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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: 0001 3 Jan. 1944

To: 2400 4 Jan. 1944

Place: 079158

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Entire Battalion moved from vicinity of Point 302054 at 0530 hours. Battalion Command Post at Point 079158 (three miles South of Venafro, Italy). Company "A" at Point 070185, Company "B" at Point 068182, Company "C" at Point 066172, Reconnaissance Company at Point 079154. Headquarters Company at 079158. Movement completed and all components closed at 1300 hours. Weather: Rain.	
<u>4 January 1944</u>					
1800			1800	Battalion still in present position. No missions assigned as of 1800 hours. Weather: Snow flurries, cold	
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From: 0001 5 Jan. 1944

To: ~~2400~~ 5 Jan. 1944

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A black and white photograph of a large, multi-story building with a flat roof, possibly a school or institutional building, with a fence in the foreground. The building has several windows and a central entrance area. The foreground shows a fence and some vegetation.

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From: 0001 6 Jan. 1944

To: ~~2400~~ 6 Jan. 1944

Place: 079158

Time -		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
2000			2000	Company "B" which moved from Point 068182 at 1730 hours 5 January 1944 closed in new area this date at 1900 hours at Point 965161. Weather: Clear	

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From: 0001 7 Jan. 1944

To: 2400 11 Jan. 1944

Place: 079158

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	Battalion minus Company "B" still in present position. Weather: Overcast	
	<u>8 January 1944</u>				
1600			1600	No change in position. Weather: Overcast and cool	
	<u>9 January 1944</u>				
1900			1900	No change in position. Weather: Clear	
	<u>10 January 1944</u>				
1900			1900	No change in position. Weather: Clear and cool	
	<u>11 January 1944</u>				
1800			1800	No change in position. Weather: Overcast	

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From: ~~0001~~ 12 Jan. 1944

To: ~~2400~~ 12 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1900			1900	Battalion Command Post moved from Point 079158 to Point to Point 976154 in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy, closing at 1800 hours. Remainder of Battalion remained in present position. Weather: Clear and cool	

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Time -		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
2000			2000	Company "A" moved from Point 70185 to vicinity of Point 964158 closing at 1930 hours. Company "C" moved from Point 066172 to vicinity of Point 922173 closing at 1930 hours. Reconnaissance Company moved from Point 079154 to vicinity of Point 978155 closing at 1900 hours. Battalion Command Post no change. Rear Echelon moved from Point 079158 to vicinity of Point 020184 (two miles West of Venafro, Italy) closing at 2000 hours. Weather: Clear and cold	

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From: 0001 16 Jan. 1944

To: 2400 16 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
2000			2000	Company "A" moved from Point 964158 to vicinity of Point 911199 at 1800 hours, closing at 2000 hours. Company "B" fired (499) rounds of HE and (5) rounds of smoke in harassing fire on cross-roads East of Cassino, Italy and on coordinates 853197, 830200, 860208, 854206, 859203 and 860192, firing (24) rounds of HE per hour commencing at 2000 hours.	
2300		1	2300	Tec 5 August (NMI) Heyne, 37081867, Company "A", SWA by exploding enemy mine. Enlisted Man evacuated. One (1) half-track of Company "A" also destroyed by exploding enemy mine. Weather: Clear See Annex "A" and Annex "B"	

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From: 0001 17 Jan. 1944

To: 2400 17 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700		2	0700	Tec 4 Albert (NMI) Colaianni, 20928224, KIA, Hq. Co. by enemy exploding mine. See Annex "A" and Annex "B".	
1900			1900	Company "B" fired (275) rounds of HE and (11) rounds of smoke interdicting fire at cross-roads East of Cassino, Italy. One (1) ten ton wrecker of Headquarters Company destroyed by exploding enemy mines, in the vicinity of Point 911199.	

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From: ~~0001~~ 18 Jan. 1944

To: 2400 21 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
2000			2000	All components of Battalion in present positions--no missions. Weather: Overcast	
	<u>19 January 1944</u>				
1800			1800	No change in Battalions positions. Weather: Clear	
	<u>20 January 1944</u>				
1900			1900	No change in positions or no fire missions. Weather: Clear	
	<u>21 January 1944</u>				
0700			0700	Enemy artillery shelling this area vicinity from 0100 to 0600 hours. Fire landing all around area but not registering in area proper. Enemy fire coming from large gun firing in from northwest.	
2000			2000	Company "A" moved from vicinity of Point 911199 to vicinity of Point 903157 closing at 2000 hours. Company "C" moved from vicinity of Point 922173 to vicinity of Point 908155 closing at 1850 hours. Weather: Clear	

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From: 0001 22 Jan. 1944

To: ~~2400~~ 23 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

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From: 0001 24 Jan. 1944

To: 2400 25 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1900		3	1900	Sgts. Francis N. Zerr, 20745750, Edward J. Lukes, 20745765, Sigval M. Carlson, 20745744, Pvt. Leland E. Larson, 20745782 LMA and Sgt. Joseph (NMI) Slakkoski, 37193977, SWA by enemy artillery fire registered in area of Company "B". All personnel evacuated. See Annex "A" and Annex "B". Companies "A" and "C" firing indirect fire in support of attack on Rapido river. Weather: Clear	
2000			2000	Company "A" and Company "C" fired (1689) rounds of HE in supporting attack in Rapido river sector. Company "B" lost one (1) M-2 half-track when hit by enemy artillery fire. Weather: Clear	

25 January 1944

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer BattalionFrom: 0001 25 Jan. 1944To: 2400 28 Jan. 1944Place: 986154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1800			1800	No change in operations or Battalion positions. Weather: Overcast	
			<u>27 January 1944</u>		
1900			1900	Company "A" and Company "C" fired harassing fires on concentrations in the Rapido River sector expending (144) rounds of HE. Weather: Clear	
			<u>28 January 1944</u>		
1800		4	1800	Pvt. 1cl Rudy (NMI) Heib, 37170017, LWA, Pvt. Carl A. Applequist, 37176803, SMA and Pvs. Chester A. Crutcher, 18082377, and Ralph G. Hoffman, 20744628, LWA, all of Company "A" when that unit was shelled by enemy artillery fire. All personnel evacuated. See Annex "A" and Annex "B". Company "C" fired harassing fires on concentrations in area southwest of Saint Angelo, Italy firing (266) rounds of HE. Weather: Clear	

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

From: ~~0001~~ 29 Jan. 1944

To: ~~2400~~ 30 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1900			1900	Company "A" fired (96) rounds of HE and Company "C" fired (96) rounds of HE harassing fire on concentrations in Rapido River sector. Weather: Cool	
30 January 1944					
2000		5	1600	Pvt. Carl A. Applequist, 3717 0017, Company "A" reported SWA on 28 January 1944 DOW this date. See Annex "A" and Annex "B".	
2000			2000	Company "B" reverted to Battalion control and moved from Point 907211 at 0400 hours to Point 883185 closing at 0600 hours. Company "A" and Company "C" fired (168) rounds of HE harassing fires on concentrations in Rapido River sector. Weather: Clear	

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From: 0001 31 Jan. 1944

To: 2400 31 Jan. 1944

Place: 976154

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
2000			2000	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 of Point 908155 to vicinity Point 880233, one (1) platoon at Point 868246, one (1) platoon at Point 854243 across Rapido River North of Cassino, Italy, one (1) platoon at Point 876223. Company closed at 1000 hours. Company "C" to be used in support of 756th Tank Battalion. Weather: Clear	

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16 Jan. 1944

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CO 776th TD Bn ATN: S-1

Tec 5 August (Crim) Heyne, 37081867,

this Company, SWA by exploding

Enemy mine. Enlisted Man

Evacuated.

CO Co. "A" 776th TD Bn

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17 Jan. 1944

To

CO 776th TD Bn. AH: S-1

Tec 4 Albert Carmi Colatanni, 20928224,

This Company, KIA, by exploding

enemy mine.

CO Hq. Co. 776th TD Bn

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24 Jan. 1944

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CO 776th TD Bn Att: S-1

Sgts Francis N. Zerr, 20745750, Edward

J. Lukes, 20745765, Signal M. Carlson,

20745744, Pvt. Iceland E. Larson,

20745782, LWA and Sgt. Joseph

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JAN, 1944

To

Slatkosi, 37193977, SWA, this

Company by enemy artillery fire

All Personnel Evacuated.

Co Cn B 176th ID Rm

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28 Jan. 1944

To

CO 776th TD Bn AT/1 S-1

Pot 1st Rudy (NMI) Heib, 37170017, LWA,

Pot Carl A. Applequist, 37176803, SGA,

and Pots. Chester A. Cretcher, 18082377,

Ralph H. Hoffman, 20744628, LWA

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To

*this Company, by enemy artillery
fire. All Personnel Evacuated*

CO Co. 44 0176490 Rn

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To <i>Co 776th YD Bn</i>	<i>AT/IS-1</i>	
<i>Port. Carl A. Applequist, 37176017,</i>		
<i>Company "A" SWA on 28 Jan. '44</i>		
<i>Down this date.</i>		
<i>Sgt 19001, 776th YD Bn</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		<i>1600</i> TIME SIGNED
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