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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
A.P.O. 464

30 November 1943

Operations: 31 October 1943 - Company "A" at 202064, Company "B" at 163006, Company "C" at 193058, Reconnaissance Company at 229054, Rear Echelon at 227056, Battalion C.P. at 188060. Weather: Overcast. No change in positions of Companies "A", "B", "C" and Reconnaissance. Rear Echelon moved to 227056, closing at 0630. Battalion C.P. moved to 188060, closing at 0700. All security sections and Company rear echelons moved to vicinity of 227056. Firing companies now limited to M-10's, half-tracks and a few 1/4 ton 4 x 4 vehicles each. This was to lessen traffic congestion on any forward movements of the Companies.

1 November 1943 - No Change. Companies reverted to Battalion control at 0900. Companies to remain in present positions until road clearance from higher headquarters is obtained for them to move forward.

2 November 1943 - Company "A" at 153147, Company "B" at 163144, Company "C" at 149118, Reconnaissance Company at 229054, Rear Echelon at 298992, Battalion CP at 168142. Weather: Clear. Company "A" moved from 202064 to 153147, closing at 0300. Company "B" moved from 163006 to 163144 closing at 0100. Company "C" moved from 193058 to 149118. Battalion CP moved from 188060 to 168142, closing at 1200. No change in position of Reconnaissance Company and Rear Echelon. Mine sweepers from Reconnaissance Company sent to Pratella, Italy, at 1300 hours to report to Commanding Officer of 109th Engineers to sweep roads between Pratella, Italy, and ~~Pratella~~ *Pratella* ~~Italy~~ *Italy* ~~Company "B"~~ *Company "B"* attached to 125th Field Artillery

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Battalion, Company "A" and Company "C" to reconnoiter for direct fire positions in the vicinity of Capriati, Italy. No mission as of 1000 hours. Reconnaissance Company - no missions.

3 November 1943 - (Weather: Clear) Company "A" moved from 153147 to 117177, closing at 1200, Company "B" moved from 163144 to 132178, closing at 2000, Company "C" moved from 149118 to 126183, closing at 0100. No change in positions of Reconnaissance Company, Rear Echelon and Battalion CP. Companies "A", "B" and "C" to support attack as Artillery (as per FO #15 Hq 34th Infantry Division dated 3 November, 1943. In the event of any tank attack the companies will be moved by the Battalion Commanding Officer to direct fire positions. Reconnaissance Company - no missions, except for minesweepers sweeping roads between Pratella, Italy, and Capriati, Italy.

4 November 1943 - (Weather: Clear) Companies "A", "B" and "C" supported attack as artillery and remained in their present positions. No enemy tank threat as of 1000 hours. Reconnaissance Company - no change, no missions. Minesweepers in the vicinity of Capriati, Italy, sent back to their organization Battalion CP, Rear Echelon - no change.

5 November 1943 - (Weather: Clear) One (1) platoon of Company "C" moved to 122181.

6 November 1943 - (Weather: Clear) Companies "A", "B" and "C" no change in positions - no missions. Reconnaissance Company moved from 229054 to 145115, closing at 1500. No missions except for one (1) platoon reconnoitering in vicinity southwest of Macchia, Italy for passable roads and E-10 direct and indirect firing positions. Battalion CP moved from 168142 to 122180, closing at 0800. Rear Echelon - no change.

7 November 1943 - Weather: clear and cool - No change in operations.

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8 November 1943 (Weather: cloudy and light showers). Terrain very very muddy. Companies "A", "B" and "C" moved to following positions, supporting Task Force "A" attack (objective Montaquila, Italy, and Colli, Italy, to cut road of German retreat) (as per FO #16 Bq 34th Infantry Division dated 7 November 1943) as artillery and direct fire support.

Company "A" moved from 117177 to 122259  
Company "B" moved from 132178 to 107258  
Company "C" moved from 133179 to 108252

All companies closing at 1800. Battalion CP moved from 122180 to 102254, closing at 1800. Reconnaissance Company moved from 145115 to 122180, closing at 1900 - no mission. Rear Echelon moved from 220063 to 145115 (Vratella, Italy) closing at 1900.

9 November 1943 (Weather: cloudy and cool). Companies "A", "B" and "C" still supporting Task Force "A" attack. No change in positions of Companies "B" and "C". Company "A" at 110253. Two (2) platoons from Company "A" moved forward at 1800 to vicinity of Montaquila, Italy, to protect left flank of Task Force against tank or SF gun attack in direct support of Infantry. One platoon from Reconnaissance Company reconnoitering East of river towards Colli for gun positions and passable routes for the Task Force. Battalion CP at 100245. Reconnaissance Company - no change, Rear Echelon - no change.

10 November 1943 (Weather: cloudy) No change in missions of Companies "A", "B" and "C". They remain in present positions. Reconnaissance Company moved from 122180 to 131274, closing at 1600. Reconnaissance platoons reconnoitering to the North from Macchia, Italy, to Fornelli, Italy, and Macchia, Italy, to Colli, Italy, for passable routes. Battalion CP - no change, Rear Echelon - no change.

11 November 1943 (Weather: clear and cool) One battery of six guns from Company "A" moved to 122259 at 1500 prepared to fire North

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12 November 1943 (Weather: clear). No change in operations.

13 November 1943 (Weather: clear). No change. Battalion reverted to Division Artillery control, remaining in present positions.

14 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

15 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

16 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). Company "A" attached to 175th Field Artillery for direct support of 168th Infantry, Company "B" attached to 125th Field Artillery for direct support of 135th Infantry, Company "C" attached to 151st Field Artillery for general support. (As per Annex No. 1 to FO #19 Hq 34th Infantry Division dated 15 November 1943). Reconnaissance Company - no missions, no change. Rear Echelon no change.

17 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

18 November 1943 (Weather: clear and warm). No change in position or operations.

19 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

20 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

21 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

22 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

23 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

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24 November 1943 (Weather: Rainy and overcast). No change in operations.

25 November 1943 (Weather: Cloudy and overcast with light showers). No change in operations.

26 November 1943 (Weather: Clear). No change in operations.

27 November 1943 (Weather: Clear). No change in operations.

28 November 1943 (Weather: Clear). No change in operations.

29 November 1943 (Weather: Cloudy and overcast.) Companies "A", "B" and "C" remaining in present positions supporting attack (as per FO #21, 34th Infantry Division, dated 27 November 1943) as artillery. Companies have fired 432 rounds each as of 1000 hours. Reconnaissance Company -- no change -- no missions. Battalion CP -- no change. Rear Echelon -- no change.

30 November 1943 (Weather: Cloudy and overcast). Companies "A", "B", "C", still supporting attack as artillery, shooting interdiction and harassing fires from 10,000 to 13,000 range. "A" Company fired 476 rounds, "B" Company fired 485 rounds, "C" Company fired 502. Reconnaissance Company -- no mission -- no change. Battalion CP -- moved from 102242 to 094325, vicinity east of Colli, closing at 1500 hours. Rear Echelon - moved from Pratella to 102242, closing at 1800 hours.

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**EXERPTS FROM FIELD ORDERS, Headquarters 34th Infantry Division, pertaining to 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion.**

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**d. Artillery:**

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**2. Field Order No. 16 dated 7 November 1943:**

**d. Task Force "A" with 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached.**

Concentrate in vicinity of 1125 during night of 7-8 November 1943.

Advance vigorously and attack astride road to objective, prepared to exploit in the direction of Colli, Italy.

Gain contact with 504th Parachute Regiment

Furnish TD protection for 504th Parachute Regiment.

**3. Field Order No. 17 dated 9 November 1943:**

**c. Task Force "A" with 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached.**

Continue present mission

Contact 168th Infantry Regiment vicinity of Montaquila.

Protect right flank of 168th Infantry Regiment

**4. Field Order No. 18 dated 12 November 1943:**

**d. Artillery with 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached Support Division**

Particular support of the 135th Infantry Regiment

**5. Field Order No. 19 dated 15 November 1943**

**c. Artillery with 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached Support 168th and 135th Infantry Regiments and general support.**

Be prepared to mass fires in 504th Parachute and 45th Inf. Division sectors on call.

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CASUALTY REPORT

BATTLE CASUALTIES

8 November 1943	1st Lt	Phillips E. Cameron	01822357	LWA
	Cpl	Donald F. Remhorst	20745821	DOW
	Techn V	Mancel (NMI) Andrews	37187561	LWA
10 November 1943	Sgt	Martin (NMI) Olson	37170009	SWA
	Pvt 1cl	Harold E. Sidebottom	35482745	SWA
28 November 1943	2D Lt	Robert H. Young	0885770	SWA
	Sgt	Albert (NMI) Ulich	27170012	SWA
	Pvt 1cl	Sebastian Y. Penido	39847424	SWA
	Pvt 1cl	Marion P. Smith	39327368	SWA
	Pvt	Jeffie (NMI) Noles	34079159	SWA

NON-BATTLE CASUALTY

29 November 1943	Pvt 1cl	Norman (NMI) Togstad	37170008	Killed Accidentally by drowning
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