REPORT OF OPERATIONS - NORTHWEST FRANCE

FART IV - MONTH OF JULY

REPORT ON SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

I - SUPPLY:

a. Supply Operations: (1) Supply operations functioned smoothly during this period although the heavy fighting resulted in continuous losses of arms and equipment. The replacement of these items presented a constant problem.

b. Class I: (1) Truckhead distribution of rations was made to all units although on several occasions it was necessary to make a unit distribution to several widely scattered companies. Supplies were distributed on the following basis:

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IGIVT "2—1.	551,603	100.00%

(2) Type "B" rations were issued to units for the first time on July 9, 144.

(3) Beef and fresh bread were issued to the units for the first time

on July 17. 144.

(4) P X rations were available on regular schedule during this month. The supply was entirely adequate, in fact there actually was an excess supply

on hand during the carlier part of the month.

(5) Water was abundant and an adequate supply was maintained at all times. Water points were operated under Div control. Halazone tablets were used by many of the smaller units when they found themselves in areas which vehicles could not reach during daylight.

c. Class II:

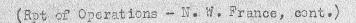
(1) all units of the Div and attached troops received a complete change of clothing during this period. These items were shirts, wool o.d., trousers wool o.d., underwear, trousers HBT, jackets fatigue, and three pairs of socks per individual. Field jackets were issued as needed.

(2) An adequate supply of Class II items was maintained throughout the

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d. Class III:

(1) Gasoline consumption averaged 5.9 gals per gas consuming vehicle per day. The average was abnormally high during this period due to the long hauls from supply dumps which in many cases were still located back at the beach. There was no shortage of gas, oil or lubricants. The following is a total of all gasoline, oil and lubricants consumed by the Div and attached troops consisting of a Tank Destroyor, Anti-aircraft and Arty Bn:

<u>Itom</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Consumed
Gasoline, #80 Octane Oil Engine Det. SAE #10 " " " #50 Oil Eng Non-Det SAE #30 Universal Georg Lube #20	Gal.	123,035 240 1,015 115 50
Universal Gear Lube #90 Grease GP #1 Grease GP #2 Grease GP #4 Shock Absorber Fluid	Lb. n n Gal.	425 460 625 12 8

6. Class IV:

(1) Items of Class IV QM supplies were plontiful and were issued on a 15-day basis. These items consisted of stationery and office supplies, soap, toilet paper, brushes, etc.

(2) The following total of salvage items were laundered by the laundry

Plat attached to the Div and re-issued on requisition to all units.

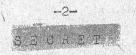
Trousers, wool O D	6950 pr
Shirts, wool O D	7127 ca
Jacket, HBT	8366 ea
Trousers, HBT	8794 pr
Jacket, field	353 Ga
Towel. bath O D	4914 ca

f. Personal Effects.

(1) Processing of personal effects for deceased or hospitalized officers and enlisted men of the Div was taken over by the O'D Q M on July 10 '44. A personal effects section was organized which consisted of a QM officer and three enlisted men. The processing of personal effects had presented a serious problem until the formation of this section. Other Divs of the VIII Corps followed this plan after visiting our GA Co. ..

(2) The total personal effects processed by this sec. from July 10 to July 31 '44 were 1761 officers and enlisted men. These effects were then turned

in to the Army effects QM.



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g. Ammunition:
(1) Ammo expended for the period was 3735 tons. The following tabulations, based on ETOUSA U/F; dated 10 Dec 43, is a breakdown of the above tonnage:

Small Arms	No. of Rounds	Percentage U/F
Carbine Cal30 5/clip Cal30 8/clip Cal30 MG Cal45 Cal50 Gren, hand, frag. Rocket, AT 2.36	224797 305512 864463 941870 80953 81449 15874	2.08 9.06 5.64 22.42 3.11 1.36 11.14 1.94
Mortar: 60mm Nortar 81mm Mortar	15865 68496	2.88 16.88
57nm; 57mm Gun	2030	•89
Artillory: 105mm How 13 (all type 105mm How M2 (all type 155mm How M1 (all type	B) 79912	12.94 17.76 11.94

(2) The following items not included in the above list of tennage, were also expended during this period:

	Type	Rounds
	Adapter, Proj., Ml Gren., Rifle, WP	533 2310
je	8cm. Mortar (German) "Gammon Grenado"	4000
	Gren. #82 MKI (Br) F/247	300

(*Represents amount drawn thru the D.O and does not include amount recovered and used by using unit.)



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(3) ASP's were relatively close (10-15 miles) and ammunition trains accomplished quick draws. Adapter, Projection. Ml (for Gren., hand, frag.) was used because Gren., Rifls, Frag. Impact Ml7, was unavailable. Gren., Rifls, WP was available in limited quantities only. Critical items for the period were Gren., hand, fragmentation and Shell, 81mm Mortar (Lt.). Shell, 8cm. Mortar (German) was successfully employed in captured mortars. "Garmon Grenades", Gren. #82, MKI, British, F/247, were received from the 82nd Airborne Division and were not available from any other source.

II - ORDNANCE MAINTEN ANCE:

- a. 3rd Echelon maintenance of Motor vehicles was comparitively light due to restricted road nets. Some 3rd Echelon maintenance was devoted to repairing vehicles damaged by enemy artillery fire.
- b. All artillery and crew served weapons were given a technical inspection during this period.
- c. Experiments were conducted with the German 8cm Mortar and range tables were developed.
- d. Thirty (30) German, 8cm mertars, complete, were recovered, reconditioned issued to and used effectively by units of the division.
- c. Nineteen (19) vehicles, or 1% of the division T/E allowances were lost due to combat.
- f. The following items were critical during the period: Binoculars, Pauncher grenade, M-7, Rifle Cal..30, 1903.4, Aifle, Luto. Brng Cal..30, M1918.12, Gun Machine Cal..30 1917.11, Mount, M.G. Cal..30 1917.11, Gun M.G. cal..30 1919.4, Mount, M.G. cal..30, M2, Mortar, 60mm, M2w/mount and sight, Mortar, 81nm, M1, w/mount & sight, & watch, wrist.

III - EVACUATION:

- a. Efficiency in the treatment and evacuation of casualties was very gratifying. Supplies were adequate, casily obtained and of good quality.
- b. Rost areas were established by Rogt in which exhaustion cases were treated in rear areas. Cases chosen for these areas were those thought to be a mild type of exhaustion and retained no longer than thirty six (36) hours. approximately eighty (80) per cent of these individuals returned to duty within the thirty six hour time period, with only twenty (20) per cent requiring further treatment.
 - c. Report of casualties for the period 1 July to 31 July 144 inclusive:



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Division Total Evapuated Returned to Duty	Wounded 2640 2566 74	Disease 690 523 167	<u>Injury</u> 27 10 17	Exhaustion 688 467 221	Total 4045 3566 479
Allies Total	238	92	29	21	380
Evacuated	227	59	19	14	319
Returned to Duty*	11	33	10	7	61
Civilian Total	48	6	0	1	55
Evacuated	48	5	0	1	54
Discharged	0	1	0	0	1
Prisoner Total	147	2	, 2	0	151
Evacuated	147	2	2		151
Grand Total	3073	790	58	710	4631

IV - BURIAL:

- a. The Graves Registration of the C D Q M evacuated the dead of the Div from Regtl and Bn Coll points direct to the Le Forges Cemetery which was located near Blosville and operated by the VIII Corps.
- b. The GRO turned in to the Div G-1 and A.G. identifications of 2864 officers and enlisted men who were interred.

V - SALVAGE & CAPTURED MATERIEL:

a. The following is a summary of enemy supplies and equipment captured or destroyed during this period:

(1)	<u>Item</u>	Amount
	Vehicles (all types) Tanks MK III, IV & V Artillery (all types) Motorcycles Machine guns Mortars Bicycles	60 12 16 28 13 22 40

- (2) Two ammo dumps containing approximately 30 tons of all types of ammo.
 - (3) Large quantities of small arms.

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VII - SERVICE TACOPS & TRAINS:

a. Primary roads were better than average and were kept in a good state of repair by maintenance crews. Secondary roads were narrow and clay surfaces presented a constant maintenance problem. It was necessary to put a traffic circulation plan into effect, throughout this period. A number of small streams choulation plan into effect, throughout this period. A number of small times. had to be forded or bridged and rigid N P cantrol was maintained at all times.

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