

MOSELLE CROSSING 610 Tank Destroyer Bn Towed.

Interview with St/Sgt Moler, Platoon Sgt, 1st Plat, Co A.

After crossing the 1st Plat proceeded to LOISY. Two guns were placed North of LOISY pointing northward along the road to ATTON. These were covering a roadblock. The other two guns were positioned S of LOISY, one pointing in the direction of LOISY itself, the other aimed up the hill in the direction of ST GENEVIEVE.

One german thrust came from the direction of ATTON. The en tanks went around the positions of the 1st Section. The en, as usual making good use of pyrotechnics, was shooting flares and while the effect was blinding, sprayed our positions with machinegun fire. The tanks were firing NE.

The TDs stayed as long as possible. It was impossible to see the en because of the blinding flares and the darkness. There was no time to hook up the guns to the halftracks. The crews withdrew across the river. Later when our tanks counterattacked, the guns were recovered.

Interview with Lt Enich, Plat Leader, 2nd Plat, Co A.

At 0800, 12th, proceeded toward AUTREVILLE. The en observed the TDs as they crossed the bridge, and they were chased by arty fire all the way. Major Neussner, 3rd Bn, 318th Inf, informed the ~~infantry~~ TDs that AUTREVILLE was in en hands. The TDs then worked their way back toward VILLE AU VAL and put in a roadblock about a quarter of a mile up toward VILLE AU VAL. (803-291). Also a roadblock was put in along road to AUTREVILLE. LT Davis was contacted. It was impossible to get into VILLE AU VAL.

On the morning of the 13th this platoon witnessed the tailend of the operation around BEZAUMONT. Shell and small arms fire was received. The men remained in their foxholes. That morning many infantrymen were seen straggling down the hill toward the river. It seemed as though two inf bns were cut off (bns unknown). Later in the afternoon in a gully S of Hill 380, a platoon of AA and the 318th FA Bn were congregated. Our arty had blasted BEZAUMONT but the en inf had infiltrated to prevent the crossing.

At 1100, 13th, a tank shot out of BEZAUMONT and headed in the direction of VILLE AU VAL. The tank machinegunned the TDs who were unable to get the guns around. The guns were facing in direction of Ville au Val, eastward. The tank came from BEZAUMONT heading Eastward along the road ~~parallel-~~ parallelling the field of fire of the guns. All the infantry started shooting at the tanks with everything (some 2 hundred Inf). Finally nailed. (Co A)

Next day put up roadblock East side VILLE AU VAL.

Next five days en infiltrated continuously. Intermittent shelling received.