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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, 100th AIRBORNE INFANTRY
L. I. C., 100th, U. S. Army

15 November 1944

SUBJECT: Battalion history for month of July.

TO: Commanding General,
100th Airborne Division,
L. I. C., U. S. Army.

Though not as successful as the preceding month, the month of July holds record of more varied assignments and achievements for the Battalion.

On the first of the month one platoon of Company B with two tank destroyers was advancing ahead of the Infantry when they became entrapped by enemy infantry. The crews were forced to abandon the vehicles but managed to fight their way to the rear without further casualty. Later in the day our infantry advanced beyond the position and one of the tank destroyers was recovered. The others were found to be damaged beyond recovery.

On 3 July 1944, Reconnaissance Company plus one platoon of Company C were under Battalion control and assigned the mission of protecting the left flank of the 34th Division from attack by land or sea. During the period 3 - 13 July the small force maintained constant patrols in contact with the enemy. The platoon of tank destroyers was dismounted and employed and employed an Infantry for the greater part of the time. They secured and held a number of small coastal towns and villages, continuing the advance upon Livorno, Italy. On 13 July 1944, the Battalion entered Livorno. Company A and B in support of Infantry with 34th Division, Company C, less one platoon, as a part of Task Force Williamson, from the east, and Reconnaissance Company plus one platoon, Company C, from the north.

On 21 July 1944, the Battalion was relieved from attachment with 17 Corps and 34th Infantry Division and attached to 100th Airborne Division. The tank destroyer companies moved into position with the 100th Division South and East of Pisa, Italy, in support of the Infantry Regiments.

On 25 July 1944, Staff Sergeant Clarence J. Breger, Company B, received a Combat Appointment to second lieutenant, being his first combat appointment within the Battalion.

On 27 July 1944, the 100th Infantry Division being relieved, companies A and C came out of the line and with headquarters and headquarters Company, and Reconnaissance Company moved into bivouac near Volterra, Italy. Company B remaining in the line, supporting 303rd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.

During the month of July the Battalion's accumulative total of ammunition expended was increased to 31,551 rounds 3"; 5,412 rounds 81mm mortar; and 29 rounds 27mm. We have lost 1 officer and two enlisted men killed in action and 2 officers and 10 enlisted men wounded in action during the month of July 1964.

FRED G. HOWELL,
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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