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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AFO 464, U. S. Army

3 May 1944

OPERATIONS IN ITALY, APRIL 1944

The first of April found the Battalion in the 36th Infantry Division area near Maddaloni. Most of the work taking place in this area was maintenance and small arms and machine gun firing. All companies cleaned their vehicles and most of the vehicles were given a new coat of camouflage paint. As much entertainment as possible was furnished the men of the Battalion in the way of picture shows, live shows, passes, and mass athletics.

On April 3d the S-3 and S-1 went with the G-3 and a party from 36th Infantry Division to reconnoiter new positions for the Division and attached units. The area covered was in the vicinity of Trentola. Quartering parties were directed not to go out until sent by Division.

On April 8th the Division Commander presented Silver Stars to officers and men of this command at a Battalion review held in honor of the officers and men to be decorated. Those decorated were Lt Colonel VAN W. PYLAND, 2d Lt ALPHONSE J. BOYSA, Cpl JOHN L. COWAN, and Pvt CHESTER SCOTT.

During the afternoon of April 8th the S-3 and S-4 left for the vicinity of Avellino to select a new bivouac area. G-3, 36th Infantry Division, led the parties from the Division and attached units.

The Battalion began movement to the new area at 1245 April 9th. The final elements closed in the new area at 1700. The new Battalion bivouac area was located $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Celzi in the vicinity of 635505.

Battalion bivouac areas were improved and maintenance of vehicles was carried on April 10th and 11th. A Battalion training schedule was started on April 12th.

On April 12th the Battalion Commander, Lt Colonel VAN W. PYLAND, was transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot to await surface transportation to the United States. On April 13th Colonel JAMES C. FRY, was placed on TD with the Battalion, per Ltr Hqs, 36th Infantry Division, dtd 13 April 1944.

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During the period April 17th to 21st all firing companies conducted direct firing with 3 inch guns on a range selected by the S-3. Approximately 30 rounds per gun were used in this training. Individuals who had not fired small arms completed firing of these weapons.

On April 21st Colonel FRY was detached from this organization and sent to the 88th Division. Major DuBose became acting Battalion Commander.

All companies went through the gas chamber under the direction of Captain Kinnison. Staff Officers made an inspection of the companies on April 22d.

On April 25th the S-3, 36th Division Artillery, gave a class on observed and unobserved fire. Company Commanders and Executive Officers attended.

On April 26th the Acting Battalion Commander, S-3, and Reconnaissance Company Commander made a reconnaissance of firing positions for the Battalion on the II Corps front. The S-3 took the Company Commanders forward on April 28th and went over future positions with them. Since it was found that bull-dozers could not be used to dig the M-10's in plans were made for sending personnel forward to do the work.

During the morning of April 29th the Division Artillery sent artillery instruction teams to each one of the line companies. The Commanding General, Division Artillery, visited the Companies in the morning also. He watched a demonstration on the sub-caliber range at Company "B".

On April 30th the S-3, S-1, and Company Commander, Co "A", went forward to the gun positions to choose routes of approach and to discuss the camouflage problem with the 88th Division Camouflage Officer. Positions were chosen and passed on by the camouflage officer, Captain Rice.

Map Reference: Italy 1:50,000

Attached Annexes:

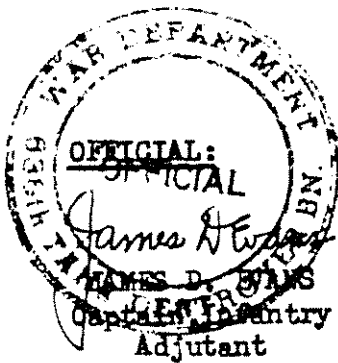
1. Copy of Unit Journal
2. Overlays of Positions
3. Personnel Casualties during period
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For the Battalion Commander:

James D Evans
JAMES D. EVANS
Captain, Infantry
Unit Historian



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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

	GRADE	ASN	DATE OF CASUALTY	TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
<u>COMPANY "A"</u>					
*INGRAM, HAROLD V.	Pvt 1 cl	35434336	28 Apr 44	Killed	Farmers, Kentucky

*Accidentally killed while Company "A" was on firing range. Soldier was killed when Company "A" was bringing an M-20 Armored Car from the firing range. The Armored Car ran over a mine, killing him instantly.

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MATERIEL DESTROYED OR DAMAGED
BY ENEMY ACTION

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Car, armored, utility, M-20	28 April 1944	Evacuated

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ENEMY CASUALTY REPORT

1. Total rounds of 3" ammunition expended during this period for training purposes was 2160 rounds.
2. Estimated enemy personnel killed: None.
3. Enemy materiel destroyed: None.

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 30 April 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RANK OR GRADE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
PYLAND, VAN W.	0-236089	Lt Col	Hq
PEARSON, ALEC P.	0-394225	Capt	Co "A"
GOULD, GLENN E.	0-1823729	1st Lt	Hq Co
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	0-1301601	1st Lt	Co "C"
COLE, WILLIAM H.	0-1703021	2d Lt	Co "C"
DODSON, ROBERT L.	0-2055900	2d Lt	Co "B"
MURPHY, RAYMOND G.	20802898	Stf Sgt	Co "C"
SPARKS, OSCAR G.	38035783	Stf Sgt	Co "B"
PATTERSON, ROBERT E.	38038542	Sgt	Co "C"
YOST, EDWIN A.	37146627	Sgt	Co "C"
BENTLEY, HESTER L.	34333328	Cpl	Co "C"
COWAN, JOHN L.	20817342	Cpl	Co "B"
JORDAN, JOSEPH H.	37163668	Cpl	Co "C"
LORANCE, CHARLES G.	20814658	Cpl	Co "C"
O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R.	35484581	Cpl	Co "C"
STERNER, KEMPS E.	13031240	Cpl	Co "C"
WELLBORN, JACK T.	38035985	Cpl	Co "C"
STEDMAN, G. D. (I.O.)	38177868	Tec 5	Co "C"
WARD, ROBERT G.	38039044	Tec 5	Co "C"
SMITH, ROY C.	37419335	Pvt 1 cl	Co "C"
STOKES, CLAUDE H.	38463151	Pvt 1 cl	Co "C"
STOKES, CLYDE T.	38463140	Pvt 1 cl	Co "C"
ANDERSON, ALBERT B.	32767048	Pvt	Co "B"
JOHNSON, ALVIN B. C.	20805648	Pvt	Co "C"
SCOTT, CHESTER (IEN)	39324290	Pvt	Co "C"

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 30 April 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action:

BRUECKNER, MORITZ F.	0-1168206	Capt	Co "C"
RAU, ROMAN J.	37163423	Cpl	Co "B"
DIETRICH, JOHN W.	38039700	Tec 5	Med Det
ANTOLIK, EMIL J.	33348166	Pvt	Co "C"
MONROE, VURGEL (NEN)	36419449	Pvt	Co "C"
SCHUMACHER, RAYMOND E.	37444040	Pvt	Co "C"

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
<u>Hq and Hq Company</u>				
DUBOSE, REAGAN L.	0-348064	Major	Inf	Actg Bn Comdr
CAMERON, OLIN W.	0-407591	Capt	Inf	Hq Co CO
DANZI, RICHARD A.	0-1822375	Capt	FA	S-3
EVANS, JAMES D.	0-1294639	Capt	Inf	S-1
FERGUSON, JAMES R.	0-418363	Capt	FA	S-4
KINNISON, PAUL (N&N)	0-344051	Capt	Inf	S-2
BROWN, STANLEY G.	0-1289038	1st Lt	Inf	Hq Co Ex O
GOULD, GLENN E.	0-1823729	1st Lt	FA	Ln O
HAUCK, HENRY G.	0-1822567	1st Lt	FA	Com O
STOFFEL, ROBERT L.	0-1168483	1st Lt	FA	Trans O
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C.	0-1171809	1st Lt	FA	Ln O
WHITE, ROY D.	0-403563	1st Lt	Inf	Ln O
WITTEN, GEORGE R.	0-1824263	1st Lt	FA	Motor O
*WADLEIGH, RICHARD R.	0-1823526	2d Lt	FA	Ass't S-2
TUCKER, JESSE F.	W-2131525	WOJG		Pers O
<u>Medical Detachment</u>				
BURKHART, JEAN M.	0-380858	Capt	MC	Bn Surgeon
<u>Reconnaissance Company</u>				
DOWNES, GEORGE W.	0-1288024	Capt	Inf	CO
BARRY, JOHN J.	0-1822942	1st Lt	FA	Pioneer O
GERRINGER, LINLEY W.	0-1168246	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
MC KEE, PAUL R.	0-1823909	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D.	0-1288125	1st Lt	Inf	Ex O
WALTER, WILLIAM F.	0-1824256	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
*PLOTKIN, MAURICE J.	0-1822451	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
*REINHARD, ALVIN F.	0-1823349	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
<u>Company "A"</u>				
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.	0-1168254	1st Lt	FA	CO
DAVIS, MORIS B.	0-1822376	1st Lt	Inf	Ex O
GOLDMAN, BERT M.	0-1168247	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
LONG, JAMES W.	0-1823173	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
*DUTTON, HAROLD G.	0-1823132	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
REEVES, WILLIAM M.	0-1703022	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

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Company "B"

BROWN, HENRY F.	0-1168187	Capt	FA	OO
GROOM, KENNETH G.	0-1824174	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
METZNER, ELMER J.	0-1168376	1st Lt	FA	Ex O
RECTOR, ELMO W.	0-1307167	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
DODSON, ROBERT L.	0-2055900	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
*TEMPLE, JOHN M.	0-1316468	2d Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
WRIGHT, WILLIAM E.	0-1703006	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

Company "C"

BRUECKNER, MORITZ F.	0-1168190	Capt	FA	OO
DRISCOLL, EUGENE J.	0-1175104	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	0-1301601	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
GROMMET, GEORGE F.	0-462575	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
ZIEGLER, MAURICE S.	0-1168535	1st Lt	FA	Ex O
COLE, WILLIAM H.	0-1703021	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
*HESS, GEORGE M.	0-1824314	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

* Officers attached for Temporary Duty from Personnel Center #6.

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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

APO 464, U. S. Army
6 June 1944

Subject: Transmittal of Records.

To : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U. S. Army.

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Letter, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 20 April 1943, file AG 314.7/389 C-M, Subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, transmitted herewith Operations in Italy, May 1944 of this Battalion.

2. Conclusions:

There has been some discussion about the most efficient employment of Tank Destroyer units. It is the opinion of some that they do their best work when attached to the forward infantry units, while others feel that it is generally better to leave them under battalion control with orders to support the infantry units in the assault as better coordination and organization for a general Division Anti-tank Plan can thus be effected. Either manner of employment can, of course, be successful depending on the particular commanders involved. Because the manner of handling units varies considerably with the personalities of the commanders, it is my thought that, except under unusual circumstances, it is generally better to leave the units of the tank destroyer battalion under battalion control and assign the various supporting missions to the Battalion. My reasons for this statement are as follows:

1. Liaison can still be maintained with the forward infantry unit and all missions it desires accomplished can be transmitted to the destroyer unit just as quickly as though the destroyer company were attached. The Infantry Battalion or Regimental Commander does not have to bother with details of selecting positions or directing how the job is to be performed and the Destroyer Company or Battalion Commander, having given their entire attention to the problems of tank destroyer employment, are left free to select positions and to do their work in the manner which they feel is best for the employment of the tank destroyer unit.

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2. The Tank Destroyer Battalion Commander, working closely with the G-3 and G-2 of the Division, is more acquainted with the armored threats throughout the entire Division area and can thereby better plan for emergencies which may threaten the Division from various sectors and have the greatest possible force of destroyers at the Commanding General's disposal at the place they are needed when an armored threat develops.

Reagan L. Dubose
REAGAN L. DUBOSE
Major, Infantry
Commanding

- 1 Incl:
Narrative of Operations for the month
of May 1944, with attached annexes.

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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 464, U. S. Army

4 June 1944

OPERATIONS IN ITALY, MAY 1944

The first of the month found the Battalion in the vicinity of Celzi in bivouac positions in the 36th Infantry Division bivouac area.

1st Lt Roy D. White, O-403563, led a party to the II Corps front for the purpose of preparing emplacements for the M-10's. Company security sections with an officer from each company were used to do this work. The Battalion also carried out a training schedule and Company "C" fired on the 3 inch gun range.

Word was received that one of the men working at the front had been killed from the explosion of an enemy mine. Confirmed reports were received later that Tec 5 Herman D. McWhorter, 38060473, was the soldier killed.

On May 2d the Battalion was attached to the 6th Field Artillery Group for operations and would continue to do administration through the 36th Infantry Division.

The Battalion was alerted on 3 May for possible movement to a new bivouac area. Staff Officers and Company Commanders held a meeting to plan the movement and discuss plans for the coming operation.

On 4 May the Battalion began movement to the new area near Aversa at 0700. The last elements closed into the area at 1045. In the afternoon the Battalion Commander held a meeting of the Staff and the Company Commanders to give more information concerning the coming operation. Company Commanders were requested to submit to the S-3 the sectors of fire that could be obtained from the Destroyer positions. The S-3 made a final check of forward positions to check on construction and camouflage. The Battalion Commander visited the 6th Field Artillery Group Headquarters to discuss plans for the coming operation.

During the afternoon of 6 May a Tank Destroyer Group Commander from Ireland visited the CP to gather information concerning the past experiences of the Battalion which would be help to Tank Destroyer Battalions who have not yet been committed.

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Captain Paul Kinnison, O-344051, and three enlisted men of this organization left for the 7th Personnel Center on 7 May to await rotation to the United States.

On 8 May the Battalion spent the day making plans for forward displacement. The Battalion began its movement forward at 1940 and by 2335 all units were closed into the previously prepared positions. The Battalion Command Post was established at 878942. The Company security sections, service train, and S-1 remained in the rear bivouac area.

Company "A" of the Battalion was informed by the S-3 that on the night of 10 May it would be used for roving fire missions. The Company Commander of Company "A" received information for the fire missions from the 59th Armored Field Artillery. The Company Commander of Co "A" reported to the Battalion Command Post on the morning of 11 May that his fire missions had been successfully completed.

During the time the Battalion was in forward positions the S-4 and S-1 along with three officers of the Battalion who had been appointed TQM's made plans to move the Battalion by ship. All stowage plans for the Battalion's vehicles and personnel rosters were made up in preparation for the movement. The Battalion Commander attended a meeting at 36th Division Headquarters on 11 May to get the situation and any plans that the Division had for future operations.

The Battalion began firing its first missions on the II Corps front at 112300 May. Upon completion of this mission the Battalion had expended 1728 rounds of three inch ammunition.

Our Liaison Officer to the 6th Field Artillery Group called on the morning of 12 May and gave the S-2 the situation which was passed down to the companies. During the day the Liaison Officer reported the situation and the no fire line. Several missions were fired for the 6th Field Artillery Group and certain missions were assigned for 13 May.

On 14 May the S-3 called and requested that an officer representative from each company meet him at the Command Post to go forward to reconnoiter new gun positions. The positions in mind were the ones that had been used by the 6th Field Artillery Group. The Liaison Officer called in new no fire lines during the day.

We were notified by the 6th Field Artillery Group on 15 May that the Battalion would not fire unless given clearance by them. Later in the morning the 6th Field Artillery Group called the Battalion Commander to inform him that the Battalion would be attached to the 85th Division.

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The Battalion Commander immediately dispatched a message to the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, of this proposed change. The Battalion Commander and the S-3 then visited the 85th Division Artillery Headquarters at Minturno. The S-1 and S-4 checked at II Corps to get the status of the Battalion and found that the attachment to the 85th Division was erroneous. We were still attached to the 6th Field Artillery Group and would remain in the present positions until ordered to move. At 2115 the Commanding General, 36th Division Artillery, called the Battalion Commander and informed him that the Battalion would move to its bivouac area in the vicinity of Qualiano. The Battalion started movement at 2330 and closed into the bivouac area at 160321 May. On the afternoon of 17 May the Chief of Staff, 36th Infantry Division, called and stated that the Battalion was again attached to the 36th Infantry Division. The Battalion Commander and staff made plans during the day for any movement by water that we might be asked to make.

On May 18 at 1116 the Chief of Staff, 36th Infantry Division, called and stated that one of the Battalion's ships would be loaded that afternoon and that the vehicles would leave the Battalion area at 1430. The ship, planned for 1st Lt Elmer J. Metzner, O-1168376, to load, was the one chosen by the Battalion Commander to leave first. Immediately upon arriving at the Texas Staging area the vehicles were loaded. Certain advance parties from the Division were also loaded on the boat. This ship sailed at 2045 and reached the Anzio Beachhead at 190740 May. The vehicles were taken to an assembly area and the S-4 and S-1 reconnoitered for a bivouac area. The remainder of the Battalion cleared the area at 1900 and the last elements closed into the Texas Staging area at 182130 May. The last two boats were loaded on the afternoon of 19 May and arrived at the Anzio Beachhead at 201030 May. Vehicles were moved immediately to the Battalion bivouac area upon unloading.

An order by VI Corps, dated 19 May, attached Co "B" to the 1st Armored Division. Upon contacting them the Company Commander was attached to the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion for future operations. On the same order Company "A" was attached to the 3d Infantry Division and then assigned to the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion. Both of these Companies were moved to the vicinity of the respective Battalions they were attached to and were told that they would remain there on a reserve status.

On 22 May the S-3 called Company "B" and informed Captain Henry P. Brown, O-1168187, that the 13th Armored Regiment had requested a liaison officer from Company "B". 1st Lt Glenn E. Gould, O-1823729, was assigned as liaison officer. Later in the day the Battalion Commander sent 1st Lt Frederick C. Veivers, O-1171809, to the 36th Infantry Division as liaison officer. In the late evening the S-3 of the 142d Infantry Regiment called

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to discuss plans for one Tank Destroyer Company being attached to the Regiment. The Battalion Commander and Commanding Officer of Company "C" visited the S-3 of the 142nd to discuss plans for future operations.

Company "B" was in the vicinity of the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion preparing to move out to a forward assembly area. Final work on M-10's was accomplished and radio communication was set up with the 1st Armored Division.

Company "A" moved to the vicinity of the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion to await further orders. Company "C" and Reconnaissance Company remained in the Battalion C. P. area to await further orders from 36th Division.

On May 23, plans were made by the S-3 and 143rd Infantry to attach Company "A" to the 143rd Infantry for the coming operation.

Each Tank Destroyer Company received one extra M-10 to use as a command vehicle in the forthcoming operation.

On the afternoon of May 23, the Battalion was alerted by the 1st Armored Division and told that they would move to the vicinity of 939269. The S-3 and Commanding Officer, Reconnaissance Company made a reconnaissance to the area and returned to prepare for the move. The Battalion C. P. Group, Company "C" and Reconnaissance Company closed into the forward area at 1950 hours. Throughout the period, enemy artillery shell fire fell within the advance area.

Company "B" moved to within one mile of Corano. Enemy shelled the area at 0830 hours. The Company left the area at 0900 hours and closed in assembly area at 0945 hours. They then left the assembly area at 1030 hours and closed into a position of readiness at 1145 hours. The Company moved forward from this position at 1500 hours. Positions of a defensive nature were taken in the 3rd Battalion, 13th Armored Regiment sector at 1600 hours. Company "A" moved to forward gun positions assigned to the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Company "A" destroyed one Mark VI Tank and killed an undetermined number of enemy personnel.

Enemy shell fire was heavy during the early morning hours of May 24th. The Battalion Commander and S-3 went forward to select a more advance assembly area. Company "A", 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion reported to the Battalion Commander at 1421 hours and stated that his Company was closed into the area. The Battalion C. P., Company "C" and Company "A", 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion moved into its forward area in the vicinity of 948293 at 1543 hours.

Company "A", 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion at 0615 hours, 25 May 1944. The G-3, 1st Armored Division called the C. P. and informed the S-3 that the Battalion had been placed on a thirty-minute alert status.

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The 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion Commanding Officer called the C. I. at 1450 hours to inform the Battalion Commander that contact had been made between the Southern Front and the Beachhead forces.

The S-1 called the C. P. at 1805 hours and stated that the Battalion less Company "B" was attached to the 36th Division. The S-1 and S-4 contacted G-3, 36th Division to get the area assignment. This was given to the Battalion Commander. The S-3 and Commanding Officer, Company "C" went forward to select the area and to send for the Battalion to move up. At 2200 hours the C. I. Group and Company "C" began movement to the new area near Cisterna. They closed into the new area at 0400 hours, 26 May 1944. Immediately after closing into the area, the Battalion Commander and S-3 left for 36th Division to get further instructions. Company "A" was released from attachment to 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion and assigned to the 36th Division. They joined the Battalion in the area near Cisterna at 260411 May 1944.

The S-3 took the Company Commanders of Companies "A" and "C" forward to show them their new positions. The Companies moved up Highway 7 approximately three miles North of Cisterna and closed into their positions at 0700 hours.

Company "B" moved with the 3rd Division through Cori toward Ardena. They knocked out two Mark IV Tanks, eight motor vehicles, several self-propelled guns, and killed an undetermined number of enemy personnel.

During 26 May 1944, Reconnaissance Company was assigned the task of patrolling Highway 7 to pick up any prisoners that might be along the road.

Company "C" remained in reserve positions supporting the 143rd Infantry. Company "B" assembled near Ardena in the late morning. Attacked at 1010 hours, destroyed one Mark IV Tank and one anti-tank gun. Killed an undetermined number of enemy foot soldiers. The 2nd Platoon crossed Highway 6 but withdrew at dusk to set up a defensive position for the night. Company "A" moved down Highway 7 between Cisterna and Velletri protecting flank of the 143rd Infantry.

The advance C. P. moved into the vicinity of the 143rd Infantry C. I. They closed into this area at 2200 hours. The C. P. was in the vicinity of 991386. During 27 May 1944, Company "A" and Company "C" were in supporting positions of the 141st and 143rd Infantry regiments.

Headquarters and Service trains closed in the area near Cisterna at 1145 hours. The Advance C. I. Group moved again in the evening to 988358.

Company "B" remained in position 1 mile North of Ardena. Enemy counter-attacked at 1850 hours with Infantry and Tanks. They were repulsed with heavy losses. Two M-10's received direct hits from enemy artillery. No casualties resulted. Hulls of the M-10's were damaged slightly and repaired by Battalion Shop. Company "A" moved back to a point two miles North of Cisterna in division reserve. They were alerted at 2300 hours to go to the vicinity of Velletri to support Company "I", 141st Infantry.

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Company "C" contacted the enemy. M-10's were ahead and with the 143rd Infantry. The Company captured fourteen prisoners. All prisoners were turned in to the 143rd Infantry Prisoner of War cage.

Reconnaissance Company remained at their position near the Battalion forward C. P. Reconnaissance was carried on to keep abreast of front-line position. Enemy aircraft were active during the night. Tec 5 Joe G. Whisenhunt, 20814678, Company "C" was killed by artillery shell fragments. 1st Lt Alphonse J. Boyea, O-1301601, Company "C" was wounded by a sniper's bullet.

May 28 found Company "B" still holding direct fire positions in the vicinity of Arterna. The Company received heavy shelling. The Third Platoon destroyed one 88mm Self-propelled gun and one 20mm Anti-aircraft gun. The Second Platoon fired on enemy machine guns and foot troops. The First Platoon was sent forward to repulse four Mark VI Tanks. The enemy withdrew when our destroyers approached their positions. Due to darkness the destroyers did not follow.

Company "A" was in support of 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry and moved into position to guard the right flank of Company "I", 6000 yards Northeast of Cisterna. At 1600 hours the Third Platoon, Company "A" moved to a point 400 yards South of Belletri to guard the right flank of the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry.

Company "C" continued forward in support of the 143rd Infantry.

On 29 May 1944, the Pioneer Platoon went forward to clear enemy mine fields for Company "C". One M-10 destroyer was knocked out by enemy mines. 1st Lt Eugene J. Driscoll, O-1175104, Tec 5 Thomas (NMN) Holcomb, 38037485 and Pvt Claude E. Stratton, 37547192, were wounded from the concussion of the mine's explosion. The M-10 was evacuated and immediate replacement was made. The Company continued to move forward in support of the 143rd Infantry.

Company "A" moved 3000 yards North in support of the 141st Infantry. One Platoon remained in support of the 141st.

During the early morning hours of May 30th, enemy aircraft was very active over the Battalion's rear C. P. At 0130 hours, one enemy Junkers JU 88 was hit by friendly Anti-aircraft fire, and crashed in the Company "B" rear area. One occupant of the enemy bomber parachuted into the Company "A" rear area, and was captured by personnel of that unit.

At 0900 hours, the Battalion Commander and S-3 attended a G-3 conference at the 36th Division C. P., where the G-3 outlined the Battalion's employment in the forthcoming operation. An area in the vicinity of Lake Giulianello was designated as the Battalion's assembly area. At the conclusion of the

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meeting the Battalion Commander returned to the advance C. P. and alerted the Battalion (- Company "B") for the move to the assembly area. At 1400 hours, the Battalion Commander attended a unit commanders conference at the 36th Division C. P., where the G-3 informed the Battalion Commander of the Battalion's mission in the new operation.

During the afternoon, word was received that 1st Lt Bert M. Goldman, O-1168247 and 2nd Lt William M. Reeves, O-1703022, Company "A", had been captured while making a foot reconnaissance for Destroyer positions in the 141st Infantry's front line sector. Sgt Ernie J. Broussard, 20816997, who accompanied the officers on the reconnaissance, escaped being captured, but received wounds from the enemy's hand grenade fragments.

The Battalion Liaison Officer to the 36th Division visited the rear C. P. at 1615 hours and reported that Company "B", who was attached to the 13th Armored Regiment, would go into an assembly area tonight and maintain its Destroyers during the 31st May.

At 1631 hours, the Battalion Commander and Staff met at the Battalion's rear C. P. and completed plans for the Battalion's movement to the assembly area. The Battalion Commander directed that Reconnaissance Company furnish road guides for the movement, and that the S-1 supervise the movement of the C. P. group to the area. The Destroyer Companies, "A" and "C" and Reconnaissance Company were alerted for the move and given the time and route of march. At 1945 hours, Company "C" was detached from the 143rd Infantry and reverted to the control of the Battalion. At 2130 hours, the Battalion (- Company "B") started its movement to the Battalion's Lake Giulianello assembly area. At 2336 hours, the C. P. Group, Reconnaissance Company and Company "A" had closed into the assembly area. Company "C" was enroute to the area.

At 310130 May 1944, Company "C" completed its move, and closed into the Lake Giulianello area.

At 1600 hours, the Battalion Commander alerted the C. P. for a move to a new area in the vicinity of 029449, several hundred yards from the 36th Division Advance C. P. This movement was completed, and the C. P. functioning shortly after 0700 hours. Throughout the morning constant contact was maintained with the advance C. P. of the 36th Division through our Liaison Officer and wire communications. At 1020 hours, the G-3, 36th Division called the C. P. and directed that one platoon of Tank Destroyers be placed in defensive positions along the Velletri - Cери Road. Positions were reconnoitered, selected, and the destroyers moved into its defensive anti-tank positions.

Personnel of Company "B" visited the Battalion's rear C. P. and stated that Company "B" had closed into the 13th Armored Division's assembly area 302400 May 1944. It was thought that Company "B" would move forward tonight and occupy positions Northwest of Artena.

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At 1130 hours, the Battalion Commander called the G-3, 36th Division and stated that one platoon of Destroyers had been committed as support for Company "B", 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry.

The Company Commander, Company "C" visited the C. P. at 1355 hours, and received instructions from the Battalion Commander to move Company "C" to an assembly area in the vicinity of 029449. At 1530 hours, the Company Commander, Company "C" reported that his unit had closed into its assembly area. At 1830 hours, the S-3, S-1, and Company Commander, Company "C" went forward to reconnoiter for Destroyer positions in the Infantry's front line sector. Upon completion of this mission the officers returned to the Battalion's advance C. P.

Word was received at the Battalion C. P. at 1905 hours, that the enemy was making a counter-attack, so a foot patrol from Reconnaissance Company was sent out to contact the Infantry, learn its positions, and the strength of the enemy force in that sector. Shortly after the patrol's departure, the S-3 and S-1 left for the front line sector to investigate and determine the strength of the enemy counter-attack. Upon arrival at the Destroyer's forward positions it was learned that the Infantry had made a slight withdrawal, leaving no security for the Destroyers and its crews. A message was immediately dispatched to the Battalion's rear area by the S-3, directing that a security section move forward and establish installations about the Destroyers so as to secure its positions.

At 1942 hours, the Battalion Commander left the C. P. for the advance C. P. of the 36th Division to confer with the Division Commander on the situation. The Battalion Commander suggested to the Division Commander that the Battalion be used to assist the Infantry in its forward push. The Battalion Commander called the S-3, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry and informed him of the Division Commander's wishes, and explained how the Battalion would support the Infantry's advance. The Battalion Commander then proceeded to the C. P. of the platoon that was on the left flank of the 1st Battalion, 141st, where the advance was desired. The Battalion Commander found that the enemy was pressing the positions of this platoon with considerable small arms and mortar fire; evidently the enemy force was of greater strength than the platoon. The platoon was doing well to hold its positions. The Battalion Commander informed the Division Commander of the conditions in this sector, and offered to send a security section and part of Reconnaissance Company to assist in that sector. The Division Commander directed that the Battalion Commander carry out his suggestion. The Battalion Commander returned to the Battalion C. P. and issued orders which moved the security sections and certain elements of Reconnaissance Company to the sector on the left flank of the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry.

At 2000 hours, one platoon of Reconnaissance Company moved to 022443 to assist and secure the Destroyers that were maintaining a road block at that point.

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Throughout the remaining period of 31 May enemy aircraft was very active over friendly front line positions, dropping flares, and bombing road traffic and artillery installations.

Map Reference: Italy 1:50,000

Attached Annexes:

1. Copy of Unit Journal.
2. Overlays of positions.
3. Personnel Casualties during period.
4. Materiel destroyed or damaged by enemy action.
5. Enemy casualties caused by 636th TD Bn during period.
6. Awards and Decorations.
7. Officers' Roster.

For the Battalion Commander:



James D. Evans
JAMES D. EVANS
Captain, Infantry
Unit Historian

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PERSONNEL BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

	<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>			
	<u>KILLED</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>CAPTURED</u>	<u>KILLED</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>CAPTURED</u>
1 May 44	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
15 May 44	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
23 May 44	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
24 May 44	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
27 May 44	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
28 May 44	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
29 May 44	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	0
30 May 44	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
31 May 44	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

	GRADE	ASN	DATE OF CASUALTY	TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
<u>HEADQUARTERS COMPANY</u>					
	<u>Enlisted Men</u>				
MILLER, OMER G.	Tec 5	37146784	24 May 44	LWA	412 N. 11th St. Leavenworth, Kans.
RUSS, JOHN (NMN)	Pvt	33321228	24 May 44	LWA	West Grove, Pa.
<u>MEDICAL DETACHMENT</u>					
	<u>Enlisted Men</u>				
CUNNINGHAM, JOHN J.	Pvt 1 cl	31309854	15 May 44	LWA	24 Cleveland St. N. Andover, Mass.
<u>RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY</u>					
	<u>Enlisted Men</u>				
LALLMAN, ALVIN H.	Cpl	37146940	31 May 44	SWA	Arlington, Moir.
RUSSELL, HAROLD J.	Pvt 1 cl	12092743	23 May 44	LWA	402 W. 37th St. New York, New York
<u>COMPANY "A"</u>					
	<u>Officers</u>				
GOLDMAN, BERT M.	1st Lt	0-1168247	29 May 44	MIA	5838 Alderson St. Pittsburgh, Pa.
REEVES, WILLIAM M.	2d Lt	0-1703022	29 May 44	MIA	RFD #1 Kerrville, Texas
	<u>Enlisted Men</u>				
TIMS, ROBERT D., JR.	Stf Sgt	20816150	30 May 44	SWA	Route #2 Venus, Texas
BROUSSARD, ERNIE J.	Sgt	20816997	30 May 44	LWA	1402 Park St. Kerrville, Texas
CUNNINGHAM, ANDREW B.	Pvt 1 cl	14097643	24 May 44	LWA	Route #1 Bailey, Miss.
<u>COMPANY "B"</u>					
	<u>Enlisted Men</u>				
APEL, CHARLES A.	Tec 5	13170953	28 May 44	LWA	546 Sturgeon St. Pittsburgh, Pa.
FETERL, LAWRENCE J.	Tec 5	37147098	29 May 44	LWA	Route #1 Salem, S. D.
MCWHORTER, HERMAN D.	Tec 5	38060473	1 May 44	KIA	Route #5 Lubbock, Texas
GIORNO, FRANK C.	Pvt 1 cl	33480435	28 May 44	LWA	36 Highland Ave. W. Manayunk, Pa.

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BRUCE, A. L. (I.O.)	Pvt	37512321	31 May 44	LWA	RFD #1 Overton, Mo.
KOLLAR, GEORGE F.	Pvt	35599407	31 May 44	LWA	RFD #3 Dover, Ohio

COMPANY "C"

	<u>Officers</u>				
DRISCOLL, EUGENE J.	1st Lt	0-1175104	29 May 44	LWA	39 Washburn St. Jersey City, N. J.
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	1st Lt	0-1301601	27 May 44	LWA	465 Georgia Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.
	<u>Enlisted Men</u>				
RAMEY, ROB R.	Sgt	38039654	24 May 44	SWA	General Delivery Italy, Texas
BENTLEY, HESTER L.	Cpl	34333328	29 May 44	LWA	Route #3 Cullman, Ala.
HOLCOMB, THOMAS (NMN)	Tec 5	38037485	29 May 44	LWA	General Delivery Mt Pleasant, Texas
WHISENHUNT, JOE G.	Tec 5	20814678	27 May 44	KIA	Route #1 Ivanhoe, Texas
STRATTON, CLAUDE E.	Pvt	37547192	29 May 44	LWA	123 Spring St. Mankato, Minn.

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ANNEX NO. 4

DATE IEL DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY ENEMY ACTION

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
1 Car, halftrack, M-3	27 May 44	Repaired
2 Tank Destroyers, M-10	27 May 44	Repaired
1 Tank Destroyer, M-10	28 May 44	Repaired
1 Tank Destroyer, M-10	29 May 44	Repaired
2 Tank Destroyers, M-10	30 May 44	Repaired
1 Tank Destroyer, M-10	30 May 44	Replaced
1 Tank Destroyer, M-10	31 May 44	Repaired

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ENEMY CASUALTY REPORT

1. Total expenditure of ammunition during this period was 6910 rounds of 3" HE, 86 rounds of 3" Smoke, 200 rounds of 3" AFC, 2140 rounds of .50 caliber, 8000 rounds of .30 caliber, 9000 rounds of Carbine and 2000 rounds of .45 caliber.

2. Estimated enemy personnel killed: Due to the fast moving operations during this period, no accurate estimate of enemy personnel killed can be made.

3. Enemy materiel destroyed: For this period this organization can account for the destruction of two Mark VI and four Mark IV Tanks, eight motor vehicles, seven SI guns, two AT guns and an undetermined number of enemy machine guns.

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 May 1944, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action:

NAME	RANK OR GRADE	ASN	COMP ANY
MILLER, WILLIAM F.	Pvt	37147168	Med Det

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 May 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

PYLAND, VAN W.	Lt Col	0-236089	Hq
PEARSON, ALEC P.	Capt	0-394225	Co "A"
GOULD, GLENN E.	1st Lt	0-1823729	Co "B"
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	1st Lt	0-1301601	Co "C"
COLE, WILLIAM H.	2d Lt	0-1703021	Co "C"
DODSON, ROBERT L.	2d Lt	0-2055900	Co "B"
MURPHY, RAYMOND G.	Stf Sgt	20802898	Co "C"
SPARKS, OSCAR G.	Stf Sgt	38035783	Co "B"
PATTERSON, ROBERT E.	Sgt	38038542	Co "C"
YOST, EDWIN A.	Sgt	37146627	Co "C"
BENTLEY, HESTER L.	Cpl	34333328	Co "C"
COWAN, JOHN L.	Cpl	20817342	Co "B"
JORDAN, JOSEPH H.	Cpl	37163668	Co "C"
LORANCE, CHARLES G.	Cpl	20814658	Co "C"
O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R.	Cpl	35484581	Co "C"
STERNER, KEMPS E.	Cpl	13011240	Co "C"
WELLBORN, JACK T.	Cpl	38035985	Co "C"
STEDMAN, G. D. (I.O.)	Tec 5	38177868	Co "C"
WARD, ROBERT C.	Tec 5	38039044	Co "C"
SMITH, ROY C.	Pvt 1 cl	37419335	Co "C"
STOKES, CLAUDE H.	Pvt 1 cl	38463151	Co "C"
STOKES, CLYDE T.	Pvt 1 cl	38463140	Co "C"
ANDERSON, ALBERT B.	Pvt	32767048	Co "B"
JOHNSON, ALVIN B. G.	Pvt	20805648	Co "C"
SCOTT, CHESTER (M.E.)	Pvt	39324290	Co "C"

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For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 May 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action:

BRUFCKNER, MORITZ F.	Capt	O-1168206	Co "C"
DANZI, RICHARD A.	Capt	O-1822375	Hq
MC KEF, PAUL R.	1st Lt	O-1823909	Rcn Co
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C.	1st Lt	O-1171809	Hq Co
PROBST, HENRY H.	S-t	37146899	Rcn Co
DECK, NORMAN H.	Tec 4	37146935	Rcn Co
SCOPIA, HUGO (NLEN)	Tec 4	32394837	Rcn Co
HAYS, ASA L.	Cpl	20816596	Co "A"
KOCH, HENRY A. J., JR.	Cpl	38052105	Co "C"
RAU, ROMAN J.	Cpl	37163423	Co "B"
VON SEGGERN, EMIL C.	Cpl	37146864	Co "A"
ANDRESEN, EDWARD W.	Tec 5	37146948	Co "A"
BORD, BENJAMIN E.	Tec 5	36203495	Co "C"
DIETRICH, JOHN W.	Tec 5	38039700	Med Det
KERLEY, ROBERT L.	Tec 5	38036282	Co "C"
BLOUNT, C. R. (I.O.)	Pvt 1 cl	38038533	Co "A"
CONDRA, WARREN S.	Pvt 1 cl	20816428	Med Det
HARPIS, JAMES C.	Pvt 1 cl	35213572	Rcn Co
HILL, JAMES L.	Pvt 1 cl	20813705	Co "C"
ANTOLIK, EMIL J.	Pvt	33348166	Co "C"
BACKSTROM, DONALD C.	Pvt	37146908	Rcn Co
COLLINGSWORTH, LEONARD V.	Pvt	20814633	Co "C"
MONROE, WURGEL (NLEN)	Pvt	36419449	Co "C"
SCHUMACHER, RAYMOND E.	Pvt	37444040	Co "C"

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MASTER OF OFFICERS

	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
<u>Hq and Hq Company</u>				
DUBOSE, REAGAN L.	0-348064	Major	Inf	Bn Comdr
CAMERON, OLIN W.	0-407591	Capt	Inf	Hq Co CO
DANZI, RICHARD A.	0-1822375	Capt	FA	S-3
EVANS, JAMES D.	0-1294639	Capt	Inf	S-1
FERGUSON, JAMES R.	0-418363	Capt	FA	S-4
BROWN, STANLEY G.	0-1289038	1st Lt	Inf	Hq Co Ex O
GROOM, KENNETH G.	0-1824174	1st Lt	FA	Ln O
HAUCK, HENRY G.	0-1822567	1st Lt	FA	Com O
STOFFEL, ROBERT L.	0-1168483	1st Lt	FA	Trans O
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C.	0-1171809	1st Lt	FA	Ln O
WHITE, ROY D.	0-403563	1st Lt	Inf	S-2
WITTEN, GEORGE R.	0-1824263	1st Lt	FA	Motor O
TUCKER, JESSE F.	0-2131525	WOJG		Pers O
<u>Medical Detachment</u>				
BURKHART, JEAN M.	0-380858	Capt	MC	Bn Surgeon
<u>Reconnaissance Company</u>				
DOWNES, GEORGE W.	0-1288024	Capt	Inf	CO
BARRY, JOHN J.	0-1822942	1st Lt	FA	Fion O
CONNELLY, HERMAN (NMN)	0-1822964	1st Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
GERRINGER, LINLEY W.	0-1168246	1st Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
MC KEE, PAUL R.	0-1823909	1st Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D.	0-1288125	1st Lt	Inf	Ex O
WALTER, WILLIAM F.	0-1824256	1st Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
*FLOTKIN, MAURICE J.	0-1822451	2d Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
<u>Company "A"</u>				
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.	0-1168254	1st Lt	FA	CO
DAVIS, VORIS B.	0-1822376	1st Lt	Inf	Ex O
LONG, JAMES W.	0-1823173	1st Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
*DUTTON, HAROLD G.	0-1823132	2d Lt	FA	Flat Comdr
*REINHARD, ALVIN F.	0-1823349	2d Lt	FA	Flat Comdr

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Company "B"

BROWN, HENRY F.	0-1168187	Capt	FA	CO
GOULD, GLENN E.	0-1823729	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
METZNER, ELMER J.	0-1168376	1st Lt	FA	Ex O
RECTOR, ELMO W.	0-1307167	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
DODSON, ROBERT L.	0-2055900	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
*TEMPLE, JOHN M.	0-1316468	2d Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
WRIGHT, WILLIAM E.	0-1703006	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

Company "C"

BRUECKNER, MORITZ F.	0-1168190	Capt	FA	CO
DRISCOLL, EUGENE J.	0-1175104	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	0-1301601	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
GROMMET, GEORGE P.	0-462575	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
ZIEGLER, MAURICE S.	0-1168535	1st Lt	FA	Ex O
COLE, WILLIAM H.	0-1703021	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
*HESS, GEORGE M.	0-1824314	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

*Officers attached for Temporary Duty from Personnel Center No. 6

HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

APC 758, U. S. Army
7 August 1944

Subject: Transmittal of Records.

To : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APC 758, U. S. Army. Through Channels.

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Letter, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 20 April 1943, file A3 314.7/389 C-M, Subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, transmitted herewith Operations in Italy, July 1944 of this Battalion.

2. Conclusions:

As a result of the continued combined training with the infantry and tanks, I am convinced that it is the most vital part of any training program. Understanding the limitations and capabilities of associated arms makes for a well-knit fighting organization and without training it will only be learned on the battlefield at a cost of many lives. With the intensive training schedule laid down by division of ten hours a day, 6 days a week, the condition of the Battalion both as to equipment and personnel has been strengthened to the state necessary for entrance into combat.

Charles F. Wilber
CHARLES F. WILBER
Major, Infantry
Commanding

1 Incl:
Narrative of operations for the month
of July 1944, with attached annexes.

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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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7 August 1944

OPERATIONS IN ITALY, JULY 1944

On the first day of July, 1944, the Battalion, less full track and half track vehicles, completed the first leg of its trip to the Salerno area. The Battalion's wheeled vehicles arrived in the Rome area after a successful motor march from Cassa Lippi, near Fiombino, some 100 miles to the north. A bivouac was set up at 619609, 9 miles northwest of Rome. The Battalion's M-10 Tank Destroyers and half track vehicles were taken to the port of Civitavecchia by evacuation trailers to the port of Civitavecchia. From this port these vehicles were to be shipped by water to Salerno.

The first five days were devoted primarily to motor maintenance and cleaning of personal equipment. Concurrently a percentage of the Battalion personnel were allowed to visit Rome during daylight hours. Special services were made available to all personnel. A dance was held in the mess hall for the enlisted men of the Battalion.

All full track and half track vehicles moved into the Civitavecchia area and the crews of the M-10 Tank Destroyers and half tracks were rotated to the port of Civitavecchia to have the opportunity to visit Rome.

On the 11th of the Battalion Motor Shop made spot inspections of all full track and half track vehicles in the Civitavecchia area. On the 12th of the Battalion's M-10 Tank Destroyers and half tracks were moved to the port of Civitavecchia. The motor march started the following day, 13th of July, and the Battalion completed the second and third legs of its trip. The motor march was a success. The full track and half track vehicles arrived at the port of Salerno on the same date and were driven to the same bivouac area.

On the evening of 15 July 1944 the Battalion held a review, at which the Battalion's Division Commander, General Egan, presented the Battalion's report to the Division Commander. The Battalion's report was presented by the Battalion's Commanding Officer.

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1. Copy of Unit Journal
2. Copy of March Order
3. Personnel Casualties during period.

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4. Material destroyed or damaged by enemy action.
 5. Enemy casualties caused by 636th TD Bn during period.
 6. Awards and Decorations.
 7. Officers' Roster.

For the Battalion Commander.

STANLEY G. BROWN
1st Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:



STANLEY G. BROWN
1st Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

2 July 44

SUBJECT: Movement to Salerno area.

TO : All Companies.

1. All wheeled vehicles of this Battalion plus all personnel not going by water moves to Salerno 6 July 44 under the following schedule.

| March Unit | Composition | Pass I.P. | A R R I V E | | | | | | Pompei | Salerno |
|------------|--|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| | | | TCP-"R" | TCP-"M" | Terracine | TCP-"L" | Rest | TCP-"N" | | |
| #1 | CP Group
Rcn Co less
kitchen, supply
& Air Comp | 1215 | 1340 | 1500 | 1555 | 1725 | 1745
1815 | 1945
2115 | 2215 | 2330 |
| #2 | "A" Co, Kitch-
en & supply
"B" Co, Kitch-
en & supply | 1230 | 1355 | 1515 | 1610 | 1740 | 1800
1830 | 2000 | 2230 | 2345 |
| #3 | "C" Co, Kitch-
en & supply
Hq Co Kitch-
en & supply &
Rcn kitchen &
supply only | 1245 | 1410 | 1530 | 1625 | 1755 | 1815
1845 | 2015
2145 | 2245 | 2400 |
| #4 | Bn ship, Bn
train, Air
Comp, Rcn Co | 1300 | 1425 | 1545 | 1640 | 1810 | 1830
1900 | 2030 | 2300 | 2415 |

2. The convoy number is BL-78-6. Convoy number to be placed on front and rear of each vehicle. Kitchens of companies in this area to serve the noon meal at 1100 hours.

By Order of Major WILBER

GEORGE W. DOWNS
Capt, S - 3

HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO #758, U. S. Army

20 July 1944

SUBJECT: Movement to Qualiano Area

TO : All Companies

1. All wheeled and half-track vehicles of this battalion will move to the Qualiano Area 23 July 44 under the following schedule.

| March Unit | Composition | Hit I.F. | T.C.F. Salerno | Qualiano Area |
|------------|---|----------|----------------|---------------|
| #1 | Bn. C.F. Hqs Co
kitchen & supply,
S-4 | 1930 | 2050 | 2430 |
| #2 | Rcn Co less
kitchen & supply | 1945 | 2105 | 2445 |
| #3 | "A" and "E" Co's
less kitchen and
supply | 2000 | 2120 | 0100 |
| #4 | "C" Co plus kitchen
and supply "A", "B",
"C" and Rcn Co's | 2015 | 2135 | 0115 |
| #5 | Service train and
Bn. shop | 2030 | 2150 | 0130 |

2. The convoy number is BN-7N-178. Convoy number to be placed on front and rear of all vehicles.

By order of Major WILBER

GEORGE W. DOWNS
Capt., 636 TD Bn
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WATER QUALITY REPORT

NONE

ANNEX NO. 3

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SECRET

ATTEN NO. 4

MATERIAL DESTROYED OR DAMAGED
BY ENEMY ACTION

Due to this unit being in a training area during this period, no material was destroyed or damaged by enemy action.

ATTEN NO. 4

SECRET

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S E C R E T

LINER NO. 5

ENEMY CASUALTY REPORT

1. The total rounds of ammunition expended during this period for training purposes was 1000 3" HE, 600 3" APC, 60 37MM and 60 81MM.

2. Estimated enemy personnel killed - None.

3. Enemy materiel destroyed - None.

NO. 5

S E C R E T

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 July 1944, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action:

| NAME | RANK OR
GRADE | ASN | COMPANY |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|---------|
| MILLER, WILLIAM F. | Pvt | 37147168 | Med Det |

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 July 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| PYLAND, VAN W. | Lt Col | 0-236089 | Hq |
| PEARSON, ALEC P. | Capt | 0-394225 | Co "A" |
| GOULD, GLENN E. | 1st Lt | 0-1823729 | Co "B" |
| BOYSA, ALPHONSE J. | 1st Lt | 0-1301601 | Co "C" |
| COLE, WILLIAM H. | 2d Lt | 0-1703021 | Co "C" |
| DODSON, ROBERT L. | 2d Lt | 0-2055900 | Co "B" |
| MURPHY, RAYMOND G. | Stf Sgt | 20802898 | Co "C" |
| SPARKS, OSCAR G. | Stf Sgt | 38035783 | Co "B" |
| DAVIS, WAYNON A. | Sgt | 38052288 | Co "B" |
| PATTERSON, ROBERT E. | Sgt | 38038542 | Co "C" |
| YOST, EDWIN A. | Sgt | 37146627 | Co "C" |
| BENTLEY, HESTER L. | Cpl | 34333328 | Co "C" |
| COWAN, JOHN L. | Cpl | 20817342 | Co "B" |
| JORDAN, JOSEPH H. | Cpl | 37163668 | Co "C" |
| LORANCE, CHARLES G. | Cpl | 20814658 | Co "C" |
| O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R. | Cpl | 35484581 | Co "C" |
| STERNER, KEMP S E. | Cpl | 13011240 | Co "C" |
| WELLBORN, JACK T. | Cpl | 38035985 | Co "C" |
| STEIDMAN, G. D. (I.O.) | Tec 5 | 38177868 | Co "C" |
| WARD, ROBERT C. | Tec 5 | 38039044 | Co "C" |
| SMITH, ROY C. | Pvt 1 cl | 37419335 | Co "C" |
| STOKES, CLAUDE H. | Pvt 1 cl | 38463151 | Co "C" |
| STOKES, CLYDE T. | Pvt 1 cl | 38463140 | Co "C" |
| ANDERSON, ALBERT B. | Pvt | 32767048 | Co "B" |
| JOHNSON, ALVIN B. Q. | Pvt | 20805648 | Co "C" |
| SCOTT, CHESTER (NMN) | Pvt | 39324290 | Co "C" |

ANNEX NO. 6 Cont'd

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 July 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| SHUECKNER, MORITZ F. | Capt | 0-1168206 | Co "C" |
| DANZI, RICHARD A. | Capt | 0-1822375 | Hq |
| MC KEE, PAUL R. | 1st Lt | 0-1823909 | Rcn Co |
| VEEVERS, FREDERICK C. | 1st Lt | 0-1171809 | Hq Co |
| BARFIELD, ROBERT A. | Sgt | 20813147 | Co "B" |
| PROBST, HENRY H. | Sgt | 37146899 | Rcn Co |
| DECK, NORMAN H. | Tec 4 | 37146935 | Rcn Co |
| SCOPPA, HUGO (NMN) | Tec 4 | 32394837 | Rcn Co |
| DICKEY, H. O. (I.O.) | Cpl | 38036608 | Co "B" |
| HAYS, ASA L. | Cpl | 20816596 | Co "A" |
| KOCH, HENRY A. J., JR. | Cpl | 38052105 | Co "C" |
| RAU, ROMAN J. | Cpl | 37163423 | Co "B" |
| VON SEGGERN, EMIL B. | Cpl | 37146864 | Co "A" |
| ANDRESEN, EDWARD W. | Tec 5 | 37146948 | Co "A" |
| BORD, BENJAMIN E. | Tec 5 | 36203495 | Co "C" |
| DIETRICH, JOHN W. | Tec 5 | 38039700 | Med Det |
| KERLEY, ROBERT L. | Tec 5 | 38036282 | Co "C" |
| NOVELLI, FRANK J. | Tec 5 | 38050988 | Hq Co |
| BLOUNT, C. R. (I.O.) | Pvt 1 cl | 38038533 | Co "A" |
| CONDRA, WARREN S. | Pvt 1 cl | 20816428 | Med Det |
| CUNNINGHAM, JOHN J. | Pvt 1 cl | 31309854 | Med Det |
| HARRIS, JAMES C. | Pvt 1 cl | 35213572 | Rcn Co |
| HILL, JAMES L. | Pvt 1 cl | 20813705 | Co "C" |
| ROBISON, JAMES E. | Pvt 1 cl | 38037078 | Co "C" |
| ANTOLIK, EMIL J. | Pvt | 33348166 | Co "C" |
| BACKSTROM, DONALD C. | Pvt | 37146908 | Rcn Co |
| COLLINGSWORTH, LEONARD V. | Pvt | 20814633 | Co "C" |
| MONROE, VURGEL (NMN) | Pvt | 36419449 | Co "C" |
| SCHUMACHER, RAYMOND E. | Pvt | 37444040 | Co "C" |

ANNEX NO. 6 Cont'd

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 July 1944, the following named members of this organization have been commended by the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

| NAME | RANK OR
GRADE | ASN | COMPANY |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| GRAHAM, ROBERT E. | 1st Lt | 0-1168254 | Hq Co |
| REEVES, WILLIAM M. | 2d Lt | 0-1703022 | Co "A" |
| BIBLE, ARTHUR C. JR. | Stf Sgt | 38026785 | Co "B" |
| GOLLEHON, WALTER S. | Stf Sgt | 37146980 | Ron Co |
| MOORE, GEORGE M. | Stf Sgt | 39302606 | Co "A" |
| VON SEGGERN, FREDRICK G. | Stf Sgt | 37146932 | Co "A" |
| BYNUM, DONALD V. | Sgt | 20817071 | Co "A" |
| CARR, ELBIE C. | Sgt | 38060696 | Co "B" |
| CASPER, LAWRENCE L. | Sgt | 39676861 | Co "A" |
| CRABB, CLYDE W. | Sgt | 20814610 | Co "C" |
| NOVELLI, FRANK J. | Tec 5 | 38050988 | Hq Co |
| OKTJEN, WARREN A. | Tec 5 | 37147002 | Hq Co |
| THROCKMORTON, WILSON E. | Tec 5 | 37147161 | Co "B" |
| LARE, WILLIS H. | Pvt 1 cl | 33322748 | Co "B" |
| LARSON, VAUGHN A. | Pvt 1 cl | 37146523 | Hq Co |
| LOZANO, JOHN M. | Pvt 1 cl | 38027351 | Co "B" |
| PRITT, MILTON A. | Pvt | 15116061 | Co "A" |

ANNEX NO. 7a

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

| | <u>ASN</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ARM OR SERVICE</u> | <u>DUTY</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| <u>Hq and Hq Company</u> | | | | |
| WILBER, CHARLES F. | 0-280946 | Major | Inf | Bn Comdr |
| CAMERON, OLIN G. | 0-407591 | Capt | Inf | Motor O |
| DANZI, RICHARD A. | 0-1822375 | Capt | FA | Bn Ex O |
| DOWNES, GEORGE W. | 0-1288024 | Capt | Inf | S-3 |
| FERGUSON, JAMES R. | 0-418363 | Capt | FA | S-4 |
| BROWN, STANLEY G. | 0-1289038 | 1st Lt | Inf | S-1 |
| DAVIS, MORIS B. | 0-1822376 | 1st Lt | Inf | Ln O |
| GRAHAM, ROBERT E. | 0-1168254 | 1st Lt | FA | Hq Co CO |
| HAUCK, HENRY G. | 0-1822567 | 1st Lt | FA | Ln O |
| LATHAM, WILLIAM E. | 0-422756 | 1st Lt | Inf | Ln O |
| STOFFEL, ROBERT L. | 0-1168483 | 1st Lt | FA | Hq Co Ex O |
| VEEVERS, FREDERICK C. | 0-1171809 | 1st Lt | FA | Com O |
| WHITE, ROY D. | 0-403563 | 1st Lt | Inf | S-2 |
| WITTEN, GEORGE R. | 0-1824263 | 1st Lt | FA | Trans O |
| TUCKER, JESSE F. | W-2131525 | WOJG | | Pers O |
| <u>Medical Detachment</u> | | | | |
| BURKHART, JEAN M. | 0-380858 | Capt | MC | Bn Surgeon |
| <u>Reconnaissance Company</u> | | | | |
| EVANS, JAMES D. | 0-1294639 | Capt | Inf | CO |
| GERRINGER, LINLEY W. | 0-1168246 | 1st Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| MC KEE, PAUL R. | 0-1823909 | 1st Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| RODGERS, REYNOLDS D. | 0-1288125 | 1st Lt | Inf | Ex O |
| SILL, GOLDEN C. | 0-1011188 | 1st Lt | Inf | Plat Comdr |
| TEMPLE, JOHN M. | 0-1316468 | 2d Lt | Inf | Plat Comdr |
| <u>Company "A"</u> | | | | |
| BROWN, HENRY P. | 0-1168187 | Capt | FA | CO |
| GROOM, KENNETH G. | 0-1824174 | 1st Lt | FA | Ex O |
| WALTER, WILLIAM F. | 0-1824256 | 1st Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| BELSHE, MARSHALL H. | 0-1824114 | 2d Lt | Inf | Plat Comdr |
| DUTTON, HAROLD G. | 0-1823132 | 2d Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| REINHARD, ALVIN F. | 0-1823349 | 2d Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |

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Company "B"

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|-----|------------|
| METZNER, ELMER J. | 0-1168376 | 1st Lt | FA | CO |
| GOULD, GLENN E. | 0-1823729 | 1st Lt | FA | Ex O |
| RECTOR, ELMO W. | 0-1307167 | 1st Lt | Inf | Plat Comdr |
| DODSON, ROBERT L. | 0-2055900 | 2d Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| WRIGHT, WILLIAM E. | 0-1703006 | 2d Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |

Company "C"

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|-----|------------|
| BRUECKNER, MORITZ F. | 0-1168190 | Capt | FA | CO |
| BOYSA, ALPHONSE J. | 0-1301601 | 1st Lt | Inf | Plat Comdr |
| DRISCOLL, EUGENE J. | 0-1175104 | 1st Lt | FA | Ex O |
| GROMMET, GEORGE P. | 0-462575 | 1st Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| HESS, GEORGE M. | 0-1824314 | 2d Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |

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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

AO 798, U S Army
7 September 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, AO 798, U S Army (Three Channels)

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Letter, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 20 April 1943, file AG 314.7/389 O-M, Subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, transmitted herewith Operations in Italy and Southern France, Aug 1944 of this Battalion.

2. Conclusions:

In recent operations in France and during the drive north from the Anzio Beachhead to Piacenza, it was found by both infantry and armor that close coordination and understanding between both arms is necessary before the maximum destructive effect can be obtained against the enemy. Following are principles that may help govern the use of the M-18 Tank Destroyer when operating with and under the command of the infantry commanders.

a. The M-18 Tank Destroyer is a thinly armored, mobile mount with a three-inch gun as its primary weapon. Its only additional armament consists of a .30 caliber machine gun on an AA mount. To fire this machine gun it is necessary for the upper third of the machine gunner's body to be exposed above the top of the turret. The M-18 has an open turret with no overhead cover, permitting hand grenades to be thrown in upon the crew. The Tank Destroyer Commander, to guide the movement and deployment of the mounts, must expose his head above the turret to have observation of the terrain, thereby providing an easy target for small arms fire. It is the positive that Tank Destroyers have a screen of infantry to their front to prevent enemy infantry from closing in for a quick kill. The M-18 Tank Destroyer, can not fill the role of a tank when within small arms range of the enemy.

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b. The three-inch gun is capable of destroying enemy armor installations at a greater range than any other mounted direct fire weapon being used by our forces, and from selected positions is more capable of covering forward movement of infantry and tanks. In column movements along roads or avenues of advance, it is a distinct tactical advantage to have tank destroyers to the rear of the tanks where they may deploy to the flanks and high ground to take the enemy under fire if resistance is met. It is well to remember that the tank destroyer is capable of assuming indirect fire positions and can be used to fire on targets that can be reached only by indirect fire weapons.

c. When establishing road blocks with the tank destroyers a component part of the defense, the positions of the tank destroyers should govern the choosing of the site for the road block since the primary objective of the road block is to stop vehicular traffic. The Tank Destroyer should be in a half-down, covering position in accordance with the terrain and their ability to fire at longer ranges than the average anti-tank weapon and sighted to have flanking fire on the approaches of the road block. It is suggested that it be a standard operating policy that all road blocks be protected with mines and obstacles, permitting any anti-tank weapon that is employed to have ample warning of the enemy's approach. Since tank destroyers are blind at night, it is suggested that during the hours of darkness certain of the infantry personnel covering the road block should be equipped with flares so that if the enemy attacks, the flares can illuminate the area and permit the friendly anti-tank weapons to see their targets.

d. When establishing strong points, the location of the tank destroyers are dependent upon the location of the infantry positions since the mission is not solely to stop vehicular traffic.

e. Tank Destroyers should be relieved of static anti-tank defense roles as soon as the tactical situation permits. This will allow the tank destroyers to be massed at critical avenues of tank approach. To employ them in two's over wide areas means that no area can be held against a determined attack.

f. When contact with the enemy is lost, tank destroyers should not be used as a point to regain contact. A reconnaissance screen, mounted or dismounted, should precede the M-10's to make contact with the enemy, thereby allowing the tank destroyers sufficient time to deploy and gain the maximum benefit of their fire power without unduly exposing this valuable piece of equipment to direct fire weapons.

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Richard A. Danzi
RICHARD A. DANZI
Major, FA
Actg Bn Comdr

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Narrative of Operations for the month
of August 1944, with attached annexes.

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HEADQUARTERS 636TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 756, U. S. Army

13 September 1944

OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, AUGUST 1944

At the beginning of August the Battalion was in bivouac at the Gualiano staging area, with the Battalion Command Post at 0730.

The destroyer and other vehicle crews were busy water-proofing and maintaining their vehicles and radios in preparation for a movement by water.

Various members of the Battalion Staff kept constant liaison with the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division Staff and the Battalion Commander prepared the Division's anti-tank plan for the forthcoming operation. The Battalion Executive Officer, with the assistance of the Battalion Transport Quartermaster, prepared a vehicle loading plan and personnel loading roster for the Battalion prior to embarkation.

The Battalion Transport Quartermaster and assistants coordinated all plans with those of the Division Transport Quartermaster. These conferred daily at the Division's Blockhouse, Naples, Italy.

The Battalion Commander attended Division and Corps conference at the Blockhouse, Naples, where plans regarding the Battalion's part in the coming operations were drawn up. Through frequent Company Commanders and Staff Officers conferences, final plans were discussed and made on loading and the mission of the Battalion in the coming BIGOT-ALVIL operation.

Throughout the first five days of the month the Battalion continued training in accordance with a ten-hour day training schedule. The Destroyer Companies placed emphasis on reviews of direct and indirect firing procedure, forward observer methods and radio procedure. Reconnaissance Company conducted a strenuous schedule on mounted and dismounted patrols. Reconnaissance Company's Pioneer Platoon reviewed the nomenclature and the technique of firing the 81 MM mortar as well as practical work in the clearing and laying of mine fields.

On 6 August the Battalion held a presentation ceremony, at which the Commanding General, Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division,

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presented the Silver Star Medal to Sgt. Wynnan A. Davis, 38032288, Company B, and Bronze Star Medals to Tsgt Frank J. Novelli, 38030988, Pvt. 1 class James E. Robison, 38037078, Cpl. H. O. Michay, 38036608 and Pvt. 1 class John J. Cunningham, 31309834. Two battle-field promotions to the rank of Second Lieutenant were given to Technical Sergeant Ray E. Lea, 38036027, Battalion Communications Sergeant, and Staff Sergeant Oscar G. Sparks, 38035782, Platoon Sergeant, Company "B".

On the morning of 7 August the personnel of the Battalion broke camp in the Qualiano staging area and packed tentage and equipment on vehicles. Shortly after noon the vehicles and drivers left the bivouac area for the Dallas assembly area prior to movement to the embarkation port. During the day the 2d Platoon of Company "C" and the 1st Platoon of Company "B" that were to support the 141st RCT during the initial amphibious operation in Southern France loaded on LST's. The 2d Platoon of Company "C" loaded on LST's 709 and 710; 1st Platoon of Company "B" on LST's 711 and 712. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "A", supporting the 142d RCT in its landings, embarked on LST's 713 and 714. During the night of 8 August these slow-moving craft sailed out of the Naples harbor with their destination being the German assembly area.

The Battalion Commander and Staff Officers visited several higher headquarters and the concentration area during 10 August. Final plans were made for the Battalion's rear echelon to join that of the 142d Infantry Regiment. Captain Olin W. Cameron, O-407591, the Transport Quartermaster for the "Follow-up" ship, attended a conference at the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division Rear Echelon to obtain information concerning the moving of the "follow-up" personnel and equipment to an assembly area.

On the morning of 10 August the personnel listed for LST 612, consisting of the Battalion Command Group, Company Headquarters, 1st and 2d Platoons of Reconnaissance Company, the S-4 Section, the Medical Detachment, 3d Platoon Company "A", 3d Platoon, Company "B", and the 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "C" were moved by truck from the Qualiano staging area to the 141st assembly area and finally to the Tonne concentration area. During this time the latter's vehicles were loaded on LST 612. The 2d Platoon of Company "B" loaded on LST 606. Company Headquarters, Company "B", on LST 609, and Company Headquarters, Company "C", on LST 620.

At 1830 hours the Battalion personnel plus "A" Company of the 141st Infantry Regiment completed loading and preparations were made to get under way. At sunset the LST's sailed from Viadella Port and rendezvoused in the Salerno harbor to await orders for movement to France. In the evening an officers' meeting was held in the ship's officers' mess, where those present were made familiar with the ships regulations. Also at this meeting Captain Richard A. Bussel, O-1823373, was promoted to the rank of

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Major, his duties remaining the same.

On the morning of 11 August, Class "A" Agent Officers from the respective units aboard LST 612 repaid French Invasion Currency to the personnel who had previously submitted Italian Lire. At 0930 hours an officers' conference was held where the Battalion S-3 gave an orientation on the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division's mission in the invasion of Southern France.

Most of 12 August was spent orienting the personnel aboard LST 612 on the forthcoming invasion. At 121500 August 1944 the convoy started movement from Salerno harbor with its destination being Southern France.

Throughout the voyage the Staff studied maps and other material that would be of value upon reaching the invasion beaches. Daily practices aboard ship and battle station exercises were held to train the personnel in case an emergency arose during the voyage. General quarters was blown each evening prior to sunset. During this time the escort Navy destroyers laid a smoke screen over the convoy.

On August 14th the ship's Captain announced that "D" Day was 15 August, "H" Hour 0800 hours.

At 0600 hours, 15 August, the convoy arrived in the assembly area and Company "A", 141st Infantry Regiment, who were to assault Blue Beach at "H" hour, were put into the assault boats.

After the assault boats were lowered into the water they met those from the other LST's and maintained a circular formation waiting for the approach of "H" Hour. Prior to the infantry assault landings on the beach, American heavy, medium and light bombers dropped bombs on the enemy shore installations. This was followed by heavy naval fire from the cruisers and rocket boats. The Battalion Commander maintained a radio listening post aboard LST 612 so that he might keep abreast of the situation on shore.

At 0810 hours a radio message was intercepted stating that the infantry elements landing on the beaches were meeting little resistance.

The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "A" and the 2d Platoon of Company "C" of this Battalion landed on Green Beach at H plus 40. The 2d Platoon of Company "C" established a road block on Highway 98, protecting the left flank of the 3d Battalion of the 141st RCT. Upon landing, the 1st Platoon of Company "F" proceeded to the monument prepared to assist the infantry with direct fire upon enemy strong points and pill boxes. The 141st RCT continued to advance toward the town of Agay. Elements of the 141st RCT continued to advance and cleared Yellow Beach assisted by the first platoon of Company "F". During this action this Platoon captured 45 prisoners in the vicinity of 225439. Road blocks were established at 225541

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and 225547, leaving the TD's with the infantry to outpost them. Sections of the 1st Platoon of Company "B" assisted in the protection of road blocks at 219610 and 225547.

At 0850 hours it was learned that the sixth wave was landing on the beachhead and that one section of the beach was being harassed by an enemy pill box and sniper fire. At this time an observer on Blue Beach reported that no enemy casualties had been observed. At 1900 hours orders for the movement of LST 612 to the beachhead were brought aboard by a courier. The Battalion Commander announced over the ship's loud speaker system that all personnel would be ready to move by 1600 hours. At 1619 hours LST 612 hit Green Beach on the coast of Southern France and started unloading its cargo. Shortly after hitting the beachhead several heavy concentrations of enemy artillery shell fire fell to the front and flanks of the LST. One LST was hit and caught fire, the flames were quickly brought under control, however, by fire fighting boats.

Upon debarking from the LST, the Battalion vehicles proceeded to a dewaterproofing area where the enlisted personnel removed the water-proofing material. It was learned that the site selected for the Battalion Command Post was still occupied by enemy troops, therefore the Battalion Executive Officer set forth to reconnoiter for another area.

At 1815 large flights of glider-borne infantry flew over the sector north of the beachhead. Upon selecting an area suitable for the Battalion Command Post, Reconnaissance Company, Medical Detachment and S-4 Section, the Executive Officer returned to the dewaterproofing area and alerted personnel for movement. The Battalion was well established by 1900 hours and various Staff Officers had been sent forward on missions to learn the dispositions of the destroyer platoons as well as to learn the situation. The S-2 returned to the CP with information that the 2d platoon of Company "B", 636th TD Bn, 1st platoon of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, the 3d Battalion of the 141st RCT, followed by the 3d platoon of Company "B", 636th TD Battalion and one platoon of the 753d Tank Battalion would move up Route #1 to the Blue Line and attack at 2100 hours. The 2d Battalion of the 141st RCT less Company "F", plus the 2d section, first platoon of Company "B" this Battalion, plus one section of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, would move up Route #2. Company "F" of the 141st RCT plus the first section, 1st platoon of Company "B", this Battalion, plus one section of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, would move up Route #3. The 1st Battalion of the 141st RCT would move along the coastal highway northeast.

An enemy air attack took place over the beachhead sector at 2100 hours. One LST which was unloading its cargo at this time was hit by an enemy radio controlled bomb and immediately burst into flames. Although a heavy barrage of friendly AA was thrown into the air, no enemy planes were destroyed.

On the morning of the 16th of August it was decided that the Battalion CP would be moved to a new position so as to have closer contact with the destroyer companies. A detail was sent forward to reconnoiter and select

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areas to accommodate the Battalion CP as well as the Reconnaissance Company.

At 1135 hours the Command Group closed into its new area at 614312 in the vicinity of Les Plaines.

During the morning the first section of the first platoon of Company "B" destroyed one enemy command car, one enemy truck and an estimated five enemy personnel were killed as a result of these actions. Company "C" knocked out one enemy 88 MM gun at 213516 and the 2d platoon of Company "C" captured 20 prisoners at 595348.

Company "A" was attached to the 142d Infantry Regiment in its advance northwest on Highway 7 from Fregus to La May. The "A" Company M-10's were leading the regimental columns without benefit of reconnaissance elements in front of them when they ran into an enemy strong point. The lead M-10 was hit by direct fire weapons, killing two of the crew and destroying the M-10.

The Battalion's Liaison Officer with the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division CP reported to the Battalion Commander at 162230 August with the information that Company "C" was to be relieved from its support of the 143d RCT at 170700 August and would be attached to the Butler Task Force. The Company "C" Liaison Officer, who was at the Battalion CP, was given the instructions regarding Company "C's" being attached to the Butler Task Force. He left the CP immediately to contact the Commanding Officer of Company "C", who was to make arrangements for a quartering party to meet elements of the Task Force at the road junction 498384 at 171500 August, while the remainder of Company "C" was to close into that area by 1600 hours.

As the situation was fast moving the Battalion CP was alerted and on the morning of the 17th a new CP was set up at 396397, in the vicinity of La Ferriere. Members of the staff immediately left to contact the companies to learn the situation existing in their sectors.

Reconnaissance Company was given a mission by the Commanding General of the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division. The Company was to patrol the road from Trans en Provence to La Motte to Bagnols. The first and third platoons were to be used on the patrol. The Reconnaissance Company CP would be established at Trans en Provence.

The Reconnaissance Company would continue with its mission until relieved by the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division. It was later learned that an additional mission had been given to Reconnaissance Company which was after the patrol reached Bagnols it was to take the main road north to attempt to contact the paratroopers at Callain and when this contact was made, the patrol was to turn to the road junction at 542551 and attempt to verify reports of the enemy in Fayence. Upon accomplishing

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this mission it would then return to the road junction, turn west and contact the 36th Reconnaissance Troop at Gallain. Shortly after starting on this mission the first platoon of Reconnaissance Company, consisting of twenty men, ran into an enemy strong point. After a brief fire fight they succeeded in destroying the strong point and captured 67 prisoners which were turned over to the Division Pz Blockade.

As Reconnaissance Company progressed on its mission it was learned that enemy armor traffic had reconnoitered the road to Hagols as its patrol had run into numerous road blocks. Upon reaching Hagols friendly troops were contacted.

The 3d platoon of Company 'B' captured 30 enemy personnel on the 17th of August. The 2d platoon of Company 'B' joined the 3d Battalion, 141st JG, at Hagols. The 2d platoon of Company 'B' continued up the coast in support of the 1st Battalion of the 141st JG and moved into reserve positions at Trejus. The first platoon was maintaining a road block on the Trejus-Trejus road in the vicinity of 263264.

The 2d platoon of Company 'C' with one company of infantry was given the mission to return to the coastal road east of St Raphael and clear out the heavy defenses that were by-passed in the initial stages of the operation. They succeeded in destroying 6 enemy pill boxes and capturing 41 prisoners while assisting the infantry in clearing out the coastal installations.

Company 'C' continued the support of the advance of the 142d Infantry Regiment into Draguignan.

At 100545 August the 1st platoon of Company 'C' moved out with the leading elements of Task Force Butler on the main axis of advance through Draguignan to be followed shortly by Company 'C' less two platoons. The C-2 left the CP to contact the Commanding Officer of Reconnaissance Company and give him a new mission which was that after checking on the paratroopers at Montauroux the patrol was to continue with its mission to Fayence. The Battalion Commander desired additional information concerning Fayence, such as if the enemy were dug in just north of the town and to verify reports of two enemy JG guns being in that area. If there was nothing in Fayence, the patrol was to discontinue its mission toward 36th Reconnaissance Troop and go north from Fayence to Mors. If resistance was met in Fayence the patrol was to set up an outpost to observe enemy activity.

The 2d platoon of Reconnaissance Company, while on its patrol mission, was strafed by four P-47 Thunderbolts at approximately 1200 hours in the vicinity of 546526. One armored car and two quarter-tons were destroyed while one officer, 1st Lt Paul R. McKee, O-1823909, was killed by machine gun fire from the planes. The Reconnaissance Platoon utilized yellow smoke prior to the second strafing but three of the planes strafed a second

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time. At about 1315 hours the 937th FA Battalion placed fire on the Reconnaissance Company CP which was located in St Paul. This fire was finally brought under control and stopped after the Battalion S-2 had contacted the Liaison Officer with the firing unit, who relayed the message to Division Artillery and all artillery battalions possible, notifying them that friendly troops were in St Paul. The first platoon working north from St Paul captured 39 prisoners of war after a brief fire fight.

In the evening the Battalion Commander visited the Division CP and conferred with the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, and gave him information regarding the progress made by Reconnaissance Company and explained the particulars of the strafing by friendly aircraft sustained by the 2d platoon of Reconnaissance Company. The Battalion Commander suggested that a Force be formed to include infantry and TD's to clear up the enemy pocket of resistance in Callain. Two companies of the 141st RCT, the 2d platoon of Company "B", this Battalion, and one platoon of Reconnaissance Company would comprise the force to accomplish this mission. As a secondary mission it was suggested that the force mop up enemy elements in Fayence. The elements which were to participate in the force were informed and directed to assemble in Bagnols. Company "A" was relieved of its attachment with the 142d RCT as of 2000 hours and moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Draguignan.

During this period the first platoon of Company "C" was in the vicinity of Barjols operating the flank elements of the Butler Task Force. It had contacted the enemy on the east edge of town. While supporting the infantry in clearing out the town the first platoon fired upon enemy personnel and vehicles with good effect. The TD's remained in position approximately 2000 yards east of Barjols waiting orders to continue on their mission after the town had been taken by the infantry. The CP of Company "C" was established 3 miles south of Riez where the main body of Task Force Butler was spending the night. It was planned that on the morning of the 19th they would move through Riez and secure three bridges at the north end of the town. The Company Commander, Company "B", visited the CP at 0930 hours and reported that the 1st section, 1st platoon, Company "B", was maintaining a road block on the Cannes-Frejus road in the vicinity of 268264 while the 2d section was maintaining one in the vicinity of 228608. The 2d platoon of Company "B" moved out of St Paul with the Force, its mission being to support the infantry and Reconnaissance Company with direct fire. Its 3d platoon moved from the vicinity of Frejus to take over the road block at Bagnols. At 1300 hours Company "B" was supporting the infantry in its attack on Callain from the west. The Force was receiving small arms and AT fire. One platoon of Reconnaissance Company, this Battalion, and one destroyer of Company "B" maintained a road block at St Paul. While firing on enemy installations outside Callain, 1st Lt Robert L. Dodson, O-2055900, was killed when an enemy AT shell struck the destroyer in which he was riding. It was estimated that the opposition which this force encountered consisted of 40 enemy foot troops, one SP gun, two personnel carriers, one AT gun and one all-purpose vehicle.

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The Battalion's Liaison Officer with the Division visited the CP at 1836 and reported that elements of Task Force Butler were meeting heavy enemy resistance in the vicinity of St Maxime.

The Battalion Commander received a call from the Chief of Staff of the 36th Infantry Division at 2205 hours directing that he report to the Division CP. Upon arriving at the Division CP and conferring with the Chief of Staff it was learned that elements of the Battalion were to form the advance guard for a Division column which was to march by motor at 200640 August to the vicinity of Sisteron, where Task Force Butler was in contact with the enemy. The Battalion Commander had been selected as commander of the advance guard. The advance guard was to consist of one reconnaissance platoon from Reconnaissance Company, this Battalion, Company "A" of this Battalion, a combat platoon of the 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry, Companies "A" and "B" of the 143d Infantry and the 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. The Battalion Commander called the Battalion Executive Officer and notified him to alert Reconnaissance Company and Company "B" for movement to the Battalion CP area. Reconnaissance Company was to close into the Battalion area at 200600 August with Company "B" starting movement at the first light 20 August. Company "A" was to be prepared to move from its present position at 200600 August. The Company Commanders of Reconnaissance, "A", "B" Companies reported to the Battalion CP where they and members of the staff, as well as the Commanding Officer of the 93d AFA Battalion, conferred and made final plans for the 200640 August movement.

At 200700 August the column moved out from 311475 with the route of march being Draguignan - Castellane - Digne - Sisteron. The column reached Malijar without incident. At this point a message was received from the Commanding General, Task Force Butler, directing that the column be halted. An air OP had reported an enemy armored column some 30 kilometers to the southwest moving in our direction. Elements of the column were deployed to meet the threat. Elements of our reconnaissance were sent out to intercept the force but no contact was made. Upon order of the Commanding General of the column, march was resumed and reached the Sisteron area without contacting the enemy.

On the morning of 21 August, the Battalion Commander called the company commanders of "A", "B" and Reconnaissance Companies to the Battalion CP for a short conference. After orienting them on the accomplishments of the Butler Task Force, and the location of enemy troops close to the Division's Assembly area, reconnaissance missions were assigned. Reconnaissance Company was given the mission of reconnoitering the road nets in the vicinity of Apt and Ribers. Companies "A" and "B" were directed to maintain reconnaissance patrols in the vicinity of Les Mées, Les Chabarnis, Valbelle, Moyers and Ribers. It was suggested that the Destroyer Company Commanders select possible destroyer positions while reconnoitering southwest of Sisteron.

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During the afternoon the Battalion Commander and Executive Officer visited the Command Post of the 26th Infantry Division to learn if further plans had been made for the Division to continue its advance to the north. The Division G-3 informed the Battalion Commander that Reconnaissance Company had been attached to the 143d RCT and would support that unit with vigorous and extensive reconnaissance on its movement to the north. The company commander of Reconnaissance Company was informed of the attachment and his company cleared the Battalion area at 1700 hours, proceeding to the 143d RCT's assembly area.

The information was received at 1717 hours that in addition to Reconnaissance Company being assigned to the 143d RCT, Company "B" was also assigned to that unit. Company "A" was assigned to the 142d PCT to give its troops support in its coming operation. Company "C" was to remain with the Butler Task Force, which was now under Division control.

Company "A" was relieved of its mission of maintaining the Division road blocks south of Vallone and closed into the Battalion area at 1630 hours.

Upon learning of its attachment to the 143d PCT, Company "B" was alerted and moved out of the Battalion area, closing into the 143d PCT's assembly area west of Aspres sur Buech at 211900 August 44.

As it was the desire of the Commanding Officer of the 142d PCT to have the Company "A" destroyers in the vicinity of Gap during the early morning hours of 22 August, plans were made by the company commander for Company "A" to accomplish this mission. The 1st Destroyer Platoon left the Battalion Area, its destination Gap, at 220100 August, while the remainder of the company started on its long journey at dawn, 22 August 44.

So as to maintain close contact with the scattered elements of the Battalion, the Battalion Commander moved the Battalion Command Group to a site one mile north of Aspres sur Buech on the morning of 22 August 44.

Shortly after the Battalion CP was set up, it was learned that the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company and one platoon of the Company "B" destroyers had spearheaded the 143d RCT's movement into Grenoble, being the first American troops to enter the city. The Company withdrew to an assembly area south of the town and sent reconnaissance elements to the northwest and Ribers, where no contact was made with the enemy.

The 3d Destroyer Platoon of Company "B", supporting the 2d Battalion of the 143d RCT, was aggressively pushing to the east from Gap and was in the vicinity of Chorges.

The Battalion Commander planned to move the Battalion Command Group to Grenoble on the 23 August 44, but reversed his decision upon being informed by the Division G-3 that a regiment of the 45th Division was going

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to relieve the 143d IOT at Grenoble. During this period the Battalion Staff visited the positions of the Battalion's elements that were stationed over a 150 mile area. The Battalion Commander and Executive Officer contacted Reconnaissance and "B" Companies at Grenoble. The S-3 visited the 3d platoon of Company "A" in the vicinity of Guillostee while the S-4 checked with Company "D" positioned outside of St Marcel where the 1st section, 2d Platoon was interdicting Highway 7, the 2d section, 2d Platoon was supporting the infantry's attack on Montelinar, the 1st and 3d platoons were maintaining road blocks in the vicinity of Puy St Martin. Company "C" destroyed 18 enemy vehicles during the 23d of August.

The Battalion Commander and Executive Officer returned to the Battalion CP at 240210 August 1944 and stated that they had accompanied Reconnaissance Company when it spearheaded the 143d IOT's advance to Bourg de Peage, arriving there at 231930 August 1944. Citizens of the town showed great enthusiasm at the arrival of the first American troops. Roads to the north and west were reconnoitered as well as the lateral roads from Bourg de Peage to Crest.

At 0700 hours, 24 August, The Battalion Commander issued a warning order to the effect that the Command Group would move to Crest about 0900 hours. An advance detail was selected and sent forward to select a Command Post site. The vehicles of the Command Group were moving on the Aspres sur Buch-Crest road by 0915 hours, where they would join elements of the 36th Infantry Division. The Command Group closed into its CP site, one half-mile south of Crest, at 1315 hours. The Battalion Commander visited the Company "C" positions during this period, and upon returning to the CP, stated that Company "C" was encountering armor from the enemy's 11th Panzer Division.

During the late evening the village of Crest was harassed by enemy artillery shell fire, estimated to be 170 MM or larger.

The destroyers of Company "D", with one company of the 141st Infantry riding on the M-10's, left Grenoble at 1715 hours for Bourg de Peage. At 2140 hours the force arrived in the city and immediately set up strong road blocks on the Valence-Bourg de Peage road, as well as roads leading to the east and north. Later in the night the destroyers lead elements of the 141st IOT in a night assault towards Valence. Two kilometers east of their objective this force, without benefit of reconnaissance elements preceding them, encountered two emplaced 88 MM guns. As a result of the destroyers participating in this night attack, three of the four destroyers were lost. The two leading M-10's were knocked out before they could fire a shot, the third was destroyed as it attempted to flank its opposition, and after firing only three rounds.

The enemy made a counterattack in force in the Company "C" sector at 2015 hours, but was repelled with Company "C" losing two destroyers in the

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action after destroying one Mark IV tank and one personnel carrier of the enemy forces.

It was learned at 250415 August 1944 that it was likely that the enemy would make an armored attack at daylight, with the purpose of breaking our lines and make a route of escape for the outflanked troops who were attempting to move to the north.

Company "A" and Reconnaissance Company were relieved of their attachment to the 143d FCT. Reconnaissance Company reverted to the control of the Battalion while Company "B" was attached to the 141st FCT. The 36th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the Battalion with its reconnaissance missions to be designated by the Battalion Commander.

At 0800 hours the G-2, 36th Infantry Division, called the CP and stated that an enemy armored column was moving to the north with its leading elements at La Concourde.

At 0900 and G-3 of Division called the CP and requested that the area north and south of the Drome River be reconnoitered from Crest west to the Rhone River. The Battalion Commander directed that the 36th Reconnaissance Troop reconnoiter the road net from Crest to Loriol, checking the town to learn if it were clear of the enemy. Reconnaissance Company was to reconnoiter the road net from Crest to Livron with a final mission of surveying Livron for enemy troops.

As the morning passed, information was received at the Battalion CP giving the location of enemy columns and installations. Elements of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron were attached to the Battalion. Through CP's established by the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company, the 36th Reconnaissance Troop and Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Troop, which afforded surveillance of the sector east of the Rhone River Valley, the Battalion Commander was enabled to know all movements of the enemy in the sector. Liaison officers from the 36th Reconnaissance Troop and Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, established themselves at the CP and submitted all reports from their units to the appropriate staff officers.

The Battalion Commander directed that the 36th Reconnaissance Troop, Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron and the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company establish road blocks east of Crane and east of Allex on each side of the Drome River west of Crest. At 1159 hours it was learned that Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, was attached to the Battalion. The Battalion Commander directed that the tanks, upon arriving at Crest, be positioned at the road blocks as support against any enemy that might appear. Seven assault guns of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron were in support of the Battalion to assist in repelling any attempt made by the enemy to move on Crest from the east and sever the Division's main axis of communication.

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At 1430 hours it was definite that the enemy occupied Livron and Lorient, and his armor was moving and firing into Grane. The outpost reported enemy tanks, infantrymen and other vehicles in those sectors.

Through the close contact that was maintained between the Battalion's CP's, the Battalion CP and Division Headquarters, the Division Commander was kept well informed on the situation existing in the sector that was under the Battalion Commander's control.

At 1510 hours the Battalion Executive Officer called the G-3, 36th Division and gave him the troop dispositions in the Battalion Commander's sector. On the north side of the river, approximately five miles west of Crest, the friendly forces consisted of five medium tanks from the 753d Tank Battalion, 1 Reconnaissance Platoon, Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Reconnaissance Platoon, this Battalion, and two tank destroyers from Company "A", this Battalion. The friendly force on the southern bank of the river was of similar strength, consisting of 1 Platoon, Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Platoon 36th Reconnaissance Troop and three medium tanks, 753d Tank Battalion. South of Grane there were three assault guns and one Reconnaissance Platoon of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron. A road block consisting of one platoon of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron and 1 platoon of 36th Reconnaissance Troop was established on the Crest-Bourg road at 128776.

The Division G-3 called the CP at 1515 hours and reported that a column, believed to be enemy, was moving in the Drome River bed from Allas towards Crest. All forward CP's were alerted and foot patrols sent out on each side of the river to maintain contact with the reported column. The Battalion Commander directed that if the column proved to be enemy, the medium tanks would move to positions alongside the river and fire on it. For two hours aggressive foot patrols reconnoitered and observed the river bed and found no evidence of the column. Negative reports were received from all forward CP's on enemy movement in the river bed.

In the event that a superior enemy force breached the defenses of Crest, dispositions were placed on the bridge crossing the Drome River at that point. The Battalion Commander was given the authority to blow this bridge when the situation warranted.

During the evening it became more evident that the enemy had intentions of advancing south of Grane and on to Crest to afford him another escape route to the north. The forward elements received enemy small arms and artillery fire. An enemy plane strafed the commanding terrain on each side of the river.

The Division G-3 informed the Battalion Commander that Company "I", 341st Engineers, was attached to the Battalion to be used as infantry. The G-3 stated that the Company "A" destroyers would relieve the 753d tanks in Grane and that a company of infantry already situated in the town would be security for the destroyers.

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The S-2 was sent to destroyer positions in the vicinity of Grane to establish liaison with the Company "A" destroyers, as well as maintain liaison with Task Force Butler, which had been employed on the left.

At 261000 August 44 a strong force of enemy armor and infantrymen breached the 11st road block on Highway 7 at 93563 southwest of in Concorde. The road block was composed of 2 platoons of Company "A" tank destroyers, Company "A", 11st BCT and Company "B", 113d INF. The enemy opened this night attack with a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire, followed by an intense small arms fire. His foot troops infiltrated the infantry positions and upon locating the positions of our armor, fired flares to light up the target area, thus enabling his tanks to see their targets and take them under effective fire. In the ensuing two-hour battle, our armor, while returning the enemy fire, sustained direct hits on six of the destroyers, five of which immediately burst into flames. The remaining two destroyers and the remaining infantry were ordered to withdraw to the left some fifteen hundred yards to the rear of the road block position.

At 260000 August 1944 the enemy contested our road block at 127776 on the Crest-Bourg road. With a force composed of three Mark IV tanks, three half-tracks and an estimated fifty infantrymen, he succeeded in forcing our elements to withdraw some 2000 yards. The combined fire power of the two reconnaissance platoons was not great enough to stop the attack but after the initial contact, with losses on both sides, it succeeded in slowing the enemy down and delaying him until reinforcements arrived. One platoon of M4 tanks from the 753d Tank Battalion and one platoon of Company "A", 113d Infantry, was rushed to the threatened sector. The enemy was forced to withdraw to the north under the pressure of this force and the road block was reestablished.

During the latter part of the evening the division chief of staff contacted the battalion commander and informed him that a battalion of the 157th INF, 15th Division, supported by artillery, tanks and tank destroyers, was moving into positions west of Crest and would assume responsibility of the sector north of the Arme River, whereupon the battalion commander's forces in that sector were relieved. The chief of staff stated that the battalion commander still commanded the forces on the southern bank. Liaison and wire communications were established between the battalion and the 157th Infantry, so as to maintain coordination and support between the two units as they advanced to the west. Reconnaissance Company, 36th Reconnaissance Battalion, moved to positions south of the Arme River near Arme.

Troop "B", 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, was given the mission of placing harassing fire on Grane during the night of 26 August, being lifted during a period when patrols of the 36th Reconnaissance Troop would be in the vicinity of the town. The 36th Reconnaissance Troop was relieved of its assignment with the Battalion at 2300 hours.

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During the early morning hours of 27 August Reconnaissance Company sent a patrol towards Grane. Upon observing heavy enemy concentration in the vicinity of the town, an OP was established to watch its maneuvers.

Close contact was maintained with the destroyer companies to keep abreast of their operations. The destroyers of Company "A", attached to the 142d RCT, were reinforcing road blocks in the vicinity of Nyons and Montheisson, with one section attached to Task Force Butler. The destroyers of Company "B", attached to 141st RCT, maintained anti-tank positions southwest of Condillac. Company "C", attached to 141st RCT, was employed against the enemy in the Marsanne sector and assisted in repulsing an enemy counterattack aimed to reopen his escape route to the north. In this action "C" Company lost one tank destroyer with 2 men killed and 3 wounded and succeeded in knocking out one Mark IV tank and one Mark VI tank.

At noon the commanding officer of Reconnaissance Company reported that patrols from his unit had found Grane clear of enemy troops. Upon verification of this report, plans were made by the Battalion Commander for moving an occupational force and the Command Group to Grane. The Division G-3 assigned a forward observer and a battery of 155 artillery to the Battalion as support for the mission. The Division Chief of Staff gave the Battalion Commander the mission of holding Grane and running vigorous reconnaissance patrols to the west. Elements of the Battalion Commander's force were given a warning order regarding its move to Grane.

Shortly after sunset the Command Group started moving to its new site in the vicinity of Grane. The Battalion Commander went forward to select positions of a defensive nature to be occupied by the tanks of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, Troop "C", 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, Company "F", 344th Engineers, and the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company. A site for the Battalion's advance unit was selected in Grane. A message from the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, to the Battalion Commander directed that his force attack west.

Upon becoming situated in the advance CP, the Battalion Commander held a conference of officers and platoon leaders of the forces under his command. He issued a verbal field order for the 28 August 44 operation, stating the plan of attack as for a patrol from the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company to patrol the area north of Grane to the river. This was to be followed by one platoon of the 753d tanks, carrying one platoon of the 344th Engineers. Troop "C", 117th Reconnaissance Squadron was given the mission of patrolling the area south of the road to the high ground on the left, to be followed by one platoon of Company "A", 753d tanks, carrying one platoon 344th Engineers. One platoon of Company "A" tanks and one platoon of Company "F", 344th Engineers, was to be held in reserve.

At an officers' meeting at 280500 August 44 it was decided that the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron would move to the south on the left flank, keeping contact with Task Force Butler. The Reconnaissance Company Pioneer

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Platoon would follow the reserve tank platoon, alerted to use its mortars. Check points were established and the Command Group would follow the main axis of advance. All movements would be supported by artillery fire. The Division G-2 had given the location of all known and suspected mine fields.

The attack jumped off at 0635 hours. By approximately 1100 hours it advanced approximately 3000 yards against scattered small arms and machine gun fire. Our reconnaissance elements encountered an enemy road block at this point defended by tanks, infantry, mortars and automatic weapons. Artillery fire was placed on the area along with fire from the Pioneer 81 mm mortars while our forces reorganized to attack the road block in force. Twice our forces attacked the enemy's well-defended position, once on the right flank and once on both flanks simultaneously, only to be repulsed. Our losses were two M-4 tanks hit by direct fire and one engineer killed and three wounded.

At dusk the Battalion Commander ordered the force to occupy defensive positions for the night. Patrols were sent out to determine the enemy's disposition and movements during the hours of darkness. The force under the Battalion Commander was attached to Task Force Butler at 2102 hours, 28 August 44, for its tactical employment. The attack was resumed on the 29th with the Engineers preceding the armor, working along the high ground to the left flank and along the flats to the river on the right. When the infantry had reached their objective in the vicinity of 995755, one platoon of tanks moved cross country towards their objective while the Battalion Commander led the remaining tanks down the highway.

The Battalion Commander entered the outskirts of Loriot at 1550 hours, at which time he made contact with the 1st Battalion, 143d PCT. The tanks were positioned on the high ground overlooking the town after the Battalion Commander had received orders that the armor would be relieved from our control at 1800 hours. At approximately 1710 hours, upon orders of the Commanding General, Task Force Butler, an attack west from Loriot was launched by the tanks. This attack, without benefit of infantry support, was pushed forward in an area strongly held by the enemy until 1930 hours, at which time the tanks reverted to the control of the commanding officer, 141st Infantry Regiment. No losses were sustained by our armor although they inflicted heavy casualties to the enemy personnel.

At 2056 hours the remainder of the Battalion Commander's force was relieved of attachment to Task Force Butler and all units comprising this force returned to the control of their parent unit.

The Battalion, less "A", "B", and "C" Companies, was placed in Division reserve.

On the 30th of August the Battalion, less "A", "B", and "C" Companies, moved to a new area at 122944. Reconnaissance Company was attached to the 141st RCT with the mission of protecting the left flank of the Regiment and

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to reconnoiter north from Leval de Pange to Beaurépaire.

Company "C", supporting the 11st RT, entered Valence on 11 August 1944 and established road blocks on the main roads leading from the town. Reconnaissance Company continued its reconnaissance mission to the north and made contact with elements of the Third Infantry Division on the right flank of the 30th Division in Marcelleles. Companies "A" and "B" were attached to the 11st and 12th RT's respectively and were advancing north with their forward elements to Beaurépaire.

The following: Total 1:100,000
Price 1:100,000

Attached herewith:

1. Copy of Unit Journal.
2. Overlays.
3. Personnel Casualties during period.
4. Material destroyed or damaged by enemy action.
5. Enemy casualties caused by 636th TD Bn during period.
6. Awards and Decorations.
7. Officers' Roster.

For the Battalion Commander:

1st Lt. J. J. ...
Captain, Infantry
Unit Historian



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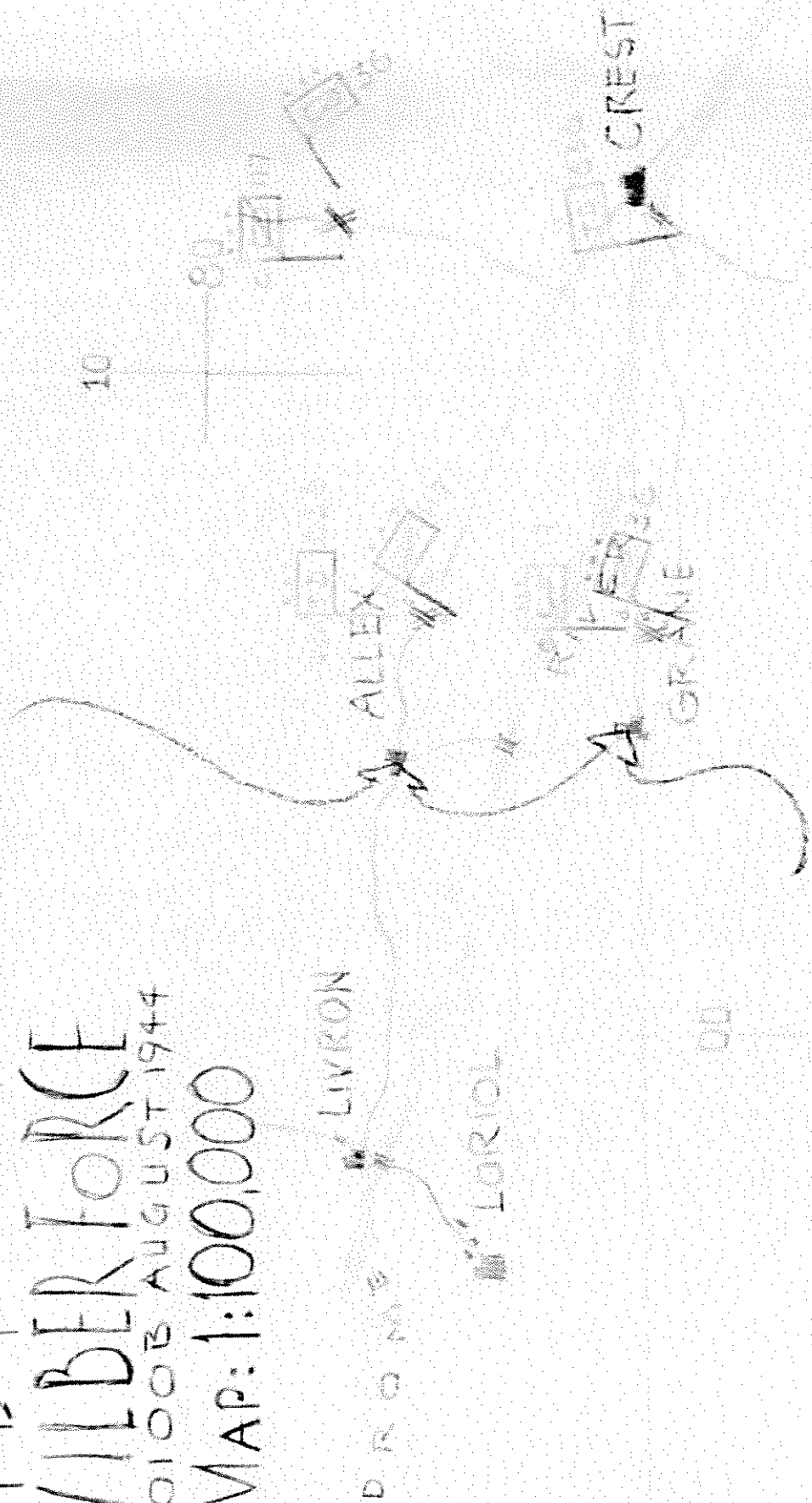
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PERSONNEL BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

| | <u>OFFICERS</u> | | | | <u>ENLISTED MEN</u> | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| | <u>KILLED</u> | <u>WOUNDED</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> | <u>KILLED</u> | <u>WOUNDED</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> |
| 15 Aug 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 Aug 44 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 Aug 44 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 Aug 44 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 Aug 44 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 Aug 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 Aug 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 Aug 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 Aug 44 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 Aug 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 Aug 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | <u>2</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>61</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

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| NAME | AGE | DATE OF BIRTH | TYPE OF SERVICE | PLACE OF BIRTH |
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Enlisted Men

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|
| RICHMOND, PATRICK L. | Tec 5 | 35292737 | 15 Aug 44 | LIA | Dept. Liberty, Ohio |
| STROHL, GEORGE W. | Pvt 1 c1 | 37145702 | 26 Aug 44 | LIA | Omaha 41
Red Cloud, Nebr |

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Officers

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|------------------------------------|
| EVANS, JAMES D. | Capt | 0-1294639 | 19 Aug 44 | LIA | Box 484
David Point, Idaho |
| GERRINGER, LEROY W. JR. | 1st Lt | 0-1163246 | 29 Aug 44 | LIA | 1113 Bellevue
Greensboro, N. C. |
| MC KEE, PAUL R. | 1st Lt | 0-1823909 | 18 Aug 44 | LIA | 111 Jackson Blvd
Chicago, Ill |
| RODGERS, REYNOLDS D. | 1st Lt | 0-1288125 | 19 Aug 44 | LIA | 126 1/2 22d St.
Arlie, Va. |

Enlisted Men

| | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| BESCH, LEE C. | Pvt 1 c1 | 20848274 | 29 Aug 44 | LIA | Box 690
Waco, Texas |
| LIPPS, CARL G. | Pvt 1 c1 | 37146920 | 18 Aug 44 | LIA | Cook, Nebr. |
| CARLE, ROBERT L. | Pvt | 20815861 | 29 Aug 44 | LIA | 1305 Glover
San Antonio, Texas |
| PEPE, JOHN (HIM) | Pvt | 33809158 | 18 Aug 44 | LIA | 14 Bayard St
Brooklyn, N. Y. |

COMPANY "A"

Officers

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----|---------------------------------|
| BROWN, HENRY P. | Capt | 0-1168187 | 16 Aug 44 | LIA | 26 Bowlin St.
Hawthorn, N.J. |
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OFFICERS

| NAME | Rank | Service Number | Date | Category | Address |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|
| LEWIS, THOMAS L. | 1st Lt | 0-422756 | 16 Aug 44 | LIA | 1105 Cotton West
Dallas, Tex |
| REED, LAWRENCE H. | 2d Lt | 0-182011 | 28 Aug 44 | LIA | 901 E Fourth
Roswell, N.M. |
| REED, ROBERT J. (MIA) | 2d Lt | 0-1102019 | 27 Aug 44 | LIA | 15 Chestnut
Glendon, Pa. |

Unlisted Men

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| HALL, EDWARD H. | Tec 4 | 31071160 | 28 Aug 44 | LIA | 9 Olney St.
Gardner, Mass |
| WATSON, JOHN J. | Tec 4 | 37110053 | 27 Aug 44 | LIA | Route #3
Pender, Nebr. |
| WILL, LAWRENCE L. | Cpl | 33110823 | 26 Aug 44 | MIA | 3360 Almond St.
Phila., Penna. |
| JIMMIE, ROBERT L. | Tec 5 | 38065107 | 16 Aug 44 | MIA | Shafter, Texas |
| ROBERT, ALVIN R. | Tec 5 | 38151117 | 16 Aug 44 | LIA | Route #2
Savannah, Ga. |
| HART, JOHN L. | Pvt | 36611328 | 16 Aug 44 | LIA | 1611 N 38th St.
Chicago, Ill. |
| WILL, ROBERT L. | Pvt | 312811233 | 16 Aug 44 | LIA | Carthage, Tenn. |
| WILL, ROBERT L. | Pvt | 312811233 | 16 Aug 44 | MIA | Carthage, Tenn. |
| WILL, ROBERT L. | Pvt | 37251370 | 16 Aug 44 | LIA | Route #1
Marshall, S. Dak. |

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Officers

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|------------------------------------|
| WATSON, ROBERT L. | 1st Lt | 0-3055900 | 19 Aug 44 | MIA | 608 N Jefferson
Beaville, Texas |
| WATSON, ROBERT L. | 1st Lt | 0-1023720 | 19 Aug 44 | LIA | 100 W 1
Cunard, N.Y. |

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COMPANY "B" Cont'd

Officers

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|
| BLIGHT, WILLIAM L. | 1st Lt | 0-1703006 | 18 Aug 44 | Lt. | Box 131
Floresville, Tex |
| BRETT, WILLIAM L. | 1st Lt | 0-1703006 | 26 Aug 44 | LtA | Box 131
Floresville, Tex |

Enlisted Men

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|-----|--------------------------------|
| BRAD, JAMES L. | Sgt | 38036286 | 19 Aug 44 | LtA | Box 711
Archer, Texas |
| DAVIS, WAYMON A. | Sgt | 38052288 | 18 Aug 44 | LtA | Wintersville, Tex. |
| KASSELBAUM, JACOB (SEN) | Sgt | 31022805 | 25 Aug 44 | LtA | 1807 Franklin
Mills, Pa. |
| ROBERTS, JAMES L. | Sgt | 35036713 | 25 Aug 44 | LtA | Box 111
Lubbock, Tex |
| KAHN, EDWARD H. | Sgt | 37147091 | 25 Aug 44 | LtA | Route #2
Wichita, S. Dak. |
| SHAW, FREDERICK O. | Sgt | 33030600 | 26 Aug 44 | LtA | Route #2
Wichita, Texas |
| SHINE, AUBREY H. | Sgt | 20819463 | 18 Aug 44 | LtA | Austin, Texas |
| SHINE, AUBREY H. | Sgt | 20819463 | 24 Aug 44 | LtA | Wichita, Texas |
| SMITH, FREDERICK H. | Tec 4 | 31311438 | 15 Aug 44 | LtA | 921 Gibbs Ave
Canton, Ohio |
| SMITH, FREDERICK H. | Tec 4 | 31311438 | 25 Aug 44 | LtA | Wichita, Texas |
| SMITH, H.C. (I) | Cpl | 33036608 | 24 Aug 44 | LtA | Route #1
Wichita, Texas |
| SMITH, EDWARD H. | Cpl | 38170773 | 24 Aug 44 | KIA | At 2, Box 853
Wichita, Kan. |
| SMITH, JAMES C. | Cpl | 35038661 | 19 Aug 44 | LtA | Route 1
Wichita, Ark |
| SMITH, CLAUDE (SEN) | Tec 5 | 37163721 | 18 Aug 44 | LtA | Wichita, S. Dak. |

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COMMUNIST MEMBERS

Enlisted Men

| | | | | | |
|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|-----|
| ARMED, ... | Pvt 5 | 11097501 | 24 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt 1 cl | 3705259 | 18 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt 1 cl | 3705259 | 24 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt 1 cl | 11120271 | 25 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt 1 cl | 2730390 | 26 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt 1 cl | 33205877 | 19 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt | 35091533 | 18 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt | 31265117 | 25 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt | 37032744 | 25 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt | 30113018 | 25 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... | Pvt | 32357419 | 25 Aug 44 | ... | ... |

COMMUNIST MEMBERS

Officers

| | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|
| ARMED, ... J. | 1st Lt | 0-1301601 | 28 Aug 44 | ... | ... |
| ARMED, ... A. | 1st Lt | 0-162575 | 16 Aug 44 | ... | ... |

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| | | <u>Officers</u> | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----|--|--|
| HALL, CHARLES F. | 1st Lt | 0-1173263 | 25 Aug 44 | LMA | 810 13 Box 504
Tanks, Fla. | |
| HENDS, GEORGE H., JR. | 1st Lt | 0-1824314 | 21 Aug 44 | LMA | 360 Water St.
Hughesville, Pa. | |
| HENDS, GEORGE H., JR. | 1st Lt | 0-1824314 | 30 Aug 44 | LMA | 360 Water St.
Hughesville, Pa. | |
| HERMAN, CLARENCE D. | <u>Unlisted Hon</u>
Sgt | 20816274 | 27 Aug 44 | RIA | 3715 S Lamar St
Dallas, Tex. | |
| HICKMAN, ARTHUR J. | Sgt | 17056630 | 24 Aug 44 | LMA | 1200 1/2
St. Scott, Kan. | |
| GOODE, CHARLES H. | Sgt | 16004349 | 27 Aug 44 | LMA | 13 S 30th St.
Okla. City, Okla. | |
| HATO, HERMAN P. | Sgt | 36038972 | 24 Aug 44 | LMA | Box 56
Point, Texas | |
| STOKES, CLAUDE H. | Sgt | 36463151 | 25 Aug 44 | LMA | Box 41
McAlester, Okla. | |
| SHIPLEY, CHARLES E. | Tec 4 | 36057717 | 21 Aug 44 | LMA | Box 1373 Grove St.
Gulf Beach, Fla. | |
| SHYLL, JOSEPH A., JR. | Tec 4 | 35160762 | 16 Aug 44 | LMA | Box 2
Hagerstown, Ind. | |
| YOUNG, RAYMOND R. | Tec 4 | 37146886 | 27 Aug 44 | LMA | Liberal, Nebr. | |
| LUCAS, STANLEY V. | Opl | 35484626 | 24 Aug 44 | LMA | 1724 Brookridge
Louisville, Ky. | |
| WIELAND, WALTER A. | Opl | 37146959 | 27 Aug 44 | RIA | Wesango, Nebr. | |
| WILKINS, FRANKLIN Y. | Opl | 20813684 | 26 Aug 44 | RIA | Dodatur, Texas | |
| EATCH, HOMER (MHN) | Tec 5 | 6990821 | 24 Aug 44 | LMA | Greenville, Ind. | |
| JACOBY, WILLIAM R. | Tec 5 | 32311946 | 24 Aug 44 | LMA | 6th Street
Verplanck, N.Y. | |

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| | <u>Enlisted Man</u> | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----|------------------|---------------------|
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Tec 5 | 32110063 | 30 Aug 44 | LIA | Box 3 | Shelbyville, Tenn. |
| JOHN, ROBERT J. | Tec 5 | 37110941 | 24 Aug 44 | LIA | Box 2 | Blair, Nebr. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt 1 cl | 37110999 | 16 Aug 44 | LIA | | Lovell, Wyo. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt 1 cl | 35387231 | 15 Aug 44 | LIA | 125 Jackson St. | Fairmont, W. Va. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt 1 cl | 36579939 | 25 Aug 44 | LIA | 6036 John Daly | Box 349 |
| | | | | | | Indoor, Mich |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. (MIA) | Pvt 1 cl | 31010821 | 29 Aug 44 | LIA | Box 3 | Mc Minnville, Tenn |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt 1 cl | 30329749 | 24 Aug 44 | LIA | 2049 North Ave | Chicago, Ill. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. (MIA) | Pvt | 31113595 | 25 Aug 44 | LIA | 375 Elm St. | New Haven, Conn. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. (MIA) | Pvt | 33320521 | 29 Aug 44 | LIA | 1021 Chestnut St | Bristol, Pa. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt | 35719409 | 15 Aug 44 | LIA | 71 Federal St | Phila., Pa. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt | 30013101 | 29 Aug 44 | LIA | Box 1331 | Chicago, Ill. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt | 15105393 | 27 Aug 44 | LIA | 133 Clark Rd | Day, Ind. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt | 33371925 | 27 Aug 44 | LIA | 9121 Collier Dr. | Wilver Springs, Md. |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt | 30113302 | 24 Aug 44 | LIA | Box 11, Box 225 | Arundel, Texas |
| WILLIAMS, ROBERT J. | Pvt | 36350104 | 29 Aug 44 | LIA | 49 Superior | Chicago, Ill. |

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| <u>No.</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Carriage, motor 3" gun 110 | 18 Aug 1944 | disposed |
| 1 | Truck, 1-ton 4x4 G2R | 19 Aug 1944 | disposed |
| 5 | Carriage, motor 3" gun 110 | 21 Aug 1944 | disposed |
| 5 | Carriage, motor 3" gun 110 | 26 Aug 1944 | disposed |
| 1 | Carriage, motor 3" gun 110 | 26 Aug 1944 | disposed |
| 1 | Carrier, personnel HT 13 | 27 Aug 1944 | disposed |
| 1 | Carriage, motor 3" gun 110 | 27 Aug 1944 | disposed |
| 1 | Truck, 1-ton 4x4 G2R | 29 Aug 1944 | disposed |

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ENEMY CASUALTY REPORT

1. Total expenditure of ammunition during this period was 1106 rounds of 3 inch H.E., 529 rounds of 3 inch A.P.C., 63 rounds of A.P. and 20 rounds of 3 inch smoke.

2. Estimated enemy personnel killed: Due to the fast-moving operations of this period, no accurate estimate of enemy personnel killed can be made. A total of 212 enemy personnel were captured by this unit.

3. Enemy material destroyed: For this period this organization can account for the destruction of six Mark IV tanks, four Mark VI tanks, three S.P. (SS) vehicles, ten wheeled vehicles, one command post, two armored reconnaissance vehicles, three AA guns, two road blocks, sixteen pill boxes, fourteen personnel carriers, eight ammunition vehicles, two motorcycles, six command cars and two ammunition dumps.

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action:

| NAME | RANK OR GRADE | ASN | COMPANY |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|---------|
| MILLER, WILLIAM E. | Pvt | 37147168 | Med Det |

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| PYLAND, VAN W. | Lt Col | 0-236089 | Hq |
| PEARSON, ALEC P. | Capt | 0-394225 | Co "A" |
| GOULD, GLENN E. | 1st Lt | 0-1823729 | Co "B" |
| BOYSA, ALPHONSE J. | 1st Lt | 0-1301601 | Co "C" |
| COLE, WILLIAM H. | 2d Lt | 0-1703021 | Co "C" |
| DODSON, ROBERT L. | 2d Lt | 0-2055900 | Co "B" |
| MURPHY, RAYMOND G. | Stf Sgt | 20802898 | Co "C" |
| SPARKS, OSCAR G. | Stf Sgt | 38035783 | Co "B" |
| DAVIS, WAYNOR A. | Sgt | 38052288 | Co "B" |
| PATTERSON, ROBERT E. | Sgt | 38038542 | Co "C" |
| YOST, EDWIN A. | Sgt | 37146627 | Co "C" |
| BENTLEY, HESTER L. | Cpl | 34333328 | Co "C" |
| COWAN, JOHN L. | Cpl | 20817342 | Co "B" |
| JORDAN, JOSEPH H. | Cpl | 37163668 | Co "C" |
| LORANCE, CHARLES G. | Cpl | 20814658 | Co "C" |
| O'BRYAN, JOSEPH L. | Cpl | 35484581 | Co "C" |
| STERNER, KENNETH L. | Cpl | 13011240 | Co "C" |
| WELLBORN, JACK T. | Cpl | 38035985 | Co "C" |
| STEIDMAN, G. D. (I.O.) | Tec 5 | 38177868 | Co "C" |
| WARD, ROBERT G. | Tec 5 | 38039044 | Co "C" |
| SMITH, ROY C. | Pvt 1 cl | 37419335 | Co "C" |
| STOKES, CLAUDE L. | Pvt 1 cl | 38463151 | Co "C" |
| STOKES, CLYDE T. | Pvt 1 cl | 38463140 | Co "C" |
| ANDERSON, ALBERT B. | Pvt | 32767048 | Co "B" |
| JOHNSON, ALVIN B. G. | Pvt | 20805648 | Co "C" |
| SCOTT, CHESTER (JAN) | Pvt | 39324290 | Co "C" |

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For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| DAVIS, RICHARD | Major | 0-1822375 | Hq |
| BRUNCKEN, RICHARD | Capt | 0-1168206 | Co "D" |
| BURKHART, RICHARD | Capt | 0-380858 | Med Det |
| YOUNG, RICHARD | 1st Lt | 0-1823909 | Hon Co |
| VAN VORST, RICHARD | 1st Lt | 0-1171809 | Hq Co |
| LEA, RAY | 2d Lt | 0-2055061 | Hq Co |
| SCHWARTZ, RICHARD | 1st Sgt | 38050898 | Co "D" |
| PLATT, CLAYTON | 1st Sgt | 20818106 | Hon Co |
| BARFIELD, RICHARD | Sgt | 20813147 | Co "B" |
| WRIGHT, RICHARD | Sgt | 20817003 | Co "D" |
| FRANKS, RICHARD | Sgt | 37146899 | Hon Co |
| DEAN, RICHARD | Tec 4 | 37146935 | Hon Co |
| FULLER, RICHARD | Tec 4 | 37146683 | Co "D" |
| JOHNSON, RICHARD | Tec 4 | 32394837 | Hon Co |
| DICKINSON, RICHARD | Cpl | 38036608 | Co "D" |
| HAYS, RICHARD | Cpl | 20816596 | Co "A" |
| ANDERSON, RICHARD | Cpl | 38052105 | Co "D" |
| RAE, RICHARD | Cpl | 37163423 | Co "B" |
| GREEN, RICHARD | Cpl | 17040953 | Co "D" |
| VAN HOGG, RICHARD | Cpl | 37146864 | Co "D" |
| ANDERSON, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 37146548 | Co "D" |
| BORN, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 36203495 | Co "D" |
| BILFORD, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 38039700 | Med Det |
| FRANKLIN, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 35332074 | Co "D" |
| JACKSON, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 20816030 | Med Det |
| WILSON, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 38036282 | Co "D" |
| ANDERSON, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 37146852 | Hon Co |
| WRIGHT, RICHARD | Tec 5 | 38050988 | Hq Co |
| SMITH, RICHARD | 1st Lt cl | 38038533 | Co "D" |
| CARROLL, RICHARD | 1st Lt cl | 37285385 | Hon Co |
| GORDON, RICHARD | 1st Lt cl | 20816428 | Med Det |
| STANLEY, RICHARD | 1st Lt cl | 31309854 | Med Det |
| HARRIS, JAMES | 1st Lt cl | 35213972 | Hon Co |
| WALKER, RICHARD | 1st Lt cl | 34053813 | Hq Co |
| HILL, JAMES | 1st Lt cl | 20813705 | Co "D" |
| RUGER, RICHARD | 1st Lt cl | 37146892 | Hon Co |

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| ROBISON, JAMES W. | Pvt 1 cl | 38037078 | Co "C" |
| SANDERS, WESLEY C. | Pvt 1 cl | 38304294 | Co "C" |
| VESH, JOHN (NMN) | Pvt 1 cl | 37659906 | Ran Co |
| ANTOLIK, EMIL J. | Pvt | 33348166 | Co "C" |
| BACKSTROM, DONALD C. | Pvt | 37146908 | Ran Co |
| CANFIELD, GLEN H. | Pvt | 37147150 | Ran Co |
| CARLE, ROBERT L. | Pvt | 20815861 | Ran Co |
| COLLINGSWORTH, DONALD V. | Pvt | 20814633 | Co "C" |
| LYON, ROBERT P. JR. | Pvt | 34504180 | Ran Co |
| MONROE, VERNON (NMN) | Pvt | 36419449 | Co "C" |
| NEILL, SAMUEL E. | Pvt | 33278086 | Hq Co |
| SCHUMACHER, RAYMOND E. | Pvt | 37444040 | Co "C" |
| TULIP, SIDNEY R. | Pvt | 32744221 | Co "A" |

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For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named members of the organization have been commended by the General, Division for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

| NAME | RANK OR GRADE | ASN | COMPANY |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| GARZA, J. | 1st Lt | 0-1168254 | Hq Co |
| RAMOS, J. | 2d Lt | 0-1703022 | Co "A" |
| BLANK, A. | 1st Sgt | 38026785 | Co "A" |
| COLLIER, J. | 1st Sgt | 37146980 | Hon Co |
| MOORE, GE. | 1st Sgt | 39302606 | Co "A" |
| VON SIEGEN, J. | 1st Sgt | 37146932 | Co "A" |
| HYNEM, D. | 1st Sgt | 20817071 | Co "A" |
| CAL, J. | 1st Sgt | 38060696 | Co "A" |
| CAL, J. | 1st Sgt | 39676861 | Co "A" |
| GRAB, C. | 1st Sgt | 20814610 | Co "A" |
| HIPPE, J. | Tec 4 | 15100134 | Hq Co |
| NOVILLI, J. | Tec 5 | 38050988 | Hq Co |
| COUSIN, J. | Tec 5 | 37147002 | Hq Co |
| THORNTON, J. | Tec 5 | 37147161 | Co "A" |
| LATT, J. | 1st Lt | 33322748 | Co "A" |
| LARSON, V. | 1st Lt | 37146523 | Hq Co |
| LOEWE, J. | 1st Lt | 38027351 | Co "A" |
| FINN, J. | 1st Lt | 38027481 | Hon Co |
| WITT, J. | 1st Lt | 15116061 | Co "A" |

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| BRUSKNER, MORRIS F. | O-1168190 | Capt | FA | CO |
| BRISCOLL, EUGENE J. | O-1175104 | 1st Lt | FA | Ex O |
| BROCKET, GEORGE F. | O-46257 | 1st Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| HALL, CHARLES F. | O-1173263 | 1st Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |
| HESS, GEORGE W. JR. | O-1824314 | 1st Lt | FA | Plat Comdr |

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