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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: 0001 1 Feb. 1944

To: 2400 1 Feb. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "A" at Point 903157, Company "B" at Point 908155, Reconnaissance Company at Point 978155, Headquarters Company at Point 979157, Battalion CP at Point 976154. Our Operations: Company "A" and Company "C" fired 216 rounds HE, harassing fire around Rapido River Sector (Firi Valley). Company "C" moved from vicinity 908155 to vicinity at point 880233 (East of Cairo, Italy) -- 1 Platoon at Point 868246, 1 Platoon at Point 854-243, 1 Platoon at 876223, Company "C" to be used in support of 756th Tank Battalion. Weather: Clear	

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From: 0001 2 Feb. 1944

To: 2400 2 Feb. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "B" reverted to Battalion Control formally attached to 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion for artillery missions. Company "A" and Company "C" fired 168 rounds HE, harassing fire on concentrations in Rapido River Sector (Tiri Valley). Company "B" now at point 883185 (Mount Trocchi).	

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From: 0001 3 Feb 1944

To: 2400 3 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "A" and Company "C" fired 168 rounds HE, harassing fire on concentrations in Rapido River Sector (Tiri Valley). "B" Company will not fire because of its exposed position on the forward slope of Mount Trecchi. Weather: Cool	
2300		1	2300	Sgt Floyd H. McKenzie, 17075000, Company "C", LWA by enemy artillery fire. Enlisted man evacuated. See Annex "A" and Annex "B"	

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From: 0001 6 Feb 1944

To: 2400 6 Feb 1944

Place: 899199

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Battalion CP and 1 Platoon of Reconnaissance Company moved from point 976154 to vicinity point 899199 (Vicinity East of Cassino, Italy) Weather: Cool	
2300		2	2300	Pvt Amador (NMI) Sisneros, 39154612, Company "C", LWA by enemy artillery fire. Enlist- ed man evacuated. See Annex "A" and Annex "B".	

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From: 0001 7 Feb 1944

To: 2400 7 Feb 1944

Place: 899199

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "C" fired direct and indirect (observed) supporting fires for 2nd Battalion 13th Armored Regiment (CG/B). Due to present circumstances and location of guns Company "C" is unable to submit an accurate report of ammunition expended. Company "C" CP now at 852247. (1 enemy tank knocked out by direct fire and 1 enemy mortar (Nebelwerfer) knocked out by indirect fire (observed) by Platoon of Company "C". Weather: Clear and cool.	

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From: 0001 8 Feb 1944

To: 2400 8 Feb 1944

Place: 899199

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Reconnaissance Company moved from point 978155 to vicinity point 902201 (vicinity of East Cassino, Italy). Company "C" fired direct and indirect (observed) supporting fires for 2nd Battalion 13th Armored Regiment (CG/B). Weather: Clear	

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From: 0001 9 Feb 1944

To: 2400 9 Feb 1944

Place: 899199

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "C" fired direct and indirect (observed) Air O.P. (by 1st Lt. Wilson E. Andrews) supporting artillery fire. Weather: - Clear and Cool.	

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: 0001 10 Feb 1944

To: 2400 11 Feb 1944

Place: 899199

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "C" expended approximately 1200 rounds HE during period Feb 5-10/44 firing direct and indirect (observed) supporting fires for 2nd Battalion 13th Armored Regiment (CC/B)	
				Weather: Partly Cloudy.	
			<u>11 February 1944</u>		
1900			1900	No change in position.	

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From: 0001 12 Feb 1944

To: 2400 12 Feb 1944

Place: 899199

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "C" expended 240 rounds HE, direct and indirect (observed) firing in support of 756th Tank Battalion. Two Platoons and CP of Reconnaissance Company moved from vicinity 9022201, infiltrating to new location at 903213 closing at 1930 hrs.	
2300		3	2300	S/Sgt Oscar E. Lystad, 20745030, and Tec 5 Gustave (NMI) Hager, 37169840 both of "C" Company, KIA by enemy artillery fire. 1st Sgt Clarence C. Bauer, 2074-4860, and Pvt Maurice C. Rochlitz, 37455032, both of Co "C" LNA by enemy artillery fire. E.M. all evacuated. E.M. evacuated. See Annex "A" and Annex "B"	

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Organization: 776th TD BattalionFrom: 0001 13 Feb 1944To: 2400 14 Feb 1944Place: 899199

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "C" fired direct and indirect (observed) fires in support of 756th Tank Battalion. Weather: Partly Cloudy.	
2300		4	2300	Pvt Casimir P. Hejnowski, 3660-2111, Co. "C" LWA by enemy artillery fire. EM Evacuated. 1st Lt King C. Culp 01030461 and Corporal Ross E. Grimes, 3532-6677 both LWA by enemy artillery fire. Off & EM not evacuated. Members of Co. "B" 776th TD Bn.	
<u>14 February 1944</u>					
1800			1800	Company "C" expended 240 rounds HE during period February 13-14th. Company "C" moved from vicinity Point 852247 at 0400 hours infiltrating to new position vicinity of Point 955160. Battalion attached to CC/B of 1st U.S. Armored Division to be used in execution of First Valley Plan. Weather: Cold and Windy.	

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From: ~~0001~~ 15 Feb 1944

To: 2400 15 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

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From: 0001 16 Feb 1944

To: 2400/17 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "C" CP at Point 959163. Remainder of Battalion -- No Change.	
			<u>17 February 1944</u>		
1800			1800	Company "A" moved from 903157 at 1800 hours. Remainder of Battalion No Change.	

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From: 0001 18 Feb 1944

To: 2400 22 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	No change in position. Weather: Overcast and cool.	
		<u>19 February 1944</u>			
1800			1800	No Change in position. Weather: Partly cloudy and cool.	
		<u>20 February 1944</u>			
1800			1800	No Change in position. Weather: Overcast and cool.	
		<u>21 February 1944</u>			
1800			1800	No change in position. Weather: Partly cloudy and cool.	
		<u>22 February 1944</u>			
1800			1800	No Change in position. Weather: Cloudy and cool.	

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From: ~~0001~~ 23 Feb 1944

To: ~~2400~~ 24 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

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From: 0001 25 Feb 1944

To: 2400 25 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "A" moved guns from assembly area to firing position. Company "A" CP at Point 948153. Company "A" expended 26 rounds smoke for registration fires. Weather: Cloudy and cool.	

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From: 0001 26 Feb 1944

To: 2400 28 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	No Change in Position. Weather: Rainy	
			<u>27 February 1944</u>		
1800			1800	No Change in Position. Weather: Cloudy and cool.	
			<u>28 February 1944</u>		
1800			1800	No Change in Position. Weather: Rainy	

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From: 0001 29 Feb 1944

To: 2400 29 Feb 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Company "A" at Point 948153, Company "B" at Point 883185, Company "C" at Point 959163, Reconnaissance at Point 978155, Headquarters Company at 979157, Battalion CP at 976154. Weather: Rainy and cold.	

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No. 1 DATE 3 Feb 1944

To C.O. 776th TD Bn., Att: S-1

Sgt Floyd H. McKenzie, 17075000, this company	
LWA by enemy Artillery Fire this date. E.M. Evacuated	
C.O. Co. "C" 776th TD Bn.	2300
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DATE **6 February 1944**

To **C.O. 776th TD Bn., Attention: S-1**

Pvt Amador (NMI) Sisneros, 39154612, this Company

LWA by Enemy Artillery Fire, this date. E.M.

evacuated.

C.O. Co. "C" 776th TD Bn.
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No. 3 DATE 12 February 1944

To C.O. 776th TD Bn., Attention: S-1

S/Sgt Oscar E. Lystad, 20745030, & Tec 5 Gustave
(NMT) Hager, 37169840, this Company KIA by Enemy
Artillery Fire, this date, and 1st Sgt Clarence C.
Bauer, 20744860, and Pvt Maurice C. Rochlitz, 3745-
5032, this Company, LWA by Enemy Artillery Fire,
this date. E.M. All Evacuated.

C.O. Co. "C" 776th TD Bn.

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13 February 1944

To C.O. 776th TD Bn (Attention: S-1)

Pvt Casimir P. Hejnowski, 36602111, this Company
 IMA 12 Feb 1944 by enemy artillery fire. (Evacuated)
 1st Lt King C. Culp, 01030461 and Cpl Ross E. Grimes
 35326677, this Company, IMA by enemy artillery fire,
 this date, (Not evacuated)

C.O. Co. "C" 776th TD Bn

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A.P.O. 464

Month of February 1944

CASUALTY REPORT

BATTLE CASUALTIES

3 February 1944

Sgt	Floyd H. McKenzie	17075000	LMA
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6 February 1944

Pvt	Amador (NMI) Simeres	39154612	LMA
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12 February 1944

S/Sgt	Oscar E. Lystad	20745030	KIA
Tec 5	Gustave (NMI) Hager	37169840	KIA
1st Sgt	Clarence C. Bauer	20744860	LMA
Pvt	Maurice C. Rechnitz	37455032	LMA

13 February 1944

Pvt	Casimir P. Hejnowski	36602111	LMA
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