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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report after/after Action, Report for July 1944.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Thru channels)

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1. In accordance with letter, Headquarters, First United States Army, 319.1/401 (c) dated 13 July 1944, and reference paragraph 10 (c3) AR 345-105, subject, "Action Against Enemy reports after/after action reports" is hereby submitted for the month of July 1944.

2. This unit's journal for the month of July 1944 is attached hereon.

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TO: Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U. S. Army.

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1 July 1944-

Main body consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Company personnel disembarked on the beaches of France at 1500 and proceeded to an assembly area located in Foucarville, France, arriving there at 1500. Company B of this Battalion, and the Medical Detachment were in the area since the evening before and were in the process of waterproofing their vehicles. Company B moved out of the assembly area and proceeded to a concentration area located in the vicinity of Ste-Come-du-Mont, France. Headquarters and Headquarters Company personnel proceeded shortly thereafter, to the same location, arriving there at approximately 1900 hours.

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2 July 1944 --(Vicinity of Ste-Come-du-Mont, France)

Company A, in its entirety closed in bivouac in the concentration area. Company C, less one three inch gun and crew closed in bivouac in the concentration area. Personnel were preparing vehicles and ordnance for engaging the enemy.

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3 July 1944--(Vicinity Ste-Come-du-Mont, France)

1. This Battalion was attached to the following organizations, for both tactical and administrative functions. Attachments were verbal orders of CG VII Corps--attachments as follows:

802d TD Bn to VII Corps (Tactical and administrative)
" to 83d Inf Div (" ")
Company A to 330th Infantry Division
Company B to 331st Infantry Division
Company C to 83d Division Artillery.

2. Entire battalion, less rear echelon moved to assembly areas located in vicinity of Carentan, France. Gun companies were assigned missions as follows to be carried out in conjunction with attachments indicated in paragraph 1.

(a) Company A atchd to 330th Infantry Regiment in support of regiment assault companies.

(b) Company B atchd to 331st Infantry Regiment in support of Regiment assault companies.

(c) Company C remained in mobile reserve with 83d Division Artillery for firing secondary mission (indirect fire)

(d) Reconnaissance platoons were held under battalion control, to confirm reports of any enemy armor, route purposes, liaison, and selecting firing positions.

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4 July 1944--(Vicinity Carentan, France)

1. Enemy was engaged. Two (2) halftrack prime movers were lost due to enemy action. All troops were carrying out missions assigned to them. Enemy aircraft were sighted and fired upon by anti-aircraft units in our zone. Enemy snipers were active in our zone. Snipers were killed or captured in many instances.

2. A message received by phone from CG 83d Division Artillery that German Mark VIX Tanks were reported by air observation of 322d F.A. Battalion.

3. Six (6) enlisted men were wounded due to enemy action and the end of this period.

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5 July 1944 (Vicinity Cantepie, France)

1. Battalion CP Group including both Reconnaissance Platoons moved from area located in vicinity of Carentan, France to an area located in vicinity of Cantepie, France, distance travelled approximately three miles, arriving there at 1830.

2. Company C was to fire initial barrage in conjunction with 322d FA Bn, but did not accomplish mission due to 322d FA not having received concentration overlay from higher headquarters.

3. Companies A and B continued with their missions, and reported casualties of one enlisted man killed, and five enlisted men wounded due to enemy mortar and artillery fire.

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6 July 1944 (Vicinity Cantepie, France)

At 0717 a message was sent from this Headquarters to Company C that enemy tanks were reported attacking left flank of 83d Division, and for this company to prepare for movement at once to a new position.

At 0758 a radio message was received from CG 83d Division Artillery that a tank attack was developing in vicinity of Culot, France, and ordered all our units to be alerted.

At 0931 a message was received from CG 83d Division Artillery that enemy tanks were reported at 34847854 (maps GSGS 4347 1:25,000)

At 1027 a radio message was received from CG 83d Division Artillery to investigate tanks reported at map coordinates 355792 (map GSGS 4347 1:25000) to determine whether friendly or enemy.

At 1125 Commanding General, 83d Division Artillery ordered that Company B be relieved of attachment to 331st Infantry Regiment effective when 331st Infantry Regiment was passed through by 4th Infantry Division elements in that zone. Company C attached to 83d Division Artillery in mobile reserve. At 1125 Commanding General 83d Division Artillery ordered that Company C be attached to 330th Infantry. One Reconnaissance Platoon executed reconnaissance mission of routes, positions, terrain information and liaision from 2200 5 July 1944 to 0300 6 July 1944 in the zone of action of the 330th Infantry Regiment. Two reconnaissance platoons executed reconnaissance missions from 06306July to 1830 6 July 1944. These platoons, were executing normal reconnaissance missions and liaison in the zone of the 330th and 329th Infantry Regiments. The limit of this reconnaissance was the OPLR as it existed at 1600 hours, 6 July 1944. Both Reconnaissance Platoons investigated and reported negative information on tank flashes received this AM.

Companies A and C continued with their missions.

At end of this period two (2) three-inch guns were destroyed due to enemy action (one gun was repairable). Sixteen enlisted men were reported as wounded due to enemy mortar and artillery fire, one enlisted man was killed in action.

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7 July 1944 (Vicinity Contepie, France)

This Battalion received troop assignment orders confirming verbal orders, Commanding General, VII Corps, attaching this Battalion for administration to VII Corps, authority: letter, Hqs, VII Corps dated 7 July 1944, file 370.5, subject, "Troop Assignment No. 1".

Radio message received from CG, 83d Division Artillery at 0931--enemy tanks reports at 34847852 (map 4347-1:25000)

Orders received from CG, 83d Division Artillery at 1645 hours ordered one platoon from Company C up front and to dig in for possible enemy counter-attack. Ordered other platoon back for deep defense.

1st and 2d Reconnaissance platoons executed reconnaissance missions of routes, terrain and liaison with our companies and infantry units and investigated and reported on the tank flashes received from this Battalion.

Summary of operations for the day:

(a) Company A attached in close support of 329th Infantry.

(b) Company B in mobile reserve under battalion control at 1305, verbal orders from CG, 83d Division Artillery attached Company B in close support to 331st Infantry Regiment.

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8 July 1944 (Vicinity of Cantepie)

Tank flash--four (4) enemy tanks reported vicinity of 375787 at 0735. Message to Company B, "alert your company for possible employment against enemy tanks, coordinates 375787". One section 1st reconnaissance platoon sent out to locate tanks, report is negative.

Battalion Executive ordered each company commander to be present at their supported infantry regimental CP's at 0600 daily. At 0800 Company A was reverted to battalion control and was held in mobile reserve. At 0817 Company A was attached to the 322d F. A. Battalion for firing indirect fire, secondary mission.

S-3 report to all companies cautioning them about camoulflage ~~property~~, and sanitary discipline ~~is~~ to be carried out by all personnel of this command. Officers and NCO's must check their men often and observe them for "battle nerves" and for fatigue signs.

Company B reports two battle casualties, both wounded at 1130. One 1/4 ton truck destroyed (36887898) and one half-track damaged, but repairable (37308080) by enemy artillery fire.

Company B still in close support of 331st Infantry Regiment.

Company C in close support of 330th Infantry Regiment.

Both reconnaissance platoons under battalion control.

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9 July 1944 (vicinity of Cantepie, France)

Message from Company C requests five bazookas and ten spare batteries as soon as possible.

Company A attached 322d F. A. Battalion for indirect firing mission. Company B attached 331st Infantry Regiment in close support. Company C attached 330th Infantry Regiment in close support. Reconnaissance platoons remain under battalion control.

Battalion CO reminded companies that when moving forward to move with security not too far forward of the companies. Careful reconnaissance must be made of all routes before moving a company.

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Should have 1/4 ton vehicle proceed the unit from road junction to road junction for traffic control. Establish and maintain liaison between units on your flanks, front and rear. Maintain liaison between guns and sections.

802d Tank Destroyer Battalion, less A, B, and C attached to 83d Divsion Artidlery, VOCG, 83d Infantry Division.

VII Corps directs that enemy tank losses be reported in three categories--(a) number destroyed, (b) number knocked out, and (c) number captured.

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10 July 1944 (vicinity of Cantepie, France)

S-3 ordered 519 rounds 3" HE at Company A position be delivered to Company C at their new position.

Battalion CP moved at 1130, opened vicinity St. Quentin at 1150. Coordinates 3780.

Tank flash from 83d Infantry Division at 1626--"Eight enemy tanks headed northeast, located at coordinates 348767, headed toward Sainteny". Company C alerted for the tanks and instructed to keep battalion informed.

Message from Company C at 1913--"situation unchanged. Four tanks reported, coordinates 379769. Direction of move unknown". Second message at 2220--"situation unchanged. Bazooka teams and tenn3" guns occupy firing positions".

Company A attached 329th Infantry Regiment
Company B attached 331st Infantry Regiment
Company C attached 330th Infantry Regiment
1st Reconnaissance platoon less one section attached Company A.

1st Reconnaissance Platoon located at identified three enemy tanks.

2d Reconnaissance Platoon executed an area reconnaissance mission, less one section which provided security for battalion CP.

Battalion rear echelon moved to new location (coordinates 375816).

Message from CO to companies--"closer liaison must be established with unit to which attached. Forward reconnaissance must be continuous, vigorous and aggressive. Must have all round security for gun positions. Secure move information of the enemy from friendly troops. A $25.00 fine for any officer or enlisted man firing small arms in rear area."

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11 July 1944 (vicinity St. Quentin, France)

Message from Company C at 0925. "My mission unchanged--will keep you informed."

All company attachments remain the same.

1st reconnaissance platoon assigned mission of locating tanks in vicinity of Bois Grimot. The tank was not located. 2d Reconnaissance platoon assigned mission of locating possible gun positions and areas of 634th T. D. Battalion to the east of Lande.

Message from CO to all companies--"All excess weapons picked up by your men will be turned in. The infantry needs them. All 3" guns must be manned at all times. During road movements, do not stop when caught under enemy artillery fire. Road blocks are mined and booby-trapped. Do not depress gun tubes when you have short fields of fire".

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12 July 1944 (Vicinity of St. Quentin, France)

Radio plan--Each gun company sends a 608 radio (M-20) to their supported regiment and Battalion CP send 608 to division CP for tank warning net.

Company assignments to infantry regiments the same.

Company A reports direct fire fight with enemy tanks. Results was one probable and one doubtful enemy tank destroyed.

Company B claimed destruction of enemy ammunition dump by indirect fire mission.

Extract from Operations Memorandum #35, Hq, VII Corps, dated 12 July 1944 brought to attention of this command for compliance--"when German tanks are hit or otherwise temporarily disabled, additional destruction will be executed to prevent battle field recovery by the enemy etc".

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13 July 1944 (Vicinity of St. Quentin, France)

Nine enlisted men listed as casualties. One 3" gun lost due to enemy action, vicinity of Sainteny. One half-track completely destroyed due to enemy action vicinity Sainteny.

Action against enemy by this battalion one Mark IV tank hit with 3" gun. It caught fire but kept moving. One Mark IV tank hit by rocket launcher. Did not move. Another Mark IV hit by 3" gun fire. Total of 69 rounds AP expended.

Company C's mission of firing on objective #2 of 331st Infantry completed. Ordered back to Blackfish CP.

Message from 1st platoon, Company C--"moved to vicinity 374754 for direct fire mission. Targets of opportunity. Will keep you informed".

CP moved at 1930. New CP opened 2000 near Bois Grimot (coordinates 358779).

83d Division message report "six tiger tanks at 3513-7464". 2d reconnaissance platoon at 1800 reports "one Mark V tank observed at 345751. Infantry held up at that point. Will continue on mission." - - - - - - - -

14 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Attachment for this date remain the same.

Company A reports one 3" gun reported knocked out by enemy fire. It was recovered and is repairable. They destroyed one enemy machine gun nest, expended ten rounds AP and five rounds HE or the mission.

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15 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Message at 2310 from Company C reports third platoon attached 331st Infantry Regiment for direct fire from vicinity Les Auxais to the La Varda peninsula.

1st and 2d reconnaissance platoons executed area and zone reconnaissance.

Two battle casualties reported for this date.

Warning order that after infantry division attains limited objective the companies will be attached to division artillery as follows:

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This relief and attachment will be upon battalion order.

Company A to the 322d FA Bn.
Company B to 908 FA Bn.
Company C to 323 FA Bn.

Basic loads will not be dumped. Companies will receive areas of AT responsibilities later. Companies must be prepared to perform their primary mission in these areas with minimum of delay (direct fire on enemy tanks). 750 rounds of HE over basic loads for each company will be dumped at the indirect company areas by Battalion S-4.

Operations Memo #38, Headquarters 83d Division Artillery, relieved attachment of this battalion from VII Corps and attached this Battalion to VIII Corps by Command G. G., F.U.S.A. effective 2400 15 July 1944.

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16 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Message from battalion assistant S-3 to 1st and 2d [redacted] platoons of company C to cease firing on direct fire mission. Await further orders by order of General Montague.

This battalion attached 83d Division Artillery, Company A attached to 329th Infantry Regiment, Company B attached 331st Infantry Regiment, and Company C less 1st platoon attached 330th Infantry Regiment, 1st platoon, company C, attached to 83d Reconnaissance troops. 1st and 2d reconnaissance platoons executed normal area and zone reconnaissance.

Company A reported one 3" gun deadlined and is repairable.

1st platoon, Company C, reported neutralized enemy OP at 363739 and fired harassing fire in that vicinity. Third platoon, Company C, neutralized enemy OP at 38057080.

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17 July 1944 (Vicinity of Bois Grimot)

Message from 1st and 2d platoon, Company C, at 2400 states their situation the same, both platoons in firing positions as of 16 July 1944.

Reconnaissance platoons executed area and zone reconnaissance under battalion control.

Company A attached 329th Infantry Regiment for close support, Company B attached 331st Infantry Regiment for close support, Company C attached to the 330th Infantry for close support. 1st platoon, Company C, attached to 83d Reconnaissance troops for close support.

Company A attached to 322d FA Battalion, Co B attached 908 FA Battalion, Company C attached 323d FA Battalion for firing secondary mission, indirect fire.

Casualties for this period three enlisted men (one self-inflicted wound, two wounded in action). Strength for this period--34 officers and 707 enlisted men.

Company C fired 277 rounds of HE on direct fire mission.

Enemy continues to defend from positions located in hedgerows and road intersections, their positions are supported by mortars, tank and assault guns. The tanks and assault guns move from one firing position to another frequently utilizing direct fire methods. The enemy continues to use his armour to plug up gaps in his lines and to form strong points with tank-infantry teams.

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18 July 1944 (Vicinity of Bois Grimot)

802d T. D. Bn attached 83d Division Artillery, Company A attached 322d

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FA Battalion, Company B attached 908th FA Battalion, Company C attached to 330th Infantry Regiment for close support, one platoon, Company A, attached 329th Infantry Regiment per VOCG, 83d Division for close support, one platoon, Company B, attached to 331st Infantry Regiment per VOCG, 83d Infantry Division for close support. One platoon, Company C, attached to 83d Reconnaissance Troop. Both reconnaissance platoons under battalion control.

All thirtysix 3" guns are in operational condition. Company A fired 435 rounds 3" direct fire for harrassing effect. Company B fired 180 rounds 3" indirect fire for harrassing mission. Company A suffered one battle casualty.

No tanks reported contacted for this date. It is believed they are preparing strong points on the south side of the Taute River. It is estimated that there are only four tank companies of the 2d Battalion, 2d SS Das Reich Panzer Regiment in our division sector. Each company having five Mark IV tanks left.

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19 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Message from CG, 83d Division Artillery ordered this battalion to dispose our tank destroyers in zone of 331st Infantry Regiment so as to be prepared for any armor thrust in area between Taute River and boundry between 329th Infantry and 331st Infantry during remainder of the day. Message sent at 1604.

This battalion attached 83d Division Artillery, Company C attached to 330th Infantry Regiment, one platoon attached to 331st Infantry Regiment, reconnaissance platoons under battalion control.

Company C suffered two battle casulaties. Operation strength--32 officers, 2 WO and 704 enlisted men.

Company B fired 100 rounds HE, indirect harrassing fire.

2d reconnaissance platoon lost one enlisted man, killed in action by enemy mortar fire. Hq. Co. suffered one casualty--one enlisted man seriously wounded.

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20 July 1944 (Vicinity of Bois Grimot)

This battalion attached 83d Division Artillery, one platoon, Company A, attached 329th Infantry Regiment, one platoon Company B attached 331st Infantry Regiment, Company A attached to 83d Division Artillery, Company C attached to 330th Infantry Regiment. Reconnaissance platoons under battalion control.

Company A fired 40 rounds, 3" HE harrassing fire. Company B fired 289 rounds 3" HE harrassing fire. Company C fired 94 rounds 3" harrassing fire.

Company C suffered three casualties (EM), two slightly wounded and one exhaustion case. Operational strength for battalion is 32 officers, 2 WO and 708 enlisted men.

Enemy front lines did not change for this period. French civilian reported that a well camouflaged artillery piece was at 37746647. Mine fields at CR 336698. Four artillery pieces larger than 88's between 36436735 and 37606735. These positions were seen 13 July 1944.

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21 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Company and platoon attachments remain the same as of 20 July 1944.

Company A fired 80 rounds HE 3" indirect harrassing fire. Company B fired 80 rounds HE 3" indirect harrassing fire. Company C fired 60 rounds HE 3" indirect harrassing fire. Company C reported one casualty. Operational strength--32 officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 714 enlisted men.

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22 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Attachments for this period are as follows:

One platoon, Company A to 329th Inf. Regt.
One platoon, Company B to 331st Inf. Regt.
Company C to the 330th Infantry Regiment.

802d T. D. Bn., minus attachments to the 83d Division Artillery. One platoon, Company C, per VO Asst. Division Commander attached to 331st Infantry. One platoon, Company A, in support to 329th Infantry. One platon, Company B, in support to 331st Infantry.

No enemy armor contacted for this date.

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23 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Attachments for this date are as follows:

Company A in support of 329th Inf. Regt.
Company B in support of 331st Inf. Regt.
Company C in support of 330th Inf. Regt.

One platoon, Company A, will fire secondary mission of harrassing fire. One platoon, Company C, will fire secondary mission of harrassing fire, one platoon, Company B, fired secondary mission of harrassing fire.

Casualties for this date was one officer and one enlisted man. 130 rounds HE 3" were fired for this date.

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24 July 1944 (Vicinity Bois Grimot)

Message from Company C at 1515 requested permission to move 1st platoon to coordinates 406372 for purpose of firing interdiction and harrassing fire missions.

Message from Battalion S-3 to Company C at 1706 "Lay the guns on house at coordinates 33697368. Inform me when this is done. I will inform Major Burduff who will have the plane take the air. The plane will give you the order to fire which will follow this live communication from the phone to Black Dog FDC by telephone to FA liaison officer at Black Fish CP by radio to you".

Operational strength of this battalion at end of this period--31 officers, 2 WO, and 712 enlisted men. No enemy tanks, vehicles, or guns were destroyed. 88 rounds HE 3" were fired indirect harrassing fire.

One of our 1/4 ton vehicles was destroyed by enemy fire, the vehicle was evacuated by battalion maintenance.

Attachments for this period was as follows:

Co A atchd to 329th Inf. Regt.
Company B atchd to 331st Inf. Regt.
Company C atchd to 330th Inf. Regt.

Reconnaissance platoons remained under battalion control and executed area and zone reconnaissance missions.

1st reconnaissance platoon furnished security for one platoon of TD guns occupying the OPL.

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25 July 1944 (vicinity of Bois Grimot)

Message at 0045 from CO, Company C, "Enemy patrol attacking 1st platoon position, Sheriff 6 investigating".

Message at 0320 from CO, Company C, "Everything O.K. Details in the morning".

Message from Company C at 0950 "2nd and 3d platoons, no change. 1st platoon fired 20 rounds HE observed on lower church steeple Marchesieux - 14 rounds interdiction".

2d platoon, Company B, fired six secondary missions harrassing fire.

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12 rounds of H.E. expended, 3rd Platoon Company B fired one secondary mission. fifty-two rounds H.E. expended.

Operational strength end of period was 31 Officers, 2 WO, and 711 enlisted men. One casualty reported.

Gun company attachments remaining the same as July 24th. 1944. Rcn Platoons provided security for the gun companies on main line of resistance.

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26 July 1944 (Vicinity of Bois Grimot)

Message from Battalion S-3 at 1100 orders no more than 50 rounds per gun of HE will be dumped or stored at any one time at any gun position. Battalion S-2 reported no enemy tanks captured, destroyed, knocked out during this period. 454 rounds 3" HE were fired indirect for this period.

Company attachments remain the same as previous date. 2nd Platoon Company A fired secondary mission harrassing fire, 2nd Platoon Company B fired secondary mission harrassing fire, 3rd Platoon Company B, in mobile reserve fired secondary mission of harrassing fire. 1st Platoon Company C in mobile reserve fired secondary mission of harrassing fire. 2nd Rcn platoon executed zone and area reconnaissance on Division right flank and established liaison with adjacent units. 1st reconnaissance Platoon provided local security for Battalion C.P.

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27 July 1944 (Vicinity of Bois Grimot)

Message from Company C CO at 1020 states unable to fire any mission except for extreme concentrations in south sector assigned to Sherriff 6 due to minimum elevation.

Message from Battalion S-3 to CO Company C at 1440. "Patrols from 331st Infantry Regiment may move on to La Varde Peninsula and continue south. Keep in contact with Regiment Headquarters so that we can cancel harrassing fire."

Message from Battalion S-3 at 1443 "Cancel all concentrations. (Do not fire) North of grid line 73 at once. Friendly patrols motorized and foot moving in on La Varde.

Battalion S-2 reports enemy assault guns or tanks were reported at coordinates 361736 and 361738.

Operational strength for this period was 31 Officers, 2 WO, 708 enlisted men. One casualty was reported. 396 rounds 3" HE harrassing fire were expended by this Battalion on this date.

Company attachments remained the same as in previous date. 2nd Platoon Company A in mobile reserve in direct fire position did not fire. 2nd Platoon Company B in mobile reserve fired secondary mission of harrassing fire. 1st Platoon Company C in mobile reserve fired secondary mission. 1st Redonnaissance Platoon under Battalion control provided local security. 2nd Reconnaissance Platoon under Battalion control executed route reconnaissance missions for Companies A and B's proposed advance.

CO 802d T. D. Bn ordered there to be a staff Officers meeting daily at 1900 at C.P.

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28 July 1944 (Vicinity of Bois Grimot)

Operational strength for the Battalion 31 Officers, 2 WO, 720 enlisted men. six replacements were received. No casualties were reported. Two prisoners of war captured. No enemy vehicles or armor destroyed. No ammunition expended. Battalion C.P. moved to location near Feugeres. (Coordinates 331682) Company A in close support 329th Infantry Regiment displaced forward and gave continued close support during forward movement. Company B in support of 331st Infantry Regiment gave close support for their move forward. Company C in support of 330th

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Infantry Regiment displaced forward and gave continued close support during the movement forward of the Regiment.

One Reconnaissance section supported Company A, One Reconnaissance section supported Company B, One Reconnaissance Section supported Company C, One Reconnaissance Section in Battalion reserve on call. All Reconnaissance sections executed route Reconnaisance for the advance of the elements they supported.

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29 July 1944 (Vicinity of Feugeres)

Message at 1000 from CG 83rd Division Artillery requested the following information from this Battalion. "In moving the Battalion as a Battalion Column, what is the number of vehicles, number of personnel and time length of the Column. (Rate of March will be 15 MPH; interval between vehicles 75 yeards; no interval extra between companies).

Message from this Battalion to CG 83rd Division Artillery at 1041: "Number of vehicles (including guns and trailers) 202, Officers 31, WO 1, Enlisted Men 715. Time length of Battalion column 37 minutes."

Operational strength of the Battalion for this date: 31 Officers, 2 WO, 723 enlisted men(11 replacements received). No enemy vehicles or armor destroyed Battalion is up to full operational strength. Companies A, B, and C moved forward into positions of readiness in their reppective Regimental sectors.

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30 July 1944 (Vicinity of Feugeres)

Operational strength for this period 31 Officers, 2 WO, 721 enlisted men. No enemy vehicles or armor destroyed by this Battalion for this period. No ammunition expended, all vehicles were in operational condition.

Firing Companies have the same attachments as on previous date, and are in position of readiness. Reconnaissance platoons under Battalion control.

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31 July 1944 (Vicinity of Feugeres)

Operational strength of this Battalion for personnel and equipment same as on 30 July 1944. No change in disposition of firing companies.

Gun companies are using this period for cleaning and maintenance of material and equipment. Reconnaissance platoons under Battalion control. All personnel had instruction on Military courtesy, close order drill and instruction and practice in support of infantry in attack.