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701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 164, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Operations Report

TO : Adjutant General, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. (thru channels)

1. In compliance with the requirements of paragraph 10, AM 315-105, dated March 10, 1943, the following operations report of the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion covering the period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944, is herewith submitted.

2. The operations covered in this report are statements from the Unit Journal and the Battalion Diary, and supporting evidence for said statements is attached.

3. Previous operations report submitted and including 31 July 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Cecil B. Baker
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1st Lt., 701st TD Bn.
Adjutant.

OPERATIONS OF THE 701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Period - 1 August - 31 August 1944

Locations of 701st T.D. Bn. beginning of period:

Map - Italy, 1/50,000
Sheets 119-III, IV

Battalion in assembly area vicinity - 245088

The period opens with the battalion in the 1st Armored Division rest and training area in the vicinity of Cecina, Italy (245088), following the training program set forth in Training Memos 42 to 46 inclusive, 1st Armored Division.

During the period August 1 to August 9 inclusive, training was conducted in the following subjects: gun drill for 3" and 37mm, radio procedure, disciplinary drills, care and cleaning of weapons, camouflage, map reading, orientation, drivers' instruction and maintenance and physical conditioning. All the above mentioned subjects were deemed necessary due

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to the long period of combat which tends to make everyone either sloppy or rusty. This training proved very satisfactory.

On August 9 the battalion moved to an assembly area vicinity 208440 with elements of the 1st Armored Division. Upon arrival in the new area the training program mentioned above was continued. Arrangements were made for firing both 3" , 37mm, and small arms.

On August 12 two companies were alerted to move to direct fire positions; "B" company attached to CC "B" and "A" company to CC "A". Reconnaissance and "C" companies remained in battalion assembly area and continued with training program. Plans were made for relief of companies so that all could get the benefit of the training program. "B" company went into position vicinity Forcoli and "A" company vicinity Ronsecco. Upon arrival in area in vicinity of Forcoli, "B" company relieved "C" company, 805th TD Bn.

Training continued for companies remaining in assembly area. The evening of August 17 "A" company was relieved in position by "C" company. Upon relief "A" company returned to battalion assembly area and continued the training program.

On August 21 "C" company and "B" company were detached from their respective Combat Commands and reverted to battalion control. The battalion was attached to Division Artillery as support. All direct fire positions were vacated and the guns put in indirect positions. Reconnaissance company manned two OP's in each of the three companies' sectors.

On August 23 "A" company, having completed training program, moved to indirect fire positions vicinity of Palais in support of the 27th Armored Field Artillery.

The remainder of the period all companies occupied artillery positions in support of Division Artillery, 1st Armored Division. Reconnaissance manned OP's and directed fire of companies of 701st TD Bn. plus the Field

Artillery Battalions of the Division.

Positions of 701st F. A. Bn. at close of period:

Bn CP - 295446. Bn Trains - 287443

"A" Co - CA-103515; A1-103538; A2-10005424

"B" Co - CA-113517; B1-11235195; B2-11565171

"C" Co - CA-209516; C1-26925212; C2-2065216

**Non Co - CA-11518; CP's - 1st Non Plt - 250561 & 25576
2nd Non Plt - 317568 & 33572
3rd Non Plt - 37368 & 391586
Flash CP - 307557**

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HE - 9775
AFC - 8088
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CASUALTIES

During the month of August the Battalion suffered only one battle casualty.

William A. Blankenship, 6985393, S/Sgt, Co. B, LWA 16 Aug 44.

During the month awards were made to personnel of the Battalion as follows:

Purple Hearts were awarded to:

1. Albert E. Borga, Pvt., 35456644, Co. B
2. Clayton E. Anderson, Pvt. 35262612, Rcn Co.
3. Albert J. Duhaime, Pvt., 31379247, Hq & Hq Co.
4. Carl M. Green, 1st Lt., 01822696, Hq & Hq Co.
5. Noble H. Midkiff, Tec 5, 35482495, Hq & Hq Co.
6. Ernest E. Bruett, Pfc., 36302149, Hq & Hq Co.
7. Cecil C. Cosby, Tec 4, 6985611, Co. C
8. Boyd L. Rhodes, Pvt., 39528323, Co. C
9. Robert S. Scott, Pvt., 33397226, Co. B

1st Lt. Charles S. Briggs, 0406979, Hq & Hq Co. was awarded Bronze Star for meritorious service from 23 May to 20 July per GO No. 81, Hq 1st A.D., dtd 28 August.

Cpl Thomas R. Sherman, 16094405, Co C, was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action on 30 May per GO No. 81, Hq 1st A.D., dtd 28 August.

S/Sgt Robert E. Mitchell, 36302179, Co C, was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for courageous action during period 22 June - 7 July per GO No. 81, Hq 1st A.D., dtd 28 August.

Pvt Luther A. James, 6983914, Rcn. Co., was awarded a Bronze Star medal for heroic service on 1 July 1944 per GO No. 77, Hq 1st A.D., dtd 8 August 1944.

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