

No. 776th TMS  
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Maps: ITALY - Scale 1/50000 - Sheets 172 I, II, III, IV.

1. Omitted.

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3. a. Co's "A" "B" "C" will remain in their present locations and report to Bn control when 175th, 125th and 151st FA Bn's displace forward.  
b. Data for the enclosed concentrations will be computed immediately upon receipt of this overlay.

c. Bn mission: General support

4. a. Div Arty wire to present FA Bn's will be used. If wire is not satisfactory, immediate radio communication will be employed. If radio communications are unsatisfactory relay stations will be sent out by fixing Co's.

5. Yellow smoke will be used by Infantry to designate front lines.

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MAPS: ITALY 1/50,000, ESGS 4229, sheets 161-II, 161-III, 172-I and 172-IV

1. a. Enemy situation --

-- No contact with the enemy. Scattered small hostile elements have been reported on high ground W of the LENA RIVER. Enemy strength not believed S of the line PRATELLA - SAMMELLA (17-14) - Hill 283 (15.9 - 13.5) - Hill 640 (12.8 - 12.5); enemy SPZ probably S of this line.

b. Friendly Troops --

-- 504th PIR REGT, 82nd A/B DIV passes around the 34th DIV R flank and occupies position vic of VALLE ASINCOLA -- advances to the NW through LENTINO and CALIO to maintain contact between Eighth and Fifth Armies.

-- 45th DIV passes around 34th DIV L flank and advances to the NW and crosses the VOLturno S of VENAFRO.

2. a. 34th DIV with two regts abreast continues the adv N and NW astride the PRATELLA - PRATA - CAVILLI road, seizes high ground vic of (13.0-17.0) and prepares to cross VOLturno River S of VENAFRO.

3. a. 135th INF --

-- Adv N and NW, E of PRATELLA - CAVILLI road.

b. 133rd INF

-- Adv N and NW, W of PRATELLA - CAVILLI road.

c. 776th TD BN --

-- Co A attached to 175 Groupment (Supports adv of DIV).

-- Co B attached to 125 Groupment (Supports adv of DIV).

-- Co C attached to 151 Groupment (Supports adv of DIV).

-- Co Recon will move to bivouac area in vic of NAVIGANINI on order from this HQs.

-- Rear Ech will move to bivouac area in vicinity of NAVIGANINI on order from this HQs.

E. (1) The following list of vehicles will be used in the forward areas:

-- Five (5) ½ ton 4 x 4 per firing Co.

-- Twelve (12) H 10's per firing Co.

-- Five (5) half-tracks per firing Co.

-- Minimum of communication vehicles per firing Co.

-- Remainder of vehicles from each Co will be sent back to the Rear Ech and remain there until released.

(2) All traffic on the MAIA - PRATELLA road will be held to an absolute minimum. Co Com will be held directly responsible to see that no unnecessary vehicles are used.

(3) All movements of supplies, Ammunition, gas, etc. will be cleared thru Bn S-3.

(4) Co Com will warn their Co that US Paratroopers are active in this vicinity and that their uniforms are similar in color to the enemy.

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Field Order

Number 13

776th T. D. Bn.  
In the Field  
5 October, 1943  
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1. Commanding Officer Reconnaissance Company will immediately contact the 34th Division Reconnaissance Company Commander and the Commanding Officer of the 168th Infantry and reconnoiter the route from ROCCARAVINDOLA in the direction of FORNELLI. This reconnaissance will be for the purpose of crossing the East fork of the Volturro river to enable MTOs to be moved to the vicinity of FORNELLI. Particular attention will be paid to the route indicated as an unimproved road running generally East and thence North from the town of MONTAQUILA to FORNELLI.

2. Close contact with the 504th Parachute Regiment and the 34th Division Reconnaissance Company will be maintained so that these destroyers may be moved to support the 504th at the earliest practicable time. Reports of reconnaissance will be made to this Headquarters.

3. Company Commanders Companies A, B, and C will initiate reconnaissance generally to the North with the selection of suitable firing positions both for direct and indirect fire or a combination of both with the least practicable movement.

a. Company "B" will be prepared to ford the Volturro and move to the support of the 504th parachute regiment on my orders. Guides for this movement will be furnished by Reconnaissance Company when so ordered.

b. Company "C" will initiate reconnaissance to the vicinity of point 12.5-26.6 for the purpose of selecting a position covering the valley to the North and Northeast against possible tank demonstrations.

c. Company "A" will institute reconnaissance to the vicinity East of ROCCARAVINDOLA for the purpose of protecting the valleys to the East and the North.

4. Routes to these positions will be reconnoitered and any necessary Pioneer work for movement to firing positions will be completed so that there is a minimum delay for movement when so ordered.

5. Special attention by all personnel must be paid for mines along the Volturro, both Teller, Italian wooden box, Personnel mines, and Booby traps, as the entire area is heavily mined and heavily booby trapped. This includes probably fording places and especially the opposite bank of the river. It is directed that this information be personally given to every man in the Command.

JAMES P. BARNEY, JR.  
Lt. Colonel, F. A.  
Commanding

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TIME TO BE  
PLACED: 0700Z  
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Map: ITALY - Scale 1/50,000 - Sheets 160-II, 160-I.

1. Co "P" will replace Co "A" on its assigned mission to 2nd Bn 13 AB. CO will contact Col. Zimmerman and furnish liaison officer to 2nd Bn 13 AB; also pick up radio crystals (radio 13 AB) from Co "P".
2. Co "P" will continue present assigned mission with 723 Funk Pln. CO will call in liaison officer from 2nd Bn 13 AB and continue liaison with 723 Funk Pln. When second phase of plan starts, cover left flank of armored attack group ordered to follow 77th ID Pln. CO will turn over 2nd Bn 13 AB radio crystals to Co "P".
3. Co "P" will maintain positions, prepare to move to new positions near 0900Z to cover advance of Co "P" with 2nd Bn 13 AB on orders of 2d Bn CO.

JAMES P. RANNEY JR.  
1st. Lieutenant, PA

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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO #464

6 April 1944

SUBJECT: March Order

TO : All Companies & Medical Detachment

1. This Bn will move to new bivouac area tomorrow, 7 April 1944. Serial Number of convoy is # 5 A S 91, this number will be placed on the front and rear of all vehicles.

2. I.P. - R.J. of Hwy's 6 and 7.

3. Rate of speed for march will be 12 m.p.h. from present area to I.P.; thence to new area at 15 m.p.h.

4. Movement will be made in the following order:

a. Bn CP infiltrating by individual vehicles sometime during the morning, previous to movement of convoy.  
b. Recon Co will leave present area at 1045, reaching IP at 1100 hrs.  
c. Remainder of Bn will march in order -- "A", "B", "C", Hq & Medics, with 20 minutes interval between companies.

5. Paraplu tents will be taken to new area where they will be set up as the Company Commanders see fit.

6. Leading vehicles of each serial will carry blue flag.  
Last vehicle of each serial will carry red flag.

7. Kitchen trucks will infiltrate to the new area after serving breakfast in the morning, and be prepared to serve the noon meal upon arrival of their Companies.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel JAMES P. BARNEY JR.

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Capt., Cav.  
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52 716 TD FA  
522 FA  
150000 6 May 1944

PG NO 5.

MARS: ITALY, 1/25,000, Sheet 171-1 NW, SW & Sheet 171-27 NW.

1. A. See Intelligence Annex No 2, PG no. 4, 65 Inf Div, 3 May 44.

b. II Corps w II attack with 52 Inf Div on rd 55 Inf Div on left and capture CS MARTINO, S RISIO, S MELLA and RAVANO. It will continue the advance to the West on Corps orders.

2. a. 65 Inf Div

Attack: 756 FA FA  
776 TD FA  
22 Cal Wmn Co  
602 FA FA (75 M)  
5 Milia Cp (Rheb)

Will att in assigned zone, seize and hold that part of 40° X 1000 within zone and CS MARTINO. It will protect the left flank of the Corps, and deny to the enemy the use of the 1000m x 1000m road in its front. It will expand the Div Div, prepare for strong enemy counterattack and be prepared to continue the advance in its zone.

3. a. 339 Inf with 1 Co, 2d Cal Wmn Co attached, will att in assigned zone, capture CS RISIO and that part of 40° X 1000 within zone in its zone.

b. 339 Inf with 1st Co 337 Inf and 3 Co, 2d Cal Wmn Co attached will att in assigned zone, capture CS MARTINO, high ground 1700 yards N of RAVANO and will capture the town of SCORRI.

c. 337 Inf (less 1st Co). In Div Reserve.

d. 52 Div Arty with 602 FA FA (75 M) and 776 TD FA, attack, will support the att from positions shown overlay. It will be prepared to mass fires on S RISIO, SCORRI, CASTELLOMARE, or CS MARTINO, and to smoke CASTELLOMARE and SCORRI on call. It will be prepared to assist in repelling enemy counterattack (including T-3 atts).

e. 510 FA FA will close and open fire for vehicles traffic the roads shown on overlay (75 M, 4, 55 Inf Div).

f. 55 Inf Div will continue present mission of guarding coast 1000.

g. 52 Cal Wmn Co (4) from its positions will be prepared to cover the 3 slopes of S RISIO and support the att by reinforcing fires on call.

h. 756 FA FA will support the att by direct and indirect fire.

L. 52 716 FA with one Co N of the 4000m in support of attack of 339 Inf. Two Co's S of the 4000m in indirect fire positions.

(1) Co A will select and prepare all positions to cover the Div front from armored threat. Co B will reconnoiter for covered routes and positions and inform all respective gun commanders of the locations and most expedient way of occupying these positions. He will place two destroyers as far forward as possible on Hwy 7 to support the advance of elements of 339 Inf. He will place at least two destroyers at (761932)

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(FM No. 5; FM 776 TO Bn. 6 May 1st Cont'd)

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to cover any armored threat down the beach from SCAMM. Right destroyers will be in cover positions to prepare to move forward and to cover any armored threat from positions previously assigned. US Co A or M Co will be with the Reg Co of 339 Inf on D Day 1 Hour.

(2) B and C Co will support the att by indirect fire on N SCAMM and interdiction fire on May 7 in vic of SCAMM and 2nd Landing from May 7 to vic of N SCAMM.

(3) B and C Co and remainder of A Co will prepare their positions and will move to occupy these positions under the cover of darkness the day before D Day.

- (a) March Order will be issued as a later date
- (b) Radios for four days will be carried in all vehicles.

b. a. Communications - Complete radio silence will be maintained until D Day 1 Hour which will be announced by fire.

b. Radio communication will be used primarily and wire still be used when possible.

5. Location of Bn CP on D Day will be (834 879)

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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
AFG #164

May 1944

SUBJECT: March Orders

To: C Company "A"

1. The remainder of Co "A" (six (6) M 10's, two (2) half-tracks, and one (1) jeep) will leave the bivouac at 2300 hours on the night of 8 May 1944.
2. Head of column will arrive at RJ 56200 at 0100 hours, 9 May, and will arrive at the bridge crossing the Dordogne at 0300 hours.
3. Rate of speed on march will be 15 m.p.h.

By order of Major WILLIAM G. STRAIN Jr.

WILLIAM G. STRAIN  
Captain, Cav.  
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APO #464

March Order Night of 10-11 May 1944

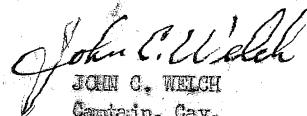
Serial No.	Composed Of	IP-TCP 3 123853	RJ 7 & 722 078860	TCP 5 029833	RJ 714 & 722 001757	MONDAGONE 910791	RJ 714A 878842	Vehicles
1	C.P. Group	2252	2302	2315	2328	0010	2035	15
2	" <del>B</del> <sup>A</sup> Co	2307	2317	2330	2343	0025	0050	20
3	" <del>C</del> <sup>B</sup> Co	2322	2332	2345	2358	0040	0105	20
4	Recon Co	2350	2400	0013	0028	---	---	15
5	Recon Co	0005	0015	0028	0043	---	---	15
6	Hq Co	0020	0030	0043	0058	---	---	20
7	Hq Co	0035	0045	0058	0113	---	---	20
8	Hq Co	0105	0115	0128	0143	---	---	20
9	Hq Co	0120	0130	0143	0158	---	---	20

Total Vehicles 165

1. Vehicles will be chalk marked with respective serial and convoy number.  
Serial's 1, 2, and 3 (II 4 N 1 0 2)  
Serial's 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (II 4 N 1 0 6)
2. Leading vehicles of each serial will leave the bivouac area fifteen (15) minutes prior to time scheduled for reaching I.P.
3. T-2 maintenance vehicles will travel at the rear of Serial No. 9.
4. Total blackout will be observed for Serial's 1, 2, and 3 from RJ 714 A to destination.
5. Speed enroute will average from twelve (12) to fifteen (15) m.p.h. Distance between vehicles will be fifty (50) yards.
6. Lead vehicles of each serial will carry a blue flag. Last vehicle of convoy will carry a green flag.

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By Order Of WILLIAM C. SHIRLEY JR., Major

  
 JOHN C. WELCH  
 Captain, Cav.  
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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
AFG #464

11 June, 1944

SUBJECT: MARCH ORDER to assembly Area vic OG14, 12 June 1944.

TO : All Companies

1. Order of March - Co "A" "C" "B", Bn CP and Hq Co, Recon.
2. IP -- 523101.
3. There will be five (5) march units composed as follows: I with five (5) minute interval between Companies; distance between vehicles will be fifty (50) yards; rate of march - 10 - 11 m.p.h. governed by lead vehicle.
4. Lead vehicle of Co "A" will reach IP at 1100 hrs.
5. Route of march - RONCIGLIONE, CAPRINICA, via Hwy 2 to VETRIELLA, advance via Hwy 1 bis to jct Hwy 1 and Hwy 1 bis, thence N to vic OG14 (see overlay).
6. Recon Co will furnish route markers and quartering party, and will meet Captain Ferguson at IP (523101), 0830 hrs 12 June.

By Order of the Commanding Officer:

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1st Lt. GMP,  
Acting S-3

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HEADQUAR. S 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO #464

18 June 1944

SUBJECT: March Order

TO : All Units

1. Bn will march in the following order to assembly area vic GROSSETO  
(645654) commencing at 1100 hrs 19 June 1944:

Co "A" -- Two (2) serials -- 1 & 2.  
Co "B" -- Two (2) serials -- 3 & 4.  
Co "C" -- Two (2) serials -- 5 & 6.  
Hq Co & CP Gr -- Two (2) serials -- 7 & 8.  
Recon Co -- Two (2) serials -- 9 & 10.

2. I.P. -- Jet of road leading into present Bn area and Hwy 1. Lead vehicle of Co "A" will reach IP at 1100 hrs, TGP A at 1120 hrs, TGP B at 1320 hrs, assembly area at 1440 hrs. Route of march will be Hwy 1 to destination. Route markers will mark route only in the vic of GROSSETO at which time the Bn will leave Hwy 1 to enter assembly area. Drivers will be notified of above.

3. Time between head of first serial and head of second serial will be fifteen (15) minutes, and the same will govern remaining serials. Interval between vehicles -- 50 yds -- speed -- 15 m.p.h.

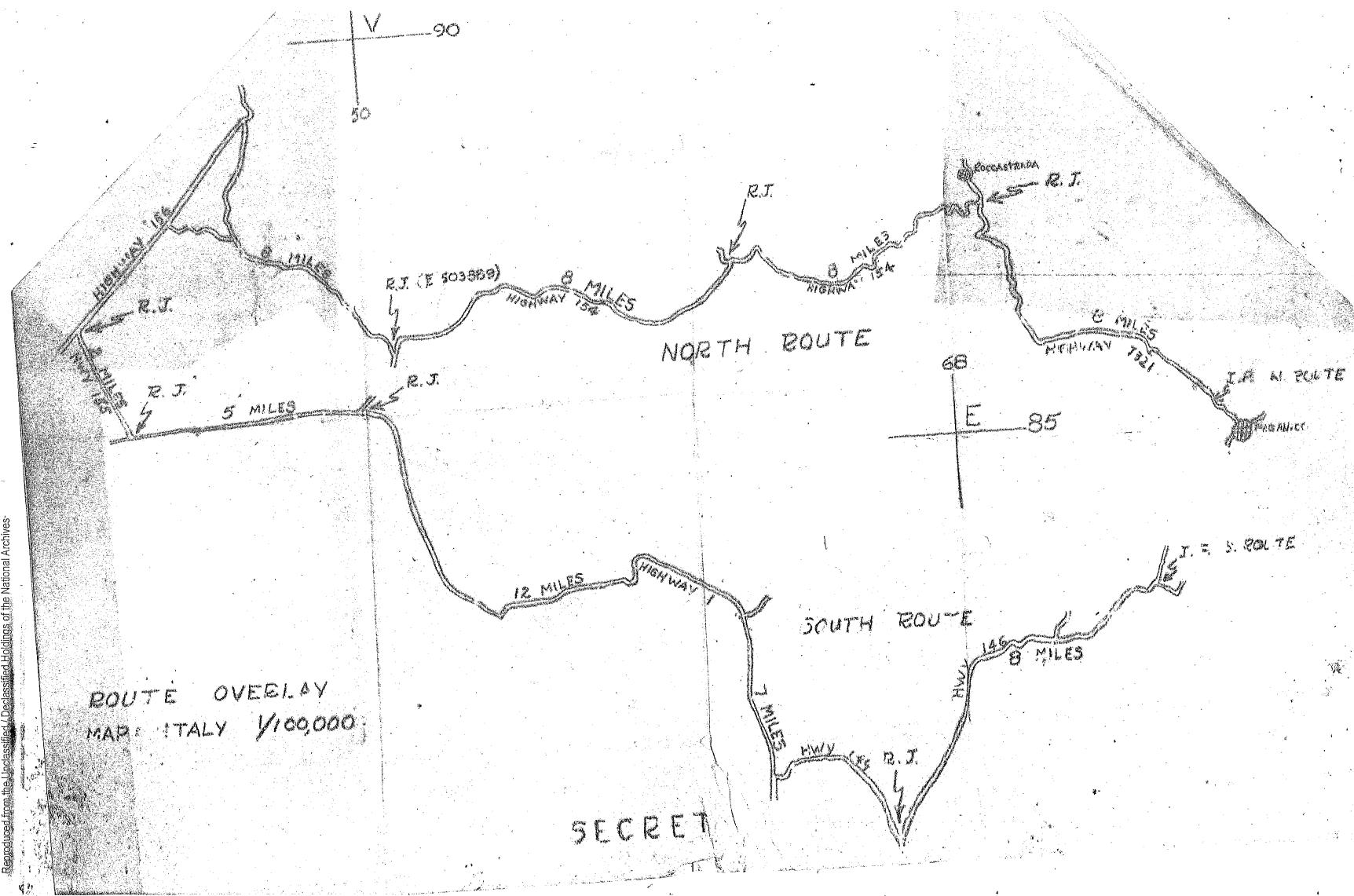
4. Convoy No. IV 6 N 164 will be marked in chalk on all vehicles.

5. quartering parties from each Co will meet Lt. Vergano at dispatch tent at 0830 hrs 19 June.

By Order of the Commanding Officer:

JOHN C. WELCH  
Captain, Cav.  
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20 June 1944

SUBJECT: MARCH ORDER to Assembly Area Vicinity MASSA MARITIMA.

TO : CO's Co. "B" Reg

1. Order of March - CP Group / twelve (12) vehicles of Co "B"; balance of Co "B"; first half of Hq Co; 2nd half of Hq Co; 1st half of Rtn; 2nd half of Rtn.
2. IP -- Vic NW of PAGANICO as shown on overlay.
3. There will be six (6) march units. Each march unit will hit the IP at 0600 hrs; 0615 hrs; 0630 hrs; 0645 hrs; 0715 hrs; 0730 hrs; respectively. Head of CP Group will reach RD 7521-1540 at 0630 hrs and will reach 502-503 at 0730 hrs and destination at 0800 hrs.
4. Route of March -- see overlay.
5. Recon Co will furnish route markers.
6. Rate of march will be 15 m.p.h. Convoy No -- IV 5 N 242.
7. There will be 75-100 yards interval between vehicles; close adherence to time schedule; Corps CO desires strict convoy discipline.
8. Co "B" 19th Regt will be available with bulldozers if needed.

By Order of MAJOR COMMANDER:

LAWRENCE J. WILSON  
Captain, FA  
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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
A P O #464

15, August 1944

MARCH DATA: Co "A", 776th TD Bn w/ CT-7

MAPS: Map of Italy, 1/100,000.

1. Co "A", 776th TD Bn w/CT-7 will move on the night 15/16 August 1944 to assembly area. (Co Co "A" will contact CO CT-7 for time unit is to reach CT-7 IP.) Convoy No. II - 8N - 145. Route A.
2. Move will be made under blackout conditions (cat's eye only).
3. Guide speed - 10 MPH.
4. For routes of March (See overlay).

For the BATTALION COMMANDER:

ROWLAND R. MARTIN  
Major FA  
Executive

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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
ARO 464

15 August 1944

MARCH DATA: 776th TD Bn (-).

MAPS: Map of Italy, 1:200,000

1. 776th TD Bn (-) will move on the night 15/16 August 1944 to assembly area.
2. Move will be made under blackout conditions (Cat's eyes only).
3. Guide speed -- 10 MPH.
4. <sup>7</sup>or routes of march (See overlay).
5. Times are for Division IP as indicated on overlay.
6. (a). Co "B", 776th TD Bn - 1 March Group - Division IP  
Convoy Number II - 03 - 154, Route S, Group 1 - 2230.  
  
(b). 776th TD Bn (-) - 2 March Groups - Division IP -  
Convoy Number II - 03 - 152.  
Group 1 - HQ Co. -minus trains.  
Group 2 - 2d Co trains and HQ Co. Hq.
7. Route will be marked by Beacon Co.

For the BATTALION COMMANDER:

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HOWARD R. MARTIN  
Major RA  
Executive

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