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Operations 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion from
November 1--30, 1944

November 1 - Battalion has completed relieving the 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion in place. Battalion CP at Croismare 143007, Rear Echelon at 123968, Company "A" at Laneuveville 20350240 with the platoons displaced as follows: Second Platoon has 2 guns at 23200165, 2 guns at 23790218; First Platoon has 2 guns vicinity 25150348. Remainder of guns with Company "A" CP. Company "B" CP at Embermenil, 23350390, with the platoons displaced as follows: Second Platoon at 23500604, First Platoon -- 2 guns at 24700540, 2 guns at 25350415. Remainder of guns with "B" Company CP. "C" Company in reserve in assembly area at 157982 moving to 209984. Reconnaissance Company CP with Battalion CP and Reconnaissance Platoons are attached 1 per firing Company. The Battalion under XV Corps is attached to the 44th Infantry Division.

November 2 - Companies in anti-tank positions of Division Sector - No Change. "A" Company, Second Platoon, received enemy mortar fire at 2030 hours, two men wounded. No report of enemy activity other than two enemy tanks reported in a draw 1000 yards NW of Vehc. "B" Company, 3rd Platoon, received enemy artillery fire between 1500 and 1730, 6 to 8 rounds every 10 minutes approximate caliber 88 and 105 MM some 150 MM. One M-36 hit on left side and damaged.

November 3 - Enemy patrol came close to TD's of Company "B". Company "B", First Section of First Platoon received harassing enemy artillery fire from a 3 gun battery of 88 MM from 1300 hours on. Estimated location in vicinity of Arricourt or Igney. First Platoon Company "C" in support of 114th Infantry moved to 238978, Domjevin, at 0400 hours. Company "C" CP, Second and Third Platoons closed into assembly area at 211984 at 0600 hours. Second and Third

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Platoons have moved to the East side of Domjevin at coordinates 234984 and 233987 respectively at 1350 hours to cover roads.

November 4 - First Section of Second Platoon "A" Company moved into position at 24200247 and the other section moved to 23840224. This shift was made possible by the taking of the high ground to their front by the Infantry. The section at 23840224 can cover the sector formerly covered by the other section. Movements completed at 1815 hours. First Platoon, First Section, "B" Company received harassing enemy fire, 3 rounds 88 MM at 1900 hours and 3 rounds at 2100 hours. First Platoon, Second Section, "B" Company received approximately 30 rounds of enemy mortar fire around area at about 2100 hours. Second Platoon received 4 rounds 75 MM harassing enemy fire from 2000 to 2130 hours. Enemy also placed indirect MG fire on this area during night-no damage.

November 5 - One gun from Third Platoon Company "C" moved to a direct fire position at 244991 at 1300 hours to fire at church steeple at Reillon 26650030. Five rounds were fired and five hits scored. Target has been neutralized for any further use by the enemy as an OP. Mission was completed at 1400 hours and the gun returned to its former position.

November 6 - No Change.

November 7 - No Change.

November 8 - No Change.

November 9 - No Change.

November 10 - No Change.

November 11 - Company "C" CP, First and Second Platoons (in reserve) moved to assembly area 224014, closing at 1700 hours.

November 12 - Company "A", one section of First Platoon and Third Platoon are in artillery positions at 20100248, closing at 0900 hours, ready to support

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fires of the 156 Field Artillery Battalion. Company "B", Third Platoon in artillery position at 23170418, closing at 0830 hours, ready to support fires of the 220 Field Artillery Battalion. Reconnaissance Company CP moved to 199021, closing at 0900 hours.

November 13 - Company "A", First and Third Platoons expended 435 rounds HE in support of fires of 146 Field Artillery Battalion. Guns moved to assembly area at 23800265, closing at 0900 hours. "B" Company, Third Platoon expended 375 rounds HE in support of fires of 220 Field Artillery Battalion. Platoon moved into position at 24900540, closing at 1430 hours. Company "C", First and Second Platoons have moved into indirect fire positions vacated by Platoons of "A" and "B" Company at 23170418 and 20100248 respectively, closing at 1700 hours. They are in support of 156 Field Artillery and 220 Field Artillery Battalions.

November 14 - Company "A", Third Platoon, moved to vicinity of 25560450 at 0645 hours to support attack of 71st Infantry. Guns returned to assembly area at 23800265 at 1730 hours. One section of First Platoon in indirect fire position with Second Platoon of Company "C" at 20100248, closing at 1500 hours. Company "C", First and Second Platoons expended 562 rounds HE indirect fire in support of 156 Field Artillery Battalion and 220 Field Artillery Battalion. Company "C" CP moved to 204025, closing at 1450. Reconnaissance Company, CP moved to 238041, closing at 1840 hours.

November 15 - Company "A" in direct support of attack of 114 Infantry at 0720 hours. Company "A" continued to support 114 Infantry until objective was seized at 287053 at 1445 hours. Company "A" then reverted to direct support of 71st Infantry. No change in platoon dispositions of Company "A" except one

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section of Third Platoon at 2504. Reconnaissance was made for the preparation of relieving guns of Company "A" in the vicinity of 251040 or 253036. Company "C" in support of 71st Infantry while Company "A" was in support of 114th Infantry; Second Platoon returned to original artillery position at 1500 hours.

November 16 - Company "A", First and Third Platoons in Leintrey (267031) completing movement at daylight. Company "A" CP in Leintrey (266032) closing at 1130 hours. Company "C", First and Second Platoons in position at 253044 and 249041, completing movement at daylight. Third Platoon moved from vicinity of Domjevin to 247042, closing at 1500 hours. Company "C" CP at Embermenil (235039) closing at 1400 hours. First and Second Platoons expended 488 rounds HE indirect fire in support of 156 Field Artillery Battalion and 220 Field Artillery before moving to present positions.

November 17 - Company "A" Platoons advanced in support of 71st Infantry. Company "B" Platoons advanced in support of 324th Infantry. Company "C", Third Platoon moved into forward position at 1615 hours at 287030. Battalion CP moved to Leintrey (266032) closing at 1400 hours.

November 18 - Company "A" First Platoon in position vicinity 278028, Third Platoon in position vicinity 295037 supporting infantry which attacked Amenoncourt then moved to 298038, First Platoon then moved into Third Platoons old position (295037), Second Platoon moved from 242028 to First Platoons Position, Third Platoon shelled (direct fire) enemy infantry then moved to position they shelled and overran A/T gun (75 MM or 88 MM chassis) vicinity 307038 taking 12 prisoners. After the tanks (friendly) came through Amenoncourt, First Platoon moved down to 305038 and moved with tanks to 317043 from which they shelled points in Igney, results undertermined due to fire and smoke, Second Platoon then moved to 245035 established road block on road leading to Antrepierre. Company "A" 1st and 3rd platoons advanced to 347035 and 2nd platoon to 323041 in support of

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71st Infantry. Company CP moved to Amenoncourt (303036) closing at 1600 hours. Company "B" advanced in support of 324th Infantry, First and Third Platoons at Rechicourt (344076) and Second Platoon at 292067. Company CP moved to Avricourt (316059), closing at 1130 hours. Company "C", Third Platoon moved to 305034 at 1000 hours. Second Platoon attached to 106 Cavalry Group as of 1200 hours and moved to Remoncourt at 1230 hours, platoon then moved into more suitable positions to cover left flank at 285080. Reconnaissance Company CP moved to Remoncourt (265073) closing at 0930 hours, platoons are operating with "A", "B", "C" Co's, one platoon with each Company. The platoons continue to furnish security and reconnaissance in the advance of the firing companies. Sections of the Pioneer Platoon are attached to each Reconnaissance Platoon for minesweeping.

November 19 - Company "A", First and Third Platoons knocked out 3 MG nests in concrete emplacements at 344029 enabling the Infantry to take hill at 346031, Third platoon working with the tanks covered Infantry by fire as they attacked hill 355 (365035), Second Platoon remained in Igney in reserve. Company "A" advanced as follows: First Platoon at 354047, Second Platoon at 407058, Third Platoon at 425077. Company "B", 1st Platoon advancing in direction of Avricourt in support of "C" Company 749th Tank Battalion and knocked out 4 enemy MG nests in the vicinity of Avicourt including 25 enemy killed and 100 PW taken. No change in Second Platoon, Third Platoon moved into Avricourt at 0800 hours and then moved out at 1400 hours with tanks of the 749th Tank Battalion to high ground East of Avricourt. Company "B" continued advance supporting 324th Infantry. First and Second Platoons moved into Rechicourt (324078), Third Platoon supporting tanks moved from Rechicourt at 0800 hours to 384072. Company "C", First Platoon moved from reserve position near Embermenil to position with Third Platoon at 305030 at 0730 hours (flank guard). Second Platoon moved from

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343078 to 358075 where they were divided into two sections - one section going up road with mission of assisting 106th Cavalry in securing bridges at Gonder-exchange and one section (384067) going down road toward Saint Georges. One section with "A" troop 106 Cavalry and one section with "C" troop 106 Cavalry: at 1600 hours section with "C" Troop moved to 388098 and expended 33 rounds HE and 13 rounds APC at suspected Tank foot troops and general purpose vehicles on road leading North out of Hertzing, results unknown due to visibility, section with "A" Troop advanced to 400065 at 1600 hours and to 418084 at 1730 hours. Company CP moved to 316055 closing at 1030 hours. Reconnaissance Company platoons continue to support firing Companies furnishing security and reconnaissance. Company CP at 380060, closing at 1600 hours. Reconnaissance platoons will now protect right flank of 71st Infantry furnishing road blocks and listening posts. Battalion CP moved to Avricourt 317061, closing at 1400 hours.

November 20 - By direct fire the Second and Third Platoons destroyed one German truck, 3 horse drawn artillery pieces and inflicted an estimated 60 casualties on the enemy. Artillery pieces destroyed at 438076 and truck at 427097. "A" Company continues to support 71st Infantry and advanced as follows: All Platoons at 482147. "A" Company CP at 457128.

November 21 - All three platoons "A" Company worked with one Company of 749th Tank Battalion. From firing positions overlooking Sarrebourg from 481148 the platoons fired 30 rounds HE at targets to the SE. Both concrete piercing and HE delayed were used at an old concrete pillbox which was destroyed at 502145. Other targets included houses in which the enemy was located. 13 PW's were taken from houses at 49051530 by the 1st Platoon. "A" Company CP and platoons vicinity Sarrebourg (504156). Second Platoon advanced to cover cross-roads at 515159 and then returned to 504156 at dusk. Company CP and platoons

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at Heming (434107). Will continue to support 324th Infantry. Company "C" attached to 106th Cavalry Group.

November 22 - Company "A" moved from Sarrebourg to Brouviller at 1015 hours. On orders from 114th Infantry they remained in same position all day. "B" Company supported the 324th Infantry. "C" Company supported the 106th Cavalry Group. "C" Company, Second Platoon expended 5 rounds HE from position between Hellering and Kirrberg at a group of enemy personnel at a range of 1000 yards. Estimated enemy casualties 10. Nine rounds HE were fired into houses at Kirrberg to cover advance of Reconnaissance troops into the town. Reconnaissance Company moved to the vicinity of 610272, closing at 1400 hours. Will be prepared to assist Company "C" in their advance with the 106 Cavalry Group. Rear Echelon moved to Sarrebourg (508160).

November 23 - Company "A" moved at dawn to Vesheim (628218). On 114th Infantry order and Battalion order "A" Company moving from Vesheim to take up A/T positions at Schoenbourg, the sector of responsibility being from 646265 to 665265. "B" Company continuing support of 324th Infantry advanced to Dossenheim 748225. In their advance one M-36 of the Second Platoon was hit by enemy tank fire (88 MM) at 0930 hours, in the vicinity of 682233, the M-36 was damaged to the extent that no repairs can be made. In the same vicinity the Second Platoon destroyed the following enemy materiel by direct fire: 6 A/T guns, 12 General purpose vehicles, 4-105 MM horse drawn artillery pieces, 4-75 MM horse drawn artillery pieces, 6 mortars, 12 horses and 13 PW's were taken. Company "C", a section of the Second Platoon at Postroff (520282) knocked out by direct fire a MG nest, a towed A/T gun (88 MM) and 6 light artillery pieces in the advance on Postroff. Reconnaissance Company has one platoon at 640290 and one platoon at 600300. Company CP remained at Siewiller (610272).

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November 24 - 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion with one Company 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached displaced to A/T positions to protect the Division left flank when the enemy had counterattacked from the North in vicinity of Postroff, Baerendorf, Hirschlard and Aeyer. "A" Company moved one section of 1st Platoon to 577243 and one section to 577257, Second Platoon moved to 615268, Third Platoon moved to 523233 SW of Rauwiller and at 1700 hours moved to 588256. Third Platoon fired 87 rounds HE into Rauwiller after enemy had occupied the town. Details of firing unknown. Company CP vicinity Metting (614238). "B" Company moved 6 guns from vicinity of Dossenheim to an assembly position vicinity 615268, arriving at 0700 hours and prepared to commit them in the event that the enemy would attack to the South in that sector. The guns have moved back to Dossenheim at 1500 hours where the remainder of the Company and CP are located. Company "C" supporting the 106 Cavalry Group moved 1st Platoon from vicinity 644338 to Ottwiller (629298), Second Platoon one section at 600300, one section at 655261, Third Platoon one section at 623312, one section at 600300. The 1st Platoon is now back in position at 644338. Reconnaissance Company continues to maintain contact with 106 Cavalry Group with one platoon at 640290 and one section at 630235. Remainder of Company in vicinity of Siewiller (614272). A 1/4 ton Reconnaissance Company hit friendly mines at 618267 at approximately 0200 hours. Both occupants of car were killed.

November 25 - Company "A" complete results of firing and action as follows: Enemy began attack at 0630 hours. First Platoon knocked out 3 Mark V Tanks from their position at 577258, one of these tanks burned and the crew killed. The Third Platoon from their position at 588254 knocked out 4 tanks (estimated Mark V's) at a range of 1500 yards at 577257. Third Platoon was also credited by Infantry with a German Tank (Mark V) knocked out in Rauwiller at 1530 hours 24

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November. One enemy half-track knocked out in vicinity of 567268 at 0700 hours by Third Platoon. Company "B" - 1st and 2nd Platoons alerted for movement to an assembly area at Metting (614238) to assist in repulsing any armored attack made by the enemy. Platoons closed in position at 1745 hours. Third platoon of Company will remain at Dossenheim in support of 324th Infantry. Company "C" continues to support 106th Cavalry Group. According to a late report from Company "C" as of 1800 hours 23 November 1944 1st Platoon captured a German civilian vehicle carrying 4 enemy personnel and 1 nurse in the vicinity of Tieffenbach (642339). Second Platoon knocked out an enemy SP gun North of Postroff. Reconnaissance Company continues to maintain contact with 106th Cavalry Group.

November 26 - "B" Company 1st and 2nd Platoons closed in area vicinity of Lixheim at 2330 hours to prepare for attack on Rauwiller at 0730 hours. Platoons were ordered back to former positions at Dossenheim at 0800 hours. Platoons are in defensive positions supporting the 324th Infantry. Reconnaissance Company moved to Dossenheim (755228) closing at 1230 hours. Reconnaissance Platoons are displaced with platoons of "B" Company and will furnish security.

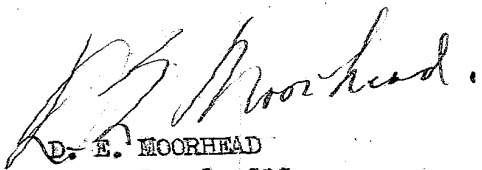
November 27 - Company "A" 2nd Platoon occupied position vacated by 2nd Platoon of Company "C" 645th T. D. Bn., at 1005 hours, one section at 537238, one section at 544238. 645th TD is now detached from the Battalion. Company "B" attached to 106th Cavalry Group as of 1045 hours and moved out from positions N and E of Dossenheim at 1300 hours. Company "C" 1st Platoon, one section in position at Struth (647326) considerable enemy activity observed in vicinity of Tieffenbach (643343), observed 3 armored cars moving into Tieffenbach from the North. Reconnaissance Company will maintain contact with 121st Cavalry and prepare to screen right flank of 114th Infantry.

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November 28 - Company "A" moved to positions in the vicinity N and E of Postroff in supporting a task force and closing at 0815 hours. Company "B" detached from 106th Cavalry Group with the exception of 2nd Platoon, moved to an assembly area at Schalbach (583247) closing at 1530 hours. Platoons prepared to assist "A" Company on call. "B" Company CP at Schalbach. Company "C" supporting 114th Infantry. Reconnaissance Company moved to La Petite Pierre (696293), closing at 1540 hours. Platoons are maintaining contact with 121st Cavalry and furnishing a screen on right flank of 114th Infantry.

November 29 - Company "B" 2nd Platoon relieved from 106th Cavalry Group and moved to 600300, closing at 1200 hours.

November 30 - Today the 776th T. D. Battalion completed its 400th day of front line combat. The Battalion participated in the North African Campaign, came to Italy D plus 5 and participated in all crossings of the Volturno River, the Cassino Battles, the breakthrough to Rome and continued to the Arno River. The Battalion arrived in France D plus 48. "B" Company CP moved to 599298, closing at 1045 hours. "C" Company at 1345 hours - 2nd Platoon in position at Tiffenbach with one section at 647342, one section at 639343, platoon is covering road-junctions and approaches to the town. Reconnaissance Company no change. Rear Echelon at 624192 Mittlebronn, closing at 1030 hours. Battalion CP at 600300 Drulingen, closing at 1130 hours.


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