

C O N F I D E N T I A LHEADQUARTERS FIRST TANK DESTROYER GROUP
APO 230 United States Army

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COMBAT REPORT

Section I - Period: 12-14 June 1944
 Section II - Period: 15-25 June 1944
 Section III - Period: 26-30 June 1944

SECTION I

1. Composition of Group:
 Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp
 634 TD Bn - Had not arrived from ENGLAND.
2. a. Mission: None.
 b. Status: Corps Reserve.
3. Execution: Does not apply.
4. Subsequent Developments:
 - a. Gp Hq & Hq Co moved from Transit Area "A" to bivouac at (352953). Column closed at 131425B.
 - b. Continuous reconnaissance of divisional sectors was made by Group staff.

SECTION II

1. Composition of Group:
 Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp
 634 TD Bn - Had not arrived from ENGLAND.
 899 TD Bn - (Attached 151000B VCOG VII Corps).
2. Mission:
 - a. Move 899th TD Bn to bivouac in vicinity of Group CP.
 - b. Be prepared to repel armored attack in 101st A/B Div sector, vicinity of CARENTAN.
3. Execution: 899th TD Bn moved from assembly area vicinity of MONTEBOURG to vicinity of LES FORGE (350930). Column closed at 151330B. Terrain reconnaissance was conducted by Group and Battalion staffs for position areas from which an armored attack could be repelled. These positions were never occupied.
4. Subsequent Developments:
 - a. VCOG VII Corps were received relieving five (5) guns of "A" Co, 899th TD Bn from attachment to 101st A/B Div. These guns reverted to company control at 151800B. At 152205B VCOG VII Corps were received reattaching the same five (5) guns to 101st A/B Div. No movement was made. Battalion Commander was given authority to replace the above mentioned guns by another platoon of "A" Co. This was accomplished at 160330B by substituting 2nd Plat, Co "A".
 - b. "E" Co, 899th TD Bn was attached to 90th Inf Div at 160600B, VCOG VII Corps.

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- c. "C" Co, 899th TD Bn was attached to 82nd A/B Div at 160600B, VCG VII Corps.
- d. 2nd Plat, "A" Co, 899th TD Bn reverted to battalion control from attachment to 101st A/B Div at 161500B, VCG VII Corps.
- e. 899th TD Bn (- "B" & "C" Co's) was attached to 9th Inf Div at 171200B, VCG VII Corps.
- f. Plans to repel an armored attack in 101st A/B Div sector remained in effect until 899th TD Bn (- "B" & "C" Co's) was detached from Group and attached to 9th Inf Div at 171200B.

SECTION III

- 1. Composition of Group:
 Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp
 634th TD Bn (arrived in FRANCE 30 June 1944)
- 2. a. Mission: None.
 b. Status: Corps Reserve.
- 3. Execution: Does not apply.
- 4. Subsequent Developments:
 - a. Group CP moved by infiltration from vicinity FAUVILLE (352953) to new location vicinity EMONDEVILLE (336023) beginning at 261313B. Column closed at 261455B.
 - b. 634th TD Bn(-GP vehicles) debarked UTAH BEACH 301400B, and moved to Transit Area "B". Gp Hq was notified at 301925B. Battalion was moved to bivouac vicinity EMONDEVILLE (338025). Column closed at 302130B.
 - c. GP vehicles, 634th TD Bn, debarked UTAH BEACH at 302330B and closed in bivouac area at 010445B.



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