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HEADQUARTERS 813 TANK DEPLOYER BATTALION (SP)

405
AFO 417 US ARMY

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14 October 1944
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TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 36 From 12 Oct/44 1800 0900 To 13 Oct/44 1800 2400
1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 142005 vic CROISMARE. Rear CP located at 088005 vic LUNEVILLE
Bn attached to 79th Inf Div (-). Co C remained atchd to 106 Cav Gp
in support of 121 Cav Sq.

2. STATUS OF M-10's, and 3" GUNS:

Co.	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Action	Mechanical Failure	REMARKS
Rcn	1				Will be repaired within 24 hrs.
A	12				
B	12				
C	12				
TOTAL	36				1 Spare w/Bn Mtr Maint; sight, as ind locking.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED													: P's:			ROUNDS FIRED		
Armored vehicles													: Pill:					
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK	
A																		
B																	200	
C																		
Rcn																		
TOTAL																	200	

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED													: P's:			ROUNDS FIRED		
Armored vehicles													: Pill:					
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK	
A	1	3	4				6			2	150	140	072	6			2086 45	
B			5		5		5				61	105	600				1129 102	
C			0				7	2			47	500	817				542 25	
Rcn			1		1		6				200	10	00					
TOTAL	1	7	17		4		22	2		2	258	2452	889	6			3667 70	

*Bq Rr Es h: 15
Bn Fwd CP Pl: 15

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary) Total: 585

Bn CP moved to new location vic CROISMARE (142005).
Co A - CP moved vic MANONVILLER (200987). 2nd pl moved fwd relieving a pl of 773rd TD Bn assuming a dir firing pos at 1800 hrs (230012). 3rd pl also moved fwd to relieve a pl of 773rd and the 1st sec took up pos (212895) while the 2nd sec took up pos (218985), 1st pl remaining w/Co Bq in reserve (200987).
Co B - CP moved to (165995) vic MARAINVILLER; 2nd pl remained in Co res and took up concealed pos vic MARAINVILLER. 1st pl moved fwd and took up pos (229039) vic EMBRE-MENIL relieving a pl of the 773rd. 3rd pl also moved fwd relieving pls of 773rd and

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd):

took up pos at (228029) via EMBERMENIL. During the period of this report, Co fired 200 rds HE from indir pos before saving (target area - 180100 - 189109). Co C - CP via HERAMENIL (184086), 2nd pl Co res and took up indir fire pos at (184087) its mission being to give arty support to the 108 Cav Gp and also by arrangement to give arty support on targets in 79th Rcn sector. 3rd pl advanced in dir support 121 Cav and took up pos (209084). 1st pl remained (169100). Rcn Co - via MINVILLE. Co still maintained its OP at PAREOX w/mission to direct & control any fire missions that the 2nd pl of Co C might have. Bn CO - Personally controlled and directed the relieving of the 773rd TD Bn by his org. He made a foot recon of all fwd pos in his sector.

Total 5" Ammo on hand:

- 1. APC M62.....1550
 - 2. HE M48.....2088
 - 3. SMK (Def)..... 114
 - 4. SMK (Spot)..... 214
 - 5. Fus e..... 380
- /(Time)

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79 INF DIV
G-3 A.T. Sec

HEADQUARTERS 815 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

APO 403 US ARMY

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15 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 87 . From 15 Oct/44 1800 0000/1800 14 Oct/44 1800 2100/1800
via CROISMARE via LUNEVILLE
1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 142005 . Rear CP located at 068200
Bn attached to 79th Inf Div (-). Co C, 1st pl remains attd to 106 Cav Gp in support of 121 Cav Gp.

2. STATUS OF M-10's, and 2" GUNS:

Co.	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Mechanical	Action	Failure	REMARKS
Rcn	1					
A	11	1				Hit enemy mine; operational probably 48 hrs
B	12					
C	12					
TOTAL	35	1				Spare w/Bn Mtr Maint; lacks sight, as ind.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED													: PWs:		ROUNDS FIRED		
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																	
B																	
C																	
Rcn																	
TOTAL																	

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED													: PWs:		ROUNDS FIRED		
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A	1	2	4				8	5	2		120	140	975	6		5065	48
B			3	3			3				51	105	800			1120	192
C			2	2			7	2			47	200	817			5424	25
Rcn				1	1		6	3			289	16	95				
TOTAL	1	2	7	4			24	10	2		407	461	1987	6		12594	265

*Hq Rpt Esh : 55
Bn Fwd CP : 18

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary) Totals : 585
Bn CP - Moved its loc from one bldg in CROISMARE to another as 79th ID was taking over Bn's old loc. New coord (142005).
Rcn Co - Ordered to move into general vic CROISMARE. At 1900 hrs they reported they were closed at (165005) vic MARAINVILLER.
Co A - CP at (165992). During the period of this report 1st pl moved and took up pos at (216012). 2nd pl moved fwd taking up a pos (225016). During move, one (1) M-10, this pl, hit an enemy mine blowing a track and shaking up members of the crew pretty badly. M-10 stuck so badly that it couldn't be retrieved readily

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4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd):

necessitating approx 48 hrs for repair. This pl. was also subjected to hvy enemy mortar and arty fire after reaching its pos. Pl. ldr reported that it was no pos for TDs and requested a change. 3rd pl moved fwd to (223014). This pl also subjected to arty and mortar fire and men were reportedly becoming battle-fatigued. Co B - 2nd pl w/Bn CP at (201019). 1st pl moved to (234048); 3rd pl fwd to (224024). Both pls subjected to mortar fire. Co C - CP at (179982). 1st & 3rd pls relieved by the 106 Cav Gp thus reverting to Bn control and placed w/315 Inf Regt of 79th Inf Div in direct support. 1st pl took up pos at (219982-1st sec) (219987)-2nd sec. 3rd pl remained in assembly area (199981). 2nd pl which remained w/106 Cav Gp in dir support of the 121 Cav Sq was widely separated. The Co CO complained to Bn CO as to latter's employment. The pl finally took up pos with one gun at (206079), another gun at (203085). The other sec was also in a dir fire pos at (179086). Bn CO visited all of his elements attached to the 79th ID. The S-3 visited Co C's 1st pl area and also procured current info as to disposition of enemy. The S-3 contacted Co C's 2nd pl, 106 Cav Gp and visited Corps C-2.

Total 3" Ammo on Hand:

- 1. APC M52.....1330
- 2. HE M48.....2088
- 3. Sak.....(Def)... 114
- 4. Sak (Spot)..... 214
- 5. Fuze (Time)..... 380

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HEADQUARTERS 815 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (Ab)

AFO 405 US ARMY

16 October 1944 (Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 58 From 14 October 44 1800 1800 15 October 1944 1800 1800
1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located via CROISMARE Rear CP located via LUNEVILLE
Bn attached to 79th ID (-) Co C, 1st pl remains at old 106 Cav Bp

2. STATUS OF M-10's, and 3" GUNS: in support of 1st Cav Bq.

Table with columns for Operational status (Operational, Non-Operational, Enemy Action, Mechanical Failure) and Remarks. Includes rows for Co. A, B, C and a TOTAL row.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Table titled 'ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED' with columns for types of vehicles (VI, V, IV, III, SP, etc.) and rounds fired (Direct, Indirect).

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Table titled 'ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED' with columns for types of vehicles and rounds fired, showing cumulative totals.

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)
*Hq Rr Ech: 55
**Fwd CP: 13
Total: 68

Bn CP - via CROISMARE (142005)
Rear Co - via MARAINVILLER (165005)
Co A - CP via MARAINVILLER (165992). 1st pl moved fwd to (215015). 2nd pl moved fwd to (255020) in dir fire pos in support of 514 Inf and reported it was receiving heavy mortar fire. At 0200 hrs, 2nd pl reported SP 75mm enemy came within 25 yds of its pos and said pl claims credit for its destruction. Due to disp etc, Bn does not claim credit at this time. 5rd pl moved fwd into dir fire AT pos at (225016). Co B - CP and 2nd pl remained at (215015); 1st pl in dir fire AT pos (254048); 5rd (O.V.L.R.)

Map



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4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd):

pl remained in dir support of Inf (224024).
Co C - CP at (179982); 1st pl in dir fire pos (219982) (1st sec) and 2nd sec (219982)
3rd pl in assembly area (199981); 2nd pl w/108 Cav Co in dir support of 1st Cav
Sq, pos unchanged.
Bn CO visited Co A and also 514 Inf and Corps Hq.

Total Ammo (5") on Hand:

- 1. APC M62.....1527
 - 2. HE M48.....2087
 - 3. SM K (Def)..... 114
 - 4. SMK (Spot)..... 214
 - 5. Fus 580
- /(Time)

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HEADQUARTERS TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

815th APO US ARMY

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17 October 1944 (Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 38 From 18001 to 18002

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at GROISMARE. Rear CP located at LUXEVILLE. Bn attached to 73th ID (-). 1 pl Co G attached 100 Cav Gp in support of 121 Cav Sq.

2. STATUS OF M-10's and GUNS:

Operational: 35, Non-Operational: 2, Enemy: 0, Mechanical: 0, Action: 0, Failure: 0

REMARKS

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Table with columns for Company (A, B, C), Count, and Remarks. Remarks include 'Both sent to Ordnance'.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD: Spare w/Bn Mtr Maint lacks sight & as ind.

Table for ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED and ROUNDS FIRED. Columns include VI, V, IV, III, SP, Gns, Veh, AT, Box, MG, AP, HE, SMK.

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Table for ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED and ROUNDS FIRED. Columns include VI, V, IV, III, SP, Gns, Veh, AT, Box, MG, AP, HE, SMK.

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Bridge summary) Total: 585

Bn CP - vic GROISMARE (142005). Bn Co 2 vic MARAINVILLER (165905). Co 1 - Co CP vic MARAINVILLER (165992); 1st pl - (215015); 2nd pl - (235020) still to far fwd and men in M-10s forced to use their carbines to keep enemy away. One M-10 from this pl received a direct hit from what was undoubtedly a 105mm shell thus rendering the M-10 useless and shaking the crew up quite badly thus leaving the latter undoubtedly unfit for future combat duty. This pl is officially claiming credit for one (1) 75mm (SP) which was knocked out at 0200 hrs, 15 Oct. 3rd (O.V.E.R.)

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4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd):

pl ~~(234048)~~ ~~AT CO~~ ~~arranged~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~interchange~~ ~~of~~ ~~personnel~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~some~~ ~~relief~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~battle-weary~~ ~~men~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~advance~~ ~~pls.~~
 Co B - Co CP - (231019); 1st pl - (234048); 3rd pl - (224024). This Co was also receiving harass sing shell fire but was not experiencing any physical casualties.
 Co C - Co CP - (179982); 1st pl - (219982) (1st sec) and 2nd sec at (219987). This pl was receiving a good deal of enemy shell fire and the condition of the destroyer crews was reputed as being very poor by the Co CO. Third pl in assembly area (199951); 2nd pl - still ahd to 106 Cav Gp; one gun (205079), another gun at (203085), the other sec at (179086).
 Bn CO attended a mtg of unit cmdrs concerning this and made a satisfactory arrangement whereby the Div would use TDe tactically according to Army Directives. Bn CO also made arrangements within the Bn whereby Rcn Co would furnish three officers, one to ea destroyer Co for liaison purposes with the Inf Regts. A better system for communication has also been established for anti-tank warning.

Total 5" Ammo on Hand:

1. APC M62.....1350
2. HE M48.....2088
3. SMK (Def)..... 114
4. SMK (Spot)..... 214
5. Fuze (Time).... 580

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HEADQUARTERS 81st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

APO 495 US ARMY

18 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 40 . From 16 Oct/44 1800 to 17 Oct/44 1800
 via ORIENTANS 0000 to 17 Oct/44 2100
 via LUMVILLE

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 142005 . Rear CP located at 062006
 Bn attached to 79th ID (-) . 1 pl Co G atdhd 106 Cav Gp in support
 of 121 Cav Sq.

2. STATUS OF M-10's, and 3" GUNS:

Co.	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Action	Mechanical Failure	REMARKS
Rcn	1				
A	9	5			2 Ordnance, 1 abandoned.
B	12				
C	12				
TOTAL	34	5	1*		*Spares w/5th Mtr Maint; lacks sight, no ind.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED										: FVs:		ROUNDS FIRED					
Armored vehicles										: PzI:		: Direct			: Indirect		
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	AT	Box	es	MGs	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A																	
B																	
C																	
Rcn																	
TOTAL																	

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:



ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED										: F		ROUNDS FIRED					
Armored vehicles										: PzI:		: Direct			: Indirect		
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	Other	GP	AT	Box	es	MGs	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK
A	1	2	4	1			5		5	3	150	145	97K			5011	45
B		3	3	3			5				51	105	400			1050	103
C		3	9				7	2			47	500	217			5824	53
Rcn			1		1		6				259	10	65				
TOTAL	1	7	17	5			22	2	2	2	555	2455	687			20825	200

*No Rr Kehl 55
 Fed CP Gps 12

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary) 105
 Bn CP - vic ORIENTANS (142005)
 Rcn Co - Moved to vic ORIENTANS (114009) reporting they had moved back slightly because it was a good dry place.
 Co A - Co CP vic MARAINVILLE (165992); 1st pl pushing fwd fr (215003) to vic (225020) to aid 2nd pl which had only 2 guns left in pos due to enemy action; experiencing difficulty in moving destroyers because of muddy ground. In the movement 4 men were wounded of which two were able to return to duty. During the night the 3rd Inf was forced to withdraw approx 200 yds thus leaving one M-10 of this 1st pl in enemy territory.

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5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFECTIVITY

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd)

After staying as long as possible, and until all the inf except one Lt had drawn back, S/Sgt Beck, destroyer cdr and pl Sgt, decided to destroy the M-10. He did so and drew back himself. On inspection today, the destroyer seems to be still in good shape and shall be remanned tonight. The two remaining guns of the 2nd pl still at (235020) but guns have been washed by men of Co G so that A Co men might get a much needed rest. 3rd pl in a res pos and ready to move fwd at (225016). Co B - CP (201019); 1st pl (234048); 2nd pl (201019) in res; 3rd pl (224024). Co has reported no activity in its sector but is constantly on the alert and have good fields of fire and should be able to repel any tank threats.

Co C - CP (179082); 1st pl (219082-1st sec); 2nd sec (219087). 1stpl reported this still receiving occasional shell fire; 3rd pl guns at (199081). However crews fr these guns have gone fwd and relieved A Co men leaving the guns with just skeleton crews; 2nd pl w/105 Ga v Gp, one gun (205079), one gun (201088), the remaining sec (179086).

Bn CO checked a ll pos of his elements. He is very happy to report that the new communication and liaison set up established by this Bn is working splendidly. We are now working on a system whereby in some way we can light up the area at night so it will be possible to see these enemy tanks when they come into our pos at night.

Total 8" Ammo on Hand:

- 1. APC M82.....1350
- 2. HE M48.....2098
- 3. SMK (Def).....114
- 4. SMK (Spot)..... 214
- 5. Fuse (Time).... 360

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

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4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd):

2nd pl - (239026); 3rd pl - (222016); Co H CP - (201019); 1st pl - (225048); 2nd pl - (192032); 3rd pl - (224039); Co G CP - (179982); 1st pl 1st sec - (219985); 1st pl 2nd sec - (219988); 2nd pl 1st sec - (188095); 2nd pl 2nd sec - (195079); 3rd pl - (198978); Res Co CP - (114009).

Total Ammo on Hand:

- 1. APC M 62.....1330
- 2. HE M 48.....2698
- 3. SMK (Inf).....114
- 4. SMK (Art).....214
- 5. Fuse (Time).....580

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HEADQUARTERS **TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (AF)**

453 US ARMY

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 19 October 1944
 (Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 42 From 18 Oct/44 1800 19 Oct/44 1800
 1800 1800

1. **STATUS:** Bn Forward CP located at vic CHOLEVILLE Bn attached to 12th ID (-) 1 pl remains attached to 106 Cav CP
 Bn Forward CP located at vic LONVILLE
 1st Report of 1st Cav Sq.

2. **STATUS OF M-10's, and 3" GUNS:**

Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy	Mechanical	Action	Failure
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Com	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy	Mechanical	Action	Failure
A	10	5				2 Ordnance, 1 abandoned.
B	12					
C	12					
TOTAL	34	5				

3. (a) **RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:**

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED												P's	ROUNDS FIRED					
Armored vehicles																		
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK	
A																		
B																		
C																		
Com																		
TOTAL																		

(b) **RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:**



ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED												P's	ROUNDS FIRED					
Armored vehicles																		
Co	VI	V	IV	III	SP	ers	Veh	Guns	es	MGs	ured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK	
A																		
B	1	2	4		1						2	150	145	975	6		5011	45
C		3	5		5							51	105	800			12550	34
Com		2	9									47	500	817			3874	25
TOTAL		7	17		6						2	258	250	1982	6		31535	104

4. **OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:** (Brief Summary) 1st Report of 1st Cav Sq.

All elements of this battalion remained in their respective positions during the period of this report. The 2nd pl of Co B being the only pl to have any activity and that being from an indirect fire pos. This pl fired 530 rds of high explosive used as harassing fire, its target now being the general vic of LENTHAY and at (25100-01055), (25590-01550), and (26125-02550). The remaining pls reported essentially a good deal quieter than in the past few nights with only occasional enemy shell fire.

Bn disposition is as follows: (Map 1/20000 France, Sheet LA VIEUXSE) - Bn CP - (1st Cav Sq), Bn HQ - (088996); **S E C R E T** (C-V-E-R)

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5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

2. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (C out'd):

Co A CP - (168992); 1st pl - (239026); 2nd pl - (239026); 3rd pl - (228016); Co B CP - (201615); 1st pl - (225946); 2nd pl - (192082); 3rd pl - (224039); Co C CP - (179982); 1st sec 1st pl - (219988); 2nd sec 1st pl - (219988); 2nd pl - (195079); 3rd pl - (195079).

Total time on hand:

- 1. APC M62.....1330
- 2. HB M48.....2386
- 3. SPK (Def)..... 114
- 4. GUY (Spot)..... 202
- 5. Fuse (Time)..... 380

NOTE: We have one M-10 listed as abandoned but we feel that it will run as soon as a crew can get to it. This M-10 belongs to Co A and is the same one that was thought destroyed a few nights ago.

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 (Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification)
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HEADQUARTERS 813th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION - (SP)

AF 403 US ARMY

October 21, 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 43 . From 19 Oct/44 ¹⁸⁰⁰ to 20 Oct/44 ¹⁸⁰⁰
vic CROISMARE ⁰⁰⁰⁰ to vic LUNEVILLE ⁷¹⁰⁰

1. **STATUS:** Bn Forward CP located at 142005 . Rear CP located at 068996.
Bn attached to 79th ID (-). 1 pl Co C atchd 106 Cav Gp in support of 121 Cav Sq.

2. **STATUS OF M-10's. and 3" GUNS:**

Co.	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy Action	Mechanical Failure	REMARKS
Rcn	1				
A	10	3			2 Ordnance; 1 abandoned
B	12				
C	11		1		Will be repaired w/in 24 hrs.
TOTAL	34	3	1		

3. (a) **RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:**

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED													: F's:			: ROUNDS FIRED		
Armored vehicles													: Fill:			: :		
: Oth: GP: AT: Box: : Capt: Direct													: Indirect					
Co	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ers	:Veh	:Guns	:es	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:AP	:HE	:SMK	
A	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
B	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	445	
C	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Rcn	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
TOTAL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	445	

(b) **RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:**



ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED													: F's:			: ROUNDS FIRED		
Armored vehicles													: Fill:			: :		
: Oth: GP: AT: Box: : Capt: Direct													: Indirect					
Co	:VI	:V	:IV	:III	:SP	:ers	:Veh	:Guns	:es	:MGs	:ured	:AP	:HE	:SMK	:AP	:HE	:SMK	
A	1	2	4		1		6		3	2	130	143	973	6		5011	45	
B		3	3		3		3				51	105	600			12995	204	
C			2	9			7	2			47	300	817			3624	23	
Rcn			1		1		6		5		289	10	95					
TOTAL	1	7	17	5	5	22	2	8	2	*	5582485	6	6	6	6	31130272	6	

*Hq Rr Ech : 55
Bn Fwd CP Gp: 13

4. **OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:** (Brief Summary) Tote:585

All elements this Bn remained in their respective pos. 2nd pl Co B finished its last indir firing missions before going into its primary mission on 21 Oct. The pl fired 42 missions of controlled harassing fire expending 445 rds of HE ammo. Other pls reported things quiet in their vic. 3rd pl Co A noticed enemy inf advancing towards its pos in the afternoon of 20 Oct but allied planes seeking targets of opportunity came down on the enemy and thereby stymied any attack that might have arisen.

Bn CO and all Co COs made final preparations for D-Day during the hours of this report

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HEADQUARTERS 815th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)

AF 403 US ARMY

22 October 1944
(Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No 44 From 20 Oct/44 1800 to 21 Oct/44 1800

vic CROISMARE

vic LUNEVILLE

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 142005. Rear CP located at 068996.
Bn attached to 79th ID (-). 1 pl Co C atchd 106 Cav Gp in support of 121 Cav Sq.

2. STATUS OF M-10's and 81 GUNS:

Co.	Operational	Non-Operational	Enemy	Mechanical	Failure	REMARKS
Rcn	1					
A	10	3				2 Ordnance; 1 abandoned.
B	11	1				Hit by enemy gun.
C	8	2	2			2 KO'd by enemy; two to be repaired w/in 24 hrs.
TOTAL	30	6	2			

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION 9/17/1944 TO DATE:

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED												: PUs:		ROUNDS FIRED				
Armored vehicles												: PUs:						
												: PUs:						
Co.	VI	V	IV	III	SP	cars	Trks	Guns	es	MGs	tured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK	
A	1	2	4	1	1			6	3	2	130	143	273	6			5011	45
B		3	4		3			3	1	1	51	166	685				1299	204
C		2	9					7	3		47	300	817				3624	23
Rcn		1		1				6	5		289	10	95					
TOTAL	1	7	18	5	22	4	8	3	*	612	570	6					2113	272

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION 9/17/1944 FOR PERIOD: *Hq Rr Ech: 55
Bn Fwd CP: 13
Total: 585



ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED												: PUs:		ROUNDS FIRED				
Armored vehicles												: PUs:						
												: PUs:						
Co.	VI	V	IV	III	SP	cars	Trks	Guns	es	MGs	tured	AP	HE	SMK	AP	HE	SMK	
A																		
B			1					1		1	61	85						
C								1										
Rcn																		
TOTAL			1					2		1	61	85						

4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary)
All elements this Bn had a very busy day commencing at H-Hour, all pls moving fwd behind the Inf. 1st pl Co B reached its objective first and was the first to report knocking out a nything of the enemy. Along about the time the 1st pl of Co B arrived at its objective, the 2nd pl Co B lost one of its M-10s from what was thought an antitank gun. The three pls of Co A all worked very smoothly and reached its objective on schedule and as soon after the enemy infantry. These same pls received quite a bit of enemy shell fire but did not lose anything or likewise did not knock anything out.

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4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd):

3rd pl Co C was a reserve pl during the day but late in the afternoon moved to a fwd pos right on line (253043). 1st pl Co C and 2nd pl Co B really had the roughest going during the day. These pls became bogged down and could not move because of the muddy terrain and right when they were just short of their objective. From this pos at (241052) Co C lost 2 M-10s and Co B one. However, they also knocked out two tanks from this pos, Co B getting one and Co C getting the other (this Bn is not taking credit for these two tanks at this time as we are not sure of their type). Toward dusk these two pls were able to effect a withdrawal from their bogged down pos after first having the Inf mine the area they were leaving. The total score for the day is as follows: Knocked out: 3 tanks (1 Mk IV, others undetermined); 2 AT Guns; 1 MG; Lost: 3 M-10s (burned up).

Bn Disposition as 1800 hrs 21 Oct: Bn CP - (142005); Rr CP - (068996); Co A CP - (165-992); 1st sec 1st pl - (242028); 2nd sec 1st pl - (239024); 1st sec 2nd pl - (238-022); 2nd sec 2nd pl - (236019); 1st sec 3rd pl - (247029); 2nd sec 3rd pl - (253035); Co B CP - (201019); 1st pl - (233060); 2nd pl - (235041); 3rd pl - (232045); Co C CP - (179982); 1st pl - (201019); 2nd pl - (195065); 3rd pl - (253043); Rcn Co CP - (114-009) (Pls - one w/ea Co, Pl pl w/Co CP).

Total 3" Ammo on Hand:

- 1. APC M62.....1289
- 2. HE M48.....2303
- 3. SMK (Def)..... 114
- 4. SMK (Spot)..... 202
- 5. Fuze (Time)..... 380

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HEADQUARTERS TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

61st US ARMY

(SR)

23 Oct 44 (Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. From 100001 to 15000

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at ... Rear CP located at ...

2. STATUS OF M10's and 3" GUNS:

Table with columns for Operational/Non-Operational, Enemy/Mechanical, Action/Failure, and REMARKS. Includes a note: '3 Ordnance, 3 Bn str maint.'

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD:

Table titled 'ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED' with columns for Armored vehicles, PWS, ROUNDS FIRED, and various weapon types.

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Table titled 'ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED' with columns for Armored vehicles, PWS, ROUNDS FIRED, and various weapon types.



4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary) ... Total: 585

Conditions during the period of this report quieted down considerably in all sectors. However there was the usual shelling but no large scale counterattacks. At about 1100 hrs, Lt Tuck's 3rd pl Co G credited itself with another M4 IV tank as they were pushing ...

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

4. OPERATIONS FOR REGION (Cont'd):

to repel what was thought to be a tank attack. During the period of this report, this Bn lost three (3) more M-10s, all fr Co C. However, the total score now is four (4) lost and four (4) tanks knocked out. This Bn had three men killed and six (6) casualties during the period.

The pl of Co C w/100 Cav Co has gone into an indirect firing pos and fired 500 rounds of HE as he passing fire into the E edge of FORLET DE FANNOY.

Position as of 1200 Oct 32: Bn CP - (142005); Bn CP - (068006); Co A CP - (255015); 1st pl - (255012); 2nd pl - (255014); 3rd pl - (255013); 4th pl - (247029); Co B CP - (091019); 1st pl - (255060); 2nd pl - (255043); 3rd pl - (255058); Co C CP - (179082); 1st pl - (179082); 2nd pl - (185065); 3rd pl - (248052); Recon Co CP - (114000) (One pl w/ea gun Co; Pl Pl w/Co CP).

3" Ammo on Hand:

APC #64.....	1257
HE #48.....	1983
SMK (Def).....	114
SMK (Spot).....	802
Ammo (Tins).....	550

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HEADQUARTERS 618th TANK DEPARTMENTAL BATTALION (SB)

AFV 403 US ARMY

24 October 1944 (Date)

TANK DESTROYER DAILY REPORT

TD Report No. 48 From 22 Oct/44 1800 0000 to 23 Oct/44 1800 0000

1. STATUS: Bn Forward CP located at 142005 vic GROISMARE Rear CP located at 063006 vic LUNEVILLE Bn attached to 79th ID (-). Co G 2nd pl returned to Bn control and reached to 79th ID at 1600 hrs 23 Oct.

2. STATUS OF M-10's, and 3d GUNS:

Table with columns for Operational status (Operational, Non-Operational, Enemy, Mechanical, Action, Failure) and Remarks. Includes rows for Ban 1, A, B, C, and TOTAL.

3. (a) RESULTS OF ACTION FOR PERIOD: Notar. This makes a total of 35 plus five which have been a total loss making total of 38.

Table titled ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED and ROUNDS FIRED. Columns include Armored vehicles, Co, A, B, C, TOTAL, and various round counts.

(b) RESULTS OF ACTION TO DATE:

Table titled ENEMY MATERIAL DESTROYED and ROUNDS FIRED. Columns include Armored vehicles, Co, A, B, C, Ban, TOTAL, and various round counts.



4. OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD: (Brief Summary) Total: 588

During the hours of this report all our elements remained in their previous loc; na mely right on line and taking a very prominent part in the defense of the obj. recently obtained by the 79th ID. 1st tpl, Co B was ordered to push 2 guns fwd about 200 yds about 2200 hrs, 22 Oct to repel what was expected to be a tank & inf threa t. This they did but as there was no attack in the t sector the pls re-assembled at daylight. At 0700 of the 23rd up until approxima tely 1100 hrs, the 2nd pl of Co B had a fairly lively time in their sector as they were confronted by enemy tanks. In the ensuing mele, said pl credited itself with 2 enemy tanks destroyed. At the same time, SECRET (O.V.E.B.)

and in the same action, the 3rd pl of Co A on the right flank of the 2nd pl of Co B also credited itself with one (1) enemy tank destroyed. During the rest of the day, things were comparatively quiet up until about 1600 hrs when the 1st pl of Co B got itself into a scrap and once again credited itself with 2 enemy tanks destroyed, while the 3rd pl of Co C also bagged another. This Hq has no way of determining exact type of tank knocked out but believe them to be either IVs or Vs. Approximate coord of tanks knocked out (268048) and in gen vic of XOUSE.

Bn Disposition at end of period: 2nd pl of Co C released by the 106 Cav Gp at about 1600 hrs; returned to Bn control and went into biv in gen vic of Bn CP for the night (this pl fired 534 rds HE of harassing fire into the E edge of the FORET DE PARROY during the past 24 hrs.). Bn CP - 142005; Rr CP - 068996; Co A CP - 255059; 1st pl - 255019; 2nd pl - 255024; 1st sec 3rd pl - 255055; 2nd sec 3rd pl - 247029; Co B CP - 201019; 1st pl - 255060; 2nd pl - 255043; 3rd pl 255058; Co C CP - 199982; 1st pl - 199982; 2nd pl - 142005; 3rd pl - 248052; Hon CP - 114009; pls - one with each gun Co. Pl pl with Co CP.

Total 3" Ammo on Hand:

- 1. APC M32.....1596
- 2. HE M48.....1975
- 3. SMK (Def)..... 99
- 4. SMK (Spot)..... 199
- 5. Fuze (Time)..... 550

These results were arrived at today by a physical count and include recent addition through requisitions and also include that ammo lost when M-10s burned.

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