

HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

APO 758, U. S. Army
7 August 1944

Subject: Transmittal of Records.

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

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, 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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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 making a successful motor march from Cassa Lippi, near Piombino, some 100 miles to the north. A bivouac was set up at 619699, 9 miles northwest of Rome. The Battalion's M-10 Tank Destroyers and half track vehicles were taken ashore from Cassa Lippi 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 was allowed to visit Rome during daylight hours. Special services and entertainment was available to all personnel. A dance was held in honor of the 25th anniversary of the enlistment of the Battalion.

The full track and half track vehicles closed into the Civitavecchia area. The crews of the M-10 Tank Destroyers and half tracks were rotated ashore to also have the opportunity to visit Rome.

On 7 July the Battalion Motor Shop made spot inspections of all full track vehicles of the Battalion. The tracked vehicles in the Civitavecchia area were to be taken ashore late on 14th for Salerno. Plans for the motor march were prepared by the Battalion D-3 and distributed to each company. The motor march started the following day, 15 July, at 1145 hours and the Battalion completed the second and third legs of its march, arriving at the new bivouac area 25 miles southeast of Rome, at 0600 hours. The full track and half track vehicles arrived at the harbor 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 25th anniversary in Italy was commemorated. General Harbo, Inspector General, presented the Battalion with the 25th anniversary award to the enlisted men of this Battalion.

The review concluded with the Battalion upon reading the Battalion's 25th anniversary and maintenance of all vehicles; complete cleaning and maintenance of all personnel.

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Upon arrival in the Galiano area all vehicles were painted and camouflaged and waterproofing was 75% completed. Combined operations with tanks and infantry, physical hardening, communications, security and intensive planning were carried out. "C" Company fired indirect fire of twenty rounds per gun. Replacements had been received, bringing the Battalion up to strength both in officers and enlisted men.


At the close of the month the Battalion was again ready for combat.

Non Reference: Italy 1:50,000

Attached Annexes:

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

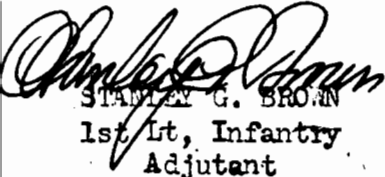
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4. Material destroyed or damaged by enemy action.
 5. Enemy casualties caused by 636th TD Bn during period.
 6. Awards and Decorations.
 7. Officers' Roster.

For the Battalion Commander.

STANLEY G. BROWN
1st Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:



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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								
			TCP-"R"	TCP-"M"	Terracine	TCP-"L"	Rest	TCP-"J" 7 & 87	Naples	Pompei	Salerno
#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	2130	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	2200	2300	2415

2. The convoy number is BL-7S-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 "B" 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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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NONE

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ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE NO. 4

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LINEAR 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.

LINEAR 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"
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. Q.	Pvt	20805648	Co "C"
SCOTT, CHESTER (NMN)	Pvt	39324290	Co "C"

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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:

BRUECKNER, 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
SOOPPA, 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"
RAJ, 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"

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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	Recn 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, GLYDE W.	Sgt	20814610	Co "C"
NOVELLI, FRANK J.	Tec 5	38050988	Hq Co
OETJEN, 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"

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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>				
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	In O
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.	0-1168254	1st Lt	FA	Hq Co CO
HAUCK, HENRY G.	0-1822567	1st Lt	FA	In O
LATHAM, WILLIAM E.	0-422756	1st Lt	Inf	In 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.	0-103563	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
DRI SCOLL, 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