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303JECT: Transmittal of Records.

: Commanding General, Fifth Army, A C 164, V. S. Army.

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Letter, Allied Force Fer Guarters, dated 20 April 1643, file AC 314.7/389 C-II, Subject: Mathrical Records and Histories of Ornanizations, transmitted horewhith Operations in Italy, Larch 19/1/ of this Battelion.

#### 2. Conclusions:

One M-10 tank lestroyer of this unit was damaged by a bomb from a friendly bomber during the bembing of Cassimo by our Air Torce. Only one casualty resulted from this direct bit due to the habit of the destroyer crews digging elaborate fowholes and durouts mean their destroyer in which they live when not actually firing on the enemy. This enables them to take cover during bombing attacks by high level planes. If the planes are watched there is time to take cover when the bomb racks are seen to open and spill their bombs. Triendly ground troops should not be too close to enemy targets when a friendly high lovel bombine mission is to be accomplished.

> Lt Colonel, Infantry Commanding

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Harrative of Operations for the month of March 19/4, with attached annaxes.

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### HEADJURITHRS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALICN ALC 464, U. S. Army

3 April 1944

#### OPERATIONS IN ITALY, MARCH 1944

The beginning of the month of March found "A" Company at 913213, "B" Company at 912215, and "C" Company at 920211, all forward positions where they were awaiting the order to attack up the Liri Valley. The first two weeks of weather during the month were wet and disagreeable. The Battalion Commander several times planned to move the Companies back to a rear area but due to the uncertainty of the situation they remained in forward positions.

One request was made to the Commanding General, Combat Command "B", to move companies but it was evidently not favorably considered because no reply was received.

The Battalion Commander and Staff checked the Companies on several different occasions and also spent a good deal of time perfecting plans for the forthcoming operation. Traffic Controls Fosts were checked and several Company Commander meetings were held to be sure that all orders and plans were fully understood.

On 14 March at approximately 1930, the Battalion was alerted by Liaison Officer from Combat Command "B", that the attack was to take place the following day. The field order was received and plans for the next days activities were made by the Battalion Commander and Staff.

At 0730 on 15 March, the Battalion Command Group began its movement to the forward Command Fost at Cervaro. At 0845 all elements of the Command Group closed into the new command post. A message center was established and communications were immediately set up with our Companies and Traffic Control Headquarters. All officers who were to maintain Traffic Control Posts reported to the CF to be dispatched to their regular stations as they were called for.

From C835 to 1200 continuous flights of American Bombers bombed Cassino. Some bombs were dropped in the area occupied by our Company "C". One load of bombs was accidently dropped near Cervaro.

Friendly artillory began its concentration at noon. Companies "\" and "B" reported their missions complete at 1247. Company "O" reported that no targets of opportunity had been picked up consequently they expended no ammunition.



Orders were received from the 3-2, Coroat Johnsud 434 shat all traffic out trol stations up to 1c. I would be manned by 1500. Forward control posts were to be maded as the situation progressed.

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At 1709 it was remorted that the Indians were on the fill west of fill 193.

At 1825 a message was received from our Liaison Officer that tanks were 75 yards from objective Quisling. Firther advance was impossible without engineer aid. Hand to hand fighting and small arms fighting was taking place in Cassino and on her becassino.

Combat Command "3" called informittently during the night to give the situation and to keep us posted on any forward movements. Officers marring control mosts stayed on duty throughout the night. Their moditions were shelled intermittently during the night. During the day to Battalion expended 744 rounds of H.S. on observed targets.

At 0541, 16 arch, Compact Commany "3" called and said that the bridge on Highway 6 had been finished and that certain reconnaissance elements had gone across.

The Battelion Commander and 3-3 count most of the day at Fraffic Control Headquarters keeping up with the situation. Traffic Control rosts were relieved and re-manned to give the officers needed rest.

At 1000, a flight of 3-25 American Bombers dropped bombs in Company "G"'s area. One man was injured, Sgt James T. Boyd, 38060607, one k-10 was damated to the extent that it had to be evacuated. The tank was evacuated during darkness and a replacement sent in the following day. During the day Co "3" expended 21 rounds of H.S.

The Battalion Commander and S-3 spent most of the day, 17 March 1944 at Traffic Control Headquarters. From this point in the early afternoon they directed "A" and "3" Commanies fire on an enemy nebelwerfer.



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At 1700 the Battalion Commander and 3-3 returned to the lottelion Command lost. Traffic Control Posts on Lichway 6 dors subjected to intermittent shell fire during the day.

At 1715 the Commany Commanders remarked to the Jossans Cost where the Battalion Commander ordered that the Commany Commanders should shad core time with the gunners. He stresped that Commany Commanders should emphasize the closing of sheafs.

Before the Commanders returned to their Joneanies an enemy artillery shell struck the Command Post. Jeveral others were close-in. No one was injured.

The Liaison Officer to Combat Command "3" renormed that four Priendly tanks had gone to Cassino. Their approach to Cassino was observed by all Battalian OP's. Two care witnessed burning from the Battalian Command Post by the Executive Officer. To exact reports were to be had concerning the situation. The Battalian excended 1,631 rounds of E.E. and 48 rounds of smoke on observed targets during the day.

The following morning the Battalier Commander and S-3 took station at the Traffic Control headquarters. Traffic Control Posts were mounted all during 18 March by our officers. The Dattalien Commander and S-3 remained at Traffic Control Headquarters throughout the day and on different operations fired the commanies on observed targets. The Commany Commanders were called to Traffic Control Headquarters to observe the fires of their Commanies and to make adjustment whenever necessary. Intermittent shell fire fell all along Highway 6 during the day. Cantain Kinnison, manning Traffic Control Post #3, was subjected to heavy artillary concentrations.

At 0906 hours enemy aircraft dive-bombed friendly frontline positions. The lst Armored Group forward Command lost suffered ensualties from the bombing in both human lives and material destroyed. The latterien Commander observing the bombing of the group headquarters from his cost some 400 yards away made arrangements with the Commanies to rovide transportation to evacuate the 1st Armored Group personnel to the rear for reorganization.

Several enemy air raids took place during the day. The enemy places usually strafed Highway 6 in the vicinity of Traffic Control Post all located at the Cervaro and Highway 6. Sgt Hipskind, Tec 5 Hovelli, and Pvt 1 cl Helms, manning two .50 Caliber machine guns on the Battalion Commanders and S=3 vehicles, stuck to their posts and fired on all enemy planes despite their strafing and bombing.



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The Battalion silenced enemy nebelwerfers and destroyed one enemy 3.P. run by direct fire from Company "C". During this action the Battalion on conded 795 rounds of B. 2. and SS rounds of snoke.

The following morning the 3-3 called Combat Jomman. "3" to obtain information on the situation. The only information received was that the energy had counter-attacked on Hill 193 but no results as to their success and been received. The Battalion Commander, 3-3, and 3-2 studied recent 3-2 reports and maps for possible targets.

The Battalion Commander and 5-3 helt the Jeffer Praffic Control Healquarters. In the alternoon the Commany Commanders were called to Traffic Control Headquarters to witness firing of their Commanies.

Several enemy air raids took place during the way, 19 Morch. There was uncludending and straffing of Highway 6 in the vicinity of Traffic Convrol weadquarters. Our .50 Cal. machine guns were fired at enemy planes that were within range during the day.

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Company area. One of the shells struck the building in which the Battalion CP was housed wounding three New Zealand Officers in an adjoining room. The Battalion Commander and Staff decided it best to nove the command post and the Battalion Commander and 3-3 reconditoral a new position. The new position selected was at 927206.

The Battalion Commander and 3-2 left for Traffic Control headquarters. There they were called to Headquarters, 5th few 2 aland Amored Brightle where they conferred with the Commander, Brighdier Burrows. Brighdier Burrows asked Lt Colonel Fyland if it would be noscible for the Battalian to lay fire callely within 200 yards of friendly brooms. It Colonel yland, the Battalian Commander, stated that we could do so as the Battalian was registered on a building very mean the spot on which fire was wanted.

A telephone line was laid from this to the liew Lealand organization and plans were made to support with observed fire the following day.

During the early norming hours of 22 Harch energy artillary was heavy in both the forward and rear areas. The visibility was very poor. It Gould, one of the fraffic Control Officers, called and material bet his readounters had been shalled. The source was broaded from over the cave extrance to his Control boat. It was necessary for he and his crew to direct. It Gould was slightly wounded by following Jobris. The broaded control condensates occuried by the battalien Communion, had 1-3 was a pain analysates to enemy artillary and memy air raids several bires during the day.

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At 1315 hours Combat Johns 3 134 selic. And Battelion Commander and told him that he was to send four 1.-10's into Cassino to knock down some buildings and crive enemy tanks out. The Battelion Commander and S-3 discussed with General Allen the feasibility of this plan. The Battalion Commander, It Jolonel Pyland, stated that it was against all principles of Tank Destroyer tactics to use M-10's in this manner. He did state however that from the Battalion's present positions he believed the joo could be done. It Colonel yland was ordered to contact General Parkinson, Hew Mealand Division Commander, for instructions. General Parkinson or ered It Colonel Pyland to make arrangements with Brigadier Burrows of the 5th New Abaland Brigade for our M-10's to go into Cassino to perform this mission. It Colonel Pyland and the 3-3 drove to the 5th New Bealand Brigade Headquarters and conferred with Brigadier Burrows. Compact Command "3" called later in the evening to tell us the plan had been discarded and that we were removed from alart status until 0800 hours, 37 arch.

During the day, 24 arch enemy artillery was active, harassing both forward and rear areas. To firing was done by the destroyer companies.

Our Lisiaon Officer reported from Combat Command "B" in the evening hours of 24 Larch that the Battalion would move back to the vicinity of Jampagliano. The Battalion Commander decided that it would be best to move to the vicinity of Piccilli in order to reorganize and get all elements of the Battalion together. Permission was given by Combat Command "B" to make this move. All Commanies were alerted to the fact that they would move at daylight, 25 march.

Reconnaissance Som any furnished personnel for AA crews from 20 March to 2/2 arch inclusive. During this time 450 rounds of .50 Cal. ammunition was expended.

MA", Reconnaissance Company, and the Battalion Command fost moved in that order. The Lattalion closed in at the Educilli area at 1230 hours. At 1545 hours our Liaison Officer to Combat Command "B" reported in and stated that effective 1500, 25 March, we were detached from Combat Command "B" and would revert to control of our parent organization, the 36th Infantry Division.



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For the Battalion Commander:

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#### PERSONNEL BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

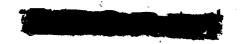
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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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HEADQUARTERS

Officers

GOULD, GLENN E. 1 1st Lt 0-1823729 22 Mar 44, LTA RD #1 Turnel, M.Y.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Enlisted Men

IARSON, VAUGHE J. Pvt 1 cl 37146523 18 ar 44 LA 13th Burleigh St. Tarkton, S.D.

COLIPANY "C"

Enlisted Men

BOYD, JAMES T. Sgt 38060607 16 Mar /4 L/A 113 M. Main St. Lamesa, Texno

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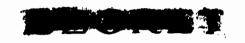
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### MATERIAL DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY ENEMY ACTION

Items	<u>Date</u>	Di sposition	
1 Carriage, Motor 3" gun M10	16 March 44	Replaced	
1 Hood, Car, half track M-2	16 March 44	Replaced	

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#### ENEMY CASUALTY REFORT

- 1. Total expenditure of 3" ammunition during the period was 4880 rounds of HE, 135 rounds of 3" smoke and 61 rounds of A.F.C.
- 2. Estimated enemy personnel killed: Due to the nature of operations of this unit during this period, no accurate estimate of enemy killed can be made.
- 3. Enemy material destroyed: During this period this organization destroyed 21 enemy occupied houses, 1 ST Gun. and silenced 1 artillery battery, and nine nebelwerfer positions.







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#### DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 March 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

		RANK OR	
NACE	ASN	GRADE	COMP ANY
PEARSON, ALEC P.	0-394225	Capt	Co "A"
GOULD, GLENN E.	0-1823729	1st Lt	Hq Co
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	0-1301601	2nd Lt	Co WCW
COLE, WILLIAM H.	0-1703021	2nd Lt	Co "C"
DODSON, ROBERT L.	0-2055900	2nd Lt	Co "B"
MURPHY, RAY MOND G.	20802898	Stf Sgt	Co "C"
SPARKS, OSCAR G.	38035783	Stf Sgt	Co "B"
PATTERSON, ROBERT E.	38038542	Sgt	Co MC M
YOST, EDWIN A.	37146627	Sgt	Co "C"
BENTLEY, HESTER L.	34333328	Cpl	Co MC M
COWAN, JOHN L.	20817342	Cpl	Co "B"
JORDAN, JOSEPH H.	37163668	Cp1	Co "C"
LORANCE, CHARLES G.	20814658	Cp1	Co "C"
O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R.	35484581	Cp1	Co "C"
STERNER, KEMPS E.	13031240	Cpl	Co "C"
WELLBORN, JACK T.	<b>38035</b> 98 <b>5</b>	Cpl	Co MC M
STEDMAN, G. D. (I.O.)	38177868	Tec 5	Co TCT
WARD, ROBERT C.	380 <i>3</i> 9044	Tec 5	Co TCT
SMITH, ROY C.	37419335	Pvt 1 cl	Co MCM
STOKES, CLAUDE H.	38 <b>4</b> 63 <b>151</b>	Pvt 1 cl	Co "C"
STOKES, CLYDE T.	38 <b>463140</b>	Fvt 1 cl	Go MC M
ANDERSON, ALBERT B.	32767048	P <b>vt</b>	Co "B"
JOHNSON, ALVIN B. Q.	20805648	Pvt	Co TCT
SCOTT, CHESTER (MAN)	3932 <b>4290</b>	P <b>vt</b>	Co "C"

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#### ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Hq and Hq Company	<u>ASN</u>	RANK	ARM OR SERVICE	DUTY
PYLAND, VAN W.	0-236089	Lt Col	Inf	Bn Comdr
DUBOSE, REAGAN L.	0-348064	Major	Inf	Bn Ex O
CAMERON, OLIN W.	0-407591	Capt	Inf	Hq Co CO -
DANZI, RICHARD A.	0-1822375	Capt	FA	S-3
EVANS, JAMES D.	0-1294639	Capt	Inf	S-1
FERGUSON, JAMES R.	0-418363	Capt	FA	S-4
KINNISON, PAUL (NAN)	0-344051	Capt	Inf	S-2
BROWN, STANLEY G.	0-1289038	1st Lt	Inf	Hq Co ⊡x O
GOULD, GLENN E.	0-1823729	lst Lt	FA	Ln O
HAUCK, HENRY G.	0-1822567	lst Lt	FA	Com O
STOFFEL, ROBERT L.	0-1168483	1st Lt	FA.	Trans 0
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C.	0-1171809	1st Lt	FA	Ln O
WHITE, ROY D.	<b>0-4</b> 0 <b>35</b> 63	lst Lt	Inf	Ln O
WITTEN, GEORGE R.	0-1824263	1st Lt	FA	Motor O
Tucker, Jesse f.	W-2131525	WOJG		Pers 0
Medical Detachment BERKSON, ROBERT 3. BURKHART, JEAN M.	0-494240 .0-380858	Capt Capt	MC MC	Bn Surgeon Ass't Bn Surgeon
Reconnaissance Company				
DOWNS, GEORGE W.	0-1288024	Capt	Inf	œ
BARRY, JOHN J.	0-1822942	1st Lt	FA	Fioneer O
CONNELLY, HERMAN (NLIN)	0-1822964	1st Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
MC KEE, PAUL R.	0-1823909	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D.	0-1288125	1st Lt	Inf	Ex 0
WALTER, WILLIAM F.	0-1824256	1st Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
Company "A" PEARSON, ALEC P. DAVIS, VORIS B.	0-394225	Capt	Inf	СО
GOLDMAN, BERT M.	0-1822376	1st Lt	Inf	Flat Comdr
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.	0-1168247	lst Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
LONG, JAMES W.	0-1168254	1st Lt	FA	Ex 0
REEVES, WILLIAM	0-1823173	2nd Lt	FA.	Flat Comdr
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Company "B"				
BROWN, HENRY P.	0-1168187	Capt	FA	CO
GROOM, KENNETH G.	0-1824174	1st Lt	<b>F</b> ▲	Plat Comdr
METZNER, ELMER J.	0-1168376	1st Lt	FA	Ex O
RECTOR, ELMO W.	0-1307167	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
DODSON, ROBERT L.	0-2055900	2nd Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
WRIGHT, WILLIAM E.	0-1703006	2nd Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
Company "C"				
BRUECKNER, MORITZ F.	0-1168190	1st Lt	FA	· co
DRISCOLL, EUGENE J.	0-1175104	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
GERRINGER, LINLEY W.	0-1168246	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
ZIEGLER, MAURICE S.	0-1168535	1st Lt	FA	Ex O
BOYSA. ALPHONSE J.	0-1301601	2nd Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
COLE, WILLIAM H.	0-1703021	2nd Lt	F▲	Plat Comdr
GROMMET. GEORGE P.	0-462575	2nd Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

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