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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 404, UNITED STATES ARMY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
1 APRIL 1945

The month operation with the Battalion attached to the 91st and 4th and further attached (operations only) to the 752d Tank Inf. Company was in line element across the 91st Div sector on each side of the Inca River, east of Bologna, Italy, and to go was in mobile reserve vicinity Battalion rear. All 1-1/2, 2, and 3 Companies were in or near direct fire positions and continued daily or nightly harassing of enemy front line installations and destruction of dugouts, bunkers, and occupied buildings. 1st Co was attached to 1st Tank Regt, acting as infantry, between days 64 and 65.

On 1 April 1945 1st Co was attached to Legnano Regt (Italian). The other companies continued their firing with excellent results.

On 4 April the long awaited preparations were started for our drive to the north, companies were shifted and all possibilities of a successful attack was studied.

With 2nd Div assumed command of the sector the Battalion was attached effective 1400H 5 April. 1st Co still remained with the Italian unit and 1st continued to operate as infantry.

On 7 April 2nd Div resumed a stepped up program of fire which the Battalion complied with. Captain Smith formerly 1-3 was assigned as executive officer and Captain Denton formerly 1-2 was detailed as 1-5, and Sergeant Smith detailed 1-1.

On 11 April 1st Co was relieved then attached 21st Tank Regt and reported to Battalion control as of 0145H 10 April 1945. 1st Co 1-5 (1st Co) 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-50, 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-56, 1-57, 1-58, 1-59, 1-60, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-69, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-76, 1-77, 1-78, 1-79, 1-80, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88, 1-89, 1-90, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-96, 1-97, 1-98, 1-99, 1-100, 1-101, 1-102, 1-103, 1-104, 1-105, 1-106, 1-107, 1-108, 1-109, 1-110, 1-111, 1-112, 1-113, 1-114, 1-115, 1-116, 1-117, 1-118, 1-119, 1-120, 1-121, 1-122, 1-123, 1-124, 1-125, 1-126, 1-127, 1-128, 1-129, 1-130, 1-131, 1-132, 1-133, 1-134, 1-135, 1-136, 1-137, 1-138, 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gaining objectives at river crossing, destroying numerous vehicles, killed approximately 70 enemy, assisted in capturing 50 rds, later destroying an enemy convoy of 7 vehicles. At the river they caught enemy infantry marching toward their supply line and opened fire at point blank range rapid rate with 70mm gun. Casualties were extremely heavy to the enemy too numerous to count.

During the month of April 1945, the 805th in killed 215 known dead, captured more than 600 enemy, assisted directly in the capture of approximately 10,000 rds, and was indirectly of assistance in the capture of most of the 88th divisions 3,000 rds. The Battalion destroyed a total 37 trucks, 2 rcs, 5 rcs, 2 - 20mm guns, 4 AT guns, and assisted in capturing a hospital of 65 vehicles and another complete hospital of approximately 25 vehicles. During the early part of the month the Battalion fired more than 13,000 rds of 70mm mortar fire in support of our front line troops.

Other casualties suffered during this period were:

MIA - 1 SFC, 2 PVT
MIA - 2 CPT, 10 PVT
MIA - 1 CPT, 1 PVT

Vehicle losses - 1 - 60 with a hole through turret.

The month ended with the unit still on the river north.

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Supporting Operational Data

Supporting Administrative Data