

HEADQUARTERS 805th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 464, United States Army

BATTALION HISTORY

JULY 1944

The month opened with the Battalion attached to II Corps and 85th Inf Div. It was in bivouac near Pratica di Mare, SE of Rome, training with M-18s and awaiting reorganization and reequipping as an SP Battalion.

On the night of 13-14 July the Bn moved with the Division to Roccastrada (V690845). This ended our opportunity for extensive training with the new equipment and organization.

A Reconnaissance Co was organized provisionally as of 151200Z July.

At 181200Z July, the Bn moved with the Division to Q142305, near Rosignano Marittimo.

On 21 July 1944, 3 Officers, all Reconnaissance Co, were seriously injured by a mine accident. This, plus the new company, sickness, and three Rotation vacancies, leaves the Bn extremely short in Officer strength.

At 251200Z the Bn was relieved from the 85th Div and attached to Task Force Ramey, a composite force with the mission of taking over the 91st Inf Div sector on the Corps right.

At 270845Z, Co B moved to vicinity Colle Salvetti (Q162504).

During the morning of 28 July, the Bn less Co B moved to Q2943, North of Bagni Di Casciana.

281300Z: Received O.I. #13, TFR, 280900, directing the relief by TFR.

On 29 July, received six replacement officers, only 2 of them TDs.

During the night 29-30 Co C occupied AT position as road blocks across the sector between OPL and NLR. Rcn Co (provisional) occupied positions preparatory to patrolling roads between TFR and TF 45, and contacting the latter.

302330Z: C Co incurred first casualties of this operation - 1 killed, 3 wounded by mortar fire in Gello.

310600Z: TFR took command of the sector. At this time C and Rcn become attached to GCB, of the 1st AD, under TFR.

At 311000Z received FO 11, CCB, which attached 1st pl, C, to 6th Arm'd Inf Bn, 2nd pl to 14th Arm'd Inf Bn and the Co, less 2 pls, to 11th Arm'd Inf Bn.

The month closed with the Bn now reequipped and reorganized as an SP Bn, but all unofficially, as the order to reorganize has not yet been issued.

It has 35 of 36 TDs, and its other equipment, with some substitutions.

CAMDEN W. MCCONNELL,
Lieut Colonel, F.A.
Commanding.

Annex I

G-2, S-2 Reports Received,
S-3 Reports Submitted,
Field Orders, Movement Orders & Operations Instructions,
S-3 Journal, Messages.

Annex II

S-1 Journal, Commendation, From CG 36th Inf Div,
Officers Roster, Casualty Report.