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HEADQUARTERS 1180RD MOUNTAIN TANK DEPLOYER BATTALION  
A.P.O. 464, U. S. ARMY

15 November 1944

SUBJECT : Battalion History for Month of August.

TO : Commanding General,  
Fifth Army,  
APO 464, U. S. Army.

The month of August has been spent for the most part in bivouac in rehabilitation and training for future operations. Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Companies A, C, and Reconnaissance, moving into bivouac near Volterra, Italy, on 27 July 1944. Company B moved out of the line on 4 August 1944, but remained in Division Reserve close to the 91st Infantry Division.

On 21 August 1944 the battalion was relieved from attachment with 88th Infantry Division and attached to 91st Infantry Division, and moved into an assembly area near Poggibonsi, Italy, 22 August 1944. It was in this area that one of the most tragic incidents in the history of the battalion occurred. On the 24th August 1944, the security section of one of the platoons of Company B were clearing an enemy mine-field when an anti-personnel mine exploded while they were attempting to disarm it. One officer and four enlisted men were killed and four enlisted men wounded by the explosion.

On 26 August 1944, the battalion moved to an assembly area near Cassina, Italy, and on 31 August 1944, the battalion, less Company A was relieved from attachment with 91st Infantry Division and attached to 34th Infantry Division. All companies were in assembly area awaiting further orders at the close of the month.

During the month of August, four enlisted men received Combat appointments to Second Lieutenants, bringing the number of Combat appointments to five. Announcement was made of the following awards to members of the battalion; one Silver Star (posthumously), one Bronze Star Medal, and one Division Citation.

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Commanding.