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HEADQUARTERS EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
A.P.O. 464, U. S. ARMY

314.7

19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Battalion History for the month of February, 1945.

TO : Commanding General,
Fifth Army,
A.P.O. 464, U. S. Army.

During the month of February, 1945, the battalion remained in stationary positions attached to the 88th Infantry Division. Elements of the battalion were located as follows:

Battalion Forward CP in the vicinity of Sabioni
Company A in the vicinity of Casoni
Company B in the vicinity of La Guardia
Company C in the vicinity of Monzuno
Headquarters Company and the Battalion Rear CP
at La Posta.
Reconnaissance Company, attached to the 91st
Reconnaissance Squadron, at San Benedetto.

Throughout the month the gun companies fired both direct and indirect fire in support of the 88th Infantry Division. Reconnaissance Company went into the line as Infantry on 3 February 1945 in the vicinity of Stasco di Sopra. They remained in these positions for the remainder of the month, maintaining contact and patrolling the German lines.

Sergeant Walter W. Snyder of Company B was lightly wounded by shell fragments on 5 February 1945. Sergeant Wilburn D. Mendenhall of Company A was also lightly wounded by shell fragments on 18 February 1945. No other casualties were sustained by the battalion during the month.

On 23 February 1945 1st Lieutenant CHARLES R. SHADDIX reported to the battalion as rotational replacement for 1st Lieutenant DANIEL K. SADLER, JR. On the same date 23 enlisted replacements were received.

1st Sergeant Robert L. Brown, Jr. was honorably discharged on 9 February 1945 and he accepted a combat appointment as Second Lieutenant on 10 February 1945. He was assigned to Company A.

1st Lieutenant EDGAR S. WILLIAMSON returned from the 52nd Station Hospital on 12 February 1945. He was assigned to Company C. On 18 February, when Captain DARRELL E. CHANDLER was relieved from assignment to Company C and assigned the duties of Battalion E-3, Lieutenant WILLIAMSON was given command of the Company. Also on 18 February, 1st Lieutenant ZUBER was

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relieved of duties as Battalion S-2 and returned to his former duties in Company B. On the same date 1st Lieutenant FORGY was relieved from assignment with Company A and assigned to Headquarters Company. 1st Lieutenant SHADDIX was relieved from assignment with Headquarters Company and assigned to Company C on 25 February.

During the month the following decorations were awarded to members of the battalion: The Purple Heart to S/Sgt William F. Barton, Private John C. Bush, Jr. and Private Stanley E. Stoops. The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Sergeant Wilburn D. Mendenhall.

Ammunition expenditures during the month were:

HE	9093	AP-AFC	35	Smoke	235
HE-R/C	1257	AP-EDF	80	Illuminating	59

WALLACE L. CLEMENT,
Major, Cavalry,
Commanding.