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825TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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Subject: Monthly Report of Activities.


To: Commanding General, Special Troops, 12th Army Group, APO 655, U.S. Army.

In compliance with Sec I, Administrative Bulletin Number 71, Headquarters, Special Troops, 12th Army Group, dated 24 October 1944, the following report is submitted:

SEPTEMBER

On 1 September 1944 the 825th TD Battalion had nearly completed a mission assigned it by Headquarters, Advance Section, Communications Zone. In the Accomplishment of its mission during the month of August, the battalion had been scattered lengthwise and over the entire width of the Cotentin Peninsula from Cherbourg to LaHaye Pesnel; then east to the vicinity of Le Mans. Now with its Headquarters and Headquarters Company at the treasure-filled Richelieu estate, Chateau Haut-Buisson, near Cherre, with Company "A" at Alencon, Company "B" at Mayet and Company "C" at Beaumont, the job was almost finished. On 4 September, the battalion marched by sundry routes to a bivouac area approximately four (4) miles west of Sens where it immediately inaugurated a program of maintenance, a cleanup, and resupply. Company "A" was detached from the battalion on or about 9 September to serve with "T" Force of the 12th Army Group. Reporting at "T" Force Headquarters, Verdun, for more detailed instruction, Capt Joseph H. Dibert, Commanding Company "A", on 11 September was called upon to employ his first platoon at Metz and his second platoon at Nancy. On the 13th of September, the remainder of his Company moved to and established its headquarters at Luxembourg later being joined by the first and second platoons. Sergeant Joseph Salvetti, 31 130 116, was wounded by shrapnel near Metz and was Company "A"'s only casualty of the month. The battalion less Company "A" executed a blackout march on the night of 14 September arriving at Verdun on or about 15 September where it was relieved of assignment to the Third U. S. Army and assigned to the 12th Army Group with the mission of furnishing perimeter defense of the 12th Army Group installations and personal protection for the Group Commander during his inspection of the front with visiting dignitaries. On 22 September, the third platoon, Company "C" was detached from its company and the battalion assigned the mission of providing security for 12th Army Group signal installations in the vicinity of Arlon, Belgium.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
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