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HEADQUARTERS
702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion

APO 230, US Army,
10 August 1944

SUBJECT: After Action Report for June 1944.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Thru Channels)

In compliance with letter, subject: Action Against Enemy, Report After/After Action Reports, 319.1/401 (C), Headquarters, First United States Army, 13 July 1944:

The 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Second Armored Division, alerted 1 June 1944 at Tidworth Barracks, Tidworth, England in preparation for move. From 1 June 1944 to 6 June 1944 the unit completed all preparations for operations as called for in orders issued by XIX Corps.

The Battalion less residual troops (Personnel and vehicles not included in totals to be taken under command of Headquarters Company Commandant) departed Tidworth Barracks on motor movement for Marshalling Area in vicinity of Winchester, England on 7 June 1944.

Unit remained in Marshalling Area from 8 June 1944 through 9 June 1944 completing waterproofing and all preparations for landing on hostile shore.

Alerted 101000B June 1944 for movement to South Hampton. The Unit completed loading in LST's at South Hampton (New Docks) 101700B June 1944. Three crafts assigned battalion, each company carrying company combat team composed of a line company, portions of Reconnaissance Company, and necessary combat teams.

Disembarked on beach late on 11 June 1944. Unit assembled in Transit Area Number 4 for dewaterproofing and further orders.

No enemy action encountered on above operations.

Unit bivouaced in vicinity of La Mine in assembly area of Second Armored Division.

Contact established and maintained with First, Second, and 29th Infantry Divisions, then holding front line sectors. Reconnaissance and plans made for possible employment of unit along front. Unit ordered to maintain contact with British units on left to be prepared for possible enemy breakthrough between the two armies.

Unit moved from vicinity of La Mine to vicinity of Balleroy, France 18 June 1944. Continued reconnaissance along front lines and throughout area for gun positions.

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Placed in anti-tank positions south of Balleroy and Cerisy Forest on 20 June 1944. Road blocks and mine fields prepared for use and employment on Corps order. 17th Engineers, Second Armored Division, assisted Battalion in these preparations. Twenty-four (24) hour contact maintained with units south of this sector.

Defensive positions maintained until 1 July 1944. Positions improved and defences strengthened during this period.

Experiments made from 22 June 1944 to 28 June 1944 on Mark IV Tank (PantherP towed from British sector to vicinity of Balleroy. Results of firing submitted to Corps and Army.

No enemy operations against enemy during this period. Battalion received light sporadic shelling and three strafing attacks during period.

Casualties for Period:

- a. Killed: No officers and no enlisted men.
- b. Sick, gassed and wounded:
 - (1) Evacuated: No officers and four (4) enlisted men.
 - (2) Non-evacuated: No officers and one (1) enlisted man.
- c. Captured: No officers and no enlisted men.
- d. Missing: No officers and no enlisted men.

Replacements received: No officers and 24 enlisted men.

Vehicular losses: None

Ammunition expenditure: None.

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Casualties: One (1) Officer wounded and evacuated.
Twenty seven (27) enlisted men wounded and evacuated.
Nine (9) enlisted men killed.

Total vehicular losses 1 to 31 July 1944:

One $\frac{1}{4}$ ton, 4x4 truck.

One $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 6x6 truck.

Three motorcycles.

Three 1 ton trailers, 2 wheel, cargo.

Two M-8, Armored Cars.

Three M-10 Tank Destroyers (Damaged and replaced during operations)

Total Ammunition Expenditure: 3 Inch Gun (Primary Weapon).

Indirect fire: 3864 rounds.

Direct fire : ABC, BD: 42 rounds.

HE : 483 rounds.

Total casualties in unit:

Three officers wounded and evacuated.

Fifty three (53) enlisted men wounded and evacuated.

Ten (10) enlisted men killed.

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