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ORGANIZATION: HQ, 5TH TANK DESTROYER GROUP

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From: 1 September 1944 To: 10 September 1944

TIME		SER.	TIME	FROM	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
In	Out	NO.	DATED	or TO		TAKEN
					2nd Anniversary of 5th Tank Destroyer Group, Organization Day.	
	0855				3 prisoners of War were taken by Pfc. Mascheck and T/4 Mahanes in company area. Prisoners were interrogated by T/4 Jerige and Major Barlow and revealed they were all from the Battle Group AULOCH in a battalion commanded by Captain Wolf.	
					3 September 1944	
	1600				3524 MAM Ordnance inspection and maintenance by 3524 MAM - to continue until 7 September.	
					6 September 1944	
1130		301	5 Sept	XV Corps Lt. Hoyle, Ln O, returned from XV Corps with TUSA operational directive dtd 5 Sept 44, ordering XX Corps to advance on MAINZ, XII Corps to be prepared to rapidly seize MANHEIM on Army order; XV Corps to concentrate in area vicinity of TROYES prepared to either protect Army south flank from MONTARGIS to East, seize line of MOSELLE RIVER within zone, seize KARLSRUHE and secure bridgehead East of the Rhine or move through bridgeheads secured by XII Corps or XI Corps.		
					Capt Thompson and Lt. Wolfe visited 773d TD Bn. Interviewed Lt. Sakellaris and Major Moore regarding Lt. Reck's actions of August 29-44. Also re-interviewed Lt. Reck and Sgt Land.	
					7 September 1944	
	0910	310	061730	XV Corps	Opns Instns No 13 rec'd outlining plan for concentrating 2d Fr Armd Div, 79th Inf Div, 83d Inf Div, 106th Cav Gp, and Corps Troops vicinity TROYES on or about 10 September 1944.	
					8 September 1944	
	1525				Group closed in area at (595673) GSGB 4249, Sheet No. 13 G, 1/100,000, near VENDEUVRE. Distance travelled, 95.3 miles.	
					9 September 1944	
7	1433-1535			813 TD	Major McCutcheon, Ex O, 813 TD Bn, visited CP to report worn out condition of M-10 track and suspension and report Battalion position.	
					10 September 1944	
8	1135	0840 (336)		IV Corps	CO and SX depart for Corps CP for staff conference, and on return brought orders moving 773 TD Bn to FROMVILLE East of the MARNE RIVER. Upon arrival attached to 79th Inf Div with the idea of performing the function of the 813 TD Bn for a period of approximately 5 days, so that this battalion can go into much needed 3d echelon maintenance. 773d TD Bn was alerted by phone 1000 hours to be prepared to move at 1300 hours 10 September 1944. At the conclusion of the staff conference, CO visited CP of 773 TD Bn and oriented CP and staff on their move and mission.	



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TIME	TIME		TIME	FROM	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
	In	Out				
10	2030		346		XV Corps CO returned from Corps CP with movement Order #5.	
11	2030		347	101730	XV Corps Corps FO #8 for new offensive action of XV Corps for advance to MOSELLE RIVER.	
9					<p>Lt. Field accompanied Capt Stiver to 813 TD Bn to discover needs and shortages; learned that Col. Jeffries was going to pick up tracks and bogies at FONTAINBLEU on the 10th. Capt Thompson went to XV Corps (1800-2145) to check on Ord shortages with Col Wilson and requested them from 314 Ord Bn. Turned in G-1, G-4 reports to G-1 &amp; G-4. Arranged for 314 Ord to contact 813 TD Bn for maintenance operation and necessary work.</p> <p>11 September 1944</p>	
2	1253				<p>Arrived area at (997860) GSGS 4249, Sheet No 13 G, 1/100,000, near MORANCOURT. Distance travelled, 54.7 miles.</p> <p>12 September 1944</p>	
3	1852				<p>Arrived at (602759) GSGS 4249, Sheet No. 14 H, 1/100,000, near REMOVILLE. Distance travelled, 54.7 miles.</p> <p>13 September 1944</p>	
14	1300			2 Fr Ar	S-2 departed to 2d French Armd Div - mission of getting information on enemy tanks in their zone.	
15	2020				<p>Closed in new area (754767) GSGS 4249, Sheet No. 14 H, 1/100,000, vicinity of FRAISNES EN SANTOIS at 2020 hours. Distance travelled, 40.1 miles.</p> <p>15 September 1944</p>	
16	0907	0815		IV Corps	CO departed for Corps CP for staff conference, where it was decided to move 813 TD Bn to MOSELLE.	
7	0925			79 Div	<p>CO, SX, and S-3 visited CP of 79th Inf Div where it was mutually agreed (1) move 813 TD Bn, 16 September 44 from present location to vicinity of VOME COURT (8475) via route "B" (2) attach 773 TD Bn less "C" Co and 3d Rcn platoon to the 314th Inf Regt for the purpose of making two TD Companies available to the 314th for use against possible enemy attack on the bridgehead East of MOSELLE RIVER. In event 313th Inf Regt needs TD support it will come from 813 TD Bn. Capt Stiver was dispatched back to CP, 813 TD Bn to carry message order and orient Lt. Col. Jeffries on the latest situation. Col. Jacoby and party next visited CP, 773 TD Bn and oriented Bn CP group. While there orders were issued moving Co "A" to vicinity of CHARMES to reinforce "B" Co. This move was completed at 1355 when Co "A" closed SOCS 8978. Lt. Col. Spiess was advised that it was not Corps intention to prevent transferring more TDs across the river, and if he deemed it advisable such move would be made on his recommendation. Further he was told that the Division's intention was to have a senior TD commander coordinate AT plans within the 79th Div sector.</p>	



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From: 15 September 1944 To: 23 September 1944

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	FROM or TO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
In	Out					
18	2050				115 AAA Major Giles returned from 115 AA Bn where he gave a brief talk on tank identification and hints on firing on enemy tanks. Tentative plans made for exhibiting an M-10 (from 773 TD Bn) to men of 115 AA Bn.	
16 September 1944						
20	1230		161230		Intercepted message: 30 enemy tanks moving from RAMBERVILLERS towards MORVILLE request air observation. (Similar message from B Company, 773 TD Bn)	
19	1640	1503			XV Corps Capt Stiver departed for Corps CP to receive Silver Star award personally from General HAZSLIP.	
18 September 1944						
21	1720	1503			XV Corps In temporary absence of Col Jacoby, Major Barlow and Capt Stiver in answer to call from Col Hagan, deputy chief of staff, XV Corps, left for Corps Hq. Upon arrival thereat attended conference with General Haislip, CG, Col Menohr, Chief of Staff, Col Allen, G-3, to render decision as to what two TD Co's should be employed to reinforce 106 Cav Gp in impending attack of XV Corps. Co's "A" & "C" of 813 TD Bn were recommended. (Col Wilson, CO, 106 Cav Gp, concurring) Major Barlow, Captain Stiver then proceeded to CP, 813 TD Bn in CHARGES to explain the mission in further detail to CO, 813 TD Bn. Upon completion of this Major Barlow and Capt Stiver returned to Gp CP at 1720.	
19 September 1944						
22	1455	431A			Arrived new area (903752) GSGS 4249, Sheet No. 15 G, 1/100,000, in village of FLOREMONT/CP located in mayor's office and attached school room. Distance travelled, 9 miles.	
23	1825				90 Div Return of Capt Thompson from 90 Div where he had aided in pushing citations for men of 773 TD Bn (Lt Reck, Sgt Land, and Lt. Von Bahrens); visited also 4th TD Gp and 818th TD Bn in regard to current TD combat actions and supply problems.	
21 September 1944						
24	1610	1705			813 TD Lt. Col. Jeffries arrived Group CP to exchange information and to plan future employment.	
22 September 1944						
25	2100	1845	469		XV Corps CO and SX depart for Corps CP staff conference where it was recommended the 813 TD Bn less "A" and "C" Co's be moved NE to vicinity of 106 Cav Gp. Recommendation was approved and orders issued to move battalion. Msg. delivered to their CP at 222035.	
23 September 1944						
26	1130	0915			XV Corps Capt Thompson and Lt. Wolfe visited Hickory rear (AG) for censorship and citation information. Proceeded to Hickory forward and contacted Major Woodruff, XV Corps Artillery, on ammunition for indirect fire mission of 813 TD Bn. Were taken to see Col Meeker, Ord (Ammo) and arrangements made for delivery of ammo to above Bn. Upon return Capt Thompson consulted Col Jacoby and	



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From: 23 September 1944 To: 30 September 1944

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In	Out					
26	1130	0915		XV Corps	(continued)	
Major Giles on the ammunition set-up.						
26 September 1944						
27	1045	505	261000	XV Corps	813 TD Bn attached to 106 Cav Gp (261000) One company will remain on indirect fire mission under XV Arty (Message from Major Busch)	
28	1430	1300			Closed CP (903752) at 1300 and proceeding to new location. Arrived at 1430 (085995) GSGS 4249, Sheet No. 15 G, 1/100,000, vicinity of LUNEVILLE. CP located in chateau in LUNEVILLE. Distance travelled, 23.8 miles.	
27 September 1944						
29	0740	507	262145	XV Corps	Opns Instns #18, dtd 262145 rec'd.	
28 September 1944						
30	0820	535	28 Sept	XV Corps	Opns Instns #20: XV Corps and all XV Corps troops pass to command of Seventh US Army at 290001A.	
30 September 1944						
31	2400			5 TD Gp	S-1 & S-4 Daily Summary: On 29 September Gp S-4 arranged with Ord Bn to deliver by noon 10 sets of rubber chevron tracks to 773 TD Battalion; also visited CP of 773 TD Bn and discussed delivery of tracks with Bn CO, returned to Gp CP at 1230, 29 Sept 44.	

