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Unit : 702nd Tank Destroyer Bn  
Place : K-765597  
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Maps: Rosieres Sheet 114; GSGS France & Belgium Sheet 11, 1/100,000, Sheet 67, 1/100,000, Sheet 7, 8 & 9, 1/100,000; Tirlemont & Diest Sheet 46 & 57, 1/50,000, Sheet 58, 1/50,000, Sheet 48, 1/50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Fluid. Extend approximately from Saeffelen-Breberen and Waldenbath Southeast to Geilenkirchen, and South along railroad to Herzogenrath.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Battalion less two companies in vicinity Versilienbosch, Holland (K765597). Company "A" attached to CC "A" in vicinity (K830659). Company "C" attached to 113th Cavalry. vicinity (K665677)

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3. LOCATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS: Does Not Apply.

4. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: September 1, 1944: The Battalion moved at 010900E Sept 1944 from the vicinity of Bois de Rotibequet, France (N138117) to the vicinity of Herbecourt, France (N489576). The battalion less Company "A" was attached to CC "B" and moved in two columns as CC "B" reserve. Company "B" operated with the right column, Company "C" operated with the left. Company "A" was attached to CC "A" in mobile reserve. The Battalion prepared to move across the Somme River on order. At 011400E Sept, Company "B" fired direct fire across the Somme River in support of the bridge head established near Herbecourt, France (N489526) destroying six 88mm guns and three light vehicles. Artillery fire observed by Commanding Officer of Ron Company, 702nd TD Bn was credited with the destruction of numerous enemy vehicles and personnel and of seriously disrupting enemy activities.

September 2, 1944: The Battalion crossed the Somme River in two columns at 020200 Sept. The Battalion less Company "A" moved in the right column of CC "B"; Company "A" in the left column with CC "A". Company "B" assisted the crossing by placing one platoon of destroyers as anti-tank protection of the bridge head at 020130. Companies "B" and "C" at 020900 placed direct fire on enemy activity in the vicinity of Fechain, France (H798049) where the Germans had set up guns to protect destroyed bridges across the canal in that vicinity. Company "B" destroyed two

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pillboxes; one light artillery piece; one ammunition vehicle; three machine gun positions; and captured twenty-five prisoners in that operation.

September 2 - 5, 1944: The Battalion less Company "A" and Company "C" maintained road blocks at Aubercicourt (N800020); Pecquencourt (N788972) and Manchennes (N836102), France throughout the period 2 Sept to 5 Sept 1944. Company "A" attached to CC "A", in the same vicinity, established road blocks for AT protection to the Northwest. Company "C" attached to Division Reserve maintained road blocks on the main supply route through Pecquencourt, France (N788072) until 5 Sept 1944.

September 6, 1944: The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" moved from vicinity of Pecquencourt, France (N788072) 060800 Sept in three columns to the vicinity of Hulsen, Belgium (T267568). Company "A" was attached to CC "A". Company "C" remained in Division Reserve. All companies maintained road blocks during halts to protect Division assembly areas and supply routes. On the march close liaison was maintained with higher headquarters for possible use as flank protection against a hostile tank threat.

September 7, 1944: The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" moved to the vicinity of Hulsen, Belgium (T267568) in two columns in support of CC "B", and placed road blocks to protect the Division assembly area and supply routes. Company "A" under control of CC "A" moved to the vicinity of Herck La Ville, Belgium (K195635) on the 8 Sept 1944. Company "C" under control of Division Reserve Commander followed the two combat commands protecting the rear installations and replacing road blocks during the advance of the two combat commands as the Division displaced forward.

September 8 - 13, 1944: The Battalion remained in the 2nd Armd Division area in the vicinity of Herck La Ville, Belgium (K195635) accomplishing maintenance of radios and vehicles from 8 Sept to 13 Sept 1944. The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" under control CC "B" moved from vicinity of Hulsen, Belgium (T267568) to vicinity of Ker Berg, Belgium (K404492) on 13 Sept 1944, assisting in the attack south of the Albert Canal. One pill box was destroyed by direct fire of Company "B". Several MG positions and other strong points were encountered and destroyed. Twelve prisoners were taken during this action.

September 14 - 16, 1944: Company "A", 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached to CC "A" moved across Albert Canal to assist in mopping-up operations North of the canal from the 14 to 16 Sept 1944. Seventy-two prisoners were taken by Company "A" on the 15 Sept 1944 in the vicinity of Lanaken, Belgium (K585565).

Company "C" remained in the vicinity of Herck La Ville, Belgium (K195635) during this period protecting supply routes of the Division and prepared to move to the assistance of either combat command on order.

Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" moved to the vicinity of Maastricht Holland (K560520) on the 16 Sept 1944. Company "B" placed on secondary mission of indirect fire on targets across the Maas river in support of the Division artillery from 161700 to 170100 Sept 1944.

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Company "A", attached to CC "A", crossed the Maas River into Holland 15 Sept 1944, in two columns. Company "A" less two platoons (1st platoon attached 2nd Bn 66th Armd Regt, 2nd Platoon attached to 2nd Bn 41st Infantry) place on indirect fire mission 16 to 17 September inclusive, in the vicinity of Sibbe, Holland (K657503) under control of the 14th FA Battalion.

September 17, 1944: Two platoons Company "A" moved on Valkenburg, Holland (K659535) in support of CC "A" on September 17, 1944. Company "A" minus two platoons placed on road block on road fork north of Valkenburg 17 and 18 September during which operation Capt Mauro, Company Commander was seriously injured in a mine field.

On the afternoon of Sept 17 Company "B" by direct fire, destroyed one Mk 4 tank, four 88mm guns, one SP gun, and captured one officer and twelve enlisted men. One M-10 tank destroyer temporarily out of action due to hit by enemy artillery shell. At 170900 Company "B" was relieved of secondary mission by Company "C" and rejoined 67th Armd Regt.

Company "C" returned to Battalion control on the 16th September in the vicinity of Maastricht, Holland (K560520) and were placed on indirect fire mission 17 Sept to reinforce fires of CC "B" artillery. Company "C" remained on indirect fire mission until 180900 September.

September 18 - 20, 1944: Battalion less Company "A" moved to vicinity of Geleen, Holland (K667661) 18 September assisting in advance of CC "B", by protection of flanks and securing of crossing over obstacles. The Battalion less Companies "A" and "C" moved to vicinity of Zwelkhuizen, Germany (K679635) Company "C" attached to 113th Cavalry 19 September 1944 and remained in the vicinity of Geleen, Holland (K667661). Company "B" during advance into Germany destroyed by direct fire two machine gun positions and killed approximately sixty enemy. Twenty-seven prisoners were taken.

Company "A" under control of CC "A" moved in three columns on the 19 Sept 1944 into Germany at Niederbusch (K869658) attacking and securing the objective of the Gangelst-Geilenkirchen road. One platoon attached 1st Bn 66th Armd Regt; one platoon attached 2nd Bn 66th Armd Regt and the 3rd Platoon attached 2nd Bn 41st Infantry. One SP gun was destroyed by 2nd Platoon, Company "A" during the attack. Two M-10 Tank Destroyers were destroyed by an enemy Mk 4 tank during the attack at Gillrath, Germany (K835662).

September 21, 1944: The Battalion less three companies reverted to control of CC "A" on the 21 Sept 1944 and moved to vicinity of Gangelst, Germany (K780675). Company "B" remained in attachment to CC "B" in vicinity of Sittard, Holland (K690683) placing road blocks to protect their flank. On 21 Sept Company "C" remained at Geleen, Holland (K668659) under control of the 113th Cavalry prepared to take over positions of Company "B" when relief of CC "B" was ordered. Company "A" reverted to control of the battalion and placed guns to reinforce CC "A" along the Gangelst-Geilenkirchen road.

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September 21 - 30, 1944: Company "A", 702nd TD Bn remained in the vicinity of the Gangelt-Gailenkirchen road from 21 Sept to 30 Sept 1944 in support of CC "A". On 25 Sept Company "A" attacked enemy position west of Gillrath, Germany (K835662), and destroyed two M-4 Medium tanks that had fallen into enemy hands. Company "A" was relieved by elements of the 29th Inf Division on 30 September 1944 reverting to Battalion control in Division Reserve near Versilienbasch, Holland (K765577).

Company "B" under control of CC "B" was relieved of road block responsibility on 22 September 1944 and moved to assembly area in the vicinity of Vulkanburg, Holland (K659535) for maintenance and reorganization. They remained in that location until 29 September in Division Reserve, reverting to Battalion control in the vicinity of Versilienbosch, Holland (K765597) on that date.

Company "C" attached to 113th Cavalry relieved CC "B" in the vicinity of Sitterd, Holland (K690683) where they remained on a 1500 yard front until 29 September protecting the left flank of the Corps. At 290700 Company "C" supported the attack of 113th Cavalry to the North. Company "C" encountered numerous dug in enemy positions, knocked out 1 SP gun, three machine gun positions, killed 42 enemy enlisted men and captured 29 enemy enlisted men as prisoners.

5. WEATHER & VISIBILITY: Does Not Apply

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

a. By Date and Company

Date	Co "A"	Co "B"	Co "C"
1 Sept		6 88mm Guns Dest.	
		3 Lt Vehicles Dest.	
		20 enemy MI Killed	
2 Sept		2 Pill Boxes Dest.	
		1 Lt Artillery Pz Dest.	
		1 Ammunition Veh Dest.	
		3 MG Nests Destroyed	
		18 enemy MI Killed	
		25 Enemy MI Captured	
13 Sept		1 Pill Box Destroyed	
15 Sept	7	Enemy MI Killed	2 MG Nest Destroyed
	72	Enemy Pz Capt.	12 Enemy MI Captured
17 Sept		1 M4 Tank Dest.	
		4 88mm Guns Dest.	
		1 SP Gun Destroyed	
		1 & 12 Enemy Captured	

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Date	Co "A"	Co "B"	Co "C"
19 Sept	1 SP Gun Dest	2 Machine Gun Nests Dest 60 Enemy EM Killed 22 Enemy EM Captured	3 Enemy EM Captured
25 Sept	2 M-4 Med Tanks in enemy hands Dest.		
29 - 30 Sept			1 SP gun Destroyed 3 MG Nest Destroyed 42 Enemy EM Killed 39 Enemy EM Captured

b. Total by Type

10	88mm Guns	2	M-4 (in enemy hands) Dest.
3	Pill Boxes	1	Ammunition Vehicle Destroyed
1	Lt Artillery Piece	3	Lt Vehicles Destroyed
3	SP Guns Destroyed	1	Enemy Officer Captured
10	MG Nests Destroyed	186	Enemy EM Captured
1	Mk 4 Tanks Destroyed	147	Enemy EM Killed

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