

79<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div

HEADQUARTERS

44

WEEKLY CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF TANK DESTROYER OPERATIONS\*

Report Number 3 From 17 Sept 44 To 24 Sept. 44

	BN ( )			BN ( )			BN ( )					
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM			
<b>1. PERSONNEL</b>												
a. Casualties												
(1) Killed	0	0	0									
(2) Wounded	1	0	1									
(3) Captured	0	0	0									
(4) Missing	0	0	0									
(5) Total	1	0	1									
(6) Operation Str	36	1	37									
b. Replacements												
(1) Requisitioned	0	0	0									
(2) Received	0	0	0									
c. Prisoners												
(1) Captured	0	0	0									
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE.</b>												
a. Vehicles Destroyed												
(1) Mk VI	-											
(2) Mk V	-											
(3) Mk IV	2			<i>lost &amp; more</i>			<i>see rpt.</i>					
(4) SP	-											
(5) Others	3											
b. Miscellaneous												
(1) Guns, AT	-											
(2) Guns, Arty	-											
(3) M.G.	-											
(4) Pill Boxes	-											
<b>3. OPERATIONS.</b>												
a. Rounds fired (3" or 76)												
	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK			
(1) Direct	16	79										
(2) Indirect		1367	18									
b. Short Sum of Opp. (Reverse side).												
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICLES</b>												
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVAQUATED	REPLACED
a. M10, M36, or M36	35											
b. M5 Gun												
c. M7 Prime-mover												
d. M20	14											
e. M8	6											
f. 2 1/2 T	21											
g. 1/4 T	35											
h. Others												



Consolidated Report of TD Opns (Cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT.

BATTALION: (Atchd IV Corps Reserve)

613 F. O.

106 Cav

On 18 Sept 44 1st Bn left at CHARLES 227707, near CP at CHARLES 220707. At 1800hrs 1st Bn ordered to attack two cos to 106 Cav - rest of Bn in IV Corps Reserve. Cos A & C ordered to join 106 Cav by 20 C.F. and then establish a base forward of 7/1000. Co B took up defensive positions in BRANTIGNY. Contact and liaison was established with French 2nd Div; 106 Cav Co; 77000 T.D. Co. A 3rd T.D. Co. From 2nd Bn's notification of being awarded Bronze Stars.

On 19th Sept Co C moved to CHARLES from CHARLES. 1st Bn took up pos. in BRANTIGNY. 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn via 2271 1st (contact) and 2nd Bn liaison along with C troop of 1st Cav and T.D. Co. attacks about at 1800hrs and at 1800hrs 2nd Bn was ordered. Cos A fired 20 rds H.K. & A.F.; 10 A.F.O. and 200 rds Cal 50 mm.

BATTALION: (Atchd

Two M4 IV tanks were badly damaged by our fire, one possibly destroyed. Co A fired 75 rds H.K. destroying 5 enemy vehicles, killing and wounding from 40 to 50 inf. infantry in this sector. Co B remained in defensive pos at BRANTIGNY.

On 20th Sept 1944 Co A established W/ 106 Cav in vic of PORTIGNY and then moved to vic 220112 (Louvainville sep 100 1/100,000) Co B in Brantigny; 2nd Bn in vic Roselioures; Co C in gun vic of REHAUVILLER (0224) W/ 1st near REHAUVILLER 020707

On 21 Sept Co C fired 35 rds H.K. at 2nd Bn 100000 retreating toward MARCH. into FORT DE MARCH. Extent of damage unknown. Co A CP 020707, 1st Bn STADE; 2nd and 3rd Bns; 020707. Co C CP 020707; 1st Bn via of 020707 (ass. area)

On 22 Sept at 0700 Co C left CP 227707 (CHARLES) followed by Co B (near loc BRANTIGNY) and Co A. (prev loc Charles 220707) setting up camp. CP in REHAUVILLER near L'INTE (021507 at 1800hrs. At 1800hrs Co C moved out through MARCH to REHAUVILLER. 1st Bn tank troop approx 30 miles. Co A 1st Bn off. cas. captured

BATTALION: (Atchd

and 1 H.K. from Co C.F. Cos. through vic REHAUVILLER. Co C CP at 7 LOUVAINVILLE 1st moved 1st B. VITRIGNY with pl attached to a troop of 1st Cav. 2nd Bn's order to move back to 1st Bn at 20 Sept primary mission to raise 106 Cav CP or 7th Inf Div Secondary Mission and fire mission. 1st Bn Control 170 2nd Bn via REHAUVILLER 1st Bn and 2nd Bn furnish survey and cooperated fully when we moved to REHAUVILLER Co B set up FDC W/ 1st with 2nd Bn in REHAUVILLER from 020707 1800 Sept to 020707 24 Sept. Co B fired 2000 rds H.K. via REHAUVILLER range 10,000 to 14,000 yds. 20 missions ind. cont. fire. For reg. 10 rds 500 exp. at 1800hrs 24 Sept for re-registr. Co B exp 14 rds 500 between 220707 24 Sept 020707 24 Sept Co B fired 31 missions ind fire cont exp. 7000 rds at 020707 24 Sept 1737A by 2nd

COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required)

expressed his pleasure and that of the Corps Arty Cdr and Div Arty Cdr over the effectiveness of Co B's firing on nights of 23-24 Sept and 24-25 Sept on vic of REHAUVILLER. VILLER 100000 and gun vic thereof. Initial rpts

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and two German tanks destroyed. 2nd Bn, ordered to 2-3 and officer of Co B to check results in target area. Co B's exp was still in REHAUVILLER with FDC still maintained with 2nd Bn. Co C also located in REHAUVILLER. 2nd Bn in vic 1st B. L'INTE. Co C gun via VITRIGNY. Co A 2000 yds RE LOUVAINVILLE 2nd Bn 2nd about 1 mi S REHAUVILLER. These pos set up at 2400hrs 24 Sept. 1st

HEADQUARTERS 21st T. D. Bn. (SP).

2 October 1944

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Report Number 4 From September 24 1800 hrs To 1 October 1800 hrs 44

	BN ( )			BN ( )			BN ( )					
	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM			
<b>1. PERSONNEL</b>												
a. Casualties												
(1) Killed	0	0	0									
(2) Wounded	0	0	0									
(3) Captured	0	0	0									
(4) Missing	0	0	0									
(5) Total	0	0	0									
(6) Operation Str	56	1	584									
b. Replacements												
(1) Requisitioned	0	0	0									
(2) Received	0	0	0									
c. Prisoners												
(1) Captured	0	0	0									
<b>2. INTELLIGENCE</b>												
a. Vehicles Destroyed												
(1) M4 VI	0											
(2) M4 V	2											
(3) M4 IV	13											
(4) SP	4	(neutralized)										
(5) Others	4	(2 half-tracks and 2 large trucks)										
b. Miscellaneous												
(1) Guns, AT	0											
(2) Guns, Arty	0											
(3) M.G.	1											
(4) Pill Boxes	0											
<b>3. OPERATIONS</b>												
a. Rounds Fired (3" or 76)												
(1) Direct	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK	APC	HE	SMK			
(2) Indirect	80	584	0									
b. Short Eng of Opp.	25	7370	115									
(Reverse side)	(includes 584 rd HE fired 23-24 Sept)											
<b>4. STATUS OF VEHICLES</b>												
	ON HAND				ON HAND				ON HAND			
	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	EVACUATED	REPLACED
a. M10	87											
b. M7												
c. M5												
d. M20	14											
e. M6	8											
f. 2 1/2 T	21											
g. 1 T	35											
h. Others												

(includes 584 rd HE fired 23-24 Sept)  
\*One spare M-10 w/Gen Co.  
One spare M-10 w/1st Str Maint.



Consolidated Report of TD Opns (Cont'd)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BATTALION OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT

(SP)  
615 TD BATTALION: (Atchd IV Corps Reserve) Cos "A" & "B" stem to 100 Cav.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

BATTALION: (Atchd \_\_\_\_\_)

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COMMENTS: (Add extra sheets if required.)

Name JACK G. LYONS  
Rank Captain, USA

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From positions in REHAINVILLER and later in LUNEVILLE, from the period 2050 hrs, 23 Sept to 0600 hrs, 1 Oct, Co B fired 518 missions ind conc fire (XV Corps arty working w/182 FA Bn) - expending 6745 rds HE, 115 rds SMK. Corps arty reported very satisfactory results obtained. Upon moving to REHAINVILLER, Co B had set up its FDC there; later moved to LUNEVILLE (present location) and set up FDC w/guns in ind fire pos there.

As of 26 Sept, Cos "A" & "C" ordered atchd 106 Cav w/Co B still in Corps reserve for ind fire missions. See above.

On 25 Sept, Co C moved 14 miles NE to vic RECHICOURT (152139) w/pls in pos on high ground S & E. Co atchd to Trp A 121 Cav; mission: to intercept enemy forces seeking to escape through woods to N from PARROY FOREST. Enemy infantry in numbers of about one bn to one regt were observed in sector and the three pls exp a total of 103 rds HE direct fire. Co A in vic LUNEVILLE received hvy enemy arty fire. Co B in REHAINVILLER, also Bn CP.

On 26 Sept, Bn CP and Rcn Co moved to LUNEVILLE. Pioneer pl removed road block, cleared mines and booby traps vic of Bn CP. Co B remained in REHAINVILLER on ind fire missions for Corps arty. Co A in LUNEVILLE. Co C's 1st pl was detachd from 121 Cav and atchd to 106 Cav taking up defensive pos at JOLIVET. 2nd & 3rd pls atchd to 121 Cav, 2nd pl taking up pos at BONVILLER; 3rd pl taking up pos vic EINVILLE. Pls closed in above pos at 1800 hrs.

On 27 Sept, Rcn Co moved vic REHAINVILLER; one sec establ OP vic EINVILLE. Co C CP moved vic LUNEVILLE (006079) and pls which had taken up pos N of LUNEVILLE moved back behind bomb line establ by XV Corps. Co A moved into ind fire pos at (050010); FDC set up at (052001); OP set up at (082020). Pls registered exp 34 rds HE, 3 rds SMK. Ordered to cease fire by 106 Cav and assemble at 1630 hrs whereupon pls returned to Co at LUNEVILLE at 1850 hrs. Co B moved from REHAINVILLER to LUNEVILLE where it set up FDC; pls went into ind fire pos and continued to fire ind conc, Corps Arty missions.

On 28 Sept, Co A, at 1300 hrs, 2nd & 3rd pls left LUNEVILLE; 2nd pl w/C Trp 106 Cav; 3rd pl w/A Trp. 2nd pl went into pos at (115069); 3rd pl at (108075). At 1400 hrs, Co CP and 1st pl moved to EINVILLE (076068); 1st pl in reserve w/B Trp 106 Cav. At 1745 hrs, 3rd pl fired 15 rds HE at BAUZEMONT. At 1850 hrs, moved into pos (124079) firing 36 rds HE, 3 rds APC at HENAMENIL. At 1745 hrs, 1st pl moved into ind fire pos at (070060) firing 84 rds HE. During night, received hvy mortar and arty fire from enemy; no casualties. Total ammo exp far day: 125 rds HE, 3 rds APC. Co B from ind fire pos in LUNEVILLE supported attack of 79th Inf Div on FORET DE PARROY firing 97 Corps arty missions. Co C pls moved into pos 2200 yds W of BAUZEMONT; 2nd & 3rd pls firing 189 rds HE on enemy in BAUZEMONT w/1st pl in support. At 1830 hrs, friendly tanks entered BAUZEMONT; 75 PWs taken by 121 Cav. 1st pl on high ground 500 yds from town while friendly tanks entered, then moved to vic VALNEY. 2nd & 3rd pls in ind fire pos on high ground overlooking BAUZEMONT. Co C CP at SERRES (065109).

On 29 Sept, Co A, atchd to 106 Cav Sqdn, destroyed four Mk IV tks, two Mk V tks, one g-track, two hvy trucks. All except two vehicles were fired on until burned, in areas #1 & #2 (See Overlay). Enemy btry of (7) SP guns neutralized at Pt #6. At Pt #7, at 1800 hrs, 29 Sept, enemy vehicles were brought under ind fire after which no motors were heard. During this action, approx 80 enemy inf were killed as result of Co A's firing HE, and one mortar was knocked out. During this attack by the enemy, Co C was atchd to 121 Cav Sqdn. Co C destroyed eight Mk IV tks, one g-track, one mortar in areas 3 & 4 (See Overlay). All above vehicles fired upon until burned. Co C also fired

HE into enemy inf estimated at 200, estm killed 10. An enemy OP neutralized at Pt #5. Rcn Co, which has been reinforced by one spare M-10, destroyed one Mk IV tk in area 4. 30 Sept - results of the day's action were sent in full detail to 5th TD Gp, XV Corps, 79th Inf Div - See G-2 report, 79th Inf Div, No 101 from 292200 to 302200 in which a full account is set forth.

30 Sept - Co A - 2nd pl pos under enemy arty fire throughout day. At 1730 hrs, one sec 3rd pl moved to (124079), firing 13 rds HE at a steeple used as OP by enemy in HENAMENIL. 1st pl fired 205 rds HE in ind fire missions during day. Rcn Co loc vic EINVILLE (078074). Co's M-10 w/3rd pl at BETHLEMONT (108110). Rcn OP was shelled throughout day. Co's M-10 fired 40 rds HE into enemy OP & sub pos in this area. Co C's 1st pl fired HE into sector of BAUZEMONT, reported that of three enemy tanks in that sector, two of them were knocked out by the 126 rds HE ind fire of Co C. This was a Cav report but Co C does not confirm it and does not take credit for these destroyed enemy vehicles.

OBSERVATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd on other side)





OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD (Cont'd):

1 Oct. -- Rcn Co CP EINVILLE (078074) w/OP in BETHELMONT-LES-BAUZEMONT, Co M-10 there. Remnants of Co engaged in maint (6000 ml check) of vehicles. Co CP at SERRIS (065109). Co A at 0800 hrs, 1st pl relieved 2nd pl at (114064); 2nd pl moved to ind fire pos of 1st pl (070060) registering their guns and expending 145 rds HE on ind fire missions.

During the period, ammo expenditure was as follows:

	DIRECT			INDIRECT		
	HE	AP	SMK	HE	AP	SMK
Co A	172	58	0	499	0	0
Co B	0	0	0	6745	0	0
Co C	317	150	0	126	0	115
Rcn Co	95	10	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7370</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115</b>

... (The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible due to the quality of the scan. It appears to be a detailed report of operations, including descriptions of movements, engagements, and the status of personnel and equipment. Key words like 'Company', 'Platoon', 'Machine Gun', and 'Ammunition' are visible but difficult to read.)

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