDVILLE LA HUBERT. Companies moved into position at approximately 2015H. No enemy action was encountered during the night with the exception of LMG and scattered small arms fire against the extreme left flank platoon. No casualties or loss of equipment occurred. OP located at 402959.

June 7, 1944 - At 0145, CO of this Battalion received orders to move to positions generally along 368980 - 371969 and protect the left flank of the 12th Inf. Regt. Positions occupied at 0330H. Day was uneventful except for scattered small arms fire and the capture of 12 MM and 1 Officer near 372972 by 3rd Platoon of "O" Co. At 1410H "O" Co. was ordered attached to 22nd Inf. Regt. located along East-West line South of ST. MARCOUF, and arrived there at 1535H, prepared to repel armor or support Infantry in advance. Company destroyed one enemy anti-tank gun and one (1) pill box during engagement.

June 8, 1944 - Battalion ordered to assembly area near REUVILLE (380968) prepared to repel enemy armored attack from North, West or South. "O" Company, engaged in attack launched at 0630 by 22nd Inf., destroyed 12 enemy MG nests and 6 pill boxes. Day uneventful. Reconnaissance maintained along all likely avenues of armored approach. Two prisoners taken. At 1830 order received to occupy positions North and West of BEUZEVILLE AU PLAIN, prepared to repel armor from either direction. Positions occupied at 2130. Order received 2245H for one platoon to report for direct support of 22nd Inf. at 090900H.

June 9, 1944 - One platoon of Company "O" reported to the 22nd Inf. as ordered. One platoon "A" Company occupied positions vicinity 366009. No action during afternoon. Received two 2 1/2 ton trucks loaded with 3" ammunition. At 1450 CO returns to OP with information that task force under command of General Barber, consisting of 746 Tk Bn., 899th TD Bn., 22nd Inf Regt., and 70 tanks on request, are to attack North in 22nd Inf. sector with objectives AREVILLE, OEVILLE, QUINEVILLE, and high ground to the West thereof. Third Platoon Co. "A" attached to 3rd Bn. 22nd Inf. to lead assault, followed by 2nd Bn 22nd Inf in column. Co. "O" with one Company, 1st Bn. 22nd. Inf. supported by one Arty. 105 Howitzers assigned mission of following 1st. Bn. 22nd Inf., swinging to right and containing strong point at GRISBEQQ. Force delayed South of OEVILLE. GRISBEQQ contained. No losses.

June 10, 1944 - 3rd. Platoon Co. A shot out OP in church at OEVILLE and destroyed several small points of resistance by direct gun fire. Co. "O" contained strong point at GRISBEQQ. Engaged enemy but merely exchanged fire and kept him occupied. Recon. party met strong resistance S.E. of MONTBOURG inflicted several casualties by small arms fire and withdrew to Infantry lines.

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June 11, 1944 - Unit less one Platoon Co. "C" moved to assembly area on order of C.G. 4th Div. Arty. and prepared to repel armor from vicinity of VALOGNES - MONTEBOURG. One Platoon Co. "A" was moved to position area vicinity 314045 guarding road S.E. from MONTEBOURG. One section Co. "C" moved to vicinity 324029 guarding road block in conjunction with Division Engineers. One platoon Co. "C" remained vicinity of GRISBEQQ to assist elements of 39th Inf. in advance on FORT ST. MARCOUF and movement toward QUINEVILLE. No enemy action except small parties of infantry.

June 12, 1944 - Platoon Co. "C" with 39th Inf. supported the occupation of strong point at GRISBEQQ and advance on Fort St. MARCOUF. Targets - pill boxes and gun emplacements. Results very good. Road block BE of MONTEBOURG covered by one section 1st. Platoon Co. "C". Section relieved at 1630 by section 3rd. Platoon Co. "A". 2nd. Platoon Co. "A" covered S.E. exits from MONTEBOURG. 2 platoons Co. "C" attached 8th Inf. at 1532B. "B" Company, Ron. Co. and additional service and maintenance elements of Hdqrs. Co. joined Battalion at 2030B.

June 13, 1944 - 3rd. Platoon Co. "C" supporting attack of OT from 8th Inf. on MONTEBOURG at 0650B. Destroyers advanced in column N.W. on road leading into town, and encountered heavy mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire. Infantry withdrew. Destroyers withdrew. Casualties: C.O. slightly wounded by shell fragment in leg. T/4 Paul wounded, MIA - believed killed. Sgt. Carlson seriously wounded - all from mortar, H.E. shell and small arms or MG at close range. A few negligible injuries were incurred from fragments going into open top turrets. All Companies less 2nd. Platoon Co. "A" (with 39th Inf.) revert to Battalion Control 1415B. One platoon Co. "B" attached to each Infantry Regiment 4th Inf. Div. at 1840B.

June 14, 1944 - OP believed to be in church steeple in MONTEBOURG. Eighteen (18) direct hits placed on church steeple at request of C.O. 12th Inf. One M-10 2nd. Platoon Co. "C" in ditch, inundated area between GRISBEQQ and FORT ST. MARCOUF. T-2 Recovery vehicle attempted to retrieve and also got bogged down - area mined. Elements of Pioneer Pltn. cleared mines sufficient to permit exit from mine field T-2 and M-10 recovered from inundated area. 2nd. Platoon Co. "B" occupied indirect fire positions and delivered observed indirect fire in support of 22nd. Inf. Reconnaissance Company reports position of strong points, information gathered from Polish prisoners, and location of friendly troops. B-2 checks ammunition box found in area marked "VALOGNES", and verifies ammunition dump there by information from French civilian.

June 15, 1944 - Relieved from attached to 4th Inf. Div. at 1000B. Revert to VII Corps under 1st. T.D. Gp. Moved to 352931 at 1200B. Established reconnaissance and contact in sectors of 9th, 90th, 82nd, and 101st Divisions.

June 16, 1944 - Company "C" attached 82nd A/B Div. at 0530B. Company "B" attached 90th Inf. Div. at 0700B. 3rd. Platoon Co. "A" relieved 1st. Platoon Co. "A" in 501st Parachute Inf. Sector, (see attached account of activities of 1st. Platoon Company "A".) 2nd. Platoon Co. "A" relieved and returned to Battalion at 1715B. Company "B" held in Mobile Reserve. 1st. Platoon placed in direct support of the 358th Inf. 1st. Platoon Co. "C" gave close direct support to advance elements of 82nd A/B Div. in advance into ST. SAVEUR LE VICOMTE. 1 - M-10 put out of action. 1 man injured. 1 enemy 75 mm AT gun knocked out. Several nuisance targets eliminated. 2nd. Platoon guarding approaches to MONT DE LA PLAQUE from the North. 3rd. Platoon in reserve near PONT L'ABBE.



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June 17, 1944 - "A" Company moved to occupy positions in 9th. Inf. Div. sector. Move was completed at 1600B. 1st. Platoon Co. "B" attached to 358th Inf. Gave close support by firing direct at enemy pill boxes and strong points from 1800 to 2300 hrs., 16 June 1944. 1st. Platoon moved to position area 272007 to support attack of the 358th Inf. on its objective. 2nd. & 3rd. Platoons "B" Company did not engage enemy and were held in mobile reserve vicinity 290973. 1st. Platoon Company "C" supporting the attack of the 82nd A/B Div. on ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE destroyed enemy gun emplacements and pill boxes. 2nd. Platoon "C" Company in support of 508th Inf. occupied direct fire positions but did not engage enemy. 3rd. Platoon occupied anti-tank positions along E.W. Road (PONT L'ABBE - ST. SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE). Reconnaissance was maintained in 101st. A/B Division sector for enemy and friendly mine fields and condition of roads and bridges. Reconnaissance was instituted in 9th Division sector effective 1200B. Liaison established with 9th. Inf. Div.

June 18, 1944 - Reconnaissance Company operated security patrols and flank guard for 60th. Inf. Reg't. Captured 23 prisoners, 1 1-1/2 ton Ford V-8 and 1 1-1/2 ton Renault. Company "A" attached to 60th Inf. at 1600 hrs. 17 June. Company relieved from attachment to 60th Inf. at 2000 hrs. and attached to 9th Div. Arty. at 2100 hrs. Reattached to 607th T.D. Bn. Company ordered to hold T. D. positions protecting North flank of Division in direct support of 60th Inf. Regt. (RJ 129988-117986-0796 BARNEVILLE 035946). Company in position at 0400 hrs. 18 June. At 2300 hrs. 17 June, 1st Platoon Co. "A" with 1 Company Infantry, 1 platoon 57 mm guns towed by halftracks formed task force by Gen. Eddy to take BARNEVILLE and out peninsula. Mission accomplished at 0100 hrs. 18 June 1944. 1 -M-10 knocked out by AT Fire - No casualties. At 0300 hrs. Reconnaissance Company attached to Company "A" by order of Gen. Howell, mission: Patrolling right flank of Division between T.D. strong points. At 0400 hrs. Company alerted for action. Considerable enemy infiltration. Throughout the A.M. all positions were held and right flank of Division secured. 1st. Platoon Reconnaissance Company assisted by 1st. section, 2nd. Platoon Co. "A" accomplished the relief of infantry anti-tank platoon at 1100 which was surrounded by enemy infantry. Two enemy counter-attacks were repelled during A.M. At 1500 hrs. Company "A" ordered to positions on Hill 145 to cover reorganization of 60th Inf. in preparation for attack North to CHERBOURG. Considerable enemy infiltration occurred in vicinity of BARNEVILLE. 1st. Platoon fought delaying action covering withdrawal of 3rd. Bn. 60th Inf. to Hill 145. 1st. Platoon remained in direct support of 3rd. Bn. 60th Inf. 2nd. Platoon in direct support of 1st. Bn. 60th Inf. 3rd. Platoon in direct support of 3rd. Bn. 60th Inf. 15 Prisoners taken - 1 AT Gun destroyed. "B" Company now in position 400 yards NW of BINNIVILLE. Company was informed at 1230 hrs. that it was a part of ROT 357 attached to 343rd F.A. Bn., with possible mission of relieving one combat team of 9th Div. and assist in holding peninsula. "C" Company in position of readiness North of PONT L'ABBE (279957, in anticipation of push to the South with Force D, 82nd A/B Div.

June 19, 1944 - "A" Co. in support of 39th Inf. advanced North to area vicinity North of QUETTETOT. "B" Co. relieved from support of 357th Combat Team and put in direct support of the 60th Inf. Regt. moved North along West coast from BARNEVILLE to vicinity 018077. "C" Co. relieved from support of 82nd A/B Div. and attached to 9th Inf. Div. was ordered to the rear and center between 60th and 39th Inf. Regts. Recon. Co. made position and route reconnaissance for Companies A and B. Battalion CP now located at 046982.

June 20, 1944 - "A" Co. in support of and attached to 39th Inf. Regt. was held in mobile anti-tank reserve in vicinity 098073. Reconnaissance was made in vicinity 090100 for anti-tank positions to stop possible armor threat from the North, West and East. Company did not occupy anti-tank positions. "B" Company attached to and in direct support of the 60th Inf. moved North with attacking battalions to vicinity of 013188.

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June 20, 1944 (Cont'd.) "C" Company in direct support of the 47th Inf. Reg't. was held in mobile reserve vicinity 040107. Ren. Co. made reconnaissance in 39th Inf. sector for condition of roads and bridges, minefields and anti-tank position areas. Battalion OP moved to 093073.

June 21, 1944 - Company "A" - 1st. Platoon attached to 39th Inf. Regt. in mobile anti-tank reserve. 2nd. Platoon attached to 3rd. Bn. 39th Inf. in direct support. 3rd. Platoon attached to 2nd. Bn. in direct support.

Company "B" - 1st. Platoon attached to 2nd. Bn. 60th Inf. in direct support. 2nd. Platoon attached to 1st. Bn. 60th Inf. in direct support. 3rd. Platoon attached to 3rd. Bn. 60th Inf. in direct support.

Company "C" - Company attached to 47th Inf. Regt. in direct support. Reconnaissance Company reconnoitering the anti-tank positions, avenues of approach, mine fields, and OP's, in 39th and 47th Inf. Regt'l sectors.

June 22, 1944 - "A" Company attached to and in direct support of 39th Inf. Regt. and in support of 26th F.A. Bn. fired indirect 8 concentrations of 36 rds. each. Unobserved fire - results unknown. 1st. Platoon at 0261017010, 2nd. Platoon at 0230017040, 3rd. Platoon at 0202017000. Positions were occupied at 0830, 22 June. Company strafed by RAF P-51's four times. One M-10 set on fire - fire extinguished. 12 rds. H.E., telephone, camouflage net, Enlisted Men's personal equipment, and two tarpaulins destroyed. M-10 was saved. "B" Company in direct support of 60th Inf. 1st. Platoon led attack of 2nd. Bn. One M-10 put out of action by enemy potato masher grenade. 2nd. and 3rd. platoons were in direct support of 1st and 3rd Bns. respectively. "C" Company attached to and in direct support of 47th Inf. 1st. Platoon at 072189 were in direct support of the 2nd. Bn. and destroyed 7 Machine Gun nests and one (1) 20 mm gun. Seven prisoners were taken. 2nd. Platoon "C" Co. destroyed one (1) 50 mm AT gun and one pill box, and also one steel road block - capturing 36 prisoners. 1st. Platoon Company "C" attached to and in direct support of 1st. Bn. did not engage the enemy. 1st. Platoon Ren. Platoon attached to 60th Inf.; 2nd. Ren. Platoon attached to "A" Co. 3rd. Ren. Platoon attached to "C" Co. Bn. OP moved to 026114.

June 23, 1944 - "A" Co. in direct support of the 26th F.A. Bn. was in indirect fire position. No firing done during the day. 1 Ren. Platoon remained attached. "B" Co. - 2nd. Platoon moved from AOUINEVILLE to HILL 173 (057218). At range of 600 yards fired at German Infantry and an anti-tank pill box is believed to have been knocked out at range of 400 yards. Enemy artillery and mortar fire heavy all during the day. 20 rounds were fired at Infantry and anti-tank gun. 1st. Platoon fired 30 rounds of H.E. in vicinity 059214. Targets were enemy Machine Guns and Mortars. Third Platoon destroyed one Mk III tank at range of 600 yards. Time 1530. Coordinates 048220. Captured 5 German prisoners. One (1) M-10, 3rd Platoon hit a mine at 048022, when M-10 moved forward to knock out enemy machine gun nest. Extent of damage unknown. 1 Ren. Platoon attached to each gun Company. Position and route reconnaissance made in each Infantry Regt'l. sector.

June 24, 1944 - Co. "A" in support of 26th F.A. Bn. fired 9 concentrations 36 rounds each, at enemy gun emplacements, etc. Fire unobserved. Results unknown. Relieved from support of 26th F.A. Bn. and attached to 39th Inf. Regt. Moved to positions (109218 - 111211) to protect 39th Inf. Regt. against armor and given support to attack. Company "B" attached to 60th Inf. Regt. and gave close support to Infantry Battalions, knocked out one Mk III German tank at range of 700 yards at 074223. Enemy infantry positions, machine gun nests, and points of resistance shelled. Company deployed 2 platoons vicinity FLOTTEMANVILLE-HAGUE, other platoon at 048217. Company "C" attached to 47th Inf. moved forward with Infantry Bns. to give close support and anti-tank protection. One M-10 threw a track, will be recovered later. Company located vicinity 086210.

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June 24, 1944 (Cont'd.) Ren. Co. - One Ren. Platoon with each gun company. Op established at 108213. Battalion OP moved to 051191.

June 25, 1944 - "A" Co. - 2nd. Platoon moved to direct fire support of 3rd Bn. 39th Inf. at 122218 and 3rd. Platoon to support 2nd. Bn. 39th Inf. at 126215 at 1230. 2nd. platoon fired at numerous targets and one section advanced to COTEVILLE. One gun - 3rd platoon fired "direct-indirect" fire on 7 Arty. installations. Results - Excellent. Installations set on fire and destroyed at 2100. 1st. Platoon in mobile reserve at 099209. "B" Co. - 2 platoons vicinity FLOTTEMANVILLE-HAGUE in AT and direct fire positions. One gun fired indirect at previously selected target areas. 37 rounds expended. Results - Unknown. 1 platoon in reserve at 028218. "C" Co. moved from vicinity TEURTHEVILLE-HAGUE to 083205. One M-10 was hit by 20 mm near HAU DE TOT and burned. It kept firing until last minute and the crew bailed out. 2nd. Platoon - 1 section in CHERBOURG - 1 section on high ground outside the city. 3rd. Platoon in reserve at 099209. Ren. Co. - 1 Ren. Platoon with each gun Company.

June 26, 1944 - "A" Co. attached to and in direct support of 39th Inf. 2nd. & 3rd. platoons in anti-tank position vicinity COTEVILLE. 1st. Platoon in reserve - vicinity 105208. 1st. Platoon attached 1st. Bn., 2nd. Platoon attached to 2nd. Bn., 3rd. Platoon attached to 3rd. Bn. The 2nd. and 3rd. Platoons moved from vicinity COSEVILLE, outskirts of CHERBOURG, supported infantry in initial entry into the town at approximately 1200. Platoons were delayed by concrete road block which was later blown by the Engineers. Platoon leader 2nd. Platoon met a messenger from a German Garrison - at approximately 1635H - garrison surrendered immediately thereafter - approximately 500 prisoners. Platoons continued in support of advancing infantry elements, destroying machine gun emplacements, small fortifications etc., and remained in position of readiness in the town of CHERBOURG.

"B" Co. - Attached to and in direct support of 60th Inf. 1st. and 2nd. Platoons in anti-tank positions vicinity FLOTTEMANVILLE-HAGUE. 3rd. platoon in reserve - vicinity of 048218. 1st. platoon attached to 1st. Bn., 2nd. Platoon attached 2nd. Battalion. 3rd. Platoon attached to 3rd. Battalion. Mission was to protect the left flank of the Division against armor.

"C" Co. - Attached to and in direct support of 47th Inf. 1st. and 3rd platoons in position of readiness to meet armor threat, or to move into CHERBOURG to support infantry in street fighting. 1st. and 3rd. platoons in vicinity of 1 mile North of COTEVILLE. 2nd. Platoon operating in CHERBOURG. 1st. Platoon attached to 3rd. Bn., 2nd. Platoon attached 2nd. Bn., 3rd. Platoon to 1st. Bn. 2nd. Platoon operating in CHERBOURG fired on targets designated by the advancing infantry.

Ren. Co. - 1st. Platoon - route reconnaissance and road maintenance for "B" Co. 2nd. Platoon - reconnaissance for "A" Co. 3rd. Platoon with "C" Co. - route reconnaissance and security for "C" Co.

June 27, 1944 - "A" Co. - 2nd. & 3rd. Pltns. relieved from attachment 3rd. & 2nd. Bns. 39th Inf. - remained vicinity COSEVILLE. 1st. Pltn. attached to and placed in direct support of 2nd. & 3rd. Bns. 39th Inf. at 0730 for street fighting in CHERBOURG. No action for M-10's. 1st. Pltn. relieved and ordered to join company, vicinity 1 mile West COSEVILLE at 1400. Company relieved from attachment 39th Inf. and put in direct support of 26th F.A. Bn. Company moved to indirect fire positions 1/2 mile North of NOUAINVILLE. "B" Co. - 3rd. Platoon fired 85 rounds of indirect fire at previously designated target areas. Harassing fire, unobserved. Results unknown. 2nd. Pltn. in anti-tank position North FLOTTEMANVILLE-HAGUE. 1st. Pltn. moved to anti-tank position at 054225. "C" Co. - 1st. & 3rd. Pltns. in reserve vicinity 1 mile West of COSEVILLE. 2nd. Pltn. in direct support of 2nd. Bn. 47th Inf., assisted in capture of 90 prisoners in CHERBOURG. Ren. Co. - 1st. Pltn. - Ren. of roads and fire positions. Operation of OP for "B" Co. 2nd. & 3rd. Pltns. with "A" & "C" Co's. near COSEVILLE.

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June 28, 1944 - "A" Company attached to 26th F.A. Bn. in indirect fire position 1/2 mile North of NOUANVILLE, attempted to register one battery on VAUVILLE (979236). Impossible to observe - too much flak and darkness. Attempted to register at 0900 on BEAUMONT-HAGUE (989267); GRUCHY (023286); and on RJ (989267). Could not pick up HE shell, need smoke badly. Observation done by plane. All batteries laid on 989267 by base angle without registration at 1730. Captured 2 German officers and 9 E.M. in rear of gun positions at 2015.

"B" Company - 1st. Pltn. attached to 1st. Bn. 60th Inf. in position of readiness 1/2 mile West of ST OROIX-HAGUE. 2nd. Pltn. attached to 2nd. Bn. 60th Inf awaiting movement orders vicinity 1 mile NE of FLOTTIMANVILLE-HAGUE. 3rd. Pltn. attached to 3rd. Bn. 60th Inf. fired 72 rds indirect fire last night at previously designated target areas in conjunction with 60th Inf. and direct support of 60th FABn. Type of firing - Harrassing, unobserved, results unknown.

"C" Company attached to 47th Inf. moved to bivouac area vicinity EQUEURDEVILLE. 1st echelon maintenance performed on all vehicles. No action.

Ren. Company - One Ren. Pltn attached to each gun company. 2nd. Ren. pltn. attached to "A" Co., reconnoitered in 4th Cavalry Gp sector for likely avenues of tank approach, A.T. position areas and routes to position areas. One pioneer section attached to "B" Company. Co. Hq. and one pioneer section vicinity of BENOISTVILLE. Battalion CP located 2 miles East of VASTEVILLE.

June 29, 1944 - "A" Co. in direct support of 26th F.A. Bn. in indirect fire position vicinity 1/2 mile North of NOUANVILLE, FIRED 205 rds. of indirect fire at target areas previously approved by Div. Arty. Time: 0001 - 0500. Type of fire: Harrassing, unobserved. Results - Unknown. Company moved to indirect fire position one and 1/2 mile West of TONNEVILLE at 2000 hrs.

"B" Co. attached to and in direct support of 60th Inf. Regt. - 1, 2, 3, pltns. attached to 1, 2, 3, Bn. 3rd. Pltn. supported attack of 3rd. Bn. by destroying pill boxes and fixed guns and helped capture BRANVILLE and FLEURY, and then advanced toward BEAUMONT-HAGUE. 3rd. Pltn. in Infantry support position 1/2 mile West of FLEURY. 2nd. Pltn. supporting 2nd. Bn. moved to 1/2 mile West of BRANVILLE. Moved by bounds covering infantry advance and maintained reconnaissance for enemy armor.

"C" Co. - 1, 2, 3, pltns. attached to and in direct support of 1, 2, 3, Bn. of the 47th Inf. moved West with respective Bns. 1st. Pltn. vicinity 1/2 mile West of URVILLE-HAGUE; 2nd. Pltn. vicinity 1 mile West of QUERQUEVILLE; 3rd. Pltn. vicinity QUERQUEVILLE-HAGUE. Company did not engage enemy. 1 destroyer overturned on bad terrain - expected to be back in action within 24 hours.

Ren. Co. - 1 Ren. Pltn. attached to each gun company made route reconnaissance in each Regimental sector. One pioneer section attached to "B" Co., Co. Hq. and pioneer section vicinity LE MOTEL.

June 30, 1944 - "A" Co. in indirect fire positions via 1 1/2 miles West of TONNEVILLE, fired 12 concentrations of 20 rds each, between 0001 - 0500, at previously designated target areas. Type of fire, harassing, unobserved. Results - unknown. At 1000H, 3rd. Pltn. moved to anti-tank positions vicinity BIVILLE (997210) to meet any possible armored counter-attack to the South. At 2000 Company including 3rd Pltn. moved to vic of BEAUMONT-HAGUE and was attached to 39th Inf. Co. Hq., 1st & 3rd. Pltns. closed in bivouac North of town to await further orders. 2nd. Pltn. attached 3rd. Bn. of the 39th Inf. Regt. At 1930 moved to HICARD where Infantry detrucked and moved to assault AUDERVILLE.

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June 30th, 1944 (Cont'd.) "B" Company attached to and in direct support of 60th Inf. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Pltn. attached to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Bns., gave direct support by advancing with Infantry, firing at targets of opportunity (pill boxes, gun emplacements, etc.) 2nd. Pltn. destroyed five (5) Renault tanks in vicinity of BEAUMONT-HAGUE. Pltns. continued the advance with supported infantry until objective (JOBURG - 9429) was reached. 2nd. Pltn. destroyed 2 German staff cars - took 11 prisoners; 1 88 mm gun crew forced to abandon guns and fired on bunkers and pill boxes vicinity JOBURG at 2200 hrs.

"C" Company attached to and indirect support of 47th Inf. 1st, 2nd, 3rd pltns. attached to 3rd, 2nd, 1st Bns., moved West with advancing infantry, through FLEURY, GASVILLE & GRUCHY. One M-10 hit 2 mines (believed to be teller mines) and put out of action. Another M-10 (2nd. Pltn. was hit by mortar fire and put out of action. Both M-10's recovered.

Recon. Company - 1 Recon. pltn. with each gun company. 1 pioneer section with "B" Co. O.P. operated for "B" Co. West of FLEURY. Co. Hq. & Pioneer section vicinity 2 miles East of VASTEVILLE.

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25 July 1944.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS - "A" COMPANY, 899TH TANK DESTROYER BN.,  
WHILE IN FIFTH CORPS SECTOR



On June 8th, 1944, 1st. Platoon "A" Co., 899th T.D.Bn., plus one M-10 destroyer and Reconnaissance Company pioneer section landed on OMAHA BEACH. Unit bivouaced in area S.W. of beach for approximately two (2) days.

June 10th 1944 - Unit commander contacted First United States Army Headquarters and was given the mission of assisting 327th Inf. in taking CARENTAN. Unit assisted 327th Inf. in their advance by knocking out one (1) church steeple being used as enemy OP, destroyed one 88mm A.T. gun and various machine gun nests. At 2400 hrs. relieved from assignment to 327th Inf.

June 11th 1944 - Attached to 501st A/B Div and moved into position, assisting in the attack on a point east of CARENTAN, firing on machine gun nests and pockets of resistance.

June 12th 1944 - Relieved from 501st A/B Div and re-attached to the 327th Inf. supporting them in anti-tank roles, point S.E. of CARENTAN. Anti-tank missions were performed and were also used as assault artillery. One M-10 knocked out during action.

June 13th 1944 - Attached to 327th Inf. supporting drive S.E. of CARENTAN by lending close support to advancing infantry. Numerous machine gun nests and pill boxes destroyed.

June 14th 1944 - Relieved from assignment to 327th Inf. and reattached to 501st A/B. Div. assisting them in drive S.W. of CARENTAN, giving close support to advancing infantry, and performing anti-tank missions.

June 15th 1944 - Attached to 501st A/B. Div. assisting in drive S.W. of CARENTAN in anti-tank role and by giving close support to advancing units.

June 16th 1944 - Relieved from attachment to 501st A/B Div. and rejoined Company "A", 899th T.D. Bn. at 352931.

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VEHICLE CASUALTY REPORT

TYPE	CAUSE	DATE of CASUALTY	DATE REPAIRED	DATE REPLACED
1/4 T 4x4	Lost in Wade to bench.	10 June		20 June
1/4 T 4x4	" " "	10 June		20 June
1-1/2T 6x6	" " "	10 June		20 June
Car, AL, M-20	" " "	10 June		18 June
Car, AL, M-20	Mechanical	11 June	11 June by Bn.	
Car, AL, M-20	" "	12 June	12 June by Bn.	
1/4 T 4x4	Shrapnel	13 June		20 June
Car, AL, M-20	Mechanical	14 June	14 June by Bn.	
M-10	Mechanical	14 June	16 June by Ordn.	
1/4 T 4x4	Mechanical	15 June	15 June by Bn.	
1/4 T 4x4	MIA - Battle Loss	16 June		25 June
M-10	Damaged by Arty. Fire	16 June	17 June by Ordn.	
M-10	80 mm Shell through final drive.	17 June		18 June
Mtel.	Wrecked	22 June		29 June
1/4 T 4x4	Bomb fragments	23 June		1 July
1-1/2T 6x6	Mechanical	23 June	24 June by Bn.	
M-10	Enemy grenade exploding in turret	23 June	23 June by Ordn.	
1/4 T 4x4	MIA - Battle loss	24 June		5 July
M-10	Hit two mines	24 June	25 June by Bn.	
Mtel.	Mechanical	25 June	25 June by Bn.	
M-10	Burned by enemy action	25 June		5 July
M-10	Mechanical	27 June	27 June by Bn.	
M-8	Shrapnel	27 June	27 June by Bn.	
1/4T 4x4	Mechanical	28 June	3 July by Ordn.	
M-10	Turned over	30 June	1 July by Ordn.	
1-1/2T 6x6	Mechanical	30 June	2 July by Ordn.	
M-8	Shrapnel	30 June	30 June by Ordn.	



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I certify that the following recommendations for awards were submitted from this Headquarters for the period June 6 to June 30th 1944:

S I L V E R S T A R

1 Officer                      4 Enlisted Men

B R O N Z E S T A R

3 Enlisted Men



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I certify that the following casualties occurred in this Battalion during the period June 6th to 30th, 1944:

KILLED IN ACTION

1 Enlisted Man

WOUNDED IN ACTION

17 Enlisted Men     3 Officers

MISSING IN ACTION

3 Enlisted Men     2 Officers



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