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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
A.P.O. 464

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31 January 1944

SUBJECT: Operations 1 January 1944 to 31 January 1944.

1 January 1944 -- Battalion still at 302054 (vicinity of Alife, Italy) in rest area.

2 January 1944 -- No change.

3 January 1944 -- Entire Battalion moved from vicinity of 302054 (vicinity of Alife, Italy) at 0530 to new assembly areas: No missions. Battalion Command Post at 079158 (three miles South of Venafro, Italy), "A" Company at 070185, "B" Company at 068182, "C" Company at 066172, Reconnaissance Company at 079154, Headquarters Company at 079158.

4 January 1944 -- No change.

5 January 1944 -- Company "B" moved from 068182 to vicinity of San Pietro, Italy, at 1730 hours. Remainder of Battalion no change.

6 January 1944 -- Company "B" closed at 1900 hours in new area at 965161).

7 January 1944 -- No change.

8 January 1944 -- No change.

9 January 1944 -- No change.

10 January 1944 - No Change.

11 January 1944 - No change.

12 January 1944 -- Battalion Command Post moved to 976154 (vicinity of San Pietro, Italy) from 079158, closing at 1800 hours.

13 January 1944 -- "A" Company moved from 70185 to vicinity of 964158, closing at 1930 hours. "B" Company, no change; "C" Company moved from 066172 to vicinity of 922173, closing at 1930 hours. Reconnaissance

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Company moved from 079154 to vicinity of 978155, closing at 1900 hours.

Battalion Command Post no change; Rear Echelon moved from 079158 to vicinity of 020184 (two miles West of Venafro, Italy).

14 January 1944 -- No change.

15 January 1944 -- Company "A" and Company "B" registered with smoke and fired three hundred eighty-three (383) rounds of HE, firing unobserved interdiction and harassing fire on road leading to Cassino, Italy, with concentrations landing in vicinity of 897197.

16 January 1944 -- Company "A" moved from 964158 to vicinity of 911199 at 1800 hours, closing at 2200 hours; Company "B" fired 449 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of smoke in harassing fire on crossroads East of Cassino, Italy, and on coordinates: 853-197, 830-200, 860-208, 854-206, 859-203, 860-192, firing twenty-four (24) rounds of HE per hour commencing at 2000 hours and ending at 0800 hours.

17 January 1944 -- Company "B" fired 275 rounds of HE and eleven (11) rounds of smoke interdicting fire at crossroads East of Cassino, Italy. One (1) half-track of "A" Company and one (1) 10 ton wrecker of Headquarters Company destroyed by enemy mines in the vicinity of 911199.

18 January 1944 -- No change.

19 January 1944 -- No change.

20 January 1944 -- No change.

21 January 1944 -- "A" Company moved from vicinity 911199 to vicinity 903157, closing at 2005 hours. "C" Company moved from vicinity 922173 to vicinity 908155, closing at 1850 hours.

22 January 1944 -- "B" Company moved at 1630 hours from vicinity 964161 to vicinity of Cervaro, Italy, (907211) and attached to 803th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

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23 January 1944 -- Rear Echelon moved at 0800 hours from vicinity of 020184 to vicinity 985155 (San Pietro, Italy). Company "A" fired three hundred twenty (320) rounds of HE harassing unobserved fire at targets in vicinity of 823178.

24 January 1944 -- No change.

25 January 1944 -- Company "A" and Company "C" fired 1639 rounds of HE in supporting attack in Rapido River sector. Company "B" lost one (1) M-2 half-track being destroyed by enemy artillery fire.

26 January 1944 -- No change.

27 January 1944 -- Company "A" and Company "C" fired harassing fires on concentrations in the Rapido River sector expending 144 rounds of HE.

28 January 1944 -- Company "C" fired harassing fires on concentrations in area Southwest of Saint Angelo, Italy, firing 266 rounds of HE.

29 January 1944 -- Company "A" fired (96) rounds of HE and Company "C" fired (96) rounds of HE of harassing fire on concentrations in Rapido River sector.

30 January 1944 -- Company "B" reverted to Battalion control, moved from 907211 at 0400 hours to 833185 closing at 1300 hours. Company "A" and Company "C" fired one hundred-sixty eight (168) rounds of HE harassing fires on concentrations in Rapido River sector.

31 January 1944 -- Company "A" and Company "C" fired 216 rounds of HE harassing fires on concentrations South of Cassino, Italy, in Rapido River sector. Company "C" moved from vicinity 908155 to vicinity 880233, one (1) platoon at 868246, one (1) platoon at 854243 (across Rapido River North of Cassino, Italy), one (1) platoon at 876223. Company closing at 1600 hours. Company "C" to be used in support of 756th Tank Battalion.

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Lt. Colonel, U. S. A.
Commanding

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Month of January 1944

CASUALTY REPORT

BATTLE CASUALTIES

16 January 1944

Tec 5 August (NMI) Heyne 37081867 SIA

17 January 1944

Tec 4 Albert (NMI) Colaianni 20928224 MIA

24 January 1944

Sgt Francis N. Zerr 20745750 LNA
Sgt Edward J. Lukes 20745765 LNA
Sgt Joseph (NMI) Slatkoski 37193977 SIA
Pvt Leland E. Larson 20745782 LNA
Sgt Sigval M. Carlson 20745744 LNA

28 January 1944

Pvt 1c1 Rudy (NMI) Heib 37170017 LNA
Pvt Carl A. Applequist 37176803 SIA
Pvt Chester A. Crutcher 18082377 LNA
Pvt Ralph G. Hoffman 20744628 LNA

30 January 1944

Pvt Carl A. Applequist 37170017 DOW received
on 28 Jan. 1944

Annex "B"
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