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UNIT HISTORY

276TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

MONTH OF MAY 1945

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JOURNAL

Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 110001 May 1945

To : 112400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Weir duty Officer.
1930	---		Lt. Galvin and Captain Wadle to 7th Army Hq.
1530	1630		Lt. Ira from Fleet.
			Battalion maintaining road blocks (S-3 report), instituting training schedule and following athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 120001 May 1945

To : 122400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Wadle duty Officer.
1200	0930		Colonel Moorhead to B and A.
1530			Lt. Ira reports in from Fleet relieved from Liaison.
1600			Captain Wadle and Lt. Galvin back from Seventh Army.
1300			Message from G-4, 44th Div., Bridge at 455493 closed to traffic from 132000 (Sunday) to 141200 (Monday) May 1945, By-pass for 1/4 tons only.
			Battalion maintaining road blocks (S-3 report) and following training schedule and athletic program.

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From: 130001 May 1945

To : 132400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Sanford duty Officer.
1700	0945		Captain Wadle and Captain Weir to TFS.  Message from Fleet 6: Assume command of Lt. Colonel Spettel's area immediately. Relieve 772 Tank Battalion -- mission of police and security.  Battalion maintaining road blocks (S-3 report) and following training schedule and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 140001 May 1945

To : 142400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Wadle duty Officer.
1200	0830		Colonel Moorhead and Captain Weir to Companies.  Battalion maintaining road blocks (S-3 report) and following training schedule and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 150001 May 1945

To : 152400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Galvin duty Officer.
1500	0830		Captain Weir to Nomaloos.
1500	0930		Captain Wadle to Companies.
			Battalion maintaining road blocks (S-3 report) and following training schedule and athletic program.

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From: 160001 May 1945

To : 162400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Weir duty Officer.
1200	0800		Colonel Moorhead and Captain Wadle to Div.
1300	1700		Company Commanders' meeting.
1330	1415		General Delaney from 44th Div.  Battalion maintaining road blocks (S-3 report) and following training schedule and athletic program.

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From: 170001 May 1945

To : 172400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Wadle duty Officer.
1800	1500		Colonel Moorhead to retreat formation at C Company to present awards and decorations.  Battalion maintaining road blocks (S-3 report) and following training schedule and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 180001 May 1945

To : 182400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Galvin duty Officer.
1200	0850		Captain Wadle to Companies.  Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S-3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 190001 May 1945

To : 192400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			<p>Captain Wadle duty Officer.</p> <p>Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S-3 report) and following training and athletic program.</p>

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 200001 May 1945

To : 202400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Galvin duty Officer.
1300	1500		Company Commanders meeting.
			Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report, and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 210001 May 1945

To : 212400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Cohen duty Officer.
1700	0900		Captain Wadle to Companies. Medical Corps evacuated German Marine casualties from local hospital. Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 220001 May 1945

To : 222400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Wadle duty Officer.
1200	0845		Colonel Moorhead to Companies.  Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 230001 May 1945  
 To : 232400 May 1945  
 Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Galvin duty Officer.
1200	0845		Colonel Moorhead to Companies.  Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 240001 May 1945  
 To : 242400 May 1945  
 Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Cohen duty Officer.
2000			Lt. Sanford and Captain Sturman report for duty.
			From G-3, 44th Inf Div: Recommendation for removal of road block at D395725 approved. This headquarters will be notified when removal has been accomplished.
			Battalion S-3 to 44th Div G--3: Removal of road block at D395725 has been accomplished at 1500B 24 May 1945.
			Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 250001 May 1945

To : 252400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Sanford duty Officer.  Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 260001 May 1945

To : 262400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Lt. Galvin duty Officer.
2130	0830		Colonel Moorhead and Captain Wadle to Seventh Army Hq.  Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 270001 May 1945

To : 272400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			<p>Lt. Sanford duty Officer.</p> <p>Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.</p>

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 280001 May 1945

To : 282400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Wadle duty Officer.
1400	0900		Colonel Moorhead to Companies.
1530	0900		Lt. Galvin to Seventh Army Hq.
			Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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From: 290001 May 1945

To : 292400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			<p>Captain Weir duty Officer.</p> <p>Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.</p>

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Organization: 776th Tank Destroyer Bn.

From: 300001 May 1945

To : 302400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
In	Out		
0700			Captain Wadle duty Officer.
	0830		Formation at C Company for presentation of medals.  Battalion maintaining local security and road blocks (S--3 report) and following training and athletic program.

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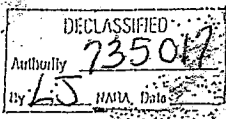
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To : 312400 May 1945

Place: Berwang, Austria

Time		Action Taken	Incidents, Messages, Orders
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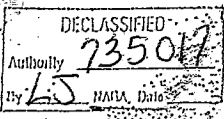
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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL  
776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Month of May 1945

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
Moorhead, Dwight E.	Lt. Col.	0276115	Battalion Commander
Martin, Rowland R.	Major	0353267	Bn. Executive Officer
Wadle, Louis J.	Major	0435920	S--3
Galvin, John T.	1st Lt	01283408	S--1
Weir, William C.	Captain	0397960	S--2
Ingle, Edward W.	1st Lt	01824189	S--4
Sturman, William A. *	Captain	0380964	Battalion Surgeon
Ferguson, Edmond T.	Captain	0378558	C. O. Hq. Co.
Cuzick, Jess L. Jr.	Captain	0453372	C. O. Co. "A"
Kujawski, Clement P.	1st Lt.	01030490	C. O. Co. "B"
Alfreds, Donald B.	Captain	0885767	C. O. Co. "C"
Hovey, Vernon F. Jr.	Captain	0348103	C. O. Ren. Co.

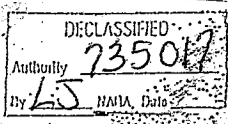
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER AND DATE</u>
<u>Silver Stars:</u>			
Robert E. Bunce	2nd Lt	02010632	GO 119, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45
Addis F. Metzдорff	Tec 5	37444839	GO 119, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45
<u>Bronze Stars:</u>			
George H. Ritter	1st Lt	0439201	GO 128, Hq 63rd Div. 2 May 45
William J. Clark	1st Lt.	01998105	GO 87, Hq 44th Div. 5 May 45
Stanley A. Shurson	Sgt	17050357	GO 88, Hq 44th Div. 6 May 45
Joseph M. O'Brien,	Tec 4	37169893	GO 96, Hq 44th Div. 10 May 45
Adler H. Bratland	1st Lt.	01683434	GO 96, Hq 44th Div. 10 May 45
Richard W. Craig, Jr.	Sgt	20464267	GO 118, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45
John L. Kafara	Pfc	36355757	GO 118, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45
Robert J. Koel	Sgt	37223108	GO 118, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45
Burnett Norby	Cpl	37169958	GO 118, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45
Cipraiano G. Parra	Cpl	38121225	GO 118, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45
Afton O. Hilson	M/Sgt	20745056	GO 122, Hq 44th Div. 30 May 45
<del>Geo</del> Donald M. Kolbo	CWO	W2108280	GO 122, Hq 44th Div. 30 May 45
Alson W. Poste	Cpl	20927767	GO 122, Hq 44th Div. 30 May 45
Fred W. Robb	T/Sgt	20745205	GO 122, Hq 44th Div. 30 May 45
Victor B. Schmenk	Cpl	35019726	GO 122, Hq 44th Div. 30 May 45
Ernest L. Wright	Sgt	37040973	GO 122, Hq 44th Div., 30 May 45
Edward Backman	S/Sgt	37022444	GO 123, Hq 44th Div. 31 May 45
John L. Boyd	S/Sgt	38115318	GO 123, Hq 44th Div. 31 May 45
Charles L. Diven	Pfc	20926032	GO 123, Hq 44th Div. 31 May 45
John T. Galvin	1st Lt.	01283408	GO 123, Hq 44th Div. 31 May 45
Clarence A. Jones	Tec 5	20928211	GO 123, Hq 44th Div. 31 May 45
Sam G. Lombardo	Tec 5	37125856	GO 123, Hq 44th Div. 31 May 45

First Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star:

Martin Tobiassen	1st Lt.	01703005	GO #90, Hq 44th Div. 18 May 45
Elmer F. Thomason	Sgt	20745794	GO 118, Hq 44th Div. 28 May 45





OFFICER PROMOTIONS AND BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

Month of May 1945

FIRST LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN:

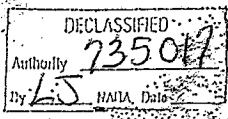
Donald B. Alfreds                      0885767    (Par. 5, SO 124, Hq 7th Army 4 May 45)

SECOND LIEUTENANT TO FIRST LIEUTENANT:

Ervin H. Cremers                      02006346    (Par 2, SO 132, Hq 7th Army 12 May 45)  
Louis M. Lacassie                      02006395    (Par 2, SO 132, Hq 7th Army 12 May 45)

BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS TO GRADE OF SECOND LIEUTENANT:

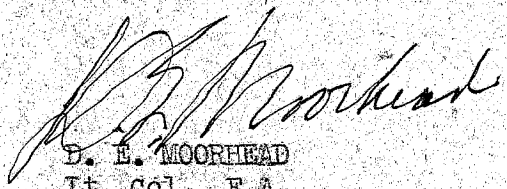
Oliver J. Stevens                      02015024    (Eff. Date 11 May 1945)  
Leon F. DeCorte, Jr.                      02015001    (Eff. Date 11 May 1945)



Operations Report 776th TD Battalion

From: 10 May to 31 May 45

Battalion continued the occupation of the principal towns of BICHLBACH (D3073), BERWANG (D2772), LERMCOGS (D3771), and EHRWALD (D4071) Austria, guarding critical points and installations within assigned sector. Roadblocks are being maintained to prevent unauthorized movement of personnel. Troops not engaged in guard and security details are engaged in training.

  
D. E. MOORHEAD  
Lt. Col., F.A.  
Commanding