

SECRETHEADQUARTERS FIRST TANK DESTROYER GROUP
APO #230 U. S. ARMY

4 August 1944

COMBAT REPORT

1. ORIGINAL UNIT

Completed - 1943



2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC.

a. Effective 011800B, 899th TD Bn (SP) was relieved from attachment to 9th Inf Div and reverted to 1st TD Group by authority of VCGG, VII Corps, 30 June 1944.

1st TD Group was then composed of:

- Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group
- 634th TD Battalion (SP)
- 899th TD Battalion (SP)

b. Effective 071700B, 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) was attached to 1st TD Gp for operations and employment by authority of Operations Memorandum 31, VII Corps, 7 July 1944.

c. (1) Effective 081800B, Btry "A", 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) was attached to 899th TD Bn (S) for employment by Field Order #5, Hq VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

(2) Effective 081800B, Btry "D", 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) was attached to 801st TD Bn (T) for employment per Field Order #5, H2 VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

d. Effective 090800B, 899th TD Bn (SP) (Btry "A", 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) attached) was relieved from attachment to 1st TD Group and attached to 9th Inf Div by authority of VCGG, VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

On 10 July 1944 1st TD Group was composed of:

- Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group
- 634th TD Battalion (SP)
- 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (- Btrys "A" and "D")*

e. Effective 092200B, Co "A", 634th TD Bn (SP) was attached to 83rd Inf Div by authority of VCGG, VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

f. Effective 112100B, Co "C", 634th TD Bn (SP) was attached to 4th Inf Div by authority of Operations Memorandum #35, VII Corps, 12 July 1944.

g. Effective 131800B, Co "A", 634th TD Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 83rd Inf Div and reverted to battalion control by authority of VCGG, VII Corps, 12 July 1944.

h. Effective 132400B, Co "C", 634th TD Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 4th Inf Div and reverted to battalion control by authority of VCGG, VII Corps, 12 July 1944.

On 15 July 1944 1st TD Gp was composed of:

- Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp
- 634th TD Battalion (SP)
- 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (- Btrys "A" and "D")

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i. Effective 9 July, 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) was relieved from attachment to 109th AAA Group and was attached to 1st TD Group for all purposes by authority of Troop Assignment #5 (Administrative) VII Corps, 14 July 1944.

j. Effective 152100B, Btry "D", 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) was relieved from attachment to 801st TD Bn (T) and reverted to Battalion control by authority of VO CG, VII Corps, 15 July 1944.

k. Effective 152400B, 413th AAA Gun Bn (M) was attached to 1st TD Group for operations and employment by authority of Operations Memorandum #41, Hq VII Corps, 18 July 1944.

l. Effective 18 July Btry "B", 129th AAA Gun Bn (M), was attached to 1st Inf Div; Btrys "C", and "D", 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) were attached to 2nd Armd Div; Btrys "C" and "D", 413th AAA Gun Bn (M) were attached to 3rd Armd Div; 634th TD Bn (SP), (CO "C") was attached to 1st Inf Div; Co "C", 634th TD Bn (SP) was attached to 4th Inf Div; by authority of Annex 3 to Field Order #6, Hq VII Corps, 18 July 1944.

1st TD Gp then consisted of: Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp
 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btrys "A",
 "B", "C", "D")
 413th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btrys "C"^A "D"^B)

m. Effective 300950B, 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) was relieved from attachment to VII Corps and 1st TD Group and was attached to 49th AAA Brigade, First United States Army.

3. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

<u>1 July 1944</u>		<u>31 July 1944</u>		<u>Net Increase</u>		<u>Net Decrease</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
15	62	15	59	0	0	0	3

4. STATIONS (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY)

a. 1st TD Group, composed of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp and 634th TD Bn (SP) moved from bivouac in vicinity of EMONDEVILLE (336025) to bivouac in vicinity of VIERVILLE (403913), 5 July 1944, by authority of VO CG, VII Corps, 4 July 1944.

b. 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) moved from battalion area in vicinity of FLAUZ (346963) to join 1st TD Group in bivouac in vicinity of VIERVILLE (403913) on 9 July, by authority of VO CG, VII Corps, 8 July 1944.

c. 1st TD Group, composed of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group, 634th TD Bn (SP) (-Co's "A" and "C"), 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btrys "A" and "D") moved from bivouac in vicinity of VIERVILLE (403913) to new bivouac in vicinity of CARRE FOUR DES CHEMINS (362825) on 12 July 1944, by authority of VO CG, VII Corps, 11 July 1944.

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d. 1st TD Group, composed of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group, and 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btry "A") moved from bivouac in vicinity of CARRE FOUR DES CHEMINS (362825) to new bivouac in vicinity 445765) on 18 July by authority of VOCCG, VII Corps, 17 July 1944.

e. 413th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btrys "C" and "D") moved from bivouac in vicinity of 435735, to new bivouac in vicinity of 436765, 20 July 1944, by authority of VOCCG, VII Corps, 20 July 1944.

f. 1st TD Group, composed of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp, and 413th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btrys "C" and "D") departed from old bivouac area at 311500B and opened at areas as indicated below at 311900B:

Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp, in vicinity of 328495.

413th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btrys "C" and "D") vicinity 336495.

5. CAMPAIGNS:

1st TD Group, composed of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group, 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (-Btrys "A", "B", "C", and "D"), 413th AAA Gun Bn (-Btrys "C" and "D") was initially in VII Corps Reserve for Operations "COBRA", 25 July 1944, to present date, by authority of Field Order #6, Hq VII Corps, 20 July 1944.

6. Battles:

None.

7. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:

a. 1st TD Group	- COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS
b. 899th TD Bn (SP)	- MAJOR HOYT K. LORANCE
c. 634th TD Bn (SP)	- LT COL HENRY L. DAVISSON
d. 129th AAA Gun Bn (M)	- LT COL PERRY B PRIEST
e. 413th AAA Gun Bn (M)	- LT COL DONALD MAC GRAIN
f. Engagement	

8. LOSSES IN ACTION, OFFICERS AND MEN:

None.

9. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:

None.

10. PICTURES:

None.

B. G. STEVENS,
Colonel, Inf, 1st TD Group,
Commanding.

1 Incl: Appendix #1 - Movement.

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APPENDIX 1 to COMBAT REPORT

1. On 5 July, 1st TD Group, consisting of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group, and 634th TD Bn (SP) moved by vehicle from vicinity of EMONDEVILLE (336625) to vicinity of VIERVILLE (403912). The leading vehicle cleared EMONDEVILLE 050700B, and the convoy closed in the new bivouac area at 050915B. Length of march was 11.4 miles. Roads and weather were good. Movement was made by authority of VCCG, VII Corps, 4 July 1944.
2. On 12 July, 1st TD Group, consisting of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group, 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (- Btry "A"), and 634th TD Bn (SP) (- Co "A"), moved by vehicle from vicinity of VIERVILLE (403912), to vicinity of CARRE FOUR DES CHEMINS (362825). The leading vehicle cleared VIERVILLE at 120800B, and the convoy closed in the new bivouac area at 121025B. Length of march was 7.8 miles. Roads and weather were good. Movement was made by authority of VCCG, VII Corps, 11 July 1944.
3. On 18 July, 1st TD Group, consisting of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group, and 129th AAA Gun Bn (M) (- Btry "A") moved by vehicle from vicinity of CARRE FOUR DES CHEMINS (403912) to vicinity of 443765. The leading vehicle cleared the old bivouac at 181700B, and the convoy closed in the new location at 181830B. Length of march was 10 miles. Roads and weather were good. Movement was made by authority of VCCG, VII Corps, 17 July 1944.
4. On 20 July, 413th AAA Gun Bn (M) (- Btrys "C" and "D") moved by vehicle from vicinity of 436735 to vicinity of 436765. The leading vehicle cleared the old bivouac area at 201600B, and the convoy closed in the new area at 201815B. Length of march was 4 miles. Roads and weather were good. Movement was made by authority of VCCG, VII Corps, 20 July 1944.
5. On 31 July, 1st TD Group, consisting of Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Group, and 413th AAA Gun Bn (M) (- Btrys "C" and "D") moved by vehicle from bivouacs as listed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, to bivouac in vicinity of 328495. Length of march was 29.6 miles. Roads and weather were good. Movement was made by authority of VCCG, VII Corps, 30 July 1944.

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