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HEADQUARTERS 701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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SUBJECT: Operations Report.

TO : Adjutant General, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. (Thru channels).

1. In compliance with the requirements of paragraph 10, AR 345-105, dated March 10, 1943, the following operations report of the 701st tank Destroyer Battalion covering the period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, is herewith submitted.

2. The operations covered in this report are statements from the Unit Journal and Battalion Dairy, and supporting evidence for said statements is attached.

3. Previous operations report submitted covered period up to and including 30 November 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

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OPERATIONS OF THE 701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Period: 1 December - 31 December 1944.

Locations of 701st TD Bn. beginning of period:

- MAPS: 1/50,000, Sheets 98-I, 106-IV, GSGS 4229, Italy.
- Bn. CP - L-818045. Bn. Trains - L-817044.
- A Co CP - L-857229. 1st Plat - L-85672295. 2nd Plat - L-8562270.
- 3rd Plat - (1 gun)-L-825262; L-828259. (2 guns)-L-829259.
- B Co CP - L-843224. "A" Btry - L-84362250; "B" Btry - L-84702242.
- C Co CP - Q-700766 (Assy. Area)
- Rcn Co CP - L-771123. 1st & 2nd Rcn Plats. -L-795095.
- 3rd & Pioneer Plats. -L-773127.

Period opened with A Company (-3d Plat) in artillery positions attached to First Armored Division Artillery with mission of reinforcing fires of the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. 3d Platoon of A Company in anti-tank positions attached to 91st Rcn. Bn. in 1 AD sector.

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B Company in artillery positions attached to First Armored Division Artillery with mission of reinforcing fires of the 91st Armored Field Artillery Battalion. C Company attached to First Armored Division Reserve, in assembly area. Hon. Co. under Battalion control with mission of maintaining highway #6527 from L-819043 to L-780190.

1 Dec. - Normal harassing missions fired.

2 Dec. - 3d Plat., A Company, reverted to control of CC"B", 1 AD at 021200A Dec when CC"B" relieved 91st Hon Co in place. 1st Platoon, C Company moved from 700766 to L-830264 closing at 021000A Dec 44 in preparation for relieving 3d Platoon, A Company. C Company (-1st Plat) preparing for movement. Hon. Co. conducted route reconnaissance to Ronzuno and Anconella. A & B Companies fired unobserved harassing missions. 1st Platoon, C Company completed relief of 3d Platoon of A Company in place and 3d Platoon, A Company moved to A Company area at L-85722253 reverting to A Company control.

3 Dec. - No change. C Company (-1st plat) departed area 700766 at 031800A Dec 44, closed in area vicinity L-820235 at 040115A Dec 44. Attached to 1 AD Artillery to reinforce the fires of 129 Field Artillery Battalion.

5 Dec. - C Company (-1st Plat) took up artillery positions. Company CP L-82082345. 2d Platoon - L-82021-23270; 3d Platoon - L-81918-23343.

6-7 Dec. Normal assigned duties by all units.

8 Dec. - C Company (-1st Plat) moved Company CP to L-818231. 2d Platoon to L-819233 and 3d Platoon to 818231.

9 to 25 Dec. - Normal assigned duties by all units.

26. Dec. - 2d Hon Platoon, Hon Co moved from L-795095 to vicinity L-7224; L-8327; and L-8327 for air-ground coordination mission.

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27 Dec. - A Company, B Company, and C Company moved from L-857229; L-845223 and L-818231 respectively closing at L-818045; L-812057 and L-818045 at 271500A Dec. 44, 2d Platoon, Rcn. Co., returned to L-795095 reverting to Rcn. Company control. Preparations by all units for movement to IV Corps sector.

28 Dec. - Battalion departed vicinity L-818045 closing in following positions at 280830A Dec. 44:

Battalion CP - L-144796
A Company CP - L-141792
B Company CP - L-143795
C Company CP - L-144798
Rcn. Co CP - L-138793
Bn. Trains - L-139798

3d Platoon, Rcn Company carried out route reconnaissance.

29 Dec. - 31 Dec. - Rcn Company assigned mission of patrolling coastal sector from Viareggio south to south of Serchio River (U-998731).

Rcn Company moved and established OPs at: Rcn Company CP - U-004774;

1st Platoon - U-993769; 2d Platoon - U-988792; 3d Platoon - U-999730;

Pioneer Platoon - U-004773. Other Companies carried out physical conditioning, training and maintenance program.

Positions at close of Period:

Bn CP - L-144796. Bn Trains - L-139798.

A Co CP - L-141792

B Co CP - L-143795

C Co CP - L-144798

Rcn Co CP - U-004774. 1st Plat - U-993769. 2d Plat - U-988792. 3d Plat - U-999730.
Pioneer Plat - U-004773.

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Assaultion Expenditure during period:

3", High Explosive - - - - -	2,248
3", Smoke - - - - -	81
3", Time - - - - -	<u>39</u>
Total	2,418

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1. During the period 1 - 31 December 1944 the Battalion suffered the following personnel battle casualties:

Col. George W. Marcoux, 11038900, Co. "A", LWA, Loiano, Italy, 15 Dec 44
(Hosp).

Pfc 5 John P. Krempa, 32554652, Co. "A", SWA, Loiano, Italy, 15 Dec 44
(Hosp).

2. The following changes in status of formerly reported personnel battle casualties occurred:

Pvt. Mel B. Kensler, 16073794, Co. "A" - Returned to duty 24 Dec 44.

Lt. Ray F. Hanshaw, 32299080, Co. "B" - Returned to duty 1 Dec 44.

3. Award of the following decorations were published during this period:

a. The Purple Heart was awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Sgt. Lawrence F. Biggs, 34333008, Co. "C"

Pvt. Clyde Monroe, 35119052, Co. "A"

S/Sgt. James O. Johnson, 35213654, Co. "A"

Pvt. Vernon E. Welch, 37603507, Co. "A"

Pvt. James E. Tweedy, 38084398, Co. "A"

b. The first Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded to Pvt. Kenneth L. Maneely, 6261593, Co. "A" for wounds received in action against the enemy.