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**HEADQUARTERS  
801st TANK DESTRUCTION BATTALION  
APO 230**



1 November 1944.

**SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.**

To: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with par. 10, Change 3, AR 340-103, dated 2 March 1943, and Letter, HQ First US Army, File 319.1/401 (C), dated 19 July 1944, the following report is submitted:-

1 October 44 - The Battalion was located in the vicinity of B. SIAF and SIXH, Germany, with the CP at SCHNEPPEL, Belgium. Co "B" was protecting the North flank of the Div from any mechanized offense while Co "C" protected the South flank with the same mission. Co "A" was in position as close-in support for either company. The 3rd platoon of Co "B" was given a mission by the CO of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Inf Regt, to destroy a tower of located in a church steeple in the Town of LEWELM, Germany. A total of 30rds was expended at this target at a range of approximately 2500yds. The steeple received hits from the 3rd round thereon and was completely demolished.

2 and 3 October 44 - No change in location and no contact with the enemy.

4 October 44 - Co "A" was given mission of securing the route to a new area and departed at 1000A to take up these positions. The object was to protect and to give security on the march against mechanized threat to the Div. One platoon of Co "B" was relieved by the 612th TD Bn and moved into an assembly position.

5 October 44 - Battalion moved into new area vicinity of K. D. S. B. I. D., Belgium. Co "A" received mission of protecting the CP's by covering possible tank approaches. Co "B" was given mission of protecting Southern Flank. Co "C" moved into an assembly area preparatory to being attached to 100th Cav Gp. 1st platoon of Co "B" assigned to Co "C" while the second platoon was held in mobile reserve in vicinity of an CP.

6 October 44 - Co "B" attached 100th Cav Gp, moved to new locations and registered their three(3) platoons for indirect fire missions.

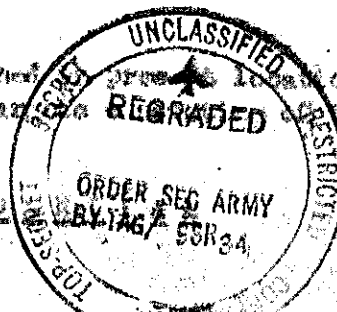
7 October 44 - Co "B" fired 36rds HE at enemy gun positions. Reported some mission with 36 more rds an hour and one-half later. Fired 4rds at enemy CP and personnel; enemy casualties were observed. Fired 11rds HE at column of vehicles. Observation was poor, but small fires were seen burning near the target. This Co fired interdiction fire from 1900 to 0700A on eight targets. 152rds HE were expended.

8 October 44 - Co "B" expended 12rds HE at enemy vehicles. Results unknown.

9 October 44 - Co "B" fired interdiction fire consisting of 11rds on towns of K. P. I. D. and H. A. I. D., Germany.

10 October 44 - Co "A" and Co "C" remained in place and no contact with the enemy. Co "B" fired 120rds HE at target in the town of K. P. I. D. and H. A. I. D., Germany.

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11 October 44 - Co "B" fired 160rds HE at same targets.

12 October 44 - No change in Co "A" or Co "C". Co "B" fired 148rds HE interdiction fire at seven different targets. These targets consisted of crossroads, road-junctions and possible exit bivouacs and CP's.

13 October 44 - Co "B" fired eleven missions of harassing and interdiction fire, totalling 137rds HE at targets in and around area of 231200, Germany. The longest range was 12,000yds. Holes had to be dug between the trails to allow the breach-block to absorb the full recoil without touching the ground.

14 October 44 - Co "B" fired 200rds HE consisting of interdiction and harassing fire. No change in Co "A" or Co "C".

15 October 44 - Co "B" fired 140rds HE interdiction fire, also fired 40rds at vehicles and personnel. Casualties were observed and small fires seen in vicinity of vehicles.

16 October 44 - Co "B" fired the following missions: 114rds HE at enemy CP located southwest of 247100, Germany. Casualties were observed. 60rds HE interdiction and harassing fire. 30rds HE at five targets in support of the 400th FA Bn.

17 October 44 - No change in Co "A" or Co "C". Co "B" fired 220rds HE interdiction and harassing fire. Two platoons of Co "A" relieved Co "C" of AT defense of Div southern flank. Co "C" moved to indirect fire positions in support of Div Arty Light battalions.

18 October 44 - Co "B" fired 220rds HE of interdiction and harassing fire.

19 October 44 - Co "B" fired 30rds HE at enemy personnel located in woods. Casualties were observed. This company also fired 172rds HE of interdiction and harassing fire. Co "C" fired 34rds HE interdiction and harassing fire. No change in Co "A".

20 October 44 - Co "B" fired 40rds HE at enemy personnel. Casualties were observed. This company also fired 220rds HE interdiction and harassing fire. Co "C" fired 22rds HE interdiction and harassing fire.

21 October 44 - Co "B" fired 150rds HE interdiction and harassing fire. This Co established a sound and flash CP between the hours of 1300 and 0200. Eight flash sightings were reported to the 400th FA Bn. No change in Co "A". Co "C" relieved from assignment of support of light battalions and moved to assembly area in vicinity H572000, Belgium, to perform maintenance. Before being relieved Co "C" fired 34rds HE interdiction and harassing fire.

22 October 44 - Co "B" fired 30rds HE at enemy personnel and vehicles. Casualties and fire were observed. 260rds HE were fired as interdiction and harassing fire. Co "B" detached from 400th FA Bn and attached to 76th FA Bn. Co "C" attached to "Caisson."

23 October 44 - Co "B" fired 16rds HE at a roadblock and 200rds HE interdiction and harassing fire. Co "C" moved into direct-fire position in support of 22nd Inf Regt.

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24 October 44 - Co "B" moved to new location in vicinity of WASSERWI, Belgium.

25 October 44 - Co "A" fired 129rds of interdiction and harassing fire. 3rd platoon fired eight rds counter-battery fire. Co "C" received indirect fire mission for two pieces to support 100rds of harassing fire on two different roads in enemy territory.

26 October 44 - Co "B" fired 200rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Co "C" fired 300rds of harassing roads, with two guns.

27 October 44 - Co "C" fired 200rds of on zone targets as previous day. Co "B" fired 260rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Co "A", no change.

28 October 44 - 120rds were expended by Co "C" on interdiction and harassing fire. Co "B" expended 290rds of interdiction and harassing fire.

29 October 44 - Co "B" was relieved from the 75th FA Bn and attached to the 32d FA Bn. Fired 346rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Co "C" with two guns fired 106rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Remainder of company occupied positions at defense to the Inf Regt. No change in Co "A".

30 October 44 - Co "B" fired 150rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Two guns of Co "C" fired 200rds of interdiction and harassing fire. The object of the firing of these two guns was to spread the fire up and down the roads which looked like main supply routes to the enemy front lines. 3rd platoon Co "C" attached to 25th FA Bn and moved to vicinity of WASSERWI. No change in Co "A".

31 October 44 - Co "B" fired a total of 279rds of interdiction and harassing fire. Co "C" fired 55rds of interdiction and harassing fire. No change in Co "A".

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**TO :** The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

**THRU :** The Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division.

1. In compliance with AR 340-105, the following report is submitted:

- a. 801 TD Battalion.
  - b. None.
  - c. Officers
- |                | WO | EM  |
|----------------|----|-----|
| Oct 1, 1944 -  | 52 | 743 |
| Oct 31, 1944 - | 33 | 737 |
| Net increase - | 1  | 0   |
| Net decrease - | 0  | 6   |
- d. APO 230.
  - e. See Appendix I.
  - f. Not officially announced.
  - g. Not officially announced.
  - h. Lt Col E. B. HORSFALL, O32211.
  - i. None.
  - j. Bronze Star awards -



Name

Authority

BAKERSON, JOHN H.,  
01022134, 1st Lt., AGO

General Orders No. 70, Hq., 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 1 Oct 44.

MOJADE, DONALD H.,  
01169640, 1st Lt., FA

General Orders No. 70, Hq., 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 1 Oct 44.

Frank, Adolph, Jr.,  
37403612, T-4, Co. C.

General Orders No. 70, Hq., 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 1 Oct 44.

Hantasi, Peter J.,  
32264473, T-5, Co. D.

General Orders No. 70, Hq., 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 1 Oct 44.

Curran, Michael S.,  
32113133, T/Sgt, Hq. Co.

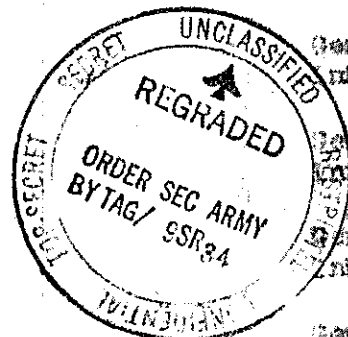
General Orders No. 70, Hq., 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 3 Oct 44.

Fitzpatrick, William H.,  
34004075, S/Lt, Co. C.

General Orders No. 70, Hq., 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 3 Oct 44.

Pemham, William A.,  
20242625, S/Lt, Co. C.

General Orders No. 70, Hq., 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 3 Oct 44.



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Name	Authority
Williams, Clifford G., 303142753, S/Sgt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Wainwright, Harry, Jr., 33004742, Sgt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Dunn, Michael, 33004613, Sgt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Marquart, John A., Jr., 32115161, Sgt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Robert, Kenneth G., 20942590, Sgt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Bordman, Willie L., 33542491, T-5, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Frankowski, Louis G., 33542373, T-5, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Krusik, William G., 33542322, T-5, Hq. Co.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Lilino, Russell L., 33374613, Pfc, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Feldman, Harold J., 33542661, Pfc, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., 8 Oct 44.
Sinton, Harvey L., 30426131, Pfc, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Symond, Dennis G., 33265676, Pvt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Clark, Ted G., 39207534, Pvt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Hunt, Lon B., 30340960, Pvt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Harford, William, 33796193, Pvt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Warren, William H., 33777743, Pvt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.
Wodnicki, Theodos G., 36335812, Pvt, Co. C.	General Orders No. 73, Hq., 4th Inf. Div., dated 8 Oct 44.



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WILSON, HENRY G.,  
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General Orders No. 74, HQ, 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 9 Oct 44.

Kear, Joseph S.,  
20242005, 2/3rd, Co. A.

General Orders No. 75, HQ, 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 17 Oct 44.

Onidacz, John,  
32119197, CPL, Co. A.

General Orders No. 75, HQ, 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 17 Oct 44.

Sorrell, Willie S.,  
30507718, I-3, Co. A.

General Orders No. 75, HQ, 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 17 Oct 44.

Jacobs, Kenneth G.,  
20242489, PFC, Co. A.

General Orders No. 75, HQ, 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 17 Oct 44.

Snow, Grville S.,  
30574795, PFC, Co. A.

General Orders No. 75, HQ, 4th  
Inf. Div., dated 17 Oct 44.

1. Name.

1. Appendix I.

1-1 Unit Journal

1-2 Unit Journal with messages and overlays.

1-3 Unit Journal

1-4 Messages and overlays.



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