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

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**TO : Commanding General,
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During the month of November, the Battalion, less Company C, remained attached to 91st Division Artillery. Company C was attached to 34th Infantry Division supporting the artillery and firing harassing missions. Reconnaissance Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, was given the job of maintaining Highway #45 in the vicinity of Headquarters Company Area, keeping mud cleared off the pavement and building up the shoulders along the highway. This work was necessitated by the continuous rain and bad weather. Their work was commanded by Engineers in charge of highway maintenance.

On 2 November 1944, Corporal Harold White and Private Demar Bette, Company C, were slightly wounded in action but did not require hospitalization. On 8 November, 2nd Lieutenants Joe A. Callaway, Myrel A. Moore and Clarence L. Trengar went on temporary duty with 15th AAF as exchange personnel for 7 days. On the same day Captain Russell E. Chandler, Captain James Hutch, 2nd Lieutenant Myrel A. Moore, Sergeant Norman B. Mangum and Troop 5 Johnny B. Mangum were presented with the Bronze Star Medal. On 11 November, Troop 5 Floyd R. Trump, Reconnaissance Company, was lightly wounded by shell fragments and later in the month awarded the Purple Heart.

On 14 November, Captain William G. Clark, Corporal Walter G. Young, and Privates First Class Robert F. Elliott and Adnaie S. Hayes departed on Rotation to the United States; Staff Sergeant William D. Patrick, Sergeant John F. Hill, Troop 5 Henry E. Cheves and Troop 5 Juan J. Penn, Jr., departed on temporary duty to the United States. Upon departure of Captain Clark, 1st Lieutenant Bruce A. Berlin assumed command of Reconnaissance Company. On the same day, General Hayes, Commanding General, II Corps, presented 1st Lieutenant Benjamin E. Baker Jr., with the award of the Silver Star and Captain Samuel R. Mitchell and Private First Class Everett L. Williams with Bronze Star Medals. Company C moved from the area of El Yona, Italy, to bivouac and positions in the vicinity of La Fucina, Italy.

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by a turkey dinner which was served to all personnel of the Battalion. Staff Sergeant Maurice E. Snow, Company A, was discharged to accept a commission as 2nd Lieutenant. On 24 November, 2nd Lieutenant Snow accepted his battlefield appointment and was assigned to Company A.

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On 25 November, General Keyes, Commanding General, II Corps, presented Major Wallace L. Clement and 2nd Lieutenant Joe A. Callaway with Bronze Star Medals.

During the entire month the Battalion supported units of the 34th and 91st Infantry Divisions firing numerous harassing and direct fire missions, with an expenditure of 21,489 rounds of 3" ammunition. The various units of the Battalion remained in bivouac and positions as follows: Headquarters Company - Roncastaldo; Reconnaissance Company - Loiana; Company A - Casoni; Company B - La Guarda; Company C - La Fornace and Medical Detachment at Livergano.

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