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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Code:

X--Staff

Y--All Troops

Z--Definite Company or Section

From: 00011 Nov. 1943To: 24001 Nov. 1943Place: 188060

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
	0705	1	0705	Battalion CP at Point 188060, Company "A" at Point 202064, Company "B" at Point 163086, Company "C" at Point 229054, Reconn. Co. at Point 229054, Rear Echelon at Point 227056. Italian Body found Booby- trapped in Company "C" area at Point 229054	X and Z.
0900		2	1530	Enemy air attacks of four planes in strength at Company "B" area and Battalion CP area. Pvt 1cl Kenneth D. Pederson, 37169837, Company "B" LWA. Returned to duty. No other damage.	
	2215	3	2220	Battalion CP moved from Point 188060 to Point 168142. Weather: Clear	Z

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From: 00012 Nov. 1943

To: 24002 Nov. 1943

Place: 168142

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			0600	Company "A" moved from Point 202064 to Point 153147 closing at 0300 hours, Company "B" from Point 163086 to Point 163144 closing at 0100 hours, Company "C" from Point 229054 to Point 149118 closing at 0130 hours, Recon. Company remains at Point 229054 and Rear Echelon at Point 298992.	
	1140	4	1140	Mine sweepers Recon. Company report to Commanding Officer, 109th Engineers for mine sweeping mission on roads between Pratella, Italy and Capriati, Italy. (Appendix "A")	Z
			1200	Company "B" attached to 125th Field Artillery. Companies "A" and "C" to reconnoiter for direct fire positions in the vicinity of Capriati, Italy. No mission for Recon. Company other than mine sweeping assignment. Battalion Supports attack by thirty (30) minute preparation starting at 2330 hours, 3 Nov. 1943, and by concentration based upon Infantry rate of advance 100 yards each six (6) minutes from the Volturno River line. (Appendix "B") Weather: Clear	

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To: 24003 Nov. 1943

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Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			1400	Company "A" moved from Point 153147 to Point 117177 closing at 1200 hours, Company "B" from Point 163144 to Point 132178 closing at 2000 hours. Company "C" from Point 149118 to Point 126183 closing at 0100 hours. Companies "A", "B" and "C" to support attack as artillery. In event of any tank attack the companies will be moved by the Battalion Commander to direct fire positions. Pioneer Platoon, Recon. Company returns to Battalion control. No mission for Recon. Company. Battalion observer reported enemy armored cars and tanks at Point 180304. Division attack began at 2330 hours. Weather: Clear	

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To: 24004 Nov. 1943

Place: 168142

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			1000	Companies "A", "B" and "C" supported attack as artillery from their present positions. No enemy tank threat as of 1000 hours.	
1150		5	1150	Corps reports tanks at Point 032187 and at Point 018182. (Appendix "A")	
1215		6	1215	Company "C" reports bridge blown at Point 044203. (Appendix "A")	
			1400	Enemy aircraft over this area, one vehicle of Company "C" damaged by enemy bomb fragment.	
2200		7	2200	34th Inf. Div., Reconnaissance reports enemy concentration on road North of Point 201332. (Appendix "A") Weather: Clear	

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From: 0800 15 Nov. 1943

To: 2400 15 Nov. 1943

Place: 168142

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
	0800	8	0800	One platoon of Company "C" moved to Point 122181. (App. "A")	Z
			1600	Enemy aircraft dive bombing attack in Company areas of Companies "B" and "C". No damage. Weather: Clear	

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From: 00016 Nov. 1943

To: 24006 Nov. 1943

Place: 122180

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			0000	Battalion CP moved from Point 168142 to Point 122180 closing at 0800 hours.	
1125		9	1125	Heavy battery dug in on both sides of new road running NE from Selvane, Italy (045295) (Appendix "A")	
1130		10	1130	Enemy infantry near Point 04726 (Appendix "A")	
			1145	Reconn. Company moved from Point 229054 to Point 145115, closing at 1500 hours. One platoon reconnoitering in vicinity SW of Maschia, Italy for passable roads and M--10 direct and indirect firing positions. Weather: Clear and cool.	

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From: ~~000~~ 17 Nov. 1943

To: 24~~00~~7 Nov. 1943

Place: 122180

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			1000	Task Force "A" formed comprising 191st Tank Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment and this Battalion. To concentrate in vicinity of 1125 during night of 7-8 Nov. 1943. Advance vigorously and attack astride road to objective, prepared to exploit in the direction of Colli, Italy. Also gain contact with and furnish TD protection for 504th Parachute Regiment. (Appendix "B", par. 2) Weather: Clear and cool.	

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From: ~~000~~18 Nov. 1943

To: 24~~00~~8 Nov. 1943

Place: 102254

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			1700	1st Lt. Phillips E. Cameron 01822357, LWA, Cpl. Donald F. Ramhorst, 20745821, SWA and Techn Gr V Mancel (NMI) Andrews, 37187561, EWA, Company "B" when Company "B" shelled by enemy artillery. (Appendix "C"- Casualty Report)	
1750		11	1750	Cpl. Donald F. Ramhorst, 20745 821, Company "B", reported SWA as of 1700 hours, this date, DOW at 1750 hours at 109th Medical Clearing Station. (Appendix "C")	
			1800	Company "A" moved from Point 117177 to Point 122259, Company "B" from Point 132178 to Point 107258, Company "C" from Point 133179 to Point 108252. All companies closing at 1800 hours. Reconn. Company moved from Point 145115 to Point 122180 closing at 1900 hours. Recon. Company reconnoitering East of river towards Colli, Italy for gun positions and passable routes for Task Force. Companies "A" "B" and "C" supporting Task Force as artillery. Objective: Montaquila, Italy and Colli, Italy to cut road of German retreat. Rear Echelon moved from Point 220063 to Point 145115 closing at 1900 hours. Weather: Cloudy, light showers Terrain: Very muddy	

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From: ~~000~~19 Nov. 1943

To: 24~~00~~9 Nov. 1943

Place: 100242

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			0900	Battalion CP moved from Point 102254 to Point 100242. Companies "A", "B" and "C" supporting Task Force "A". Company "A" moved from Point 117177 to Point 110253.	
			18 00	Two (2) platoons of Company "A" moved forward at 18 00 hours to vicinity of Montaquila, Italy to protect left flank of Task Force against tank or self-propelled gun attack in direct support of 168th Infantry Regiment. (Appendix "B", par. 3) Weather: Cloudy and cool	

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From: 000110 Nov. 1943

To: 240010 Nov. 1943

Place: 100242

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1000		12	1000	Sgt. Martin (NMI) Olson, 37170009, and Pvt 1cl Harold E. Sidebottom, 35482745, Company "A" SAW when Company "A" whelled by enemy artillery. (Appendix "C" Casualty Report)	
			1610	Reconn. Company moved from Point 122180 to Point 131274 closing at 1600 hours. Reconnaissance Platoons reconnoitering to the North from Macchia, Italy to Formelli, Italy and Macchia, Italy to Colli, Italy., for passable routes. Weather: Cloudy	

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From: ~~000~~113 Nov. 1943

To: 240014 Nov. 1943

Place: 100242

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From: ~~000~~117 Nov. 1943

To: ~~2400~~27 Nov. 1943

Place: 100242

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1600		13	1600	Two (2) enemy artillery gun on track twenty (20) in tunnel vicinity of Point 032358. No change in Battalion operations. Weather: Rainy and overcast. (Appendix "A")	
18 November 1943 through 27 November 1943					
				No change in Battalion operations. Companies remain in present positions. Weather: Rain	

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From: 000128 Nov. 1943

To: 240029 Nov. 1943

Place: 100242

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
1400		14	1400	2D Lt Robert H. Young 0885770, Sgt. Albert (NMI) Uhlich, 37170012, Pvt 1cl Marion P. Smith, 39237368, Pvt. Sebastian Y. Pinedo, 39847424 and Pvt. Jeffie (NMI) Noles, 34079159, Co. "C", SWA in Company "C" area at Point 108252 by explosion of enemy 'S' mines. (Appendix "C"-Casualty Report) No change in Battalion operations Weather: Clear	
29 November 1943					
			0930	Pvt 1cl Norman (NMI) Fogstad, 37170008, accidental death by drowning when TD vehicle (recovery tank) went through bridge in vicinity of Dragoni, Italy.	
			1030	Companies "A", "B" and "C" in present position supporting attack as artillery. Each company fire four hundred thirty two (432) rounds as of 1000 hours. Weather: Cloudy and overcast	

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From: 000130 Nov. 1943

To: 240030 Nov. 1943

Place: 094325

Time		Serial No.	Time Dated	Incidents, messages, orders	Action Taken
In	Out				
			1000	Companies "A", "B" and "C" supporting attack as artillery firing interdiction and harassing fire from ranges of 10,000 to 13,000 yards. Company "A" firing (476) rounds, Company "B" (485) rounds, Company "C" (502) rounds.	
			1530	Battalion CP moved from Point 102242 to Point 094325 vicinity East of Goli, Italy. Closing at 1500 hours.	
			1900	Battalion Rear Echelon moved from Pratella, Italy to Point 102242, closing at 1800 hours.. Weather: Cloudy and overcast	

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TO <i>CO's All Companies & Bn Staff</i>		
<i>Bn CP at 188060, Co. "A" - 202064,</i>		
<i>Co. "B" - 163086, Co. "C" - 229054, Recon.</i>		
<i>Co. - 229054, Rear Echelon - 227056</i>		
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No. <i>2</i>	DATE <i>1 Nov. 1943</i>	
To <i>CO - 776th TD Bn.</i>		
<i>Italian Body Found Booby-</i>		
<i>Trapped here.</i>		
C.O. <i>Co. "E" 776th TD Bn.</i>		TIME SIGNED <i>1915</i>
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TO <i>Co's - All Companies</i>		
<i>Battalion CP Now at</i>		
<i>168142.</i>		
<i>C. O. 77642 70 Rm</i>		<i>2220</i>
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TO *CO - Recm. Co. - 776th TD Bn.*

*Munc Subcepers your Company to
report to C.O. 109 Engrs Fir
Mission to sweep roads between
Pratella and Caprieti.*

CO - 776th TD Bn

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To <i>Co. 776 TA TD Bn</i>		
<i>Enemy tanks at 032187</i> <i>and 018182.</i>		
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No. <i>6</i>	DATE <i>4 Nov. 1943</i>	
To <i>CO - 776th TD Bn</i>		
<i>Bridge Blown at Point 044203</i>		
<i>CO. CO. "C" 776th TD Bn</i>		<i>1215</i>
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No. <i>7</i>	DATE <i>4 Nov. 1943</i>	
To <i>CO - 776th TD Bn</i>		
<i>Enemy Concentration on</i> <i>Road North of 201332</i>		
<i>34th INF. Div. Recon.</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		
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No. <i>8</i>	DATE <i>5 Nov. 1943</i>	
To <i>CO - Co. "C" - 776th TA Bn</i>		
<i>Move one (1) platoon to point</i> <i>122181.</i>		
 <i>CO - 776th TA Bn</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		<i>0800</i> TIME SIGNED
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No. <i>9</i>	DATE <i>6 Nov. 1943</i>	
TO <i>Co - 1776th YN Bn</i>		
<i>Heavy Battery dug-in on both</i>		
<i>sides of NEW ROAD running</i>		
<i>NE from 045295</i>		
<i>34th Inf. Div. Recon</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		TIME SIGNED
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No. <i>10</i>	DATE <i>6 Nov. 1943</i>	
To <i>CO - 976th YD Cn</i>		
<i>Enemy Infantry near 046267.</i>		
<i>34th Div. Recon.</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		<i>1130</i> TIME SIGNED
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To <i>CO - 776th YN Bn</i>		
<i>Bamherst, "B," DOW</i>		
<i>AS OF 1750 hours at</i>		
<i>109th Clearing Station</i>		
<i>Asst Surgeon 776th YN Bn</i>		TIME SIGNED
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No. 12	DATE 10 Nov. 1943	
TO CO - 776th 90 Bn - AHI S-1		
Sgt Martin (NMI) Olson, 37170009,		
and Pvt 1st Harold E. Sidebottom,		
35482745, this company, SWA		
this date. Evacuated.		
CO - CO. "A" 776th 90 Bn		10/11
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		L. J. Wade - Capt.

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No. <i>12</i>	DATE <i>14 Nov. 1943</i>	
TO <i>CD - 776th T.D. Bn</i>		
<i>504th Patrols Report 500 mines at</i>		
<i>050335. Bridge Destroyed at</i>		
<i>078333 Possible enemy defense</i>		
<i>at 977320.</i>		
<i>34th Inf Div. Recm.</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		<i>1434</i> TIME SIGNED
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No. <i>13</i>	DATE <i>17 Nov. 1943</i>	
To: <i>CO - 776th TD Gr</i>		
<i>Italian reports two (2) Artillery</i>		
<i>guns on track twenty (20) in</i>		
<i>tunnel Vicinity of 032.358.</i>		
<i>34th Div. Recon</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER		<i>1600</i> TIME SIGNED
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No. <i>14-Cont'd.</i>	DATE <i>28 Nov. 1942</i>	
To <i>Co. 776 4a TD Bn</i>	<i>Attil S-1</i>	
<i>Put. Jeffie (NMI) Notes, 34079159,</i> <i>This Company, SWA by mine</i> <i>explosion in this area, this</i> <i>date. Evacuated</i> <i>Co. Co. 2 776 4a TD Bn</i> <i>1480</i> OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF SENDER TIME SIGNED <i>Weller - Capt</i> AUTHORIZED TO BE SENT IN CLEAR SIGNATURE OF OFFICER SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF WRITER		