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HEADQUARTERS 776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
A.P.O. 464

1 July 1944

SUBJECT: Operations 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944

1 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. vicinity 047448, closing at 2100 hours. Company "A" C.P. vicinity 050492, 2 platoons at 050506, 1 platoon at 056492. Company "B" at 024508. Company "C" no change. Reconnaissance Company no change. Rear echelon at 055488, closing at 1200 hours. Company "A" expended 80 rounds High Explosive at buildings to Northwest and West of their position. Company "B" and Company "C" protecting this sector in anti-tank positions. One (1) M-10, Company "A", knocked out by enemy fire vicinity 056492. Company "A" made direct hits on buildings with good results.

2 June 1944 - Company "A" at 055488, Company "B" at 008623, Company "C" at 020510, Reconnaissance Company at 028438, closing at 1000 hours. Battalion C.P. at 055488 (vicinity North of Lariano, Italy). Rear echelon at 055483. Estimated 60 to 75 enemy killed by direct fire of Company "A". Thirty-one (31) prisoners turned into PW captured by Company "A" in period ending 1800 hours, 1 June 1944. Company "B" and Company "C" supporting Infantry and in anti-tank positions supporting Division Sector.

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3 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. at 011322, closing at 1630 hours. Company "A" vicinity 938557, Company "B" at 979567, Company "C" at 934878. Reconnaissance Company vicinity 021507, closing at 1700 hours. Rear echelon at 055488, closing at 1500 hours. Company "A", "B", "C" advancing forward and continuing support of attack East of Rome, Italy. Company "B" expended 8 rounds High Explosive at suspected enemy positions.

4 June 1944 - Company "A" vicinity 824621, Company "B" - 2 platoons

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vicinity 892579, one (1) platoon 807645, Company "C" at 812599. Reconnaissance Company at 877581. Rear echelon at 882577. Battalion C.P. at 877581. Four guns Company "B" attached to Tank Force with mission of entering Rome, Italy, and capturing three bridges crossing Tiber River. Company "A" expended 130 rounds High Explosive and 15 Armor Piercing as of 1800 hours, 3 June 1944 at targets in sector supporting advancing tanks. Company "A" captured from 75 to 80 PW's as of 1800 hours, 3 June 1944 vicinity 981543. Company "A" captured 140 PW's as of 1400 hours, 4 June vicinity 824631. Company "A" destroyed two (2) self-propelled (170's) vicinity of 951543.

5 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. vicinity 734697 (Rome, Italy). Company "A" vicinity 697710, 6 guns at 697717, 6 guns at 727707. Company "B" and Company "C" in Rome, Italy. Remainder of Battalion no change. Company "A" in support of 339th Infantry.

6 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. vicinity of 676792, closing at 1300 hours. Company "A" - 6 guns vicinity 665845, 6 guns vicinity 642808. Company "B" and Company "C" vicinity 673760. Reconnaissance Company vicinity 715714, Rear echelon at 692712. Company "A" in support of Combat Team No. 9. Company "A" expended 200 rounds High Explosive direct fire at targets in sector. Company "B" and Company "C" general support - anti-tank defense of Division zone. Company "A" destroyed one Mark VI tank by direct fire at 660814 at 1430 hours 6 June 1944.

7 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. vicinity 626913, Company "A" at 640905, Company "B" - 1 platoon at 590978, 1 platoon headed for vicinity Monterosi, Italy. Company "C" - 1 platoon 590923, 1 platoon vicinity 610925, 1 platoon vicinity 590921. Reconnaissance Company at 626913. Rear echelon 626913. Company "B"

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in support of 337th Infantry. Company "C" in support of 338th Infantry. Company "B" expended 68 rounds High Explosive and three (3) AP at targets in its sector. Company "B" destroyed one (1) Mark IV tank, vicinity Monteroni, Italy, at 1700 hours.

8 June 1944 - Company "A" and Company "C" in general vicinity 582063. Company "B" vicinity 597010, Reconnaissance Company vicinity 601032. Rear echelon at 592053, Battalion C.P. at 582065. Company "A" and Company "C" under control of Task Force. Company "B" in support of 337th Infantry.

9 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. vicinity 518118 (Ronciglione, Italy), closing at 2000 hours. Company "A" vicinity 527137, Company "C" vicinity 503197. Remainder of Battalion - no change.

10 June 1944 - Company "C" at 518127. Remainder of Battalion - no change. Battalion prepared to move to assembly area, to be designated by 85th Infantry Division.

11 June 1944 - Company "A" at 527137, Company "B" at 597010, Company "C" at 518127, Reconnaissance Company at 601032, Rear echelon at 582063, Battalion C.P. at 518118. Battalion is detached from 85th Division and II Corps and attached to IV Corps Artillery in Corps Anti-tank reserve as of 1200 hours, June 11, 1944.

12 June 1944 - Battalion in assembly area (designated by IV Corps) at 083140 (vicinity Montalto, Italy, closing at 1515 hours).

13 June 1944 - No change.

14 June 1944 - No change.

15 June 1944 - No change.

16 June 1944 - No change.

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17 June 1944 - No change.

18 June 1944 - No change.

19 June 1944 - Battalion enroute to new assembly area vicinity of Grosseto, Italy, at 1200 hours. Colled in assembly area at 1600 hours, 19 June 1944.

20 June 1944 - Battalion on thirty (30) minute alert as of 0730 hours, 20 June 1944. Reconnaissance Company reconnoitered for gun positions in areas North of Grosseto, Italy, designated for firing Companies.

21 June 1944 - Company "C" at 739800 and attached to First Armored Division as of 0645Z, June 21 1944.

22 June 1944 - Battalion alerted and to be committed by Task Force Ramsey.

23 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. vicinity 765754, Company "A" at 745345, Company "B" at 750841, Company "C" C.P. at 785843, one (1) platoon 720690, one (1) platoon at 808888, one (1) platoon at 740860. Reconnaissance Company at 750718, Rear echelon at 736708. Company "A" and Company "B" to support attack of Task Force Ramsey. Company "C" supporting 81 Reconnaissance Squadron.

24 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. vicinity 732799 (Batignano, Italy). Company "A" at 750847, Company "B" at 752847, Company "C" at 750920, Reconnaissance Company at 750810, Rear echelon at 732799. Company "C" captured 4 PW's and destroyed three (3) 75mm anti-tank guns in vicinity of Civitella, Italy, at 1530 hours, direct fire expending 60 rounds High Explosive and twelve (12) Armor Piercing. Unknown number of enemy killed by direct fire.

25 June 1944 - Company "C" C.P. at 700900 (Tarniella, Italy) one (1) platoon vicinity of 710899, one (1) platoon vicinity 721894, one (1) platoon vicinity 736910. Remainder of Battalion - no change. Company "C" expended twenty-two rounds High Explosive at buildings in sector supporting 81 Reconnaissance.

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26 June 1944 - No change.

27 June 1944 - Company "C", 2 guns vicinity 757975, 2 guns vicinity 766979 blocking road, one (1) platoon now advancing up road towards Monticiano, Italy, in support of 81 Reconnaissance. One (1) platoon in reserve vicinity 787919. Company "C" C.P. vicinity 7391. Remainder of Battalion, no change.

28 June 1944 - Company "A" C.P. vicinity 701988, 2 platoons vicinity 688984, Company "C" C.P. vicinity 701988, 2 guns vicinity 696906, 2 guns vicinity 784978. Remainder of Battalion, no change. Company "A" relieving Company "C" as of 1500 hours, supporting advance of 81 Reconnaissance. One (1) platoon Company "C" expended 34 rounds High Explosive at targets vicinity (701024) direct fire. Good effect on enemy Infantry assembly area.

29 June 1944 - Battalion C.P. and Rear echelon vicinity of 519986, closing at 1900 hours. Company "A" vicinity Monticiano, Italy. Company "B" vicinity 325992. Company "C" enroute to assembly area vicinity 320990 from Monticiano, Italy. Reconnaissance Company at 295065 vicinity of Montiverdi. Company "A" expended 32 rounds High Explosive in support of 81 Reconnaissance, one (1) M-10 Company "A" destroyed by land mine vicinity of Monticiano, Italy.

30 June 1944 - Company "A" CP vicinity 682027, one (1) platoon vicinity 705078, one platoon at 692079, one (1) platoon at 671098. Reconnaissance Company in assembly area vicinity 3299 with remainder of Battalion South of Montiverdi. Company "A" still supporting 81 Reconnaissance. One platoon Company "A" being observed fire against enemy infantry and guns vicinity 707089. Resistance strong at present. Company "A" fired on town of Pentelina (703048) at 1700 hours 29 June 1944, firing on enemy Infantry, known to have been in buildings. Enemy anti-tank gun later found in town knocked out by High Explosive.

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