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SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. 602 T.D. Bn for period
1 October to 31 October 1944

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I. STRENGTH:	OFF	WO	EM
1 October 1944	33	1	573
31 October 1944	34	1	600
II. CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD:	OFF	WO	EM
a. Killed in action	0	0	1
b. Died of wounds	0	0	1
c. Wounded	1	0	2
d. Injured	0	0	0
e. Captured	0	0	0
f. Missing in action	0	0	0
g. Interned	0	0	0
h. Hospitalized (sick)	1	0	9
TOTAL	2	0	13
III. REPLACEMENTS:	OFF	WO	EM
a. Requisitioned during period:	0	0	21
b. Received during period:	0	0	24
IV. CASUALTIES RETURNING TO DUTY:	OFF	WO	EM
	1	0	15
V. AWARDS RECOMMENDED:			

- a. The following personnel were recommended for awards as shown below:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	AWARD
Capt. Walter D. Hart	Co. "B" 602 TD Bn.	Croix de Guerre
S/Sgt. Otha H. Shannon	Co. "B" 602 TD Bn.	Croix de Guerre
1st Sgt Earnest Kaiser	Co. "B" 602 TD Bn.	Silver Star
Tec 5 Alexander P. Pleva, Jr Co A, 602 TD Bn.		Soldier's Medal

- b. Final action is pending on the above listed recommendations.

- c. Number of personnel authorized Purple Heart during period: 2 EM.

VI. AWARDS MADE:

Major General M. S. Eddy made presentation of the following awards on
20 October 1944;

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NAME	ORGANIZATION	AWARD
Capt. Walter D. Hart	Co B, 602d TD Bn	Silver Star
S/Sgt. Otha H. Shannon	Co B, 602d TD Bn	Silver Star
Sgt. Philip Bonelli	Co C, 602d TD Bn	Silver Star
Pvt. Max W. Robotnick	Co A, 602d TD Bn	Silver Star
Sgt. James C. Winney	Rcn Co, 602d TD Bn	Bronze Star Medal
Sgt. James B. McCarthy	Co A, 602d TD Bn	Soldier's Medal

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(Summaries of Administrative Matters cont'd.).

VII. BATTLEFIELD PROMOTIONS:

Staff Sergeant Joe E. Parnell, 18030427, appointed 2nd Lieutenant, AUS, 19 October 1944.

VIII. COMMENDATIONS:

Three commendations were received during the period, copies of which are attached hereto.

IX. PRISONERS CAPTURED AND EVACUATED DURING PERIOD:

OFF
0

EM
16

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Personnel Section:

No change from previous month.

b. Mail:

No change from previous month.

c. Special Services:

1. Sufficient copies of Stars and Stripes were received daily to make distribution of approximately ten copies per company. Magazines and Armed Forces Edition of books were received twice during the month.
2. Religious services for all faiths were held weekly provided the tactical situation permitted.
3. Motion pictures were shown during the entire month.
4. Shower convoys to near-by towns were run as frequently as the tactical situation permitted.

d. Passes:

Pass convoys to include 5% personnel of this unit were sent to Nancy, France daily.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH TANK DESTROYER GROUP
APO #403, U. S. Army

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23 October 1944

Lt Col Peter J. Kopcsak,
Commanding, 602nd TD Battalion,
APO 403, U. S. Army.

Dear Colonel Kopcsak:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Corps Commander; copy of letter is attached for dissemination to the Command, and for filing with the historical record of your organization.

I am passing this on to you as I feel that the fine work the 602nd TD Battalion has accomplished, in the carrying out of all combat missions and orders, has been the main stay of any success attributed to the 9th TD Group.

I wish to commend you, your officers, and men. Your organization reflects in combat the excellent training standards and ideals that has always been apparent in your leaders and men.

I know that when the final phase of this campaign is set in motion the 602nd TD Battalion will show a bull dog determination and purpose to win. This, in conjunction with the other arms, will bring to our side complete and irrevocable victory.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Bidwell
JAMES W. BIDWELL,
Lt Col., Inf.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS XII CORPS
Office of the Commanding General
APO 312, U. S. Army

16 October 1944

Lt Colonel James W. Bidwell,
Commanding, 9th TD Group,
APO 403, U. S. Army.

Dear Colonel Bidwell:

The fighting of the last few weeks has punched home to us one point so obvious and so clean cut, that I want every soldier and every officer in the Corps to realize its full significance.

That point is this: The Germans, even the best and most experienced of them are visibly frightened of us. They are frightened by the superior equipment, the more skillful tactics, and above all, by the magnificent courage and will to win shown by the troops of this corps.

We are now between rounds of a fight to the knockout. The last round saw the Boche stagger back into his corner. While we are gathering our strength for the kill, he is hanging on the ropes. He cannot last another -- he is bound to go down. I am confident when the next round comes up, that the troops of the 9th TD Group will show the same courage, the same skill, and the same driving determination to get this war won, that have won for us our successes to date.

I congratulate the 9th TD Group on its performance in the past -- I wish it Godspeed and early victory.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ M. S. Eddy,
/t/ M. S. EDDY,
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
183D FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP, FDC-B
APO 403, U. S. ARMY

29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, XII Corps Artillery, APO 312,
U. S. Army.

1. During the period 16 October to 26 October, elements of the 602d TD Battalion were attached to the 273d FA Battalion and the 738th FA Battalion, operating under this headquarters. During this period, they performed valuable service in furnishing supporting fires in the 35th and 26th Infantry Divisions and the 4th Armored Division sectors.

2. In this secondary role, they fired 138 missions, expending 2192 rounds of ammunition on observed and on harassing and interdiction fires. The gun crews were always prompt in furnishing fires when and where needed, day or night.

3. I wish to commend the officers and men of the above unit for their fine display of cooperation and desire to do all in their power to kill Germans and destroy their equipment and installations.

W.H. Bartlett
W. H. BARTLETT
Colonel, FA
Commanding

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1st Ind.

(29 Oct 44)

HQ XII CORPS ARTILLERY, APO 312, US Army, 30 October 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 602d TD Battalion, APO 403, US Army.

1. The service rendered by the 602 TD Bn in support of the Corps Artillery, coming as it did at a time of critical shortage in artillery ammunition, should serve as a keynote of the coordination and cooperation between the various arms that is so necessary to the success of any operation.

2. I add my commendation to that of the group commander.

John M. Lentz
JOHN M. LENTZ
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding.



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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 602 TD BN FOR PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 1944 TO 31 OCTOBER 1944

1. During the period 1 October through 26 October 1944 the battalion, less separate attachments, was attached to the 9th TD Group. On 27 October 1944 the battalion less one platoon was attached to the 26th Infantry Division. Except for attachment of Company "A" to the 2nd Cavalry Group from 1 October to 9 October 1944 and one platoon of Company "B" attached to the 2nd Cavalry Group from 11 October to 31 October 1944 and Company "C" supporting the 80th Infantry Division from 4 October to 26 October 1944, the primary operation of the battalion was indirect firing missions with field artillery units. The missions fired were chiefly harassing and interdictory fire. The details of the indirect firing missions to include type of ammunition fired, rounds fired, targets and effectiveness are contained in the attached periodic report. Further details of operations for the period are contained in the unit journal and incoming and outgoing messages.

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SUMMARY OF SUPPLY, 602 TD BN FOR PERIOD FROM 1 OCTOBER 1944 TO 31 OCTOBER 1944

I. Class I Supplies:

- a. No change from preceding month.
- b. No change from preceding month.

II. Class II Supplies:

- a. No change from preceding month.

III. Class III Supplies:

- a. No change from preceding month.
- b. No change from preceding month.
- c. No change from preceding month.

IV. Class IV Supplies:

- a. No change from preceding month.

V. Class V Supplies:

- a. No change from preceding month.
- b. No change from preceding month.

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SUMMARY OF EVACUATION, 602 TD BN FOR PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 1944 TO 31 OCTOBER 1944

I. General:

- a. One 1/4 ton truck equipped with four stretchers and two enlisted men each was assigned to A, B, and C Companies. The Medical Officer and remainder of Medical enlisted personnel remained with the Battalion aid station in the rear echelon until 27 October 1944. On this date due to the tactical disposition of the companies and distances involved a forward aid station was set up so as to be near the gun companies. The forward aid station was composed of three enlisted men and one 1/4 ton truck used for evacuation.
- b. No change in method of evacuation.
- c. No change in method of evacuation of deceased.

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1 Oct 44: Rcn Company made reconnaissance of routes leading to tentative gun positions in a defensive sector prescribed by 9th T.D. Group generally in the sector MAIXE North to ARRACOURT, east to LEYR.

This is known as plan A. Overlays of plans submitted to 9th T.D. Group, 501st Ord. Bn. made technical inspection of "C" Companys M-18's. Companies in rest area worked on motor maintenance.

"B" Company returned to assembly area vicinity of LANEUVELLOTTE for a rest period. Rcn had 2 M-8's damaged. "B" Company lost one $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton truck.

2 Oct 44: Rcn Company made reconnaissance of routes leading to, and selected tentative positions in a defensive sector prescribed by 9th T.D. Group generally in the sector DOMBASIE North to REMEREVILIE and northeast to CUSTINES. This is known as Plan B. Overlays of plans submitted to 9th T.D. Group. Companies in rest area continued work on maintenance. Personnel from "C", Rcn., and Hqs Company taken to NANCY for showers. General Ernst visited Battalion CP at about 1500 hours.

3 Oct 44: "B" Company and "C" Company continued work on motor maintenance. "A" Company still in position.

4 Oct 44: Company "B" continued motor maintenance work, also had inspection of small arms. Convoys from Rcn., Hqs., and "B" Companies taken to NANCY for showers and movies.

Company "C", plus one platoon Rcn. attached, moved from bivouac area vicinity LANEUVELOTE to vicinity of LOISY in Corps reserve to support 80th Infantry Division. Moved out of bivouac area at 1545 hours. Lt. King, Rcn Company reported to 80th Infantry Division as liaison officer.

"A" Company remained attached to 2nd Cavalry Group.

5 Oct 44: "C" Company made reconnaissance of possible gun positions in 80th Infantry Division sector and submitted overlay to this headquarters which was forwarded to 9th T. D. Group. "B" Company continued work on motor maintenance. No other changes.

All personnel were paid for month of September.

6 Oct 44: One platoon Rcn. Company ordered to make reconnaissance in vicinity of MONCEL SUR SEILIE at 0530. "B" Company alerted for possible movement to this area to meet a threatened tank attack. At 1000 hours "B" Company taken off the alert. Rcn. platoon returned to area at about 1030. Tank Attack did not develop.

Movie "This is the Life", shown in CHAMPENOUX for "B" and Rcn. Companies.

"B" Company had one motorcycle damaged in an accident. No one injured.

7 Oct 44: No change in tactical disposition of gun companies. "C" Company is to support 80th Infantry Division in attack scheduled for tomorrow and has mission of repelling armored counterattacks in 80th Infantry Division Sector until new MIR is established.

One M-18 was drawn as replacement and issued to "C" Company.

Red Cross visited Hqs. Company, "B" and Rcn. Companies, serving doughnuts and coffee. Movie "This is the Life" shown for Hqs Company.

8 Oct 44: One section Rcn. Company alerted and sent to area Chateau SALINS and MONCEL with mission of road screen. Left assembly area vicinity LANEUVELOTE at 0755. "C" Company supported 80th Infantry Division in attack. Knocked out one observation Post, one truck, captured 16 prisoners.

Authority has been received for this unit to reorganize under T/O and T/E dated 15 March 1944. However, no action toward reorganization is to be taken until so directed by higher headquarters.

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9 Oct 44: "A" Company relieved from attachment 2nd Cavalry Group and returned to assembly area vicinity of LANEUVELLOTTE. "C" Company supported 80th Infantry Division in attack, knocking out one Machine Gun and number of buildings destroyed at NOMENY.

10 Oct 44: Rcn. Company made reconnaissance of Plans A-6, A-7, and B-6 and reports of Rcn submitted to Bn. S-3.

"A" Company worked on motor maintenance and small arms. "C" Company continued mission of supporting 80th Infantry Divisions.

11 Oct 44: "C" Company continued on mission of supporting 80th Infantry Division. One platoon "B" Company attached to 4th Armored Division to work with 2nd Cavalry Group Platoon reported to 2nd Cavalry Group at 1110 hours. "B" Company had one M-18 damaged by land mine.

One M-18 drawn and issued to "B" Company.

12 Oct 44: "C" Company and one platoon "B" Company continued on missions. No other changes. "C" Company knocked out one observation post.

Physical inspection of all enlisted personnel made by Bn. Surgeon.

Movie shown for Battalion.

13 Oct 44: "B" Company knocked out one Mark IV Tank. No other changes.

14 Oct 44: One platoon Rcn Company, "A" Company, "B" Company, less one platoon, moved into positions vicinity of MAZERULLES and ERBEVILLER, respectively, at about 1800 hours, prepared to meet a possible tank attack from vicinity of CHATEAU-SALINS and CHAMEREY. "C" Company moved from front lines to assembly position in vicinity of LANDREMONTE.

15 Oct 44: "A" Company and "B" Company, less one platoon received missions of supporting Field Artillery units in firing missions. Liaison made with Field Artillery as to administrative and supply details and also selected gun positions. No other changes.

16 Oct 44: "A" Company, working with 738th Field Artillery Bn., occupied firing positions vicinity of MAZERULLES. "B" Company, working with 273rd Field Artillery Bn., occupied positions vicinity ATHIENVILLE. Both companies registered on check points and were prepared to fire concentrations by 1700 hours. No other changes.

Colonel Berry visited Battalion Command Post from 1500 to 1530 hours.

17 Oct 44: No changes.

18 Oct 44: "B" Company knocked out one observation post. No other changes.

Eleven replacements and one casual received.

19 Oct 44: "A" and "B" Companies continued on missions, registering in on base points, firing harassing and interdictory fire vicinity CHATEAU-SALINS. No other changes.

20 Oct 44: "A" and "B" Companies continued on missions. Same type firing as previous day. No other changes.

Major General EDDY visited Battalion CP at 1530 hours, making presentations as follows: Silver Stars to Capt. Walter D. Hart, S/Sgt Otha H. Shannon, Sgt Philip Bonelli, and Pvt Max Robotnick; the Bronze Star Medal to Sgt James Winney and the Soldier's Medal to Sgt James B. McCarthy.

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21 Oct 44: "A" and "B" Companies continued on missions, firing at same type targets. No other changes.

22 Oct 44: "A" and "B" Companies continued on missions. "A" Company knocked out one anti-tank gun, and battery (4) of enemy guns.

23 Oct 44: "A" and "B" Companies continued on missions. Message of commendation received from Corps and Group Commander.

24 Oct 44: No changes.

25 Oct 44: No changes in tactical dispositions or missions. Tentative plans made to withdraw "C" Company on 26 October 1944 to assembly area vicinity of LANEUVELLOTTE.

26 Oct 44: "C" Company moved from vicinity of LANDREMONT to vicinity of LANEUVELLOTTE. Battalion made plans to move to vicinity of ATHIENVILLE.

27 Oct 44: Battalion, less Hqs Company, 1 platoon of "B" Company "B" and two platoons Rcn Company moved to vicinity of ATHIENVILLE. Battalion, less one platoon of Company "B" which is attached to 2nd Cavalry Group, attached to 26th Infantry Division. "C" Company, in support of Division Artillery surveyed in preparation to fire at 1400. Harassing and interdictory firing missions assigned "C" Company. Effect unknown. "A" Company, in support of Division Artillery did no firing. One platoon Company "B" plus one section Rcn Company attached to 104 Infantry Regiment and 101 Infantry Regiment respectively.

28 Oct 44: "C" Company continued on missions of harassing and interdictory firing. "A" Company surveyed in and fired first mission at 1830 hours. "A" Company destroyed one ammunition dump. "C" Company destroyed one OP and three trucks.

29 Oct 44: Companies continued on missions. "A" Company knocked out one machine gun.

30 Oct 44: "A" Company relieved of field artillery mission at 1400 hours and will be held in reserve. No other changes. Major General PAUL, 26th Infantry Division Commander visited Battalion Command Post at 1500 hours.

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31 Oct 44: C Company lost one 1/4 ton truck and one enlisted man slightly wounded by artillery fire. Company A and 2 platoons Rec Co alerted at 0530 hours. Taken off the alert at 0830. No other changes.

Brigadier General Ernst, Colonel Berry and Lt Col Darling visited Battalion Command Post.

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ATTACHMENTS FOR PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 1944 TO 31 OCTOBER 1944

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ATTACHMENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Bn (less)	9th T. D. Group	1 October - 26 October 1944
Co A	2nd Cavalry Group	1 October - 9 October 1944
Co C	80th Inf Division	4 October - 26 October 1944
1 platoon Co B	2nd Cavalry Group	11 October - 31 October 1944
Co A	738 F.A. Bn.	16 October - 26 October 1944
Co B	273 F.A. Bn.	16 October - 26 October 1944
Bn (less)	26th Inf. Division	27 October - 31 October 1944

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LOSSES INFILCTED AGAINST THE ENEMY DURING THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 1944 TO 31 OCTOBER 1944

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Tanks	1
88mm Guns	4
Anti-Tank Guns	1
Ammunition Dump	1
Observation Posts	4
Trucks	4
Machine Guns	2

LOSSES SUSTAINED FROM THE ENEMY DURING THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 1944 to
31 OCTOBER 1944

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
M-18	1
M-8	2 (Damaged)
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks	1
Motorcycles	1

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G-1 PERIODIC REPORT

NO. 6

FROM: 0001 1 October 1944 UNIT: 602nd TD Bn.
TO: 2359 7 October 1944 DATE: 8 October 1944

1. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTALLATIONS:

	WARRANT OFFICERS	ENLISTED OFFICERS	NURSES	ENLISTED MEN	TOTAL
2. STRENGTH (Effective)	<u>33</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>622</u>
3. CASUALTIES:	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
a. Killed:	<u>none</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
b. Missing, Capture, or Interned:	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
c. Wounded (Hospital- ized):	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
d. Sick or Injured (Hospitalized):	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total:	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

4. Replacements Received: 11 Personnel returned to duty: 6
5. Prisoners of War: Captured: None Evacuated: None
6. Stragglers on Hand from other units: None
7. Graves Registration(Cemetery Location and No. Buried): None

8. State of Morale: Excellent

9. Civilian Population: Friendly

JAMES M. MOTLEY
Captain, Cavalry,
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STATION LIST AND STRENGTH REPORT
602nd TD Bn. (Unit) (Including Reporting Unit)

UNIT	LOCATION	T/O STR	ASGD STR	EFFECTIVE STRENGTH			TOTAL
				T/O	NURSES	EM	
PART 1*	U-156-934	* 30 Off 1 WO 485 EM		*28	1		
PART 2*							
	* Does not include unit shown in Part 3						
PART 3*							

TO WHO IS ATTACHED

DATE DETACHED

Co. "A", 602nd TD Bn. 28 Sept.

2nd Cavalry Group

- * Part 1 - List of Units Assigned and Directly Controlled by your Headquarters.
- * Part 2 - List of Units Attached and Directly Controlled by your Headquarters.
- * Part 3 - Units Assigned but Attached to another Headquarters for Control.

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G-1 PERIODIC REPORT

NO. 7

FROM: 0001 8 October 44 UNIT: 602nd TD Bn.
TO: 2359 14 October 44 DATE: 15 October 1944

1. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTALLATIONS:

	WARRANT OFFICERS		ENLISTED OFFICERS		TOTAL
	NURSES	MEN	NURSES	MEN	
2. STRENGTH (Effective)	33	1	-	593	627
3. CASUALTIES:					
a. Killed:	None	None	-	None	None
b. Missing, Capture, or Interned:	None	None	-	None	None
c. Wounded (Hospital- ized):	1	None	-	None	1
d. Sick or Injured (Hospitalized):	None	None	-	1	1
Total:	1	None	-	1	2

4. Replacements Received: 2 Personnel returned to duty: 6.
5. Prisoners of War: Captured: 16 Evacuated: 16.
6. Stragglers on Hand from other units: None.
7. Graves Registration(Cemetery Location and No. Buried: None

8. State of Morale: Excellent

9. Civilian Population: Friendly

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G-1 PERIODIC REPORTS

STATION LIST AND STRENGTH REPORT
(Including Reporting Unit)

602nd TD Bn. (Unit)

ANNEX NO. 1
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of

UNIT	LOCATION	T/O STR	ASGD STR	EFFCTIVE STRNGTH	TO	NURSES	F/M	TOTAL
PART 1*								
A								
B (less 1 Plat)								
Hqs								
Rcn.								
PART 2*								
PART 3*								
C								
1 Plat								

DATE DETACHED

4 October 1944
11 October 1944

TO WHOM ATTACHED

80th Division
2nd Cavalry

- * Part 1 - List of Units Assigned and Directly Controlled by your Headquarters.
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G-1 PERIODIC REPORT

NO. 8

FROM: 0001 15 October 1944 UNIT: 602nd TD Bn.
TO: 2359 21 October 1944 DATE: 22 October 1944.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTALLATIONS:

	WARRANT OFFICERS	WARRANT OFFICERS	NURSES	ENLISTED MEN	TOTAL
2. STRENGTH (Effective)	34	1	-	601	636
3. CASUALTIES:					
a. Killed:	None	None	-	None	None
b. Missing, Capture, or Interned:	None	None	-	None	None
c. Wounded (Hospital- ized):	None	None	-	None	None
d. Sick or Injured (Hospitalized):	None	None	-	4	4
Total:	None	None	-	4	4

4. Replacements Received: 11 Personnel returned to duty: 2
5. Prisoners of War: Captured: None Evacuated: None
6. Stragglers on Hand from other units: None
7. Graves Registration(Cemetery Location and No. Buried: None

8. State of Morale: Excellent

9. Civilian Population: Friendly.

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STATION LIST AND STRENGTH REPORT
(Including Reporting Unit)

- * Part 1 - List of Units Assigned and Directly Controlled by your Headquarters.
- * Part 2 - List of Units Attached and Directly Controlled by your Headquarters.
- * Part 3 - Units Assigned but Attached to another Headquarters for Control.

2nd Cavalry Group

11 October 1944.

Co. "B"

TO WHOM IT MAY CATCH

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PART 3*

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