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HEADQUARTERS
701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 464, c/o Postmaster, New York; N.Y.

1 July 1944

BATTALION HISTORY

Period: 1 June 1944 - 30 June 1944

LIBERATION OF ROME AND DRIVE TO THE NORTH

As the month opened, the 1st Armored Division was relieved in the Campoleone sector and the 701st TD Battalion was attached to the 45th Infantry Division. Our positions remained pretty much the same except for slight changes to better the field of fire. Recon. Company maintained an anti-tank warning OP southwest of Fontana di Papa.

An American attack on this sector met fierce German resistance. One of our OP's reported that enemy artillery had become somewhat heavier but everything was developing favorably. Shells were dropping very close to "A" company but no casualties or damage were sustained.

The following day saw the Battalion relieved from attachment to the 45th Division and placed under CC "A". "C" company, however, remained with the 45th Division until relieved by the 645th TD Battalion. A message from General Harmon, 1st A.D., placed the Division, less the Howze Force, on a one hour alert. The Battalion was relieved and placed with Division Reserve but "B" company was attached to CC "A".

On the morning of 3 June, a message from the commanding general, 1st A.D., placed the Division on a half hour alert. "A" company moved to an assembly area, southeast of Lanuvio, and joined CC "B". General Allen called a meeting of CC "B" unit commanders and informed them that VI Corps reported a withdrawal of the enemy on our sector. A flying column was to be formed, and an attack would be launched toward Rome to take two objectives. The unit commanders were a bit skeptical but General Allen planned to bring the

infantry along in halftracks, and "A" company was to serve as anti-tank protection for the Combat Command.

The attack got under way the next day. Tanks and destroyers moved forward rapidly, followed by motorized infantry and armored reserves. The 1st platoon of "A" company reached the CC "B" objective and held it until other elements of CC "B" rolled up. The 2nd platoon went on up and encountered a force of German infantry which was engaged in the peaceful pursuits of washing up and sunbathing. Some HE shells took care of this pocket and the TD's pushed on to take up defensive positions on its objective. General Allen then formed a flying column to be the first to enter Rome. The force consisted of two platoons of light tanks and "A" company's 2nd platoon. This unit finally tore into Rome at 1600 hours. Two civilian cars, containing 6 Kraut officers and four girls, were captured by the TD's in the outskirts of the city. Two more columns, over to the left, followed parallel roads in the CC "B" push. Nothing more serious than blown bridges was encountered and these spearheads reached Rome between 1630 and 1700 hours. "A" company was warned of four German Mark IV's on the outskirts of the city and immediately made after them. Instead, five heavy anti-aircraft "flakwagons" were encountered and were immediately knocked out. The company then took up positions safeguarding bridges across the Tiber. At 2200 hours, T/5 Maneely shot two German snipers from the windows of a nearby house.

"B" company jumped off with CC "A" and the 2nd platoon entered Rome at 1730 hours. The other platoons were either enroute or in the outskirts of the Eternal City.

Command Group finally started to lose touch with the companies by radio and it was decided to move forward. While moving to the new CP, Captain Childs and his driver, Private Chouest, ran into some Germans who surrendered to them. They then looked around and picked up another bunch to run their total of prisoners to 23. They had been a machine gun platoon which was cut off by our tanks,

and seemed to be well equipped and armed.

All companies thrust across the Tiber River on the morning of June 5th. Although badly handicapped by an acute shortage of maps, our combat elements continued to pursue the Nazis north. Reconnaissance Company paused for several hours a few miles north of Rome. During the break, Staff Sergeant Patterson and an armored car crew were tipped off as to the location of a number of Germans hiding out. Four prisoners were taken and a number of others made off across the fields despite small arms fire.

Rcn. company was detached from the Battalion and placed with the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Armored Regiment to act as reconnaissance for Task Force Cole. Only Battalion Headquarters and Trains remained in the Battalion now. Rcn moved out to lead the advance and pushed ahead about 6 miles before dark. Lt. Jackson's platoon of "C" company came into bivouac with Recon. shortly afterwards.

Minus any maps of the area into which it was advancing, "A" company hooked up with Colonel Cole and the 2nd Battalion of the 1st A.R. This group traveled to the coast road in two columns. "A's" 1st platoon knocked out a battery of four enemy guns to help speed up the Kraut retreat. Germans were busily blowing ammunition dumps to the right of the American columns, and blasted bridges to our front.

The Battalion CP remained on the outskirts of Rome until 2400 hrs when guides arrived for a forward movement.

The news of the invasion of France between Cherbourg and Le Havre came through early on the morning of June 6th. The news was broadcast to all the companies over the Battalion FM and AM nets. "A" company meanwhile continued to move up the coast. By 1400 hrs "B" company had swept forward to a point 20 miles northwest of Rome and was still tearing ahead without meeting any major

opposition.

In general, the Fifth Army was meeting very little resistance. Except for an occasional anti-tank gun and snipers, the biggest factor in keeping down the speed of the armored columns was the use of widespread demolitions by the Krauts.

By June 7th, "A" company had reached the high ground north of Rome. "B" company continued to drive ahead at the rate of 20 miles a day. Rcn platoons were up ahead a good way in carrying out road reconnaissance missions along Via Aurelia and inland as far as Bracciano and Manziana.

Major Doran took over Major Tuck's Force which had been setting up road blocks for CC "A". The Doran Force consisted of the 701st TD Battalion less "A", "B", "C", and Rcn. companies, "E" company of the 1st A.R., "C" company of the 6th Infantry, one platoon of "B" company of the 701st, one platoon of "B" company of the 16th Engineers, one platoon of "A" company of the 1st A.R. (light tanks), and one platoon of Rcn Company of the 1st A.R. This force moved to an assembly area near Vetrella and then received orders from CC "A" to attack and secure the town and important road and rail center of Viterbo. "CC A" had been ordered to get the town by the night of 8-9 June. The attack got under way at 1630 hrs but, four hours later, Major Doran informed CC "A" that more infantry was needed to clear the German rear guard out of the town. The 1st Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment, 34th Division, was moved up by truck and assembled in an area about 2500 yards from the town. At 0400 hours, infantry elements launched the attack, followed by armor an hour later. The attack developed swiftly and it was all over by 0930 hours. Road blocks were set up and reconnaissance was sent out to reconnoiter routes to the north and northwest and to contact the French. At 1100 hours, this force was relieved and started to move back to a rest area along the shores of Lake Bracciano.

"A" company had meanwhile pressed the attack toward Toscana but a fairly heavy enemy infantry concentration was encountered in town. "A's" 3rd platoon fired a number of rounds into the place and the 6th Infantry moved in for some

hand to hand fighting. Pfc Laverne J. Perkes and Staff Sergeant Milton R. Turner, along with Captain John M. Wright who was munching his lunch of "5-in-1" roast beef, were wounded by scattered fragments of enemy 75mm or 88mm rounds landing in the area.

The week of June 10-17 was spent in the Bracciano area, and was devoted to maintenance of vehicles and relaxation and recreation of personnel. Passes to Rome were granted for as many of the men as possible. Opportunities to go bathing in the lake were not neglected by the tank busters, and a motor launch, deserted by the Germans who had dropped charges in the engines, was discovered by some of the men. It was soon found that only one of the engines was damaged too badly to repair, and Battalion Maintenance soon had the launch putting away on the lake. Organized boating trips were soon under way across the lake and all companies were given a chance at the boat according to a schedule of hours. Pvt. Escue was towed ashore one morning after spending a night adrift in the middle of the lake. He had rowed out in a borrowed boat and, while fishing, allowed his oars to drift off. His roars for help were unavailing and he spent the night out in the lake. At dawn he was seen by some kind soul and towed to land.

An order attaching the 701st to the 18th F.A. Brigade was later changed on verbal order of General Mark Clark, 5th Army, and the Battalion remained with the 1st A.D.

On June 18th, the 701st, less "C" company, left the bivouac area at 0845 hours to move to a forward assembly area in the vicinity of Albinia near Orbetello. "C" company, now attached to CC "B", would leave later. "B" was attached to CC "A" in the new area. All companies were busy with maintenance work in preparation for their part in the new attack.

The attack was launched to the north of Grosseto by CC "A" and CC "B", with the going pretty tough, on June 22nd. "A" company was attached to 2nd battalion, 13th ABR., while Rcn company was to do a reconnaissance mission for Task Force

Howse. One of the Rcn armored cars ran over a mine and Staff Sergeant McGee was killed by the blast. Pfc Lawrence, T/5 Graham, and Pvt. Castagna were all wounded. As Lawrence was being evacuated by ambulance, friendly fighter-bombers divebombed and strafed the road to score a direct hit on the ambulance. Lawrence was killed as were Captain Greco, Staff Sergeant Daley, Pfc Howard, and Pvt Cymbrak - all of the Battalion Medical Detachment. Following in a peep behind, Staff Sergeant Graubard, T/5 Plunkett and Pfc Talley were slightly injured. Pvt William E. Ware of Rcn stepped on a mine and was blown up and, near Pescali, another Rcn armored car ran over a mine to result in severe injuries to Lt. John R. Lewis, Staff Sergeant Joe Patterson, T/5 George Steele and Pvt Frederick Bursch. However, Rcn Company did a fine job of advancing and patrolling and shot up a number of Nazis as well as spotting enemy guns and tanks. Lt. Dooley and his 3rd platoon had a hot time with some enemy tanks; the Recon men would chase the Kraut infantry before their machine guns and then German tanks would come up and chase our boys the other way.

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Lt. Jackson's 1st platoon of "C" company was working with a company of light tanks and the entire spearhead was trapped by Jerry anti-tank guns and Mark VI tanks as they failed to throw out reconnaissance far enough on their flanks. All destroyers and the light tanks were knocked out, but all the TD men escaped back to the lines although Lt. Jackson and 9 of the men were wounded. Jackson and his crew hid in a culvert while Mark VI tanks and German infantry ranged up and down the road. At an opportune moment, the group slipped away and got back to friendly units. As this tragic incident occurred at Govorrano, the command tank of the third platoon was hit by the direct fire of a Nazi anti-tank gun at Ravi. The destroyer broke into flames and Sergeant Allen, T/5 Richson, and Pfc Anderson were killed in the action. Lt. Harry Smith and Pvt Stewart escaped but had to be evacuated to the hospital with severe burns.

On June 23rd, CC "B" broke through above Roccastrada. Ashmore of "A" company was wounded by a Kraut hand grenade but Battalion losses were pretty

light that day. Military and Partisan reports indicated that the enemy was withdrawing all his artillery and heavy equipment, but was leaving small groups to fight rear guard actions. Demolitions were proving to be a very annoying obstacle to our advance and were being plentifully used by the Germans.

The attack continued as the Howse Force drove sharply ahead in the center. Rcn company returned to Battalion control for rest and reequipping, and "C" company received 4 new destroyers to bring them up to full strength.

"A" company got credit for a Mark VI when Lt. Erskine and Staff Sergeant Ambrosen shot it out with an unlucky "Tiger" along the road. Sighting a Kraut tank, Sergeant Bowling of "A" accidentally pushed the solenoid of his gun. The gun was already loaded and the recoil of the shot slightly injured him. "B" company's 3rd platoon knocked out a 150mm S/P gun, a 75mm anti-tank gun, and destroyed five mortars. Lt. Jackson of "C" company was lightly wounded when a German shell hit a nearby wall near Marittima.

"C" company came through with a knocked out "Ferdinand" as the attack continued to be pressed. "B" company reported running into demolitions and was being slowed down. The 2nd platoon did some direct fire at a church steeple which was being used as an OP by the Germans.

Our advance seemed to be following the familiar pattern of the Germans withdrawing toward their Pisa - Florence line and only small delaying forces were fighting hard to reduce the allied rate of progress. Lt. Jackson's destroyer became a "flamer" when hit by a German tank. The crew escaped with only light wounds.

Staff Sergeant Downs and his platoon scored direct hits to smash up two German 75mm S/P guns. Pvt Amador rammed a shell into the chamber, when a target was sighted by "C" company near Monte Rotondo, without noticing that a shell was already in the chamber. In the explosion, Amador was killed, and

Sergeant Laney and T/5 Uhl were wounded.

The First Armored Division continued to press forward all along its sector as the month ended. The same type of resistance - demolitions, mines, and rear guard action was being encountered. Recon got into a skirmish with enemy infantry, took a few prisoners and shot up a number of others. We had no casualties. A "B" company tank was drilled with an enemy AP but, although the fuel tank was hit, no fire started and the tank was able to go on. However, it soon ran into bad luck in the form of a mine. Happily, the entire crew escaped unscathed.

On June 30th the Battalion CP was near Montecastelli, with Trains at the Lagoni sulphur springs. "A" company was several miles up the road from the Battalion CP on the road to Pomarance. "B" company was a bit below Radicondoli and "C" company found itself a little to the west of S. Dalinazio. Recon was due south of S. Dalinazio.

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BATTLE CASUALTIES (ALL CATEGORIES) - PERIOD 1 - 30 JUNE 1944

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
1.	EDWARDS, JAMES D.	15045762	TEC 5	"A"	LACCANIA	2 JUN 44	LTA
2.	BLANKENHIP, WILLIAM A.	6985393	S/SGT.	"B"	ANNO	3 JUN 44	LTA
3.	STALFORD, WINSTON O.	6894860	PVT	"A"	ANNO	4 JUN 44	SWA
4.	BRITTON, ROBERT J.	0418880	CAPT	"B"	CASCIA	8 JUN 44	LTA
5.	WRIGHT, JOHN W.	0449084	CAPT	"A"	TUSCANIA	9 JUN 44	LTA
6.	TURNER, MILTON R.	34088236	S/SGT.	"A"	TUSCANIA	9 JUN 44	LTA
7.	PERKES, LAVENNE J.	36078989	PFC	"A"	TUSCANIA	9 JUN 44	LTA
8.	FUSSELL, JULIUS J.	34208886	SGT	"C"	GREDETTO	21 JUN 44	LTA
9.	SMITH, HARRY (NMI)	02046704	1ST LT	"C"	RAVI	22 JUN 44	SWA
10.	STEWART, CALVIN J.	34803747	PVT	"C"	RAVI	22 JUN 44	SWA
11.	GREGO, ANTHONY S.	0473160	CAPT	MED DET	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	KIA
12.	DAILLY, MELVIN F.	32033802	S/SGT	MED DET	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	KIA
13.	HOWARD, HILLARD (NMI)	6984319	PFC	MED DET	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	KIA
14.	OTERRAK, MICHAEL (NMI)	12054813	PVT	MED DET	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	KIA
15.	MOORE, JAMES H.	34172231	S/SGT	RON	LA PESCAIA	22 JUN 44	KIA
16.	LAWRENCE, JR., JONAS A.	17067847	PFC	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
17.	PREUSSER, JR., EDGAR A.	38213236	TEC 5	"C"	CAVORRANO	22 JUN 44	KIA
18.	REEDER, RICHARD K.	35386472	PFC	"C"	CAVORRANO	22 JUN 44	KIA
19.	WARE, WILLIAM E.	7040392	PVT	RON	LA PESCAIA	22 JUN 44	KIA
20.	ALLEN, FRANK G.	33126411	SGT	"C"	RAVI	22 JUN 44	KIA
21.	RICHSON, ARNOLD B.	36803500	TEC 5	"C"	RAVI	22 JUN 44	KIA
22.	ANDERSON, CARL G.	36457419	PFC	"C"	RAVI	22 JUN 44	KIA
23.	GRAHAM, THOMAS K.	34172128	TEC 5	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
24.	CATTACONA, GIUDO	31020913	PVT	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
25.	STOLIBY, BILL B.	34134114	PFC	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
26.	LEWIS, JOHN R.	01821884	2D LT	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
27.	PATTERSON, JOE H.	34147351	S/SGT	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
28.	SUTSCH, FREDERICK G.	6662947	PVT	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
29.	STELLS, GEORGE (NMI)	34088760	TEC 5	RON	PESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
30.	BESPIATY, WALTER M.	15098205	SGT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	SWA
31.	DESOTO, ALBERT E.	37328369	SGT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	SWA
32.	KEEL, ROY E.	20714973	SGT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	SWA
33.	KROHR, ALLEN E.	33230761	CPL	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	SWA
34.	BIGGS, LAWRENCE F.	34333008	SGT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	LTA
35.	URBAN, EARL L.	35029497	S/SGT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	LTA
36.	UHL, RICHARD E.	36302153	TEC 5	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	LTA
37.	MCNAIR, JOHN L.	38018181	PVT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	LTA
38.	NOVAK, WILLIAM J.	35320783	PVT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	LTA
39.	JACKSON, ROBERT J.	01822410	1ST LT	"C"	GOVORRANO	22 JUN 44	LTA
40.	BOYMAN, TODD E.	37088877	PFC	"B"	PAGANICO	22 JUN 44	LTA
41.	SCOTT, EDWARD E.	6988943	TEC 4	"B"	PAGANICO	22 JUN 44	LTA
42.	MUCHOLTER, JESSIE F.	7040412	TEC 5	"A"	MONTEPESCALI	22 JUN 44	SWA
43.	GRAUBARD, IRVING (NMI)	32058908	S/SGT	HQ	MONTEPESCALI	22 JUN 44	LTA
44.	PLUNKETT, EARL E.	36051971	TEC 5	HQ	MONTEPESCALI	22 JUN 44	LTA
45.	TALLEY, ROY O.	34147322	PFC	HQ	MONTEPESCALI	22 JUN 44	LTA
46.	LAWRENCE, JR., JONAS A.	17067847	PFC	RON	MONTPEPESCALI	22 JUN 44	KIA
47.	WINT, JOHN W.	35168871	PFC	RON	MONTPEPESCALI	23 JUN 44	LTA
48.	STEWART, JAMES E.	34172082	TEC 5	"C"	CARDIGNONE	23 JUN 44	LTA
49.	DEGAN, JOHN T.	01822378	1ST LT	"B"	BOCCOSTRADA	23 JUN 44	LTA
50.	ASHMORE, LYLE T.	37343141	CPL	"A"	MONTEPESCALI	23 JUN 44	LTA

51.	SINGLETON, LESTER (NMI)	34431683	SGT	"C"	MASSAMARTINA	24 JUN 44	LI
52.	HOGG, RALPH A.	13085463	PFC	"C"	MASSAMARTINA	24 JUN 44	LIA
53.	JACKSON, ROBERT J.	01822010	1ST LT	"C"	MASSAMARTINA	24 JUN 44	LIA
54.	BARON, ALBERT E.	35456644	TSG 5	"B"	BOCCOSTRADA	25 JUN 44	LIA
55.	BOWLING, ANDREWSON	35458598	SGT	"A"	ENTRASSI	25 JUN 44	SIA
56.	REATTY, FRANCIS J.	33776632	PFC	"C"	FREN ZANI	25 JUN 44	LFA
7.	ZELINSKY, ANTHONY A.	35029758	SGT	"A"	BOCCA GIULIO	27 JUN 44	LFA
58.	WILKINSON, DAVID L.	33110528	PFC	"C"	MONTERTONDO	27 JUN 44	LIA
59.	JACKSON, ROBERT J.	01822010	1ST LT	"C"	MONTERTONDO	27 JUN 44	LFA
60.	BERMAN, THOMAS R.	16094405	CPL	"C"	MONTERTONDO	27 JUN 44	LFA
61.	WEST, JR., ROBERT (NMI)	15057024	PVT	"C"	MONTERTONDO	27 JUN 44	LFA
62.	DENT, RAY E.	34088281	PVT	"C"	MONTERTONDO	27 JUN 44	LFA
63.	LANEY, RALPH B.	34171574	SGT	"C"	MONTERTONDO	27 JUN 44	LFA
64.	UHL, RICHARD E.	36302163	TSG 5	"C"	MONTERTONDO	28 JUN 44	LIA
65.	WORBELL, JAMES E.	34171222	CPL	"A"	BOCCAGLIANO	29 JUN 44	SIA
66.	COOLEBY, WILLIAM W.	6382728	S/SGT	"B"	BELFORTE	29 JUN 44	LFA
67.	REBISH, LOUIS (NMI)	35388774	PVT	"B"	BELFORTE	29 JUN 44	LFA
68.	MOODY, LEVISTON (NMI)	37088629	CPL	"B"	BELFORTE	29 JUN 44	LFA
69.	COOPERMAN, HAROLD (NMI)	32780786	PVT	"B"	BOCCANO	29 JUN 44	LFA
70.	KURDEPA, JOHN P.	32554652	PVT	"A"	LACCHI	30 JUN 44	LIA
71.	CURRAN, JOHN G.	35026213	PVT	"C"	FORNARO	30 JUN 44	LIA

AWARDS DURING PERIOD 1 - 30 JUNE 1944

During this period Purple Heart Medals were awarded to the following personnel of the Battalion for wounds received in action against the enemy:

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| 1. Sgt. Donald J. Blank, 3326805, Co. "A" | 23. Pvt. Joseph J. Tambascini, 31311917, |
| 2. Pfc Herajildo Curale, 36011592, Co. "A" | 24. T/S John F. Krempa, 32554652, Co. "A" |
| 3. T/S John A. Persson, 36302134, Co. "A" | 25. S/Sgt Milton R. Turner, 34086236, Co. A |
| 4. Pvt Donald Ehnat, 1203302, Co. "C" | 26. Cpl Lewis E. Pearson, 15047326, Co. A. |
| 5. Sgt George A. Smith, 33119934, Co. "C" | 27. Pfc Roy O. Talley, 34147322, Hq Co. |
| 6. T/S Allen K. Smith, 13117848, Co. "A" | 28. Cpl Norman F. Ladue, 11000122, Co. A. |
| 7. Pvt Vincent E. DeFazio, 32796111, Co. "A" | 29. T/S Edward E. Scott, 6988943, Co. B. |
| 8. Pvt Ernest O. Stalnaker, 6894360, Co. "A" | 30. T/S George Steele, 34088760, Hqn Co. |
| 9. Pfc Lexie J. Pagan, 34171586, Hqn Co. | 31. Pvt Guido Castagna, 31020913, Hqn Co. |
| 10. 1st Lt Frank W. Cady, III, 0484631, Co. "A" | 32. S/Sgt Joe E. Patterson, 34147351, Hqn Co |
| 11. T/S Leonard L. Jokerst, 37132039, Co. "C" | 33. Pvt Frederick G. Bursch, 6662947, Hqn Co |
| 12. T/S Ralph E. Albertson, 37290344, Co. "C" | 34. Pvt Thomas F. Harrington, 32175867, Hq Co |
| 13. T/S George H. Layton, 31079676, Co. "B" | 35. Sgt Roy E. Keen, 20714973, Co. "C" |
| 14. Pfc Alfred C. Davis, 10600342, Co. "E" | 36. Capt Robert F. Childs, 0452336, Hq Co |
| 15. Pvt. Lloyd Parks, 32953160, Co. "B" | 37. 2d Lt Jenn K. Lewis, 01821884, Hqn Co |
| 16. Cpl Leveston Moody, 37088629, Co. "B" | 38. Pfc Fred C. Bowman, 37088877, Co "B" |
| 17. Pfc James J. Casella, 31077650, Co. "B" | 39. Pfc Francis J. Beatty, 33776632, Co "C" |
| 18. S/Sgt William A. Blankenship, 6985393, Co "B" | 40. Sgt Anderson Bowling, 35458598, Co "A" |
| 19. Sgt Thaddeus A. Weaver, 32026951, Co. "C" | 41. Cpl Lyle T. Ashmore, 37343141, Co "A" |
| 20. 1st Lt Robert E. Skibby, 01170195, Co. "C" | 42. S/Sgt Irving Graubard, 32058908, Hq Co |
| 21. Capt John M. Bright, 0449084, Co. "A" | 43. T/S Earl W. Plunkett, 36051971, Hq Co |
| 22. Pvt Hebbard Mansfield, 35119163, Co. "A" | |

Oak Leaf Clusters were awarded, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, to the following members of the Battalion for wounds received in action against the enemy:

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| 1. 1st Lt Walter E. Lovelace, 01823546, Co "A" | 7. Cpl Lewis E. Pearson, 15047326, Co. A. |
| 2. Sgt Ray F. Hanson, 3229080, Co. "B" | 8. Sgt Albert E. DeSoto, 37328369, Co. C. |
| 3. 2nd Lt James Williams, 01824261, Co. "B" | 9. T/S James E. Stewart, 34172082, Co. C. |
| 4. Cpl Francis E. Mitchey, 33247000, Co. "C" | 10. T/S Anthony A. Malinsky, 35029758, Co. A. |
| 5. T/S Leonard L. Jokerst, 37132029, Co. "C" | |
| 6. Capt Robert J. Whitait, 0418880, Co B (2nd Cluster) | |

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SECRET - INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: 5 Army Dated Feb 7 1944 No. 0058
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TO 701 TD Bn

NR 1249 Move two (2) companies (701 TD) seven zero one tare dog Battalion without delay to concentration area number 2 at Nisida X Paren from 5 Army action to II Corps Information to VI Corps adv VI Corps rear CVA 701 TD Battalion, Lieut Col Williams, Rot Ferry Control 5th Army Adv CP, PBS Paren representative report to Lt Col Williams, Ferry Control, Port Commandant bldg Naples at once. Upon arrival they are relieved from attachment II Corps and attached VI Corps. Coordinate move with transportation Section 5th Army. 1 and 2/3 units of fire and otherwise normal basic loads will be carried upon embarkation. Vehicles will be restricted to necessary minimum 071637A

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Company "C" 1st Tank Battalion
APO 251, New York, N. Y.

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1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation, 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 701 T. D. Battalion

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 701 T. D. Battalion (Thru Channels)

1. It is desired to bring to your attention and to make of record the splendid combat service rendered by the 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 701 T. D. Battalion, while it was attached to this organization during the initial beach-head offensive and until we reached Bracciano, Italy, 23 May to the 9 June, 1944.

2. This platoon was employed as a covering force for the tanks over every possible type of terrain and the skillful and aggressive action and complete cooperation of this platoon made possible the success this organization enjoyed during that period.

3. The Officer and men of the 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 701 T. D. Battalion are to be commended for their courage, intelligence and teamwork during this period.

/s/ JOHN P. RUFFERT
JOHN P. RUFFERT
Capt., 1st Tank Bn.
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST TANK BATTALION, APO 251, U. S. Army, 2 August 1944.
TO: Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion (Thru C.G. 1st A.D.)

The elements of the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion which have served with this unit have always performed in a superior manner. It is with pleasure that I forward the above commendation.

/s/ Lawrence V. Greene
LAWRENCE V. GREENE
Lt Col 1st Tank Bn
Commanding.

AG 200.6 2nd Ind BCH/wjj
HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMORED DIVISION, APO 251, U. S. Army, 4 August 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

The Commanding General is gratified to forward the attached
Commendation for a job well done.

By command of Major General PRICHARD:

/s/ E. H. Gome
E. H. GOME,
Capt., AGD,
Asst Adj General.

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY
APO 251, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

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15 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : The Artillery Officer, 1st Armored Division,
APO 251, U. S. Army.

1. I desire to express the appreciation of the officers and men of this Regiment for the excellent support and cooperation given this Regiment by the Divisional Artillery in our recent engagement on Mount Porchia. We all feel that your support was a definite factor in our success. Every request was fulfilled immediately and accurately and the Sixth Armored Infantry has confidence and respect for your ability as supporting troops.

2. I request that this letter be brought to the attention of all artillery units under your direction.

PAUL STEELE,
Colonel, 6th Armored Infantry,
Commanding.

1st Ind. MWD/npt
HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ARTILLERY, FIRST U.S. ARMORED DIVISION, APO 251, c/o
Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y., 16 January 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 27th, 68th and 91st Arm'd F. A. Battalions;
Commanding Officer, 701st TD Battalion, APO 251, U. S. Army.

It gives me great pleasure to forward to you for your information the above letter of commendation. It is desired that the above letter be published so that all personnel of your battalion are informed of it.

/s/ M. W. Daniel
M. W. DANIEL,
Colonel, Field Artillery,
Commanding.

2nd Ind. JBW/th
Hq 701st TD Bn., APO 251, US Army, 17 January 1944.

TO: All Companies.

Basic letter will be read to all personnel.

For the Commanding Officer:

Jesse B. Wray
JESSE B. WRAY,
Capt., 701st TD Bn.,
Actg. Adjutant