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HQ. 735TH ORD. CO. (LM)
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U. S. Army

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SUBJECT: Action against enemy, report, after/after action.

TO : Historical section G-2, 35th Inf. Div.

1. The function of the 735th Ord. Co. from the period, 8 July 44 to 31 July 44 is as follows.

Unit performed maintenance duties for the Division in the area from Airel to Torigni Sur-Vire. Unit moved forward four times during the period.

2. AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS:

Fifty vehicles were registered on job orders for repair during the period. Twenty four of these were repaired in the shop and twenty six were evacuated to higher echelon for repair.

Two enemy guns, two truck loads of American ammunition and fifty M-1 rifles were handled by the evacuation section.

Considerable time was spent in making hedge plows for M4A1 tanks belonging to the 737th Tank Bn. Welders were also employed constantly in placing bipods on .30 caliber machine guns for use in hedgerow fighting. Large numbers of wire cutters and baggage racks were made for units of the Division.

Daily ten percent inspections were made by a contact team of the Automotive Section on vehicles of the Division.

Total operation of section was below what would be normally expected due to the fact that vehicles were fairly new and most repair jobs were beyond our echelon.

3. SUPPLY SECTION:

In addition to the issue of Automotive and Armament spare parts for all types of weapons in the Division the Supply Section has maintained and operated a collection point for Ord. items recovered from the battle field.

A section composed of a Staff Sgt and three Privates has been set up for procuring and issuing immediately all Major Items of Ordnance equipment reported by Regimental and Battalion S-4's as daily battle losses.

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Automotive parts supply has been fairly light due to the fact that the Division vehicles were in good condition at the start of the operation and due to the type of repair required most vehicles were evacuated.

The reverse was true of armament spare parts. It has been very heavy due to the fact that most repair has been done on the battle field or in the third echelon shop instead of evacuating the weapon.

A fairly large amount of enemy Ord. material has been received and evacuated by the collection point of the Supply Section.

4. ARMAMENT SECTION:

One hundred eighty contacts were made by the Artillery and Small Arms sections of the Armament section during the period.

Sixty seven instruments were repaired by the instrument repair section consisting of binoculars, BC scopes, quadrants and sights for artillery and small arms.

Artillery section repaired thirty five artillery pieces and exchanged four during the period. One M10 TD was exchanged. A shell was lodged in the tube.

Small Arms section repaired seven hundred ninety four weapons including the repair of battle loss equipment. Thirty three Cal..30 machine guns were modified from M1919A4 to 1919A6. Sixty Cal..30 machine guns were improved by the addition of a bipod.

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