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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

APO 758, U S Army
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army (Thru Channels)

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Letter, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 20 April 1943, file AG 314.7/389 C-M, Subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, transmitted herewith Operations in Italy and Southern France, Aug 1944 of this Battalion.

2. Conclusions:

In recent operations in France and during the drive north from the Anzio Beachhead to Piombino, it was found by both infantry and armor that close coordination and understanding between both arms is necessary before the maximum destructive effect can be obtained against the enemy. Following are principles that may help govern the use of the M-10 Tank Destroyer when operating with and under the command of the infantry commanders.

a. The M-10 Tank Destroyer is a thinly armored, mobile mount with a three-inch gun as its primary weapon. Its only additional armament consists of a .50 caliber machine gun on an AA mount. To fire this machine gun it is necessary for the upper third of the machine gunners body to be exposed above the top of the turret. The M-10 has an open turret with no overhead cover, permitting hand grenades to be thrown in upon the crew. The Tank Destroyer Commander, to guide the movement and deployment of the mounts, must expose his head above the turret to have observation of the terrain, thereby providing an easy target for small arms fire. It is imperative that Tank Destroyers have a screen of infantry to their front to prevent enemy infantry from closing in for a quick kill. The M-10, therefore, can not fill the role of a tank when within small arms range of the enemy.

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b. The three-inch gun is capable of destroying enemy armor and installations at a greater range than any other mounted direct fire weapon being used by our forces, and from selected positions is more capable of covering forward movement of infantry and tanks. In column movements along roads or avenues of advance, it is a distinct tactical advantage to have tank destroyers to the rear of the tanks where they may deploy to the flanks and high ground to take the enemy under fire if resistance is met. It is well to remember that the tank destroyer is capable of assuming indirect fire positions and can be used to fire on targets that can be reached only by indirect fire weapons.

c. When establishing road blocks with the tank destroyers a component part of the defense, the positions of the tank destroyers should govern the choosing of the site for the road block since the primary objective of the road block is to stop vehicular traffic. The Tank Destroyer should be in a hull-down, covering position in accordance with the terrain and their ability to fire at longer ranges than the average anti-tank weapon and sighted to have flanking fire on the approaches of the road block. It is suggested that it be a standard operating policy that all road blocks be protected with mines and obstacles, permitting any anti-tank weapon that is employed to have ample warning of the enemy's approach. Since tank destroyers are blind at night, it is suggested that during the hours of darkness certain of the infantry personnel covering the road block should be equipped with flares so that if the enemy attacks, the flares can illuminate the area and permit the friendly anti-tank weapons to see their targets.

d. When establishing strong points, the location of the tank destroyers are dependent upon the location of the infantry positions since the mission is not solely to stop vehicular traffic.

e. Tank Destroyers should be relieved of static anti-tank defense roles as soon as the tactical situation permits. This will allow the tank destroyers to be massed at critical avenues of tank approach. To employ them in two's over wide areas means that no area can be held against a determined attack.

f. When contact with the enemy is lost, tank destroyers should not be used as a point to regain contact. A reconnaissance screen, mounted or dismounted, should precede the M-10's to make contact with the enemy, thereby allowing the tank destroyers sufficient time to deploy and gain the maximum benefit of their fire power without unduly exposing this valuable piece of equipment to direct fire weapons.

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OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, AUGUST 1944

At the beginning of August the Battalion was in bivouac at the Qualiano staging area, with the Battalion Command Post at 0730.

The destroyer and other vehicle crews were busy water-proofing and maintaining their vehicles and radios in preparation for a movement by water.

Various members of the Battalion Staff kept constant liaison with the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division Staff and the Battalion Commander prepared the Division's anti-tank plan for the forthcoming operation. The Battalion Executive Officer, with the assistance of the Battalion Transport Quartermaster, prepared a vehicle loading plan and personnel loading roster for the Battalion prior to embarkation.

The Battalion Transport Quartermaster and assistants coordinated all plans with those of the Division Transport Quartermaster. These conferred daily at the Division's Blockhouse, Naples, Italy.

The Battalion Commander attended Division and Corps conference at the Blockhouse, Naples, where plans regarding the Battalion's part in the coming operations were drawn up. Through frequent Company Commanders and Staff Officers conferences, final plans were discussed and made on loading and the mission of the Battalion in the coming BIGOT ANVIL operation.

Throughout the first five days of the month the Battalion continued training in accordance with a ten-hour day training schedule. The Destroyer Companies placed emphasis on reviews of direct and indirect firing procedure, forward observer methods and radio procedure. Reconnaissance Company conducted a strenous schedule on mounted and dismounted patrols. Reconnaissance Company's Pioneer Platoon reviewed the nomenclature and the technique of firing the 81 MM mortar as well as practical work in the clearing and laying of mine fields.

On 6 August the Battalion held a Presentation Ceremony, at which the Commanding General, Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division,

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presented the Silver Star Medal to Sgt. Waynon A. Davis, 38052288, Company B, and Bronze Star Medals to Tec 5 Frank J. Novelli, 38050988, Pvt. 1 class James E. Robison, 38037078, Cpl. H. O. Dickey, 38036608 and Pvt. 1 class John J. Cunningham, 31309854. Two battle-field promotions to the rank of Second Lieutenant were given to Technical Sergeant Ray E. Lea, 38036027, Battalion Communications Sergeant, and Staff Sergeant Oscar G. Sparks, 38035782, Platoon Sergeant, Company "B".

On the morning of 7 August the personnel of the Battalion broke camp in the Qualiano staging area and packed tentage and equipment on vehicles. Shortly after noon the vehicles and drivers left the bivouac area for the Dallas assembly area prior to movement to the embarkation port. During the day the 2d Platoon of Company "C" and the 1st Platoon of Company "B" that were to support the 141st RCT during the initial amphibious operation in Southern France loaded on LCT's. The 2d Platoon of Company "C" loaded on LCT's 709 and 710; 1st Platoon of Company "B" on LCT's 711 and 712. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "A", supporting the 142d RCT in its landings, embarked on LCT's 713 and 716. During the night of 8 August these slow-moving craft sailed out of the Naples harbor with their destination being the Corsica assembly area.

The Battalion Commander and Staff Officers visited several higher headquarters and the concentration area during 10 August. Final plans were made for the Battalion's rear echelon to join that of the 142d Infantry Regiment. Captain Olin W. Cameron, O-407591, the Transport Quartermaster for the "Follow-up" ship, attended a conference at the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division Rear Echelon to obtain information concerning the moving of the "follow-up" personnel and equipment to an assembly area.

On the morning of 10 August the personnel listed for LST 612, consisting of the Battalion Command Group, Company Headquarters, 1st and 2d Platoons of Reconnaissance Company, the S-4 Section, the Medical Detachment, 3d Platoon Company "A", 3d Platoon, Company "B", and the 1st and 3d Platoons of Company "C" were moved by truck from the Qualiano staging area to the 141st assembly area and finally to the Texas concentration area. During this time the latter's vehicles were loaded on LST 612. The 2d Platoon of Company "B" loaded on LST 606. Company Headquarters, Company "B", on LST 609, and Company Headquarters, Company "C", on LST 620.

At 1830 hours the Battalion personnel plus "A" Company of the 141st Infantry Regiment completed loading and preparations were made to get under way. At sunset the LST's sailed from Nisidia Port and rendesvoused in the Salerno harbor to await orders for movement to France. In the evening an officers' meeting was held in the ship's officers' mess, where those present were made familiar with the ships regulations. Also at this meeting Captain Richard A. Danzi, O-1822375, was promoted to the rank of

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Major, his duties remaining the same.

On the morning of 11 August, Class "A" Agent Officers from the respective units aboard LST 612 repaid French Invasion Currency to the personnel who had previously submitted Italian Lire. At 0930 hours an officers' conference was held where the Battalion S-3 gave an orientation on the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division's mission in the invasion of Southern France.

Most of 12 August was spent orienting the personnel aboard LST 612 on the forthcoming invasion. At 121500 August 1944 the convoy started movement from Salerno harbor with its destination being Southern France.

Throughout the voyage the Staff studied maps and other material that would be of value upon reaching the invasion beaches. Daily practice abandon ship and battle station exercises were held to train the personnel in case an emergency arose during the voyage. General quarters was blown each evening prior to sunset. During this time the escort Navy destroyers laid a smoke screen over the convoy.

On August 14th the ship's Captain announced that "D" Day was 15 August, "H" Hour 0800 hours.

At 0600 hours, 15 August, the convoy arrived in the assembly area and Company "A", 141st Infantry Regiment, who were to assault Blue Beach at "H" hour, were put into the assault boats.

After the assault boats were lowered into the water they met those from the other LST's and maintained a circular formation waiting for the approach of "H" Hour. Prior to the infantry assault landings on the beach, American heavy, medium and light bombers dropped bombs on the enemy shore installations. This was followed by heavy naval fire from the cruisers and rocket boats. The Battalion Commander maintained a radio listening post aboard LST 612 so that he might keep abreast of the situation on shore.

At 0810 hours a radio message was intercepted stating that the infantry elements landing on the beaches were meeting little resistance.

The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "A" and the 2d Platoon of Company "C" of this Battalion landed on Green Beach at H plus 40. The 2d Platoon of Company "C" established a road block on Highway 98, protecting the left flank of the 3d Battalion of the 141st RCT. Upon landing, the 1st Platoon of Company "B" proceeded to Drammont prepared to assist the infantry with direct fire upon enemy strong points and pill boxes. The 141st RCT continued to advance toward the town of Agay. Elements of the 141st RCT continued to advance and cleared Yellow Beach assisted by the first platoon of Company "B". During this action this Platoon captured 45 prisoners in the vicinity of 225533. Road blocks were established at 218541

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and 225547, leaving the TD's with the infantry to outpost them. Sections of the 1st Platoon of Company "B" assisted in the protection of road blocks a t 219060 and 225547.

At 0850 hours it was learned that the sixth wave was landing on the beachhead and that one section of the beach was being harassed by an enemy pill box and sniper fire. At this time an observer on Blue Beach reported that no army casualties had been observed. At 1500 hours orders for the movement of LST 612 to the beachhead were brought aboard by a courier. The Battalion Commander announced over the ship's loud speaker system that all personnel would be ready to move by 1600 hours. At 1619 hours LST 612 hit Green Beach on the coast of Southern France and started unloading its cargo. Shortly after hitting the beachhead several heavy concentrations of enemy artillery shell fire fell to the front and flanks of the LST. One LST was hit and caught fire, the flames were quickly brought under control, however, by fire fighting boats.

Upon debarking from the LST, the Battalion vehicles proceeded to a dewaterproofing area where the enlisted personnel removed the waterproofing material. It was learned that the site selected for the Battalion Command Post was still occupied by enemy troops, therefore the Battalion Executive Officer set forth to reconnoiter for another a rea.

At 1815 large flights of glider-borne infantry flew over the sector north of the beachhead. Upon selecting an area suitable for the Battalion Command Post, Reconnaissance Company, Medical Detachment and S-4 Section, the Executive Officer returned to the dewaterproofing area and alerted personnel for movement. The Battalion was well established by 1900 hours and various Staff Officers had been sent forward on missions to learn the dispositions of the destroyer platoons as well as to learn the situation. The S-2 returned to the CP with information that the 2d platoon of Company "B", 636th TD Bn, 1st platoon of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, the 3d Battalion of the 141st RCT, followed by the 3d platoon of Company "B", 636th TD Battalion and one platoon of the 753d Tank Battalion would move up Route #1 to the Blue Line and attack at 2100 hours. The 2d Battalion of the 141st RCT less Company "F", plus the 2d section, first platoon of Company "B" this Battalion, plus one section of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, would move up Route #2. Company "F" of the 141st RCT plus the first section, 1st platoon of Company "B", this Battalion, plus one section of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, would move up Route #3. The 1st Battalion of the 141st RCT would move along the coastal highway northeast.

An enemy air attack took place over the beachhead sector at 2100 hours. One LST which was unloading its cargo at this time was hit by an enemy radio controlled bomb and immediately burst into flames. Although a heavy barrage of friendly AA was thrown into the air, no enemy planes were destroyed.

On the morning of the 16th of August it was decided that the Battalion CP would be moved to a new position so as to have closer contact with the destroyer companies. A detail was sent forward to reconnoiter and select

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areas to accomodate the Battalion CP as well as the Reconnaissance Company.

At 1135 hours the Command Group closed into its new area at 614312 in the vicinity of Les Plaines.

During the morning the first section of the first platoon of Company "B" destroyed one enemy command car, one enemy truck and an estimatedf five enemy personnel were killed as a result of these actions. Company "C" knocked out one enemy 88 MM gun at 213516 and the 2d platoon of Company "C" captured 20 prisoners a t 595348.

Company "A" was attached to the 142d Infantry Regiment in its advance northwest on Highway 7 from Fregus to Le Muy. The "A" Company M-10's were leading the regimental columns without benefit of reconnaissance elements in front of them when they ran into an enemy strong point. The lead M-10 was hit by direct fire weapons, killing two of the crew and destroying the M-10.

The Battalion's Liaison Officer with the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division CP reported to the Battalion Commander at 162230 August with the information that Company "C" was to be relieved from its support of the 143d RCT at 170700 August and would be attached to the Butler Task Force. The Company "C" Liaison Officer, who was at the Battalion CP, was given the instructions regarding Company "C"s being attached to the Butler Task Force. He left the CP immediately to contact the Commanding Officer of Company "C", who was to make arrangments for a quartering party to meet elements of the Task Force at the road junction 408384 at 171500 August, while the remainder of Company "C" was to close into that area by 1600 hours.

As the situation was fast moving the Battalion CP was alerted and on the morning of the 17th a new CP was set up at 396397, in the vicinity of La Ferriere. Members of the staff immediately left to contact the companies to learn the situation existing in their sectors.

Reconnaissanee Company was given a mission by the Commanding General of the Thirty-Sixth Infantry Division. The Company was to patrol the road from Trans en Provence to La Motte to Bagnols. The first and third platoons were to be used on the patrol. The Reconnaissance Company CP would be established at Trans en Provence.

The Reconnaissance Company would continue with its mission until relieved by the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division. It was later learned that an additional mission had been given to Reconnaissance Company which was after the patrol reached Bagnols it was to take the main road north to attempt to contact the paratroopers at Callain and when this contact was made, the patrol was to turn to the road junction at 542551 and attempt to verify reports of the enemy in Fayence. Upon accomplishing

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this mission it would then return to the road junction, turn west and contact the 36th Reconnaissance Troop at Callain. Shortly after starting on this mission the first platoon of Reconnaissance Company, consisting of twenty men, ran into an enemy strong point. After a brief fire fight they succeeded in destroying the strong point and captured 67 prisoners which were turned over to the Division PW Stockade.

As Reconnaissance Company progressed on its mission it was learned that no vehicular traffic had reconnoitered the road to Bagnols as its patrol had run into numerous road blocks. Upon reaching Bagnols friendly troops were contacted.

The 3d platoon of Company "B" captured 30 enemy personnel on the 17th of August. The 2d platoon of Company "B" joined the 3d Battalion, 141st RCT, at Bagnols. The 3d platoon of Company "B" continued up the coast in support of the 1st Battalion of the 141st RCT and moved into reserve positions at Frejus. The first platoon was maintaining a road block on the Cannes-Frejus road in the vicinity of 268264.

The 2d platoon of Company "C" with one company of infantry was given the mission to return to the coastal road east of St Raphael and clear out the beach defenses that were by-passed in the initial stages of the operation. They succeeded in destroying 6 enemy pill boxes and capturing 41 prisoners while assisting the infantry in clearing out the coastal installations.

"A" Company continued the support of the advance of the 142d Infantry Regiment into Draguignan.

At 180545 August the 1st platoon of Company "C" moved out with the leading elements of Task Force Butler on the main axis of advance through Draguignan to be followed shortly by Company "C" less two platoons. The S-2 left the CP to contact the Commanding Officer of Reconnaissance Company and give him a new mission which was that after checking on the paratroopers at Montauroux the patrol was to continue with its mission to Fayence. The Battalion Commander desired additional information concerning Fayence, such as if the enemy were dug in just north of the town and to verify reports of two enemy SP guns being in that area. If there was nothing in Fayence, the patrol was to discontinue its mission toward 36th Reconnaissance Troop and go north from Fayence to Mons. If resistance was met in Fayence the patrol was to set up an outpost to observe enemy activity.

The 2d platoon of Reconnaissance Company, while on its patrol mission, was strafed by four P-47 Thunderbolts at approximately 1200 hours in the vicinity of 546526. One armored car and two quarter-tons were destroyed while one officer, 1st Lt Paul R. McKee, O-1823909, was killed by machine gun fire from the planes. The Reconnaissance Platoon utilized yellow smoke prior to the second strafing but three of the planes strafed a second

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time. At about 1315 hours the 937th FA Battalion placed fire on the Reconnaissance Company CP which was located in St Paul. This fire was finally brought under control and stopped after the Battalion S-2 had contacted the Liaison Officer with the firing unit, who relayed the message to Division Artillery and all artillery battalions possible, notifying them that friendly troops were in St Paul. The first platoon working north from St Paul captured 39 prisoners of war after a brief fire fight.

In the evening the Battalion Commander visited the Division CP and conferred with the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, and gave him information regarding the progress made by Reconnaissance Company and explained the particulars of the strafing by friendly aircraft sustained by the 2d platoon of Reconnaissance Company. The Battalion Commander suggested that a Force be formed to include infantry and TD's to clear up the enemy pocket of resistance in Callain. Two companies of the 141st RCT, the 2d platoon of Company "B", this Battalion, and one platoon of Reconnaissance Company would comprise the force to accomplish this mission. As a secondary mission it was suggested that the force mop up enemy elements in Fayence. The elements which were to participate in the force were informed and directed to assemble in Bagnols. Company "A" was relieved of its attachment with the 142d RCT as of 2000 hours and moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Draguignan.

During this period the first platoon of Company "C" was in the vicinity of Barjols operating the flank elements of the Butler Task Force. It had contacted the enemy on the east edge of town. While supporting the infantry in clearing out the town the first platoon fired upon enemy personnel and vehicles with good effect. The TD's remained in position approximately 2000 yards east of Barjols waiting orders to continue on their mission after the town had been taken by the infantry. The CP of Company "C" was established 3 miles south of Riez where the main body of Task Force Butler was spending the night. It was planned that on the morning of the 19th they would move through Riez and secure three bridges at the north end of the town. The Company Commander, Company "B", visited the CP at 0930 hours and reported that the 1st section, 1st platoon, Company "B", was maintaining a road block on the Cannes-Frejus road in the vicinity of 268264 while the 2d section was maintaining one in the vicinity of 228608. The 2d platoon of Company "B" moved out of St Paul with the Force, its mission being to support the infantry and Reconnaissance Company with direct fire. Its 3d platoon moved from the vicinity of Frejus to take over the road block at Bagnole. At 1300 hours Company "B" was supporting the infantry in its attack on Callain from the west. The Force was receiving small arms and AT fire. One platoon of Reconnaissance Company, this Battalion, and one destroyer of Company "B" maintained a road block at St Paul. While firing on enemy installations outside Callain, 1st Lt Robert L. Dodson, 0-2055900, was killed when an enemy AT shell struck the destroyer in which he was riding. It was estimated that the opposition which this force encountered consisted of 40 enemy foot troops, one SP gun, two personnel carriers, one AT gun and one all-purpose vehicle.

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The Battalion's Liaison Officer with the Division visited the CP at 1836 and reported that elements of Task Force Butler were meeting heavy enemy resistance in the vicinity of St Maxime.

The Battalion Commander received a call from the Chief of Staff of the 36th Infantry Division at 2205 hours directing that he report to the Division CP. Upon arriving at the Division CP and conferring with the Chief of Staff it was learned that elements of the Battalion were to form the advance guard for a Division column which was to march by motor at 200640 August to the vicinity of Sisteron, where Task Force Butler was in contact with the enemy. The Battalion Commander had been selected as commander of the advance guard. The advance guard was to consist of one reconnaissance platoon from Reconnaissance Company, this Battalion, Company "A" of this Battalion, a combat platoon of the 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry, Companies "A" and "B" of the 143d Infantry and the 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion. The Battalion Commander called the Battalion Executive Officer and notified him to alert Reconnaissance Company and Company "B" for movement to the Battalion CP area. Reconnaissance Company was to close into the Battalion area at 200600 August with Company "B" starting movement at the first light 20 August. Company "A" was to be prepared to move from its present position at 200600 August. The Company Commanders of Reconnaissance, "A", "B" Companies reported to the Battalion CP where they and members of the staff, as well as the Commanding Officer of the 93d AFA Battalion, conferred and made final plans for the 200640 August movement.

At 200700 August the column moved out from 311475 with the route of march being Draguignan - Castellane - Digne - Sisteron. The column reached Malijar without incident. At this point a message was received from the Commanding General, Task Force Butler, directing that the column be halted. An air OP had reported an enemy armored column some 30 kilometers to the southwest moving in our direction. Elements of the column were deployed to meet the threat. Elements of our reconnaissance were sent out to intercept the force but no contact was made. Upon order of the Commanding General of the column, march was resumed and reached the Sisteron area without contacting the enemy.

On the morning of 21 August, the Battalion Commander called the company commanders of "A", "B" and Reconnaissance Companies to the Battalion CP for a short conference. After orienting them on the accomplishments of the Butler Task Force, and the location of enemy troops close to the Division's Assembly area, reconnaissance missions were assigned. Reconnaissance Company was given the mission of reconnoitering the road nets in the vicinity of Apt and Ribers. Companies "A" and "B" were directed to maintain reconnaissance patrols in the vicinity of Les Mees, Les Chabarmis, Valbelle, Noyers and Ribers. It was suggested that the Destroyer Company Commanders select possible destroyer positions while reconnoitering southwest of Sisteron.

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During the afternoon the Battalion Commander and Executive Officer visited the Command Post of the 36th Infantry Division to learn if further plans had been made for the Division to continue its advance to the north. The Division G-3 informed the Battalion Commander that Reconnaissance Company had been attached to the 143d RCT and would support that unit with vigorous and extensive reconnaissance on its movement to the north. The company commander of Reconnaissance Company was informed of the attachment and his company cleared the Battalion area at 1700 hours, proceeding to the 143d RCT's assembly area.

The information was received at 1717 hours that in addition to Reconnaissance Company being assigned to the 143d RCT, Company "B" was also assigned to that unit. Company "A" was assigned to the 142d RCT to give its troops support in its coming operation. Company "C" was to remain with the Butler Task Force, which was now under Division control.

Company "A" was relieved of its mission of maintaining the Division road blocks south of Vallone and closed into the Battalion area at 1630 hours.

Upon learning of its attachment to the 143d RCT, Company "B" was alerted and moved out of the Battalion area, closing into the 143d RCT's assembly area west of Aspres sur Buech at 211900 August 44.

As it was the desire of the Commanding Officer of the 142d RCT to have the Company "A" destroyers in the vicinity of Gap during the early morning hours of 22 August, plans were made by the company commanders for Company "A" to accomplish this mission. The 1st Destroyer Platoon left the Battalion Area, its destination Gap, at 220100 August, while the remainder of the company started on its long journey at dawn, 22 August 44.

So ar to maintain close contact with the scattered elements of the Battalion, the Battalion Commander moved the Battalion Command Group to a site one mile north of Aspres sur Buech on the morning of 22 August 44.

Shortly after the Battalion CP was set up, it was learned that the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company and one platoon of the Company "B" destroyers had spearheaded the 143d RCT's movement into Grenoble, being the first American troops to enter the city. The Company withdrew to an assembly area south of the town and sent reconnaissance elements to the northwest and Ribers, where no contact was made with the enemy.

The 3d Destroyer Platoon of Company "B", supporting the 2d Battalion of the 143d RCT, was aggressively pushing to the east from Gap and was in the vicinity of Chorges.

The Battalion Commander planned to move the Battalion Command Group to Grenoble on the 23 August 44, but reversed his decision upon being informed by the Division G-3 that a regiment of the 45th Division was going

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to relieve the 143d RCT at Grenoble. During this period the Battalion Staff visited the positions of the Battalion's elements that were stationed over a 150 mile area. The Battalion Commander and Executive Officer contacted Reconnaissance and "B" Companies at Grenoble. The S-3 visited the 3d platoon of Company "A" in the vicinity of Guillestre while the S-4 checked with Company "C" positioned outside of St Marcel where the 1st section, 2d Platoon was interdicting Highway 7, the 2d section, 2d Platoon was supporting the infantry's attack on Montelimar, the 1st and 3d Platoons were maintaining road blocks in the vicinity of Puy St Martin. Company "C" destroyer 18 enemy vehicles during the 23d of August.

The Battalion Commander and Executive Officer returned to the Battalion CP at 240210 August 1944 and stated that they had accompanied Reconnaissance Company when it spearheaded the 143d RCT's advance to Bourg de Peage, arriving there at 231930 August 1944. Citizens of the town showed great enthusiasm at the arrival of the first American troops. Roads to the north and west were reconnoitered as well as the lateral roads from Bourg de Peage to Crest.

At 0700 hours, 24 August, The Battalion Commander issued a warning order to the effect that the Command Group would move to Crest about 0900 hours. An advance detail was selected and sent forward to select a Command Post site. The vehicles of the Command Group were moving on the Aspres sur Buech-Crest road by 0915 hours, where they would join elements of the 36th Infantry Division. The Command Group closed into its CP site, one half-mile south of Crest, at 1315 hours. The Battalion Commander visited the Company "C" positions during this period, and upon returning to the CP, stated that Company "C" was encountering armor from the enemy's 11th Panzer Division.

During the late evening the village of Crest was harassed by enemy artillery shell fire, estimated to be 170 MM or larger.

The destroyers of Company "B", with one company of the 141st Infantry riding on the M-10's, left Grenoble at 1715 hours for Bourg de Peage. At 2140 hours the force arrived in the city and immediately set up strong road blocks on the Valence-Bourg de Peage road, as well as roads leading to the east and north. Later in the night the destroyers lead elements of the 141st RCT in a night assault towards Valence. Two kilometers east of ~~their~~ objective this force, without benefit of reconnaissance elements preceeding them, encountered two emplaced 88 MM guns. As a result of the destroyers participating in this night attack, three of the four destroyers were lost. The two leading M-10's were knocked out before they could fire a shot, the third was destroyed as it attempted to flank its opposition, and after firing only three rounds.

The enemy made a counterattack in force in the Company "C" sector at 2015 hours, but was repelled with Company "C" losing two destroyers in the

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action after destroying one Mark IV tank and one personnel carrier of the enemy force.

It was learned at 250415 August 1944 that it was likely that the enemy would make an armored attack at daylight, with the purpose of breaking our lines and make a route of escape for the outflanked troops who were attempting to move to the north.

Company "B" and Reconnaissance Company were relieved of their attachment to the 143d RCT. Reconnaissance Company reverted to the control of the Battalion while Company "B" was attached to the 141st RCT. The 36th Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the Battalion with its reconnaissance missions to be designated by the Battalion Commander.

At 0800 hours the G-2, 36th Infantry Division, called the CP and stated that an enemy armored column was moving to the north with its leading elements at La Concourde.

At 0903 and G-3 of Division called the CP and requested that the area north and south of the Drome River be reconnoitered from Crest west to the Rhone River. The Battalion Commander directed that the 36th Reconnaissance Troop reconnoiter the road net from Crest to Loriol, checking the town to learn if it were clear of the enemy. Reconnaissance Company was to reconnoiter the road net from Crest to Livron with a final mission of surveying Livron for enemy troops.

As the morning passed, information was received at the Battalion CP giving the location of enemy columns and installations. Elements of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron were attached to the Battalion. Through OP's established by the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company, the 36th Reconnaissance Troop and Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Troop, which afforded surveilance of the sector east of the Rhone River Valley, the Battalion Commander was enabled to know all movements of the enemy in the sector. Liaison officers from the 36th Reconnaissance Troop and Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, established themselves at the CP and submitted all reports from their units to the appropriate staff officers.

The Battalion Commander directed that the 36th Reconnaissance Troop, Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron and the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company establish road blocks east of Crane and east of Allex on each side of the Drome River west of Crest. At 1159 hours it was learned that Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, was attached to the Battalion. The Battalion Commander directed that the tanks, upon arriving at Crest, be positioned at the road blocks as support against any enemy that might appear. Seven assault guns of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron were in support of the Battalion to assist in repelling any attempt made by the enemy to move on Crest from the west and sever the Division's main axis of communication.

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At 1430 hours it was definite that the enemy occupied Livron and Loriol, and his armor was moving and firing into Grane. The outpost reported enemy tanks, infantrymen and other vehicles in those sectors.

Through the close contact that was maintained between the Battalion's OP's, the Battalion CP and Division Headquarters, the Division Commander was kept well informed on the situation existing in the sector that was under the Battalion Commander's control.

At 1510 hours the Battalion Executive Officer called the G-3, 36th Division and gave him the troop dispositions in the Battalion Commander's sector. On the north side of the river, approximately five miles west of Crest, the friendly forces consisted of five medium tanks from the 753d Tank Battalion, 1 Reconnaissance Platoon, Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Reconnaissance Platoon, this Battalion, and two tank destroyers from Company "A", this Battalion. The friendly force on the southern bank of the river was of similar strength, consisting of 1 Platoon, Troop C, 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Platoon 36th Reconnaissance Troop and three medium tanks, 753d Tank Battalion. South of Grane there were three assault guns and one Reconnaissance Platoon of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron. A road block consisting of one platoon of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron and 1 platoon of 36th Reconnaissance Troop was established on the Crest-Bourg road at 128776.

The Division G-3 called the CP at 1515 hours and reported that a column, believed to be enemy, was moving in the Drome River bed from Allex towards Crest. All forward OP's were alerted and foot patrols sent out on each side of the river to maintain contact with the reported column. The Battalion Commander directed that if the column proved to be enemy, the medium tanks would move to positions alongside the river and fire on it. For two hours aggressive foot patrols reconnoitered and observed the river bed and found no evidence of the column. Negative reports were received from all forward OP's on enemy movement in the river bed.

In the event that a superior enemy force breached the defenses of Crest, demolitions were placed on the bridge crossing the Drome River at that point. The Battalion Commander was given the authority to blow this bridge when the situation warranted.

During the evening it became more evident that the enemy had intentions of advancing through Grane and on to Crest to afford him another escape route to the north. The forward elements received enemy small arms and artillery fire. An enemy plane strafed the commanding terrain on each side of the river.

The Division G-3 informed the Battalion Commander that Company "F", 344th Engineers, was attached to the Battalion to be used as infantry. The G-3 stated that the Company "A" destroyers would relieve the 753d tanks in Grane and that a company of infantry already situated in the town would be security for the destroyers.

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The S-2 was sent to destroyer positions in the vicinity of Grane to establish liaison with the Company "A" destroyers, as well as maintain liaison with Task Force Butler, which had been employed on the left.

At 261000 August 44 a strong force of enemy armor and infantrymen breached the 141st road block on Highway 7 at 935634 southwest of La Concourde. The road block was composed of 2 platoons of Company "B" tank destroyers, Company "A", 141st RCT and Company "G", 143d RCT. The enemy opened this night attack with a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire, followed by an intense small arms fire. His foot troops infiltrated the infantry positions and upon locating the positions of our armor, fired flares to light up the target area, thus enabling his tanks to see their targets and take them under effective fire. In the ensuing two-hour battle, our armor, while returning the enemy fire, sustained direct hits on six of the destroyers, five of which immediately burst into flames. The remaining two destroyers and the remaining infantry were ordered to withdraw to the MLR some fifteen hundred yards to the rear of the road block position.

At 260600 August 1944 the enemy contested our road block at 128776 on the Crest-Bourg road. With a force composed of three Mark IV tanks, three half-tracks and an estimated fifty infantrymen, he succeeded in forcing our elements to withdraw some 2000 yards. The combined fire power of the two reconnaissance platoons was not great enough to stop the attack but after the initial contact, with losses to both sides, it succeeded in slowing the enemy down and delaying him until reinforcements arrived. One platoon of M-4 tanks from the 753d Tank Battalion and one platoon of Company "K", 143d Infantry, was rushed to the threatened sector. The enemy was forced to withdraw to the north under the pressure of this force and the road block was reestablished.

During the latter part of the morning the Division Chief of Staff contacted the Battalion Commander and informed him that a battalion of the 157th RCT, 45th Division, supported by artillery, tanks and tank destroyers, was moving into positions west of Crest and would assume responsibility of the sector north of the Drome River, whereupon the Battalion Commander's forces in that sector were relieved. The Chief of Staff stated that the Battalion Commander still commanded the forces on the southern bank. Liaison and wire communications were established between the Battalion and the 157th Infantry so as to maintain coordination and support between the two units as they advanced to the west. Reconnaissance Company, 636th TD Battalion, moved to positions south of the Drome River near Grane.

Troop "E", 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, was given the mission of placing harrassing fire on Grane during the night of 26 August, being lifted during a period when patrols of the 36th Reconnaissance Troop would be in the vicinity of the town. The 36th Reconnaissance Troop was relieved of its assignment with the Battalion at 2300 hours.

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During the early morning hours of 27 August Reconnaissance Company sent a patrol towards Grane. Upon observing heavy enemy concentration in the vicinity of the town, an OP was established to watch its maneuvers.

Close contact was maintained with the destroyer companies to keep abreast of their operations. The destroyers of Company "A", attached to the 142d RCT, were reinforcing road blocks in the vicinity of Nyons and Montbrisson, with one section attached to Task Force Butler. The destroyers of Company "B", attached to 141st RCT, maintained anti-tank positions southwest of Condillac. Company "C", attached to 141st RCT, was employed against the enemy in the Marsanne sector and assisted in repulsing an enemy counterattack aimed to reopen his escape route to the north. In this action "C" Company lost one tank destroyer with 2 men killed and 3 wounded and succeeded in knocking out one Mark IV tank and one Mark VI tank.

At noon the commanding officer of Reconnaissance Company reported that patrols from his unit had found Grane clear of enemy troops. Upon verification of this report, plans were made by the Battalion Commander for moving an occupational force and the Command Group to Grane. The Division G-3 assigned a forward observer and a battery of 155 artillery to the Battalion as support for the mission. The Division Chief of Staff gave the Battalion Commander the mission of holding Grane and running vigorous reconnaissance patrols to the west. Elements of the Battalion Commander's force were given a warning order regarding its move to Grane.

Shortly after sunset the Command Group started moving to its new site in the vicinity of Grane. The Battalion Commander went forward to select positions of a defensive nature to be occupied by the tanks of Company "A", 753d Tank Battalion, Troop "C", 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, Company "F", 344th Engineers, and the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company. A site for the Battalion's advance unit was selected in Grane. A message from the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, to the Battalion Commander directed that his force attack west.

Upon becoming situated in the advance CP, the Battalion Commander held a conference of officers and platoon leaders of the forces under his command. He issued a verbal field order for the 28 August 44 operation, stating the plan of attack as for a patrol from the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company to patrol the area north of Grane to the river. This was to be followed by one platoon of the 753d tanks, carrying one platoon of the 344th Engineers. Troop "C", 117th Reconnaissance Squadron was given the mission of patrolling the area south of the road to the high ground on the left, to be followed by one platoon of Company "A", 753d tanks, carrying one platoon 344th Engineers. One platoon of Company "A" tanks and one platoon of Company "F", 344th Engineers, was to be held in reserve.

At an officers' meeting at 280500 August 44 it was decided that the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron would move to the south on the left flank, keeping contact with Task Force Butler. The Reconnaissance Company Pioneer

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Platoon would follow the reserve tank platoon, alerted to use its mortars. Check points were established and the Command Group would follow the main axis of advance. All movements would be supported by artillery fire. The Division G-2 had given the location of all known and suspected mine fields.

The attack jumped off at 0635 hours. By approximately 1100 hours it advanced approximately 3000 yards against scattered small arms and machine gun fire. Our reconnaissance elements encountered an enemy road block at this point defended by tanks, infantry, mortars and automatic weapons. Artillery fire was placed on the area along with fire from the Pioneer 81 MM mortars while our forces reorganized to attack the road block in force. Twice our forces attacked the enemy's well-defended position, once on the right flank and once on both flanks simultaneously, only to be repulsed. Our losses were two M-4 tanks hit by direct fire and one engineer killed and three wounded.

At dusk the Battalion Commander ordered the force to occupy defensive positions for the night. Patrols were sent out to determine the enemy's disposition and movements during the hours of darkness. The force under the Battalion Commander was attached to Task Force Butler at 2102 hours, 28 August 44, for its tactical employment. The attack was resumed on the 29th with the Engineers preceeding the armor, working along the high ground to the left flank and along the flats to the river on the right. When the infantry had reached their objective in the vicinity of 995755, one platoon of tanks moved cross country towards their objective while the Battalion Commander led the remaining tanks down the highway.

The Battalion Commander entered the outskirts of Loriol at 1550 hours, at which time he made contact with the 1st Battalion, 143d RCT. The tanks were positioned on the high ground overlooking the town after the Battalion Commander had received orders that the armor would be relieved from our control at 1800 hours. At approximately 1710 hours, upon orders of the Commanding General, Task Force Butler, an attack west from Loriol was launched by the tanks. This attack, without benefit of infantry support, was pushed fowrard in an area strongly held by the enemy until 1930 hours, at which time the tanks reverted to the control of the commanding officer, 141st Infantry Regiment. No losses were sustained by our armor although they inflicted heavy casualties to the enemy personnel.

At 2056 hours the remainder of the Battalion Commanders force was relieved of attachment to Task Force Butler and all units comprising this force returned to the control of their parent unit.

The Battalion, less "A", "B", and "C" Companies, was placed in Division reserve.

On the 30th of August the Battalion, less "A", "B", and "C" Companies, moved to a new area at 122944. Reconnaissance Company was attached to the 141st RCT with the mission of protecting the left flank of the Regiment and

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to reconnoiter north from Bourg de Peage to Beaurepaire.

Company "C", supporting the 141st RCT, entered Valence on 31 August 44 and established road blocks on the main roads leading from the town. Reconnaissance Company continued its reconnaissance mission to the north and made contact with elements of the Third Infantry Division on the right flank of the 36th Division in Marcelleles. Companies "A" and "B" were attached to the 142d and 143d RCT's respectively and were advancing north with their forward elements to Beaurepaire.

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Attached Annexes:

1. Copy of Unit Journal.
2. Overlays.
3. Personnel Casualties during period.
4. Material destroyed or damaged by enemy action.
5. Enemy casualties caused by 636th TD Bn during period.
6. Awards and Decorations.
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0745	The 36th Div, asst, Chaplain held Catholic Mass in the Hq Co area	S
		2	0830	The S-3 left for the 36th Div CP to visit the war tent	S
		3	1050	Notification was recd at the CP that the Bn's TQM O's were to attend a conf at the 141st RCT at 1700 hours	S
		4	1147	The S-3 retd to the CP	S
		5		During the morning the EM attended compulsery lectures on VD and AW's. The latter part of the morning was devoted to training in radio procedure	S
		6	1300	A call was recd for the 36th Div requesting that our Div Ln O's vehicle be in that unit's area at 021300 Aug	S
		7	1615	The Bn Comdr retd to the CP	S
		8	1630	The S-2, who was acting as the Bn's Ln O with the 36th Div CP, visited theCP & conferred with the Bn's Exec	S
		9	1710	The S-2 departed for the 36th Div CP	S
		10	2145	The asst 36th Div TQM called the CP & requested that the Bn's TQM & assts meet him at the Blockhours, Naples, at 020800 August '44	S
		11	2147	The Bn TQM & assts were notified of the Blockhouse meeting	S
		12		The afternoon training period was devoted to motor maintenance and the orientation of the troops on world events.	S
		13	2400	End of Period	S

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0722	The Bn TQM and assistants left for the Naples Blockhouse to meet the 36th Div TQM	S
		2	1025	The S-1 left for the Div CP to confer with the G-1 on officers' promotions	S
		3	1131	The 7th Army Anti-tank & asst Anti-tank O's visited the CP and conferred with the Bn Comdr on matters pertaining to the Bn	S
		4	1158	The S-1 retd to the CP	S
		5		During the morning the Bn trained in accordance with the training schedule The first 2 hours of the period were devoted to message writing, first aid in combat & co. evacuation for combat casualties. The Destroyer Cos. recd instructions on indirect fire procedure & trng of individual crews during the last 1½ hours of the period, while Rcn Co trained in the organization of strong points.	S
		6	1242	The 7th Army Anti-tank and asst Anti-tank O's left the CP	S
		7	1356	The Bn TQM retd to the CP	S
		8	1400	The Bn Comdr, Exec O & TQM conferred on the Bn's prospective movement by boat	S
		9	1530	A notice was dispatched to all Co. Comdrs concerning a conference that was to be held at the Bn CP at 1630	S
		10	1630	A Co Comdrs & Staff O's conf was conducted at the CP by the Bn Comdr.	

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				Various matters concerning the Bn were discussed by the O's, including future employment of the destroyers	
		11	1710	The Co Comdr conf was dismissed	S
		12	1930	One half-track, one jeep and eight destroyers moved to the 142d RCT's assembly area	S
		13		The Bn maintained its vehicles & conducted care & cleaning of equipment as prescribed in the Training Sched. The Bn made a 2-hour road march during the 1800-2000 hours period.	S
		14	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0742	The Bn's TQM O's departed for Naples	S
		2	0815	All Cos held classes on the organization of mine clearing squads, and the use of the mine detector.	S
		3	0910	The S03 left the CP to visit the 36th Div War Tent	S
		4	0915 - 1145	During the period the Destroyer Cos conducted classes on indirect fire. Rcn Co sand-bagged its vehicles while its Pioneer plat. reviewed the 81MM mortar	S
		5	1300-1520	All Cos maintained their vehicles during this period	S
		6	1528	The O's of the Bn left the CP to attend an address by the VI Corps Comdr	S
		7	1530 - 1630	All Cos' radio operators recd instr. on the brevity code by the respective Co radio sgts.	S
		8	1603	The TQM of the 141st RCT called the CP & requested a list of names of the O's & EM that would make the water movement of LST 609	S
		9	1743	The O's retd to the Bn area after hearing the Div, Corps & Army Comdrs speak at the 36th Div & attached units O's assembly	S
		10	1830	The O's of the Bn attended a Radio school under the supervision of the Comm. O.	S
		11	1915	The Co Comdrs & Staff O's met with the Bn Comdr at the CP, where the main topic of discussion was the Bn's TO & TE	S

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		12		During the evening the Co B, 1st platoon less 2/3 of its crew, left the Bn area for the assembly area.	S
		13	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0715	The S-2 left for Naples	S
		2	0815	All Cos held classes on defence against chemical attack and practical methods of decontamination	S
		3	0820	The Exec O called the 141st RCT on matters pertaining to a passenger list	S
		4	0940	The Bn's TQMs left the Bn area to visit the Naples Blockhouse and assembly area	S
		5	1005	The Bn Comdr left to visit the 36th Div War Tent	S
		6	1130	A msg was recd from the G-3, 36th Div requesting that the Bn Comdr be present at a critique on "Cowpuncher II" at the Blockhouse, 072000 Aug 44	S
		7		During the morning's training period classes were held on map reading & radio procedure by each company	S
		8	1325	The Exec O and Co Comdr, Rcn Co, left the CP to attend a conference at the 36th Div CP	S
		9	1800	The S-2 retd to the CP	S
		10	1815	The Bn Comdr & Exec O retd to the CP	S
		11	2210	A call was recd at the CP requesting that the Bn TQM8s meet the Div TQM at the Blockhouse, Naples, 050800 August 44	S
		12		During the afternoon the Cos devoted their training period to motor maintenance and the care and cleaning of equipment	S
		13	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0814	The Bn Comdr left for the 36th Divv CP to confer with the Div. Comdr.	S
		2	0816	The S-2 left for the 36th Div CP	S
		3	0820	The S-3 departed for the 36th Div War Tent	S
		4	0830	The Exec O called the Div Finance O in regard to exchanging Co Fund money	S S
		5	0900	The S-1 left for the 7th Army Rear Echelon to check on O promotions	S
		6	0905	A msg was recd from the CO, 1st Bn, 141st, requesting that the Co Comdrs and Plat Leaders of Co B be present for conference at the Div War Tent at 051330 August 44	S
		7	0907	The information concerning the 1330 hours meeting at the Div War Tent was sent to the Co Comdr Co B	S
		8	1003	The Bn Exec O left for Rcn & A Cos to inspect training	S
		9	1040	The Bn TQM's retd to the CP	S
		10	1131	The G-2, 36th Div called the CP and stated that a squad of British para-troopers would be sent to the Bn at 1300 hours. These paratroopers were to be shown to the personnel of the Bn for identification purposes.	S
		11	1132	The Bn Comdr retd to the CP accompanied by an O who had been attached to the 36th Div as armored observor for the forthcoming operation	S
		12	1140	The Cos were notified of the British Paratrooper Identification Demonstration that was to be held in the Hqs	S

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				Co area at 1300 hours.	
		13		During the first 1½ hours of the trng period the Cosreviewed forward observer methods. The remaining morning trng period was devoted to an ordnance inspection	S
		14	1300	The personnel of the Bn attended the British Paratrooper Demonstration in the Hqs Co area	S
		15		The remainder of this period was spent making preparations for a Bn Review and Presentation of Awards that was to be held at 061130 August 44. The 36th Div Military Band and a loud-speaker unit was obtained for the occasion through the Div Special Service O. During the evening the O's of the Bn were entertained with a dance in Naples. Arrangements for the fest-ivities were made by the Bn SSO	S
		16	2400	End of period	

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		1	0705	All Cos were called & given final instructions regarding the 1130 hours review and presentation	S
		2	0730	A schedule of Events for the Bns Review and Presentation ceremony was sent to the Div Comdr's Aide de Camp, Chief of Staff, and G-1	S
		3	0830 - 0930	The Cos held a practice review and presentation ceremony on the Bn's Drill Field	S
		4	1100	The Bn and the 36th Div Band formed on the drill field in readyness for the Div Comdrs arrival and the starting of the scheduled review and pres.	S
		5	1130	The Commdg Gen, 36th Inf Div arrived at the Bn's drill field. The ceremonies started.	S
		6	1131	The Cof S, 36th Inf Div was informed of the Div Comdrs arrival in the Bn area	S
		7		During the presentation ceremony one Silver Star, 4 Bronze Stars were awarded to enlisted personnel of the Bn. 2 Battlefield promotions were made.	S
		8	1151	The ceremony was over, the Div Comdr, The Aide de Camp & the Bn Comdr came to the CP for lunch	S
		9	1210	A representative of the S-3 section, 143d RCT called the CP & requested that an O pick up some secret documents at that Hq.	S

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		10	1245	The Div Comdr left the Cp. The Div C of S was informed of the General's departure from the Bn area	S
		11	1315	The S-3 departed for the CP of the 143d RCT	S
		12	1422	The S-2 left for the CP, 36th Div, to visit the War Tent	S
		13	1530	The Co Comdrs were notified of a conference to be held at the Bn CP at 1800 hours	S
		14	1545	The S-2 retd to the CP	S
		15	1628	The S-3 retd to the CP	S
		16	1800	A Co Comdrs conference was conducted at the Bn CP. Final plans were made for the movement of wheeled vehicles and personnel to an assembly area. Administrative details for the ANVIL operations were discussed.	S
		17	2210	A msg was recd from the S-1 of RCT 143 stating that an O of Co C could pick up orders at that Hq pertaining to the next operation	
		18	2400	End of period	

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		1	0800	Personnel of the Bn started packing tentage and equipment on the vehicles that were to leave for the assembly area shortly after 1200 hours	S
		2	0915	The S-3 departed for the 36th Div CP to visit the War Tent and obtain the latest details concerning forthcoming operations	S
		3	1045	The S-3 retd to theBn CP	S
		4	1330	The Bn's vehicles (plus drivers) started movement from the Qualiano bivouac area to the assembly area, prior to movement to the port for embarkation	S
		5	1745	A call was recd from the 141st RCT in regard to the number of LCT personnel that would have to be moved from the Bn's area by truck	S
		6	1800	The Bn Comdr left the CP to attend a 2000 hours conference at the Block-house in Naples.	S
		7	2316	The Bn Comdr retd to the CP	S
		8		During the day the destroyer platoons that were to support the 141st RCT during the initial amphibious operation loaded on LCT's with elements of that unit. The 2nd platoon, Co C, loaded on LCT's 709 & 710, 1st plat Co B on LCT's 711 & 712, while the 1st and 2d platoons of Co A embarked on LCT's 713 & 716	S
		9	2400	End of period	

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To 8 August 44 (Date) 2400 (Hour)

Place Italy 070630 (Coordinates)

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0845	The S-3 left for the Div CP to visit the War Tent and G-3 Section	S
		2	1000	The Exec O left for RCT 141 to confer with O's of that Hq on matters pertaining to future operations	S
		3	1035	The Exec O retd to the CP	S
		4	1042	The S-3 retd to the CP	S
		5	1300	The Bn Comdr and S-3 left the CP for the Naples Blockhouse and the port	S
		6	1315	The S-2 left to visit the 141st RCT, the 3rd Bn, 141st RCT and the port	S
		7	1315	The S-1 left for 36th Div Rear to confer with AG	S
		8	1540	A call was recd from the 141st RCT in regard to a 1930 hrs meeting at that Hq. It was desired that the Co B plat leaders be present	S
		9	1600	The S-2 retd to the CP	S
		10	1655	The Bn Comdr & S-3 retd to the CP	S
		11	1745	The S-1 retd to the CP	S
		12	2200	Major Lokey joined the Bn per VOCG 36th Div	S
		13		During the night the slow-moving LCTs moved out of the Naples harbor with their destination being the Corsica assembly area	
		14	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0800	An O of the 142d Inf visited the CP and conferred with the Bn Exec O & Pers O on a set up for the Bn's Rear Echelon	S
		2	0830	The S-2 departed for the 36th Div rear echelon to confer with the asst AG on "Top Secret" documents	S
		3	0831	The Bn Mtr O (The Troop Comdr for the "Follow Up" ship) & the O from the 142d Inf left the CP to attend a conference at the Div's rear echelon	S
		4	0845	The Bn Comdr talked with the Div G-1 on the assignment of O's	S
		5	1300	The Bn Comdr and S-1 departed for Naples. The Bn Comdr was to visit the Blockhouse, while the S-1 attended to administrative matters with the 7th Army G-1	S
		6	1330	The Exec O left for the CP of the 141st RCT to confer on future coordinated operations between that unit and the Destroyer Cos.	S
		7	1500	The Exec O retd to the CP	S
		8	1539	The S-3 left the CP for the CP ofthe 141st.	S
		9	1545	The Exec O departed for the Naples Loading area	S
		10	1650	The Exec O retd to the CP	S
		11	1659	Major Lokey was reld of his TD with the Bn & retd to the 36th Div G-1 for reassignment	S

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		12	1700	The Exec O left the CP for the Dallas and the Oregon concentration areas	S
		13	1917	The Bn Comdr & S-1 retd to the CP. Upon arrival the Bn Comdr conferred with the S-2 on the latest developments for the coming operations	S
		14	2130	The Bn Comdr left the CP for the Dallas area to observe the loading of vehicles	S
		15	2335	The S-3 retd to the Bn CP	S
		16	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0510	The S-3 departed for the concentration areas to check the progress of loading.	S
		2	0915	Personnel selected to embark on LST 612 left the Qualiano staging area for the 141st assembly area prior to movement to the concentration area	S
		3	1147	Personnel listed for LST612 left the 141st assembly area for the concentration area on the Coroglio Beach	S
		4	1309	The vehicles of the CP Group, Med Det, 2 platoons of Co C & etc started loading on LST 612	S
		5	1832	The personnel listed for LST 612 started loading on the ship	S
		6	2000	LST 612 pulled away from its loading point to drop anchor in the Naples harbor & await movement orders	S
		7	2245	A meeting of all Army O's was held in the ship's O's mess where all present were made familiar with the ship's orders and regulations	S
		8		During the day the remainder of the Bn loaded on LST's. The 2d plat of Co B loaded on LST 606, Co Hq, Co B on LST 609, Co Hq, Co C on LST 620, while the CP Group, Co Hq, 1st & 2d plats of Rcn Co, S-4 Section, Med Det, and the remaining elements of the Destroyer Cos loaded on LST 612	S
		9	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0930	All Army O's, with the exception of the Bn S-4 & Trans O, were oriented on the 36th Divs mission in the invasion of Southern France.	S
		2	1230	The Bn S-4 & Trans O left the LST by LCI for Naples to give the Bn's Personnel O changes on the Ship's Personnel Roster, as well as to try & obtain Spl Svc reading matter for those aboard LST 612	S
		3		During the morning Class A agent O's from the respective units aboard LST 612 repaid French Invasion Currency to those who had submitted Italian Lire for purposes of having it exchanged	S
		4	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0830 - 1400	At designated times during this period enlisted personnel were given a thorough orientation of the forthcoming operation by the Bn's S-2	S
		2	1400	Under the supervision of the ship's Comdr a practice abandon ship drill was held	S
		3	1430	The S-4 & Trans O boarded LST 612	S
		4	1500	The convoy started its movement from the Naples harbor, with its destination being Southern France.	S
		5	1930	Army & Naval personnel were alerted to battle stations at sunset	S
		6		During the afternoon personnel of the Staff Plat put together sections of maps covering the forthcoming operation in Southern France	S
		7		End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	1100	A meeting of all Army O's was held on the boat deck where a schedule for 14 August was planned & disussed	S
		2	1340	A practice abandon ship alert was conducted under the supervision of the Navy and Army O's	S
		3	1500	An informal variety musical program was staged by several members of the Bn. The program was broadcast over the ship's loud speaker system for the enjoyment of those on board LST 612	S
		4	2000	General Quarters was blown and lasted until after sundown. During this period Navy destroyers laid a smoke screen over the ship convoy	S
		5	2400	End of period	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		1	0530	General quarters was blown. The convoy was in the midst of a group of islands in the vicinity of Corsica	S
		2	1000	Several patrols of P 38's and light bombers patrolled the waters to the front, rear and flanks of the convoy	S
		3	1100	An officers' meeting was held on the boat deck where a discussion of the schedule for 15 August was continued. It was decided that general quarters would be blown at 0330 hours on 15 August. The personnel of the infantry would have breakfast at 0345 hours and those of the TD Bn would eat at 0600 hours, etc.	S
		4	2400	End of period	

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		1	0300	General quarters.	S
		2	0345	Infantry lined up for breakfast.	S
		3	0600	The infantry troops loaded into assault boats, prepared to go ashore	S
		4	0700	A radio listening post was established in one of the CP armored cars.	S
		5	0730	Heavy, medium and light bombers bombed enemy installations on shore	S
		6	0740	The radio listening post reported that it had received a message that the first wave of infantry was hitting the beachhead.	S
		7	0810	It was reported by radio that the infantry elements landing on the beach were receiving little resistance.	S
		8	0822	The radio reported that additional landings were being made and everything was running according to schedule	S
		9	0850	Radio reported that the sixth wave was now landing on the beachhead. One section of the beachhead reported that it was being harassed by one pillbox and a little sniper fire. No army casualties had been observed as yet.	S
		10	0855	Message was intercepted from shore stating that enemy strongpoint was located at 259535, in the vicinity of a yellow house. Permission was requested to fire on enemy installation	S

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	Serial No	Time Dated	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN (M S T)
		11	0914	2 of the LST 612 assault boats returned to the ship. One of the craft contained 4 German prisoners. The other assault boat contained one injured navy man.	S
		12	0930	Message was intercepted stating that the objective of the 141st RCT had been taken. The infantry troops were meeting little resistance.	S
		13	0940	A radio message from the beachhead stated that very little enemy resistance was being met on Green Beach.	S
		14	1030	At the completion of the interogation of the 4 captured Germans, it was learned that the French had informed the Germans of the invasion, giving the approximate location and time of the attack on the beachhead.	S
		15	1035	Radio reported that Blue Beach was under heavy enemy artillery shell fire concentration.	S
		16	1041	The LST Commander directed that all gun crews mount their pieces.	S
		17	1046	The radio reported that the infantry troops had run into an enemy strong point at 605338 in the vicinity of Les Plaines.	S
		18	1055	The radio reported that most of the enemy resistance on Yellow Beach was surrendering.	S
		19	1115	The Engineers reported by radio that the bridge to the right of Green Beach	S

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				was in good condition while the bridge to the left of Green Beach was not good for vehicle traffic.	
		20	1146	The Bn Exec O announced over the ship loud speaker that all front chains on vehicles on the tank deck would be removed immediately	S
		21	1209	Several flights of heavy American bombers were over the beachhead bombing enemy installations to the front of the friendly troops.	S
		22	1215	Several more flights of American heavy bombers dropped bombs on enemy positions beyond the beachhead.	S
		23	1315	Approximately 30 enemy prisoners were brought aboard LST 612. These prisoners were interogated by members of the Bn staff	S
		24	1500	Orders for the movement of LST 612 were brought aboard by a courier. The Bn Comdr announced that all personnel would be ready to move by 1600 hours. Early chow was to be served to the army troops.	S
		25	1543	A radio message from 3rd plat, Co B, reported that it had completed its mission.	S
		26	1619	LST 612 hit Green Beach on the coast of Southern France and started unloading its cargo.	S
		27	1645	The beach where the LST's were unloading was shelled by enemy artillery	S

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				shell fire. One LST was hit and caught fire. Fire fighting boats were brought to the scene and put out the fire. The LST's continued to unload while under this enemy shell fire	
		28	1706	More enemy artillery shell fire fell on the beachhead.	S
		29	1720	Most of the vehicles of the CP Group, Recon Co, the S-4 Section and elements of the destroyer cos were in the dewaterproofing area	S
		30	1750	The Bn Exec O came to the dewaterproofing area to check on the progress of the dewaterproofing of the vehicles. The Exec O stated that the area that had been previously selected for the Bn CP was still in the hands of the enemy.	S
		31	1755	The Exec O left the dewaterproofing area to reconnoiter and select a new site for the Bn CP.	S
		32	1815	Large flights of glider-borne infantry flew over the sector north of the beachhead area.	S
		33	1830	A second flight of the glider-borne infantry passed over the sector north of the beachhead.	S
		34	1836	The Bn Exec O returned to the dewaterproofing area after selecting a site for the Bn CP. The CP group was alerted and started movement to	S

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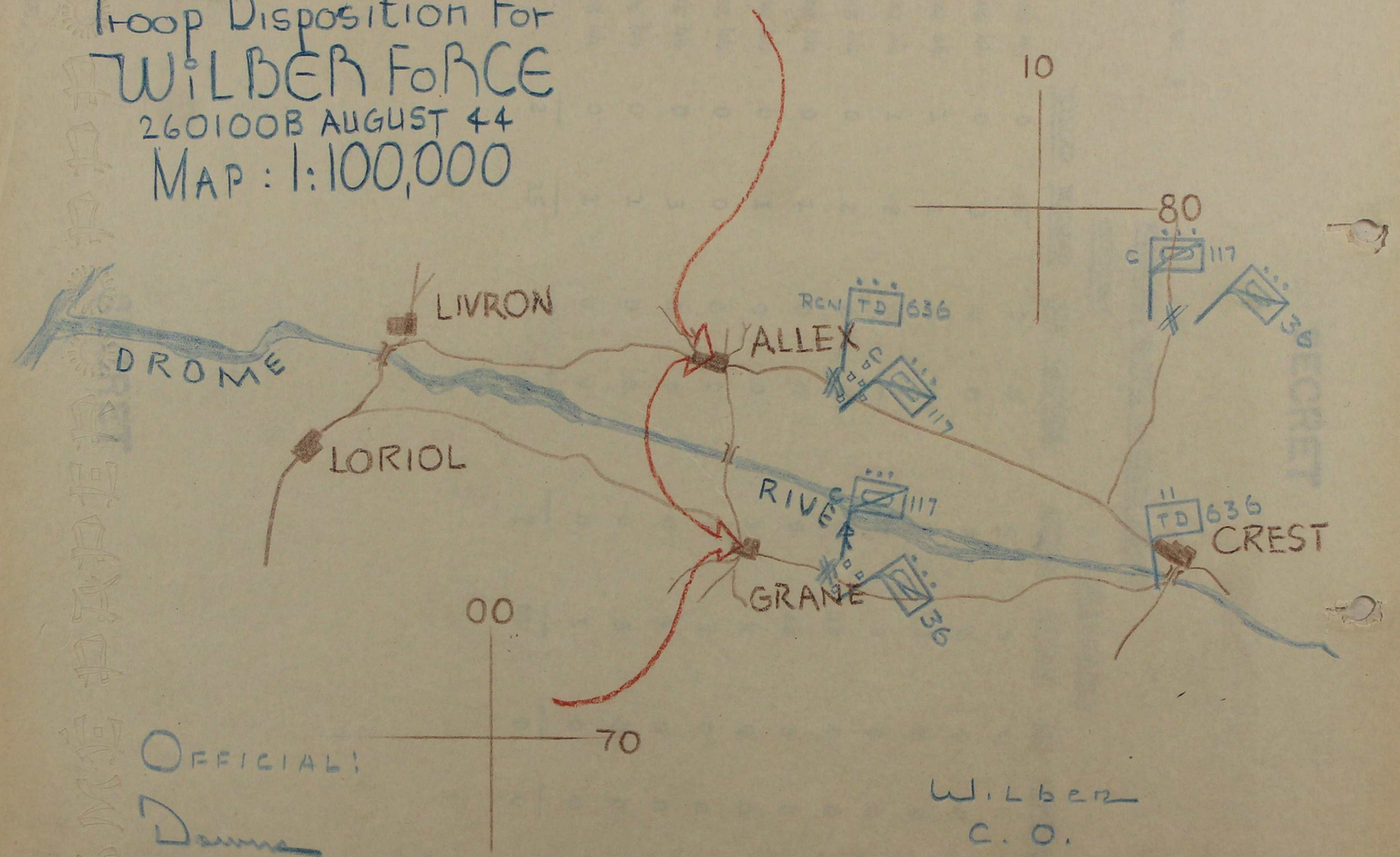
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				the CP area.	
		35	1900	The CP group and Rcn Co closed into the area at 628345. The S-2 arrived at the Bn CP after visiting the position of Co B and getting the situation	SM
		36	2051	The S-2 called the 36th Div and gave an account of the capturing of enemy personnel by the crew of the assault boats and the results of the interrogation held aboard LST 612.	S
		37	2100	An enemy air attack took place over the beachhead sector. One LST was hit by a radio-controlled bomb, setting the LST on fire.	S
		38	2100	Word was recieved at the Bn CP that personnel of Co B had captured 45 prisoners in the vicinity of 225533. Another message was received from the Bn Comdr and Exec O stating that they were west of the CP of the 143d RCT and would return to Bn headquarters in 1½ hours.	S
		39	2200	The S-4 visited the CP and gave an account of the enemy bombing on the beachhead that destroyed an American LST.	S
		40	2226	The Comm O reported that a relay station had been established so as to have radio comm. with Co A.	S
		41	2245	The Bn Comdr and Exec O retd to the CP	S

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PERSONNEL BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

	OFFICERS				ENLISTED MEN			
	KILLED	WOUNDED	MIA	CAPTURED	KILLED	WOUNDED	MIA	CAPTURED
15 Aug 44	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
16 Aug 44	0	3	0	0	2	6	0	0
18 Aug 44	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	0
19 Aug 44	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	0
24 Aug 44	0	2	0	0	2	12	0	0
25 Aug 44	0	1	0	0	0	13	0	0
26 Aug 44	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0
27 Aug 44	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0
28 Aug 44	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
29 Aug 44	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0
30 Aug 44	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

	GRADE	ASN	DATE OF CASUALTY	TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY					
Enlisted Men					
RICHMOND, RAYMOND L.	Tec 5	35292737	15 Aug 44	LWA	West Liberty, Ohio
STROBL, GEORGE W.	Pvt 1 cl	37145762	26 Aug 44	LWA	Route #1 Red Cloud, Nebr
RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY					
Officers					
EVANS, JAMES D.	Capt	O-1294639	19 Aug 44	LWA	Box 484 Sand Point, Idaho
GERRINGER, LINLEY W. JR.	1st Lt	O-1168246	29 Aug 44	LIA	1113 Bellevue Greensboro, N. C.
MC KEE, PAUL R.	1st Lt	O-1823909	18 Aug 44	KIA	111 W Jackson Blvd Chicago, Ill
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D.	1st Lt	O-1288125	19 Aug 44	LWA	126 E 22d St. Erie, Pa.
Enlisted Men					
BESCH, LEE C.	Pvt 1 cl	20848274	29 Aug 44	LWA	Box 690 Waco, Texas
LIPPS, CARL G.	Pvt 1 cl	37146920	18 Aug 44	LWA	Cook, Nebr.
CARLE, ROBERT L.	Pvt	20815861	29 Aug 44	LWA	1505 Clower San Antonio, Texas
PEPE, JOHN (NMN)	Pvt	32809158	18 Aug 44	LIA	14 Bayord St Brooklyn, N. Y.
COMPANY "A"					
Officers					
BROWN, HENRY P.	Capt	O-1168187	16 Aug 44	LWA	26 Bowdoin St. Maplewood, N.J.

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LATHAM, WILLIAM E.	1st Lt	0-422756	16 Aug 44	LWA	1105 Cotton Exchg Dallas, Tex
BELSHE, MARSHALL H.	2d Lt	0-1824114	28 Aug 44	LIA	501 E Fourth Roswell, N.M.
TOMIELOWICZ, JOSEPH (NMN)	2d Lt	0-1182019	27 Aug 44	LWA	15 Chestnut Glenlyon, Pa.

Enlisted Men

NEAL, RANDOLPH E.	Tec 4	31074468	28 Aug 44	LIA	9 Olney St. Gardner, Mass
VOSTEEN, ALVIN J.	Tec 4	37146858	27 Aug 44	LWA	Route #3 Pender, Nebr.
WOLK, ALEXANDER G.	Cpl	33319823	26 Aug 44	KIA	3360 Almond St. Phila., Penna.
JIMENEZ, JOSE R.	Tec 5	38065507	16 Aug 44	KIA	Shafter, Texas
POWELL, BAZEL P.	Tec 5	38153117	16 Aug 44	LIA	Route #2 Sasakwa, Okla.
GRAFFEO, JOHN P.	Pvt	36614328	16 Aug 44	LWA	1641 W 38th St. Cicero, Ill.
REECE, BEN S.	Pvt	34281233	16 Aug 44	LWA	Carthage, Tenn.
REECE, BEN S.	Pvt	34281233	16 Aug 44	KIA	Carthage, Tenn.
TWETE, IRVIN C.	Pvt	37282370	16 Aug 44	LWA	Route #1 Herreid, S. Dak.

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Officers

DODSON, ROBERT L.	1st Lt	0-2055900	19 Aug 44	KIA	608 N Jefferson Beeville, Texas
GOULD, GLENN E.	1st Lt	0-1823729	19 Aug 44	LWA	RFD #1 Tunnel, N.Y.

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Officers					
WRIGHT, WILLIAM E.	1st Lt	0-1703006	18 Aug 44	LWA	Box 435 Floresville,Tex
WRIGHT, WILLIAM E.	1st Lt	0-1703006	26 Aug 44	LIA	Box 435 Floresville,Tex
Enlisted Men					
BYRD, JESSIE L.	Sgt	38036286	19 Aug 44	LWA	Box 731 Archer, Texas
DAVIS, WAYNON A.	Sgt	38052288	18 Aug 44	LWA	Huntsville,Tex.
KASSELMAN, JACOB (NMN)	Sgt	33322805	25 Aug 44	LWA	1407 Franklin Phila., Pa.
PROCTER, JEWEL D.	Sgt	38036713	25 Aug 44	SWA	Gen'l Del Lampasas, Tex
RAABE, DONALD H.	Sgt	37147091	25 Aug 44	LWA	Route #2 Montrose, S.Dak.
SHAW, FERMAN O.	Sgt	38038666	26 Aug 44	LWA	Route #2 Garland, Texas
WHITE, AUBREY E.	Sgt	20819463	18 Aug 44	LWA	Austin, Texas
WHITE, AUBREY E.	Sgt	20819463	24 Aug 44	LWA	Austin, Texas
HAMILTON, EUGENE R.	Tec 4	35331438	15 Aug 44	LIA	921 Gibbs Ave Canton, Ohio
LAWSON, LAMAR L.	Tec 4	38051874	25 Aug 44	LWA	Saratoga, Texas
DICKEY, H.O. (IO)	Cpl	38036608	24 Aug 44	LWA	Route #1 Kosse, Texas
PARISH, LEONARD M.	Cpl	38174373	24 Aug 44	KIA	Rt 2, Box 85B Vicksburg,Miss.
PERRY, JAMES C.	Cpl	38038661	19 Aug 44	LWA	Route 1 Willow, Ark
RUDY, CLARENCE (NMN)	Tec 5	37163724	18 Aug 44	LWA	Medina, N. Dak.

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Enlisted Men

WOOD, HERBERT L.	Tec 5	14097501	24 Aug 44	LWA	RFD #2 Tutwiler, Miss.
HAREN, GEORGE S.	Pvt 1 cl	37655259	18 Aug 44	LWA	RFD #3 Grundy Cen., Iowa
HAREN, GEORGE S.	Pvt 1 cl	37655259	24 Aug 44	KIA	RFD #3 Grundy Cen., Iowa
MORRIS, JACK R.	Pvt 1 cl	14120274	25 Aug 44	LWA	105 Ford St. Cartersville, Ga.
STEWART, FRANK B.	Pvt 1 cl	20730398	26 Aug 44	LIA	Steele, Mo
TAYLOR, WALTER W.	Pvt 1 cl	33205877	19 Aug 44	LWA	501 S Pulaski St Balto, Md.
BERNARD, ORVIS (NMN)	Pvt	35691533	18 Aug 44	LWA	Jamestown, Ky.
CHAMPNEY, HENRY P.	Pvt	31265117	25 Aug 44	LWA	Marlow, N.H.
DUFRESNE, RAOUL J.	Pvt	37032744	25 Aug 44	SWA	822 6th Ave. Brainard, Minn.
LEGGETT, WILLIS R.	Pvt	38413818	25 Aug 44	LIA	Route #2 Bay City, Texas
WIEN, CHARLES W.	Pvt	32357419	25 Aug 44	LWA	15 California Middletown, N.Y.

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Officers

BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	1st Lt	0-1301601	28 Aug 44	LWA	465 Georgia Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.
GROMMET, GEORGE P.	1st Lt	0-462575	16 Aug 44	LWA	2144 SW 17th St. Miami, Fla.

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Officers					
HALL, CHARLES F.	1st Lt	O-1173263	25 Aug 44	LWA	RFD #3 Box 504 Tampa, Fla.
HESS, GEORGE M., JR.	1st Lt	O-1824314	24 Aug 44	LWA	360 Water St. Hughesville, Pa.
HESS, GEORGE M., JR.	1st Lt	O-1824314	30 Aug 44	LWA	360 Water St. Hughesville, Pa.
Enlisted Men					
PURSER, CLARENCE D.	S Sgt	20816274	27 Aug 44	KIA	3715 S Lamar St Dallas, Tex.
DIKEMAN, HOWARD J.	Sgt	17056630	24 Aug 44	LWA	RFD #2 Ft. Scott, Kan.
GOODE, CHARLES M.	Sgt	18004349	27 Aug 44	LWA	13 SE 36th St. Okla. City, Okla.
MAYO, DURWIN P.	Sgt	38038972	24 Aug 44	LWA	Box 56 Point, Texas
STOKES, CLAUDE H.	Sgt	38463151	25 Aug 44	LWA	Route #1 McAlester, Okla.
SHIPLEY, CHARLES E.	Tec 4	36057717	24 Aug 44	LWA	Box 1373 Grove St. W Palm Beach, Fla.
SNYDER, JOSEPH A., JR.	Tec 4	35160762	16 Aug 44	LWA	RFD #2 Hagerstown, Ind.
YOUNG, FLOYD R.	Tec 4	37146886	27 Aug 44	LWA	Hubbel, Nebr.
LUCAS, STANLEY V.	Cpl	35484626	24 Aug 44	LWA	1724 Breckenridge Louisville, Ky.
WIELAND, WALTER A.	Cpl	37146959	27 Aug 44	KIA	Venango, Nebr.
WILHITE, FRANKLIN Y.	Cpl	20813684	26 Aug 44	LIA	Decatur, Texas
EATON, HOMER (NMN)	Tec 5	6990821	24 Aug 44	LWA	Trevlac, Ind.
JACOBY, WILLIAM R.	Tec 5	32311546	24 Aug 44	LWA	6th Street Verplanck, N.Y.

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	Enlisted Men				
MILLS, ELBERT J.	Tec 5	38140063	30 Aug 44	LIA	RFD #3 Shelbyville, Tex.
WULF, LESTER E.	Tec 5	37146941	24 Aug 44	LWA	RFD #2 Blair, Nebr.
DESPAIN, DAVID W.	Pvt 1 cl	37147099	16 Aug 44	LWA	Levell, Wyo.
HALE, HARVEY M.	Pvt 1 cl	35387234	15 Aug 44	LWA	125 Jackson St. Fairmont, W.Va.
MC CAULEY, ARTHUR L.	Pvt 1 cl	36579939	25 Aug 44	LWA	6036 John Daly Box 349 Inkster, Mich
MUNSEY, FOREST (NMN)	Pvt 1 cl	34040824	29 Aug 44	LWA	Route #3 McMinnville, Tenn.
WALANSKI, VICTOR J.	Pvt 1 cl	36329749	24 Aug 44	LWA	2649 W North Ave Chicago, Ill.
CAGAN, MILTON (NMN)	Pvt	31143595	25 Aug 44	LWA	675 Elm St. New Haven, Conn.
CORDISCO, NICHOLAS(NMN)	Pvt	33320521	25 Aug 44	LWA	1021 Chestnut St Bristol, Pa.
GALLO, THOMAS J.	Pvt	33779509	19 Aug 44	LWA	714 Federal St Phila., Pa.
GRIFFIN, STEPHEN D.	Pvt	36613464	29 Aug 44	LWA	220 W 43rd St. Chicago, Ill.
HAZELWOOD, CLIFTON M.	Pvt	15105392	27 Aug 44	LWA	159 Clark Rd Gary, Ind.
PHILLIPS, JOSEPH O.	Pvt	33374926	27 Aug 44	LWA	9504 Woodland Dr. Silver Sprgs, Md.
SKLAR, DANIEL S.	Pvt	38413302	24 Aug 44	LWA	Route #1, Box 225 Brenahm, Texas
VEIT, HAROLD R.	Pvt	36350104	29 Aug 44	LIA	49 E Superior Chicago, Ill.

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MATERIEL DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY ENEMY ACTION

No.	Item	Date	Disposition
1	Carriage, motor 3" gun M10	18 Aug 1944	Replaced
1	Truck, ¼-ton 4X4 C&R	19 Aug 1944	Requisitioned
5	Carriage, motor 3" gun M10	24 Aug 1944	Requisitioned
5	Carriage, motor 3" gun M10	26 Aug 1944	Requisitioned
1	Carriage, motor 3" gun M10	26 Aug 1944	Replaced
1	Carrier, personnel HT M3	27 Aug 1944	Requisitioned
1	Carriage, motor 3" gun M10	27 Aug 1944	Requisitioned
1	Truck, ¼-ton 4X4 C&R	29 Aug 1944	Requisitioned

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ENEMY CASUALTY REPORT

1. Total expenditure of ammunition during this period was 1106 rounds of 3 inch H.E., 529 rounds of 3 inch A.P.C., 63 rounds of A.P. and 20 rounds of 3 inch smoke.

2. Estimated enemy personnel killed: Due to the fast-moving operations of this period, no accurate estimate of enemy personnel killed can be made. A total of 212 enemy personnel were captured by this unit.

3. Enemy material destroyed: For this period this organization can account for the destruction of six Mark IV tanks, four Mark VI tanks, three S.P. (88) vehicles, ten wheeled vehicles, one command post, two armored reconnaissance vehicles, three AA guns, two road blocks, sixteen pill boxes, fourteen personnel carriers, eight ammunition vehicles, two motorcycles, six command cars and two ammunition dumps.

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ANNEX NO. 6

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action:

NAME	RANK OR GRADE	ASN	COMPANY
MILLER, WILLIAM F.	Pvt	37147168	Med Det

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

PYLAND, VAN W.	Lt Col	0-236089	Hq
PEARSON, ALEC P.	Capt	0-394225	Co "A"
GOULD, GLENN E.	1st Lt	0-1823729	Co "B"
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	1st Lt	0-1301601	Co "C"
COLE, WILLIAM H.	2d Lt	0-1703021	Co "C"
DODSON, ROBERT L.	2d Lt	0-2055900	Co "B"
MURPHY, RAYMOND G.	Stf Sgt	20802898	Co "C"
SPARKS, OSCAR G.	Stf Sgt	38035783	Co "B"
DAVIS, WAYNON A.	Sgt	38052288	Co "B"
PATTERSON, ROBERT E.	Sgt	38038542	Co "C"
YOST, EDWIN A.	Sgt	37146627	Co "C"
BENTLEY, HESTER L.	Cpl	34333328	Co "C"
COWAN, JOHN L.	Cpl	20817342	Co "B"
JORDAN, JOSEPH H.	Cpl	37163668	Co "C"
LORANCE, CHARLES G.	Cpl	20814658	Co "C"
O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R.	Cpl	35484581	Co "C"
STERNER, KEMPS E.	Cpl	13011240	Co "C"
WELLBORN, JACK T.	Cpl	38035985	Co "C"
STEDMAN, G. D. (I.O.)	Tec 5	38177868	Co "C"
WARD, ROBERT C.	Tec 5	38039044	Co "C"
SMITH, ROY C.	Pvt 1 cl	37419335	Co "C"
STOKES, CLAUDE H.	Pvt 1 cl	38463151	Co "C"
STOKES, CLYDE T.	Pvt 1 cl	38463140	Co "C"
ANDERSON, ALBERT B.	Pvt	32767048	Co "B"
JOHNSON, ALVIN B. Q.	Pvt	20805648	Co "C"
SCOTT, CHESTER (NMN)	Pvt	39324290	Co "C"

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For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action:

DANZI, RICHARD A.	Major	0-1822375	Hq
BRUECKNER, MORITZ F.	Capt	0-1168206	Co "C"
BURKHART, JEAN M.	Capt	0-380858	Med Det
MC KEE, PAUL R.	1st Lt	0-1823909	Rcn Co
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C.	1st Lt	0-1171809	Hq Co
LEA, RAY E.	2d Lt	0-2055061	Hq Co
SCHWAKE, ELTON L.	1st Sgt	38050898	Co "A"
WILTZ, CLINSAY M.	Stf Sgt	20818106	Rcn Co
BARFIELD, ROBERT A.	Sgt	20813147	Co "B"
EVERETT, LEONARD D.	Sgt	20817003	Co "A"
PROBST, HENRY H.	Sgt	37146899	Rcn Co
DECK, NORMAN H.	Tec 4	37146935	Rcn Co
FULLERTON, DONALD R.	Tec 4	37146683	Co "A"
SCOPPA, HUGO (NMN)	Tec 4	32394837	Rcn Co
DICKEY, H. O. (I.O.)	Cpl	38036608	Co "B"
HAYS, ASA L.	Cpl	20816596	Co "A"
KOCH, HENRY A. J. JR.	Cpl	38052105	Co "C"
RAU, ROMAN J.	Cpl	37163423	Co "B"
SHEAR, KENNETH B.	Cpl	17040953	Co "A"
VON SEGGERN, EMIL B.	Cpl	37146864	Co "A"
ANDRESEN, EDWARD W.	Tec 5	37146948	Co "A"
BORD, BENJAMIN E.	Tec 5	36203495	Co "C"
DIETRICH, JOHN W.	Tec 5	38039700	Med Det
FRIEDMAN, HENRY A.	Tec 5	35332074	Co "A"
JARISCH, MARVIN J.	Tec 5	20816030	Med Det
KERLEY, ROBERT L.	Tec 5	38036282	Co "C"
KUCERA, JAMES W.	Tec 5	37146852	Rcn Co
NOVELLI, FRANK J.	Tec 5	38050988	Hq Co
BLOUNT, C. R. (I.O.)	Pvt 1 cl	38038533	Co "A"
CARLSON, EDWIN R.	Pvt 1 cl	37285385	Rcn Co
CONDRA, WARREN S.	Pvt 1 cl	20816428	Med Det
CUNNINGHAM, JOHN J.	Pvt 1 cl	31309854	Med Det
HARRIS, JAMES C.	Pvt 1 cl	35213572	Rcn Co
HELMS, ROBERT V.	Pvt 1 cl	34053813	Hq Co
HILL, JAMES L.	Pvt 1 cl	20813705	Co "C"
KUGEL, EDGAR H.	Pvt 1 cl	37146892	Rcn Co

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ROBISON, JAMES E.	Pvt 1 cl	38037078	Co "C"
SANDERS, WESLEY C.	Pvt 1 cl	38304294	Co "C"
VESH, JOHN (NMN)	Pvt 1 cl	37659906	Rcn Co
ANTOLIK, EMIL J.	Pvt	33348166	Co "C"
BACKSTROM, DONALD C.	Pvt	37146908	Rcn Co
CANFIELD, GLEN H.	Pvt	37147150	Rcn Co
CARLE, ROBERT L.	Pvt	20815861	Rcn Co
COLLINGSWORTH, LEONARD V.	Pvt	20814633	Co "C"
LYON, ROBERT T. JR.	Pvt	34504180	Rcn Co
MONROE, VURGEL (NMN)	Pvt	36419449	Co "C"
NEILL, SAMUEL E.	Pvt	33278086	Hq Co
SCHUMAKER, RAYMOND E.	Pvt	37444040	Co "C"
TULIP, SIDNEY R.	Pvt	32744221	Co "A"

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For the period from 1 September 1943 to 31 August 1944, the following named members of this organization have been commended by the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

NAME	RANK OR GRADE	ASN	COMPANY
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.	1st Lt	0-1168254	Hq Co
REEVES, WILLIAM M.	2d Lt	0-1703022	Co "A"
BIBLE, ARTHUR C. JR.	Stf Sgt	38026785	Co "B"
GOLLEHON, WALTER S.	Stf Sgt	37146980	Rcn Co
MOORE, GEORGE M.	Stf Sgt	39302606	Co "A"
VON SEGGERN, FREDRICK G.	Stf Sgt	37146932	Co "A"
BYNUM, DONALD V.	Sgt	20817071	Co "A"
CARR, ELBIE C.	Sgt	38060696	Co "B"
CASPER, LAWRENCE L.	Sgt	39676861	Co "A"
CRABB, CLYDE W.	Sgt	20814610	Co "C"
HIPSKIND, RODERICK S.	Tec 4	15100134	Hq Co
NOVELLI, FRANK J.	Tec 5	38050988	Hq Co
OETJEN, WARREN A.	Tec 5	37147002	Hq Co
THROCKMORTON, WILSON E.	Tec 5	37147161	Co "B"
LARE, WILLIS H.	Pvt 1 cl	33322748	Co "B"
LARSON, VAUGHN J.	Pvt 1 cl	37146523	Hq Co
LOZANO, JOHN M.	Pvt 1 cl	38027351	Co "B"
PENA, FILOMENO (NMN)	Pvt	38027481	Rcn Co
PRITT, MILTON A.	Pvt	15116061	Co "A"

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

	ASN	RANK	ARM OR SERVICE	DUTY
Hq and Hq Company				
WILBER, CHARLES F.	0-280946	Lt Col	Inf	Bn Comdr
DANZI, RICHARD A.	0-1822375	Major	FA	Bn Ex O
CAMERON, OLIN G.	0-407591	Capt	Inf	Motor O
DOWNS, GEORGE W.	0-1288024	Capt	Inf	S-3
FERGUSON, JAMES R.	0-418363	Capt	FA	S-4
WHITE, ROY D.	0-403563	Capt	Inf	S-2
BROWN, STANLEY G.	0-1289038	1st Lt	Inf	S-1
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.	0-1168254	1st Lt	FA	Hq Co CO
HAUCK, HENERY G.	0-1822567	1st Lt	FA	Ln O
STOFFEL, ROBERT L.	0-1168483	1st Lt	FA	Hq Co Ex O
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C.	0-1171809	1st Lt	FA	Ln O
LEA, RAY E.	0-2055061	2d Lt	FA	Com O
HOWARD, CHAPMAN (NMN)	W-2130732	WOJG		Ass't Motor O
TUCKER, JESSE F.	W-2131525	WOJG		Pers O
Medical Detachment				
BURKHART, JEAN M.	0-380858	Capt	MC	Bn Surgeon
Reconnaissance Company				
EVANS, JAMES D.	0-1294639	Capt	Inf	CO
GERRINGER, LINLEY W.	0-1168246	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D.	0-1288125	1st Lt	Inf	Ex O
SILL, GOLDEN C.	0-1011188	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
TEMPLE, JOHN M.	0-1316468	2d Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
Company "A"				
DAVIS, VORIS B.	0-1822376	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
GROOM, KENNETH G.	0-1824174	1st Lt	FA	CO
LATHAM, WILLIAM E.	0-422756	1st Lt	Inf	Ex O
LONG, JAMES W.	0-1823173	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
WALTER, WILLIAM F.	0-1824256	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
BELSHE, MARSHALL H.	0-1824114	2d Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
TOMIELOWICZ, JOSEPH (NMN)	0-1182019	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
QUINN, FRANCIS S. Jr.	0-1175549	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
Company "B"				
METZNER, ELMER J.	0-1168376	1st Lt	FA	CO
RECTOR, ELMO W.	0-1307167	1st Lt	Inf	Plat Comdr
WRIGHT, WILLIAM E.	0-1703006	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
SPARKS, OSCAR G.	0-2055067	2d Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

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Company "C"

BRUECKNER, MORITZ F.	0-1168190	Capt	FA	CO
DRISCOLL, EUGENE J.	0-1175104	1st Lt	FA	Ex O
GROMMET, GEORGE P.	0-462575	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
HALL, CHARLES F.	0-1173263	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr
HESS, GEORGE M. JR.	0-1824314	1st Lt	FA	Plat Comdr

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