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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer BattalionFrom: 0001 1 Dec. 1943

CODE:

X—Staff

To: 2400 1 Dec. 1943

Y—All Troops

Z—Definite Company or Section

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0800			0800	Battalion Command Post at Point 094325, vicinity of Colli, Italy, Company "A" at Point 093275, Company "B" at Point 107258, Company "C" at Point 105254, Reconnaissance Company near vicinity of Marchia, Italy—no missions. Rear Echelon at Point 101241, vicinity of Recarvindola, Italy.	
1400			1400	Rear Echelon bombed by nine (9) unidentified aircraft in vicinity of Point 101241.	
1430		1	1430	Three enlisted men, Techn Gr IV Orville A. Ohlen, 37125810, Pvt. Arnold O. Kaufmann, 37186161 and Pvt. Kenneth H. Stone, 3922 9002, Hdqts Co., LNA, by bombing from unidentified aircraft. Personnel evacuated. (Appendix "A" and Appendix "B")	
1700		2	1700	1st Lt. Sidney Edelson 0501338, Medical Detachment, LNA and Pvt. William R. Hanson, 20927600, KIA, by enemy artillery fire in Reconnaissance Company area. Wounded personnel evacuated. (Appendix "A" and Appendix "B")	
1800			1800	Company "A" fired (112) rounds interdiction and harassing fire at 9000 to 13000 yards range in vicinity of Cerasuolo, Italy.	

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From: 0001 2 December 1943

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Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "A", Company "B" and Company "C" continued firing interdictory and harassing fires on road West of Cerasuola, Italy, firing two (2) volleys per hour commencing at 1100 hours and ending at 1600 hours.	
1900			1900	Firing by Company "A", Company "B" and Company "C" resumed as of this hour on same target as first firing at 1100 hours. Weather: Clear	

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From: 0001 3 Dec. 1943

To: 2400 4 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	No change in operations for the day. Weather: Overcast	
4 December 1948					
1700			1700	Company "A", Company "B" and Company "C" continued firing interditory and harassing fire in vicinity of 500 meters West of Cerasuolo, Italy along road. Company "A" fired (580) rounds, Company "B" (308) rounds and Company "C" (377) rounds.	
1830			1830	Reconnaissance Company moved from Point 131274 to Point 122326 closing at 1800 hours, no missions. Weather: Rainy and overcast	

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From: ~~0001~~ 7 Dec. 1943

To: ~~2400~~ 8 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1700			1700	Company "A" resumed firing interdictory and harassing fire (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company fired (100) rounds. No other operations for rest of Companies. Weather: Overcast	
	8 December 1943				
1800			1800	Company "A" continued firing interdictory and harassing fire (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company fired (260) rounds. No other operations for rest of Companies. Weather: Overcast	

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From: 0001 9 Dec. 1943

To: 2400 9 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1630			1630	<p>Company "A" continued firing interditory and harassing fire (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company fired (180) rounds.</p> <p>No change in operations for remainder of Companies.</p> <p>Weather: Overcast</p>	

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To: 2400 10 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0900			0900/	Battalion remains in present positions. 34th Infantry Div. Battalion attached to relieved and replaced by 2nd Moroccan Infantry Division. Battalion attached to 2nd Moroccan Infantry Division as supporting artillery.	
1800			1800	Company "A" continued firing interdiction and harassing fire (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company fired (430) rounds. Company "B" resumed firing using same targets and type of firing as Company "A". Company fired (118) rounds. Company "C" resumed firing using same targets as Company "A" and Company "B", firing same type of fire as Company "A" and Company "B". Company fired (152) rounds. Weather: Overcast	

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From: 0001 11 Dec. 1943

To: 2400 12 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "A" continued firing interdictory and harassing fire (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company fired (360) rounds. Company "B" and Company "C" discontinued firing. Reconnaissance Company--no change. Rear Echelon--no change. Weather: Clear	
	12 December 1943				
1800			1800	Company "A" continued firing interdictory and harassing fire (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company fired (80) rounds. Company "B"--no change Company "C" resumed firing interdictory and harassing fire (unobserved) West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Company fired (194) rounds. Reconnaissance Company no change. Weather: Clear	

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From: 0001 13 Dec. 1943

To: 2400 14 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1730			1730	Company "A" fired (32) rounds (observed fire) in vicinity of Point 020301. Company "B" no change. Company "C" fired (168) rounds of interdictory and harassing fire West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Second platoon of Reconnaissance manning Observation Post.	
			<u>14 December 1943</u>		
1800			1800	Company "A" fired (43) rounds (observed fire) at enemy infantry (vicinity of Cerasuolo, Italy) at 1830 hours with excellent results. Company "C" fired (276) rounds of interdictory and harassing fire West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Companies "A", "B" and "C" fired (1063) rounds beginning at 0600 hours in support of attack by 2nd Moroccan Inf. Division. Fire was placed on road running West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Weather: Cloudy	

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To: ~~2400~~ 16 Dec. 1943

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From: ~~0001~~ 17 Dec. 1943

To: ~~2400~~ 20 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "A" fired (252) rounds of harassing fire (unobserved) into vicinity of coordinates (979-339) and (982-316). Company "C" fired (23) rounds of harassing (unobserved) fire West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Weather: Overcast	
			<u>18 December 1943</u>		
1630			1630	Company "A" fired (180) rounds of harassing and interdictory fire, unobserved, West of Cerasuolo, Italy. Weather: Cloudy	
			<u>19 December 1943</u>		
1800			1800	No change in operations. Weather: Overcast	
			<u>20 December 1943</u>		
1800			1800	No change in operations. Weather: Cloudy	

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From: 0001 21 Dec. 1943

To: 2400 22 Dec. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	No change in operations. Weather: Rain and overcast	
	22 December 1943				
1800			1800	No change in operations. Weather: Cloudy	

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Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1300			1300	Battalion relieved from attachment to 2nd Moroccan Infantry Div., and moved to Point 302054 with first elements leaving point 094325 at 0600 hours and closing at Point 302054 at 1200 hours, vicinity of Alife, Italy. Upon arrival Battalion reattached to 34th Infantry Division. Unit now in rest area and preparing for reorganization under new Table of Organization and Tables of Equipment.	
					24 December 1943
1730			1730	Battalion in Rest Area. Weather: Clear and cold	
					25 December 1943
1800			1800	Battalion in Rest Area. Steps for reorganization going forward. Weather: Clear and cold	
					26 December 1943
1800			1800	Battalion in Rest Area. Reorganization under T/O 18-25 and T/E's dated 27 Jan. 1943, completed. Excess personnel transferred, in grade, to 6th Personnel Center.	

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From: 0001 27Dec. 1943

To: 2400 31 Dec. 1943

Place: 302054

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1600			1600	Reorganization of Bn. completed Battalion in Rest Area Weather: Cold	
<u>28 December 1943</u>					
1800			1800	Battalion in Rest Area Weather: Clear	
<u>29 December 1943</u>					
1800			1800	Battalion in Rest Area Weather: Clear	
<u>30 December 1943</u>					
1800			1800	Battalion in Rest Area Weather: Clear	
<u>31 December 1943</u>					
1800			1800	Battalion in Rest Area Weather: Overcast	

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<i>Techn Gr IV - Orville A. Ohlen, 37125810</i>		
<i>Pvt. Arnold O. Kauermann, 37186161</i>		
<i>and Pvt. Kenneth H. Stone, 39229002</i>		
<i>LWA in this Area by Bombing</i>		
<i>Personnel Evacuated</i>		
<i>CO- HQ. Co. 776 TDD</i>		TIME SIGNED <i>1430</i>
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TO <i>CO - 776</i> TH <i>TO Bu - Att: S-1</i>		
<i>1st Lt Sidney Edelson 0501338</i>		
<i>LWA and Pvt. William R. Hanson</i>		
<i>20927600, KIA, by enemy</i>		
<i>artillery concentration. Wounded</i>		
<i>Personnel Evacuated</i>		
<i>CO - Rem. Co. 776</i>		<i>1700</i>
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