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History of the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Foreword

When the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion was activated on 10, April, 1942, our country had been at war four months. Consequently, our country and our army were new to the ways of war - the country's industries were being geared to the war effort, the armed forces were in the midst of an enormous and rapid expansion; new weapons and equipment were being constantly developed, and improved or discarded; new tactics and techniques were being evolved and battle-tested. All this at a time when we were already engaged in a death struggle in the Pacific. Efficient turmoil and organized confusion was normal in those days when we were prosecuting one war while preparing for a bigger one. So, amid struggle and turmoil, trial and tribulation, the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion was born, and its history henceforth was to be one of struggle.

To say that our birth was a struggle is putting it midly. At that time the Tank Destrover concept was a new one, known only to a very few officers, and understood by even less. Conceived by the late Lt. General Lesley J. McNair, Tank Destroyers were, at the time of our birth receiving their first battle test on the fields of Bataan, where they were being successfully employed in their secondary role of self-propelled, direct fire artillery, repelling repeated Japanese attempts to envelop our forces by making beach landings behind our lines. Except for this brief, incomplete, and unconclusive battle test, the Tank Destroyer idea had been tested only in two maneuvers, these in Louisiana and the Carolinas in the fall of 1941. So it was but natural that our birth would be a struggle, for Tank Destroyer doctrine had not yet crystallized and Tank Destroyer weapons were yet to be developed. The reaction of most of us when we were assigned to the Tank Destroyers was, "Tank Destroyers! What's that?" Our first groping lessons, with the blind leading the blind, occured in the enervating heat of Camp Gordon, Georgia, where we conducted our field problems afoot because we had no equipment. Then followed the hectic period at Camp Hood, Texas, where we tried to learn everything about everything. Here our schooling really began, and our thinking really crystallized, but there were just not enough hours in the day to do and learn all that needed to be done and learned. It was a period of organization and re-organization, of shooting and marching and maneuvering, of equipment borrowing, of insidious inspections, un-predictable weather, "gumbo" mud, heartbreak, toil. It was here that many of us cursed the day we were born, the inspectors, the instructors, the weather, and the never-ending toil. But it was here that the outfit really became of age, for we gained a spirit and elan, a confidence and dash that henceforth never left us, and frequently stood us in good stead. There followed a two month vacation in Camp Carson, Colorado, where we celebrated our first birthday. Then began our trek to the Arizona desert, destination Yuma. There the orgainzation shook out the kinks and ironed out the rough spots, and became truly "organized for combat." There we took a post graduate course in tactics, became hardened to physical and mental hardship, endured the heat and sand, convinced ourselves that we could fight, and whip, anything, and, in our spare time, "invaded" mexico. Then we were off again, this time to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma - we were truly a "Gypsy" outfit. There followed Louisiana Maneuvers, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, Camp Livinston, Louisiana, where we observed our second birthday, and then, finally, POE --Camp Miles Standish and Boston, Massachusetts. We were on our way.

Since 2 March 1943, when it was my privilege and honor to assume command of this battalion, it has been my aim and single ambition to field a team that could perform efficiently under any circumstances and against all comers. Money players were wanted - men who would deliver when the chips were down. In order to accomplish this,

two things were necessary; first, every member of the battalion had to believe that he was the best soldier, in the best outfit, in the best army in the world; second, this belief in himself and his outfit had to be reasonably substantiated by fact. The proud and enviable record obtained by this battalion on the battlefields of Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, and Austria, stands as mute evidence to the wisdom of this policy, and to the successful accomplishment of it, Working for division after division, corps after corps, and army after army, sometimes as a battalion, usually by companies, sometimes by platoon, sometimes even by single guns, we never once failed to accomplish the mission assigned us, and invariably won the respect and admiration of our superiors. Even more important, we always won the everlasting gratitude of those we fought with, the infantryman, cavalryman, and tanker. Such a reputation, can be won only by those individuals who have an unshakeable belief in themselves, their outfit, and their God, and its price is invariably high, being compounded of blood, sweat, and toil. None of us will ever forget those dark December days of the Ardennes Campaign, when defeat daily confronted us, when we won merely because we wouldn't give up. Who could possibly forget, having once endured, the unbearable cold, the frozen "C" rations, the snow-filled foxholes, and the rampaging German of those days? None of us will ever forget when the tide turned, when we helped relieve Bastogne, and continued on to reduce the "Bulge", wearing out division after division in the process. Neither will we ever forget those trying days in February along the Sauer and Our Rivers, when we assaulted and broke through the Siegfried Line. Those were bitter days of unremitting struggle. But our task was not over. Once through, we chased the German across the Prum River, through Bitburg, across the Kyll River, halting only at the Rhine, just north of Koblinz. Then, having become experts in the assault of fortified positions, we moved south to Saarburg, going through the Siegfried Line again there, and again continuing the pursuit to the Rhine, this time through St. Wendel and Kaiserslautern to Ludwigshafen. The great day came, 29 March 1945, when we began our crossing of the Rhine at Mainz, for we knew we were beginning the blow that would end the German war. Pursuit was now the order of the day, and pursue we did, with still some hard, sporadic fighting - first up the magnificent autobahn to Dassel, near which we liberated some of our comrades, captured in December. Then, after the surrender of Kassel, turning south to Gotha, and proceeding again up an autobahn, subduing Weimar, Erfort, Jena, and Gera enroute, and halting just short of Chemnitz. These are never-to-be-forgotten, victorious days. It was about this time that Hitler's Inner Fortress gained prominence. So south we went again, this time to Nuremburg. Then followed a period of relentless, sleepless, pursuit, the crossing of the Danuoe into Austria at Braunau (Hitler's birthplace), the fall of Regensburg, and, finally, the surrender message of the Commanding General, 6th SS Panzer Army, delivered to the Commanding Officer, Reconnaissance Company, 811th TD Bn., deep in the Alps near Spitale, Austria on 7 May 1945. It was here, along the Steyr River, deep in Austria, that the war ended for us. We shall never forget these things, nor shall we forget the Hungarian gold, the Ohrdruf concentration camp, the burned-out, dead cities, the mud, the dirt, and filth of war. And never shall we forget the price in blood which we paid for our magnificent achievements. Let us carry the three battle streamers -- Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe-on our battle flag with pride, and, when we wear our Distinguished Unit Citation, let us remember that we wear it because brave men in a brave outfit were not afraid to die. As your commanding officer over the major portion of the existence of the battalion, I am sincerely proud of each individual member, and I am exceedingly proud of our battalions' accomplishments. When the chips were down, we delivered. Our future history is as yet unwritten, but, whatever future holds, I am sure that the job will be accomplished with efficiency, dispatch, and quiet confidence, and that our efforts will be crowned with success.

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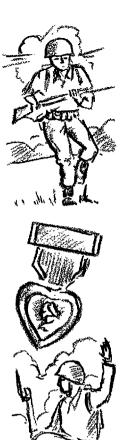
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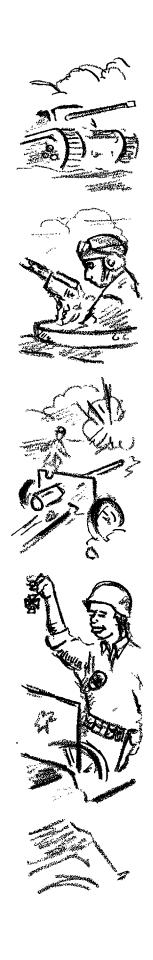
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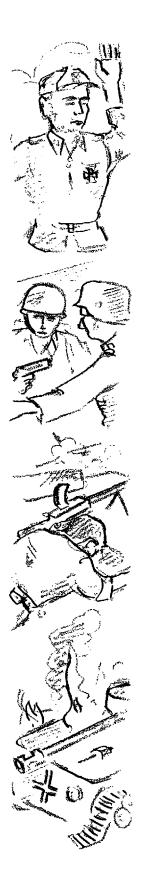
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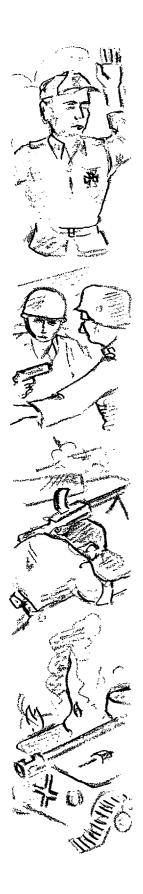
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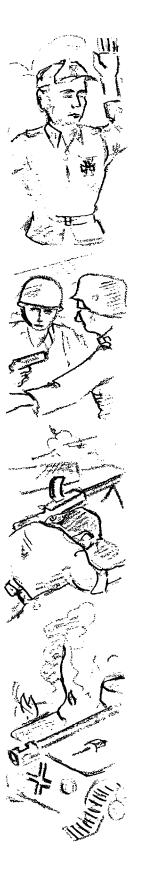
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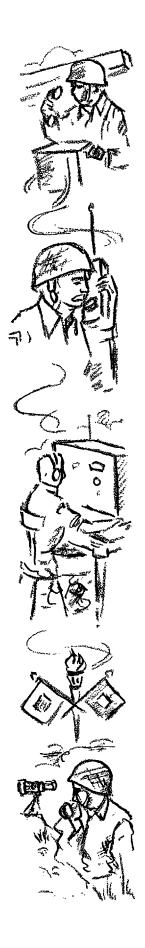
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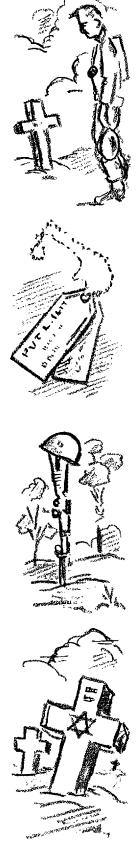
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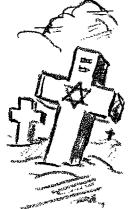




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History

811th Tank Destroyer Battalion

FROM 15 MAY 1942 TO 30 JULY 1945

On 15 March 1942, the War Department ordered the formation of the 811th T.D. Bn. (Hv), directing that the 606th T. D. Bn. (Hv), then stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, furnish the cadre. In compliance with the above directive, a cadre of officers and men, as listed below, proceeded to Camp Gordon, Georgia, and on 10 April 1942. officially activated the 811th T.D. Bn. (Hv). The Bn was assigned to the 1st Army.

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Thus, our beginning was prosaic and simple enough. What, then, was our history, and who were our antecedents?

The 606th TD Bn, from which the cadre was drawn, was originally activated as the 6th Inf. Div. Provisional Anti-Tank Bn., and drew its personnel from the F.A. units of that divsion. The 6th Inf. Div. was activated 17 November 1917. It was transported overseas in mid summer, 1918, landing at Glasgow, Scotland, Southampton, England, Le Havre and Cherbourg, France. The division occupied sectors in Alsace, and, in late October, 1918, it supported the 89th Div. in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. In November the 6th Div. relieved the 82nd Div. in the Verdun-sur-Meuse Area. During its stay in France, the 6th Div. earned the nick-name of the "Sight-Seeing-Sixth", due to its many hikes from sector to sector. During 1921 various units of the Div. were de-activated, so that on 30 September 1921 the 6th Div. passed from the active list. With war clouds again settling over Europe, the 6th Div. was re-activated on 12 October 1939. Its major components were 1st, 3rd and 30th Inv. Regts., and the 1st and 80th F. A. Regts. In September 1940, the divisional artillery was reorganized as the 1st, 51st, 53rd, and 80th F.A. Bns., the 2nd and 3rd Bns., 1st F.A. Regt., being renamed the 51st and 53rd F.A. Bns. Now, let us examine the history of the "Famous First Field", our predecessor once removed, for no other units in our army has a more glorious past.

The 1st F.A. Regt. was organized as such in May, 1907, consisting of three Bns. of horse-drawn 75mm guns. To organize this regiment the W.D. had assembled a number of very old and very famous organizations. Probably the most famous is Btry "D", originally organized during the American Revolution as Porter's Co. of Arty, thereby becoming the first arty unit of Washington's Continental Army, and participating in his campaigns around New York City in 1778. Closely following is Btry "E", organized in 1812 as Ogden's Co., 3rd Arty Regt., and successfully engaging the British at Stoney Point, Canada, during the War of 1812, and the Seminole Indians during the Florida War, 1835-42.

The original 1st F.A. Regt. was organized shortly after the War of 1812, and served with distinction until after the Spanish-American War of 1898, when it was disbanded, and split up into separate batteries. Some of its batteries fought in the Seminole War, 1835-42, and the regiment served with distinction in the Mexican War, 1846-48, participating in the battles of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Matamoros, Monterey, Buena Vista, Contreras, Cherubusco, Mexico City and Chapultepec. During this war, "Stonewall" Jackson was a Btry commander in the regiment, and his battery was instrumental in the storming of Chapultepec. The years 1855 and 1856 found the lst F.A. Regt. in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, pacifying the Indians with grapeshot.

At the beginning of the Civil War, 1861-1865, the regiment was scattered along the Rio Grande, and Battery "D" was located at Fort Sumter, S. C., where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. Most of the regiment served in the Army of the Potomac throughout the Civil War. Btry "D", as it is now known, saw service in many battles, notably the Eleven Days Battle around Richmond in June, 1862, the Second Battle of Bull Run, August 30, 1862, Antietam, September 17, 1862, and Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. Btry "E" fought in the engagements of Seven Pines, White Oak Swamp, Bull Run, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1862, and Antietam, September 16-17, 1862. Btry "F" was practically annihilated at the first battle of Bull Run; on its reorganization, it took part in the battles of Gaines Hill, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Gettysburg, and Hanover Court House. Batteries of the 1st Field Artillery took part in over 70 engagements during the Civil War.

In the Spanish-American War, Btry "D" took part in the battle of El Caney in Cuba, Btries "E" and "F" took part in the campaign in Porto Rico, Btry "D" was sent to the Phillippines in 1899, participating in eighteen engagements.

In 1907 the regiment was re-activated, and in 1917 was re-assembled at Fort Sill, where its permanent station remained until May, 1941, when it joined the 6th Inf. Division at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Ten battle streamers are authorized by the War Department, and are carried on the regimental standard.

Of our other predecessors, the 51st and 53rd F.A. Bns. were originally a part of the 1st F.A. Regt., and the 80th F.A. Bn. has little history that is interesting. It was originally organized as the 22nd Cav. in 1917, and never saw service overseas.

Our past then is a long and glorious one, full of tradition, and of the history of our Nation. It is but natural that our own history should be just as courageous, just as action-filled, and just as glorious.

So much for our history;now to get on with our story. At the time of our activation per par. 22, 30 #89, W. D., Washington, D. C. the idea of the tank destroyer Bn. was so new that many of the officers who joined the Battalion in its early months had scarcely heard of tank destroyers before they received their orders. Consequently, there has been a rapid and steady evolution of equipment, organization and tactics since our inception. By I June 1942, the battalion consisted of 33 officers and 202 enlisted men, and was commanded by Lt. Col. Louis W. Haskell, who had arrived April 23rd. None of the personnel had previous tank destroyer training except the cadre. The equipment at that time consisted of 60 motor vehicles, which included 1/4 tons, motor-cycles and 2-1/2 ton trucks. The entire armament consisted of 56 30 cal. machine guns and 5 22 cal. rifles. Mos of the fillers which had been received were





from the F.A. Replacement Center, Ft. Bragg, N.C. A few were from the Inf. Replacement Center, Camp Croft, S.C. Most of the men were from New York and New England. The average age including the cadre was about 26 years. Fillers and equipment continued to come in, though in small amounts. Training consisted of physical conditioning and driving over the hot, sandy Georgia hills. Weapons training was hampered throughout the summer due to lack of equipment. Contact with the primary weapon, then a half track with a 75mm gun mounted therein, was rare. The 812th TD Bn., a neighbor, had the only ones which the battalion had ever seen. The inexperienced officers, most of whom were lately called to active duty from reserve, gained untold experience in administration. Most of the original officers were trained as field artillerymen. This fact had much to do with the "personality" of the battalion, its future training and tactics. On 12 May 1942 the battalion was assigned to the 2nd Army, and, on 2 July 1942, attached to the 1st Army Corps. On 13 July 1942, Capt. JOHN FLIESCH assumed command due to the transfer of Lt. Col. HASKELL to HQ, Army Ground Forces. On 22 July 1942, Lt. Col. E. A. O'HAIR arrived and assumed command.

The Medical Detachment was activated per par. 20, S.O. 187 W D, Washington. D.C. under the command of 1st Lt. CHARLES C. KISSINGER on 20 July 1942.

In late September the Bn. was ordered to Camp Hood, Texas per S.O. 68, Hq. 811th -T.D. Bn. to undergo training then being conducted by the newly organized Tank Destroyer Center. On October 2nd the outfit loaded its meager equipment, which had been augmented by 6 dilapidated personnel carriers drawn from the "Rollin Fourth" (4th lnf. Div.) half track personnel carriers, on flat cars for the journey, and on October 4th, the train pulled out. Each of the approximately 500 men was equipped with a Thompson sub-machine gun which he had never fired.

This the battalion was off to a new and probably the most important phase of its history, excepting actual combat. Two days later, at an early morning hour, the battalion arrived, and amid much confusion, was unloaded. No speed records were broken, a fact which was never forgotten during training at Hood, and a fact which revealed the "personality" of the outfit. From this bad beginning, the battalion proceeded to break nearly every training record established at that time. Every phase of tank destroyer training was engaged in under close supervision of the 6th Tank Destroyer Group, under the command of Col. B. P. PURDUE. The physical training and close combat training were especially notable, since Camp Hood pioneered the "Commando" type training. Personnel from the battalion were used later at various posts at which the unit was stationed to help with this type of training for other units. So intensive was the physical training there, that the "office commandos" of Headquarters and Headquarters Company were selected for the Army Ground Forces Physical Fitness Test the day after the Christmas, 26 December 1942, and they passed with an 88.23% score, at that time the highest score ever attained at Hood, and rated a commendation from the Group Co. It is impossible and out of place to discuss the scope of training while at Camp Hood. Suffice to say that every man became proficient with his weapon and his vehicle, and became thoroughly imbued with T.D. tactics as evolved as a result of the great desert tank battles which had just ended in North Africa. Just as the prescribed period of training ended, a contingent of 411 men arrived on January 9, 1943, thereby bringing the unit up to strength. The unit now had over 1000 men and officers. These new men were among the first of the draftees who had been called after the draft age limit was lowered to 18 years. Their average age was about 20. Their classification cards showed a marked similarity, a couple of years at good paying jobs, a couple of years in college, or high school graduate farm boys. Nearly all were from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Only one or two had been in the army over four days. Fortunately, the battalion was allowed to remain at Camp Hood for an additional training period, in order to allow these new men to receive their training with all the training aids, equipment, and instructors available there -- in early 1943 equipment for training was still scarce. At the completion of the training of the new men on 28 February 1943 and at a review presenting them to their respective companies (the new men had been trained as a separate unit). Lt. Col. E.A. O'HAIR announced that he had been given command of a Tank Destroyer Group at Camp Bowie, Texas. Major A. R. BROWNFIELD, then Bn. Exec. Officer, assumed command. Shortly thereafter, in early March, 1943, the battalion moved to and built a tent camp at Table Rock Creek Area on the Camp Hood reservation. From there a cadre was sent to Camp Bowie, Texas, to activate the 663rd T.D. Bn. During the two weeks spent at Table Rock Creek, 18 guns, motor carriages, M10, were received. These were 3 inch. highvelocity guns mounted on diesel powered medium tank chassis. At this time the battalion was nearly complete in equipment, being equipped with 12 guns, motor carriage, M3 (half-tracks with 75mm guns), as well as with the above.

On the 16th of March 1943, the battalion entrained for Camp Carson, Colorado, having been assigned to the 3rd Army, per PAC Ltr. AFG, 370.5/6 (Tank Destroyer Units) and SO #52 Hq. TDC, Camp Hood, Texas. Men and equipment were loaded in 2 hours and 56 minutes, another Hood record, and a fact which reflected the state of training of the organization. Training had been intensive, discipline severe, and recreation scarce while at Camp Hood. The battalion arrived at Camp Carson, Colorado, cocksure, and with an esprit de corps not equalled again until after it had been in combat. Its arrival caused considerable interest. An equipment display was held later on Organization Day, 10 April 1943, at which over 5000 officers and men of the post attended. Training consisted chiefly of driving instruction, and firing with the new M-10 on towed targets. Our first birthday was further celebrated with a dinner and a dance, with guests secured by "Local Requisiton" from Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. On 24 April 1943, the battalion, then attached to the 89th Inf. Div. was reviewed by the President.

On May 22, 1943, the battalion entrained for Camp Laguna, Arizona, having been assigned to the Desert Training Center, per Ltr. Hq. AGF 370.5/21 DTC, Camp Young, California. The train pulled out in a heavy sleet storm. After passing over the snow-capped Rockies, the outfit arrived at Yuma, Arizona, three days later; the temperature was 110° Fahrenheit, and the Medics took care of 8 cases of heat exhaustion that day.

However, the unit soon became acclimated to salt tablets, dehydrated food and the dry heat of the desert, and plunged rapidly into pre-maneuver training, which consisted of desert operation of motorized equipment, and large unit tactics. Group maneuvers with the 5th TD Group, commanded by Col. L. E. JACOBY, to which the battalion was attached, were held.

On 27 July, the battalion moved out of Camp Laguna to participate in the IX Corps' Desert Maneuvers. This maneuver was a gruelling test of the endurance of men and machines. Personal hardships imposed by the terrain and the heat were equalled only a few times in the ETO. The end of maneuvers found the unit capable of maintaining itself in the field, moving over long distances under adverse conditions, and adapting itself to all types of situations and to many orders of battle. The ease with which the battalion later adapted itself to changing orders of battle and to strange units, while in combat can be directly attributed to the experiences gained in this maneuver. The results obtained in the IX Corps Maneuvers are evidenced by letters of commendation.

Upon conclusion of the IX Corps Maneuvers, an intensive training program was carried out to improve the marksmanship of all personnel with all individual weapons. It was also during this period that a procedure for indirect firing was developed. Methods which were used proved to be sound on the range. A short time later the role of supporting artillery, having been proven sound in the Italian Campaign of 1943, was officially recognized as a secondary mission for tank destroyers. The procedure which was prescribed by the Tank Destroyer School was the same as that which was developed by the battalion, and which later proved effective in combat. At the conclusion of this period, the physical condition of all personnel was better than at any other time in the history of the battalion.

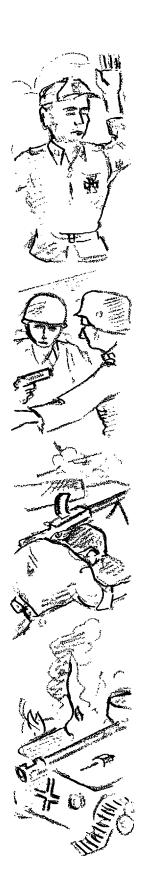
On 17 November 1943, the battalion was on the move again, this time to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, for change of station, and was assigned to the 2nd Army, per Ltr. ASF 370.5/47 (TD Units). Here new equipment was drawn, since all of the organization's vehicles and guns had been left at Camp Laguna. By this time the Tables of Organization and Equipment had streamlined the tank destroyer battalion, a result of combat experiences in Sardinia, Italy and Africa. The primary weapon now consisted of the gun, motor carriage, M-18, a lightly armored, full tracked vehicle with Christy type suspension, powered by an air cooled, radial engine, and mounting a special 76mm gun. The Car, armored, light, M-8 and M-20, also made its appearance in the organization for the first time. Strength of the battalion was then 764 men and officers. While at Camp Gruber some of the personnel were transferred to the 702 TD Bn., that station, due to an early overseas date for them. During January, 1944, firing with the new M-18 was done on a towed target range built by the Pioneer Platoon of Reconnaissance Company.

On February 19, 1944, the battalion, now called a "Gypsy" outfit by its members, made a combination motor march and rail movement to the Louisiana Maneuver Area, the tracked vehicles moving by rail, and was assigned to the 4th Army, per Ltr. AGF 370, 5/315 (R). Army Maneuvers were already in progress, and the unit plunged into them with its characteristic adaptability. These maneuvers gave the battalion a chance to operate in mud and rain, swamps and woods, roads and highways, as opposed to the wide open spaces of the desert. Standing Operating Procedures crystallized, and formations were worked out to cover all foreseeable eventualities. While on the 4th Army Maneuver, the battalion worked under command of both the 18th and 19th TD Groups. Upon completion of the maneuver, the battalion marched to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, a temporary station, per TWX Hq. 4th Army -SNMAG 720, and was attached to the 12th TD Group, commanded by Col. JAMES J. DERRY. Col. DERRY had commanded the 606th TD Bn. when the 811th TD Bn. was "cadred".

On 17 May 1944, the battalion was alerted for overseas movement and on 26 May 1944, moved to Camp Livingston, Louisiana, a permanent station, per CG, XXI Corps, Camp Polk, Louisiana. The period from the receipt of alert orders until the unit actually moved to the Port of Embarkation was filled with the usual preparations for overseas movement. This included the Army Ground Forces Bn. Firing and Proficiency Test, which was completed about July 10th, with a score of 90%. At the Completion of the Proficiency test, a large number of the personnel were given furloughs.

In early August, 1944, an advance detail consisting of 1st Lt. WILLIS E. HORNING, WOJG RICHARD E. JORGENSEN and Sgt. Harry M. Moore moved to the New York P. of E., and embarked on the lle de France on 17 August 1944. On 25 August, the detail embarked at Gounach, Scotland. It moved to Knook Camp, and remained there until the 1st of September when it departed from Southampton on an LST, and landed on Utah





Beach, France, on the Cherbourg Peninsula. It then moved to Camp 500, in the vicinity of Valognes, France and awaited the arrival of the battalion.

The battalion departed from Camp Livingston by rail on 24 August 1944 for the Boston Port of Embarkation, arriving at Camp Myles Standish, Mass., on 26 August 1944, per letter SPTAB ICD 370.5 (#25A) ASF, Hq. BPOG. Here last minute supplies were drawn and inspections made. On the 4th of September, the unit sailed in two groups, Hq. & Hq. Co. and Rcn. Co. aboard the U.S.S. General J. R. Brooke, and A, B, & C, Cos. aboard the U.S.S. General William H. Gordon. The trip was uneventful and only a few of the less hardy members suffered from sea-sickness, although the holes were extremely hot. The battalion debarked in Cherbourg Harbor on 15 September 1944 and moved to a staging area near Valognes, France.

Following is a roster of the officers and men who landed in France with the Bn:

| DEBARKATION ROSTER | | | | |
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| RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY | | | | |
| _ | HEADQUART | ERS PLATOON | | |
| PARSONS, SAMUEL W. | Capt. | ROSENBOOM, RAYMOND B. | Cpl. | |
| CIPRIANO, JOSEPH F. | lst Lt. | DALGLEISH, JOHN, JR. | Pfc. | |
| RAY, FREDERICK P. | lst Sgt. | CANFIELD, CLYDE R. | Pfc. | |
| MORGAN, ROBERT D. | Pfc. | LEVENGOOD, LEVI P. | S/Sgt. | |
| PARMAN, WILLIAM C. | Tec 4 | KOWALSKI, STEPHEN | Tec 5 | |
| HOSTETLER, JAMES S. | Tec 5 | MEISE, ERVAN R. | Pfc. | |
| SMITH, EUGENE | Pvt. | BRYANT, LESTER E. | Tec 5 | |
| DUMAIS, ALPHONSE L. | Tec 5 | ADAMS, JAMES O., JR. | Tec 4 | |
| KEMMERY, EDWARD W. | Tec 5 | ROBERTS, WILLIE J. | Tec 5 | |
| NIED, THOMAS W. | Pvt. | JORDAN, GEORGE M. | Tec 5 | |
| SMITH, HAROLD P. | S/Sgt. | WILLSEA, WILLIAM L. | Cpl. | |
| LYNN, DAVID | Tec 4 | PEFFER, WALTER L. | S/Sgt. | |
| MOE, HAROLD L. | Pvt. | BRIDWELL, RALEIGH B. | Tec 4 | |
| STEPP, ELBERT | Sgt. | SIEVERS, HOWARD H. | Tec 4 | |
| BOYD, JOHNNY L., JR. | Tec 5 | FOURNIER, HENRY | Tec 5 | |
| | BALLOS, EN | ILE J. Pvt. | | |
| RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY | | | | |

FIRST RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON

| MAC NEMAR, DUNBAR D. | 2d Lt. | | | |
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| ASH, JOSEPH V. | S/Sgt. | MILLS, ROBERT H. | Pvt. | |
| WARREN, ASA C., JR. | Tec 5 | COTE, LEO F. | Pfc. | |
| GIALOUSIS, ALEXANDER | Pfc. | GREENE, JOSEPH P. | Pvt. | |
| MOGARD, PALMER C. | Tec 5 | DRIES, ROBERT J. | Pfc. | |
| BUCHANAN, JAMES B. | Sgt. | BINNING, EARL, JR. | Sgt. | |
| HERBERS, FREDERICK F. | Pvt. | DAVIS, MELVIN E. | Pvt. | |
| COSTEIN, JOHN I. | Pvt. | ANDREWS, CLAYTON P. | Pfc. | |
| FOURNIER, WILFRED G. | Pvt. | MALEC, VINCENT R. | Pvt. | |
| PRIMEAUX, WILMER | Pvt. | HIGGINS, FRANK C. | Pvt. | |
| MILEWSKY, JOSEPH M. | Pvt. | DILL, WOODROW W. | Tec 5 | |
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SECOND RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON

| HARRIS, GORDON R. | 2D Lt. | | |
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| MORGAN, NOBLE E. | S/Sgt. | ALLISON, BEN H. | Pfc. |
| BRENDEL, RALPH J. | Pfc. | WESTLING, LESLIE H. | Pfc. |
| CHAPMAN, RICHARD C. | Tec 5 | HAAS, HOWARD W. | Tec. 5 |
| WILLIAMS, WILLARD | Pvt, | BECKETT, GEORGE M., JR. | Pfc. |
| SCHNELL, ALBERT E. | Sgt. | BERRY, ROY F. | Sgt. |
| BARRY, JOHN M. | Pvt. | BERTSCH, WILLIAM G. | Pfc. |
| BERGER, WESLEY M. | Pvt. | MARSH, MERRILL V. | Pfc. |
| DE BARBARA, JOHN | Tec 5 | NORMAN, WAYMON M. | Pvt. |
| CARLSON, EDWARD C. | Pvt. | ZIMMERMAN, LAWRENCE F. | Pvt. |
| WATTS, JOHN T., JR. | Pfc. | MAHN, ARTHUR T. | Pvt. |
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THIRD RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON

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| SUNDSTROM, LENNART O. | 2D Lt. | | | | |
| KASZUBA, JOHN | S/Sgt. | ROBINSON, CLIFFORD E. | Pfc. | | |
| BECHER, HAROLD J. | Pfc. | CARTWRIGHT, HERSCHEL E. | Pvt. | | |
| KELLER, KENNETH R. | Tec 5 | DICKINSON, MILLARD J. | Tec 5 | | |
| BORDENET, ERNEST J. | Tec 5 | BRIDGES, LEROY J. | Tec 5 | | |
| HOCKEY, GEORGE J., JR. | Sgt. | BARTLEY, CHESTER A. | Sgt. | | |
| HOWELL, SYLVESTER G. | Pfc. | ELLIOTT, LOREN E. | Pvt. | | |
| TAPIA, CRUZ | Pvt. | DAILY, HOWARD C. | Pfc. | | |
| HARPER, MAJOR L. | Pvt. | BOWEN, WALTER C. | Pvt. | | |
| HAYES, HAROLD H. | Pfc. | GAUTHIER, ALFRED A. | Pvt. | | |
| BROOKS, JAMES N. | Pvt. | WEINSTEIN, ARTHUR | Pfc. | | |

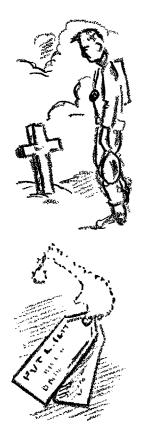
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| | PIONEER | PLATOON | |
| JONES, PAUL W. | lst Lt. | | - |
| TRIVIGNO, FRANK A. | S/Sgt. | LAWS, GLEN T. | Pfc. |
| DOLT, HUBERT J. | Pfc. | MANFREDO, ANTHONY V. | Pfc. |
| WILLIAMS, CLARENCE | Pvt. | MILLER, ROBERT E. | Pfc. |
| MC LEOD, SAMUEL W. PIZZO, HOSEPH J. | Tec 5 | GITELSON, HERMAN H. | Sgt. Píc. |
| RACER, WALTER R. | Pvt. Tec 5 | HOLLIDAY, JAMES | Pvt. |
| DE AMICIS, WILLIAM M. | Sgt. | TOMLIN, ROBERT M., JR. HARRIS, MILLARD | Pvt. |
| MILES, SOLOMON | Pvt. | MOGAN, OSCAR B. | Pfc. |
| BARRETT, JAMES | Pfc. | HALL, NATHAN | Cpl. |
| STAGGS, LESLIE B. | Tec 5 | CHODANY, JOHN | Pvt. |
| FORST, RALPH J. | Pvt. | WAINSCOTT, RAYMOND R. | Pfc. |
| HUSTED, LEROY F. | Pvt. | PATTON, CHARLES A. | Pfc. |
| DICKERSON, VIRGIL C. | Tec 5 | MULVIHILL, MAURICE M. | Pfc. |
| | HEADQUA | ARTERS | |
| BROWNFIELD, ALBERT R. | Lt. Col. | BRYSON, MELVIN J. | Capt. |
| PEACOCK, EARL G. | Maj. | GRAVES, CHARLES W. | lst Lt. |
| TAYLOR, BLAINE C. | Maj. | HORNING, WILLIS E. | lst Lt. |
| TROYKY, JULIUS | Capt. | JORGENSEN, RICHARD E. | WOJG |
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| CLARKE, HOWARD P., JR | Capt. | | |
| SASS, ROBERT J. | lst/Sgt. | USTLER, JOHN R. | Tec 5 |
| PARMERTER, KENNETH G. | S/Sgt. | TEEPLE, ROBERT H. | Pfc. |
| KNOWLES, JOSEPH J. | S/Sgt. | BURNETTE, FRANK S. | Pvt. |
| DABROWSKI, JITCHELL | S/Sgt. | MOORE, WALLACE L. | Pfc. |
| COHORST, RAYMOND J. | Cpl. | SCHMITT, EARL A. | Pvt. |
| BARRAGA, JOHN T. | Tec 5 | REESE, FRANK E. | Tec 5 |
| BEASLEY, HARRY W. | Pfc. | RITCHIE, WALTER H. | Pfc. |
| DAVIS, JESSIE W. | Tec 5 | YERDEN, GEORGE A. | Píc. |
| RAMEY, JAMES E. | Tec 5 | MOWRY, JOHN R. | Pvt. |
| LITTLE, SAM | Tec 5 | CIOLETTI, IVO J. | Pfc. |
| MURANKO, JOHN A. | Pvt. | LOCKE, JAMES A. | Pvt. |
| SAMS, URBAN B. | Tec 5 | BREWER, ROBERT | Pvt. |
| MAGNAVITA, HUGO MARTY, ERNEST F. | Tec 4 Tec 4 | HOOGSTAD, EDWARD FISHER, CLARK P. | Pvt. Pvt. |
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| HUTCHINSON, CHARLES R. | lst Lt. | ION FERIOON | |
| JOHNSON, JESS B. | T/Sgt. | WELLS, HERBERT R. | Pfc. |
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| FLEMING, RAYMOND E. | Cpl. | LENOX, HEBER C. | Pvt. |
| COHN, EDWARD D. | Pfc. | WOLF, SILVEN F. | Pvt. |
| | DEPRIEST, | JOHN E. Tec 4 | |
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| TANNER, HARRY B. | lst Lt. | | |
| SAWYER, RICHARD F. | lst Lt. | | |
| BENNETT, HOMER T. | M/Sgt. | BERRIER, RAYMOND D. | Pfc. |
| KINSELY, GLENN O. | T/Sgt. | ARNETT, FLOYD B. | Tec 5 |
| WILLIAMSON, COE E. | T/Sgt. | ZEITZ, HERMAN J. | Pvt. |
| CORKERY, DENNIS S., JR. | T/Sgt. | BEE, LAWRENCE J. | Pfc. |
| SVOBODA, HAROLD F. | T/Sgt. | RANDOLPH, CHARLES F. | Tec 5 |
| CLAYMAN, DAVID | S/Sgt. | SEITZ, PAUL F. | Tec 5 |
| MOORE, HARRY M. | Sgt. | CAMERON, ARTHUR J. | Tec 4 |
| BYRN, GLIDDEN E. | Tec 4 | BLANKENSHIP, HUSTON D. | Tec 5 |
| PHILLIPS, ROY M. | Tec 5 | HUGHEY, PAUL B. | Tec 4 |
| CARMICHAEL, DONALD R. | Tec 5 | KOEHN, PAUL F. | Pvt. |
| CHERRY, JESS E. | Tec 5 | OLGREN, EINER H. | Tec 5 Tec 4 |
| SWITZER, JESSE W. | Tec 5 | FOULK, ALBERT W. | Tec 4 Tec 4 |
| DENONCOUR, ELDON J. RENNE, ANGELO | Tec 5 Tec 5 | REED, JAMES O. Ferdon, floyd E. | Tec 5 |
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Capt. WOJG M/Sgt. DII

| M/Sgt. | DILKS, MORRIS F. | | Sgt. |
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| T/Sgt. | PICKERING, BENJ | AMIN L. | Tec 4 |
| Pfc. | GRAZIANO, LEON | ARD | Tec 4 |
| Pvt. | BRUNSON, SIDNEY | R. | Tec 4 |
| Tec 4 | KERCHOWSKAS, A | LBERT P. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 4 | NUZUM, PRESLEY | ' W. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 4 | KREBS, ELMER B. | | Tec 5 |
| Tec 5 | CAMPBELL, JOHN | ГТ. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 5 | DELO, EARL J. | | Tec 5 |
| Tec 4 | KRAWEZ, MICHAE | L | Tec 5 |
| KRAWCZY | K, FRANK J. | Tec 4 | |

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

TRANSPORTATION PLATOON

| lst Lt. | | |
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| Sgt. | MULCAHY, TIMOTHY A. | Tec 5 |
| Cpl. | RECTOR, BASIL T. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 5 | LYON, ROBERT L. | Pfc. |
| Pvt. | JORDAN, MORRIS L. | Pfc. |
| Pfc. | TEFFT, MERRILL H. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 5 | FIELDS, EARL L. | Pfc. |
| Tec 5 | HAWKINS, MAURICE E. | Pvt. |
| Tec 5 | MEADOWS, CLOWNIE T. | Pvt. |
| WARRING | ER, RAYMOND R. Tec 5 | |

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

| Ca | pı. | | |
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| S/S | Sgt. | TROUTMAN, HAL H. | Tec 5 |
| Тe | с 3 | ROBINSON, DONALD D. | Pfc. |
| Te | c 4 | RUIZ, MERCY R. | Pfc. |
| Τe | с4 | SCHNEIDER, ROGER N. | Pfc. |
| Тe | с 5 | SELVEY, ROBERT E. | Pfc. |
| Te | c 5 | BARR, RONALD W. | Pvt. |
| Cp | 1. | KUGELMAN, WALLACE | Pvt. |
| | SEIBE | CL, EZRA J. Pvt. | |
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"A" COMPANY HEADOUARTERS PLATOON

| | ERO I ERICON | |
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| Capt. | | |
| lst Lt. | | |
| lst Sgt. | GRIGSBY, THAD L. | Tec 4 |
| Tec 5 | HARRALSON, ORVILLE B. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 5 | EVANS, JOHN G. | S/Sgt. |
| Tec 5 | MATHEWS, PERCY R. | Tec 5 |
| S/Sgt. | JACKSON, WILBUR R. | Cpl. |
| Pvt. | SCHNELL, ARTHUR | Tec 4 |
| Pfc. | MC KINNEY, CHESTER A. | Tec 5 |
| Pvt. | BEASLEY, JAMES J. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 4 | RICHEN, ALEXANDER W. | Cpl. |
| Tec 5 | JORGENSEN, HANS E. | Tec 4 |
| Tec 5 | LEWIS, NATHAN | Pvt. |
| T/Sgt. | WISE, VIRGIL S. | Tec 5 |
| Tec 4 | LANE, NOEL B. | Pvt. |
| Pfc. | HENSON, GEORGE P. | Pvt. |
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"A" COMPANY

FIRST PLATOON

| 2d Lt. | | |
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| Pvt. | CASADA, MATTHEW | Pfc. |
| Pvt. | WYGANT, FRED J. | Pfc. |
| Sgt. | KESTLER, CHARLES F. | Tec 4 |
| Pvt. | HILL, IRA | Pvt. |
| Pvt. | STEWART, WILLIAM E. | Pvt. |
| Pvt. | BOCKHOLD, RALPH T. | Pfc. |
| Pvt. | WAHL, RAYMOND J. | Pvt. |
| Tec 5 | MERCIER, ARTHUR W. | Tec 5 |
| Cpl. | KIMBALL, JOHN G. | S/Sgt. |
| Pvt. | WEST, HARVEY B. | Pvt. |
| Pvt. | BURKE, THOMAS M. | Cpl. |
| Píc. | STUMP, WALTER A. | Pvt. |
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| KAHL, ROBERT L. | Tec 5 | STACY, HAROLD | Tec 4 | | | |
| BACKER, HARRISON Y. | Sgt. | NEWITZ, JACK | Cpl. | | | |
| TACKITT, ROBERT L. | Cpl. | PARSONS, BENJAMIN H. | Pvt. | | | |
| ALFORD, ALVIN L. | Pfc. | KAUFER, CHARLES E. | Tec 5 | | | |
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| | | COMPANY | | | | |
| | | D PLATOON | | | | |
| WHITING, RUSSELL H. | lst Lt. | PUCKETT, HARRY J. | Pfc. | | | |
| DOAK, CHESTER O. SPRADLIN, NORMAN | Pvt. Pvt. | WELLS, AVERY | Cpl. | | | |
| CAUDETTE, ROLAND D. | Sgt. | BRATCHER, CHARLEY A. | Pfc. | | | |
| STEIER, FRANK A. | Pfc. | WRIGHT, CLARENCE R. | Pvt. | | | |
| RATCLIFF, JAMES R. | Pvt. | HOFFMAN, FRED A. | Tec 5 | | | |
| BROCK, WILLIS | Pvt. | JACKSON, EMMETT, JR. | Pvt. | | | |
| GOLDBERG, SAMUEL | Pfc. | LEMMONDS, FRED B. | S/Sgt. | | | |
| COCUZZA, PETER M. | Tec 5 | CARTER, WESLEY T. | Sgt. | | | |
| MC CAULEY, LORENZIE J. | Cpl. | NABORS, CARL M. | Cpl. | | | |
| JONES, CHARLIE | Pvt. | FIGG, CLEDIS L. | Pfc. | | | |
| PRATER, ERNEST L. | Pfc. | MULVANEY, DONALD B. | Tec 4 | | | |
| SHAMBLIN, JOEL C. | Pvt. | HANRAHAN, ALBERT J. | Sgt. | | | |
| TURNER, RAYMOND C. | Pfc. | CURRY, ALLEN W. | Cpl. Pfo | | | |
| DAHM, HAROLD M. | Sgt. | CASSELL, WILLIAM N. | Pfc. Pvt. | | | |
| RECTOR, JAMES L. KIKES, ORVILLE L. | Cpl. Píc. | BRANHAM, HAROLD L. BISHOP, ROBERT J. | Tec 5 | | | |
| KIKES, ORVIELE L. | FIC. | BISHOF, KOBERT J. | 100 5 | | | |
| | ''A'' C | COMPANY | | | | |
| | | PLATOON | | | | |
| COLBURN, CHARLES J. | lst Lt. | <u> </u> | | | | |
| SMITH, FRASIER E. | Pvt. | DREBY, NELSON A. | Tec 4 | | | |
| NOVOTNEY, PAUL J. | Pfc. | TOMASZEWSKI, GEORGE L. | Sgt. | | | |
| PERNA, NORMAN C. | Sgt. | MEADOWS, JOHN W. | Cpl. | | | |
| SIMS, DONALD L. | Pfc. | WINKLEPLECK, JOHN E. | Pfc. | | | |
| DEUTSCH, ABRAHM | Pvt. | SIMS, HERMON | Pfc. | | | |
| SPEER, DWIGHT M. | Pvt. | KANE, VINCENT J. | Tec 5 | | | |
| ROBINSON, ERNEST J. | Pvt. | GANZ, WALTER J. | Sgt. | | | |
| CASTORIA, PRISCO G. | Tec 5 | JUDGE, WILLIAM H. | Sgt. | | | |
| STRETCH, NORMAN | Cpl. | COOPER, JAMES C. | Cpl. | | | |
| MANNINGS, EARL R. | Pfc. | SCHMUHL, GEORGE M. | Pfc. | | | |
| DIXON, ERNEST R. | Pvt. Pt | SKINNER, ROBERT S. | Tec 4 | | | |
| HALL, CHARLIE | Pvt. | BUZBEE, WATSON C. | Sgt. | | | |
| WISE, THOMAS A. HAGER, JACK E. | Tec 5 Sgt. | BUSH, MAURICE R. MITCHELL, VIRGIL O. | Cpl. Pvt. | | | |
| MC KENZIE, KENNETH | Cpl. | HAVEN, OLAN O. | Pvt. | | | |
| JASPER, LADD | Pfc. | HAYS, GEORGE, JR. | Pfc. | | | |
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| | ''B'' C | COMPANY | | | | |
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| MC CONKIE, FRANCE B. | Capt. | | | | | |
| DALLE TEZZE, DANTE J. | lst Lt. | | | | | |
| CHAILLE, JACK H. | S/Sgt. | LINTON, CHARLES N. | Tec 4 | | | |
| BOWEN, ELIHUE S. | Tec 4 | LENZ, FRANCIS F. | Tec 5 | | | |
| RODD, CHARLES R. | Cpl. | HARALSON, WILLIAM L. | S/Sgt. | | | |
| HAYMORE, SANFORD W. | Pvt. | FORE, FRANCIS P. | Tec 4 | | | |
| SHUPIENIS, JOSEPH J. | S/Sgt. | GRADWICK, STANLEY E. | Tec 5 | | | |
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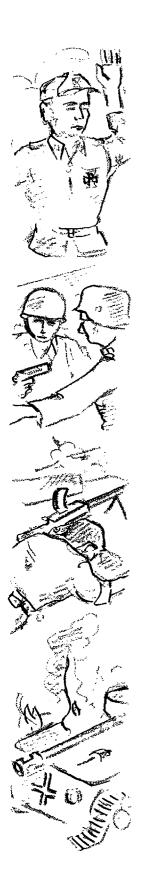
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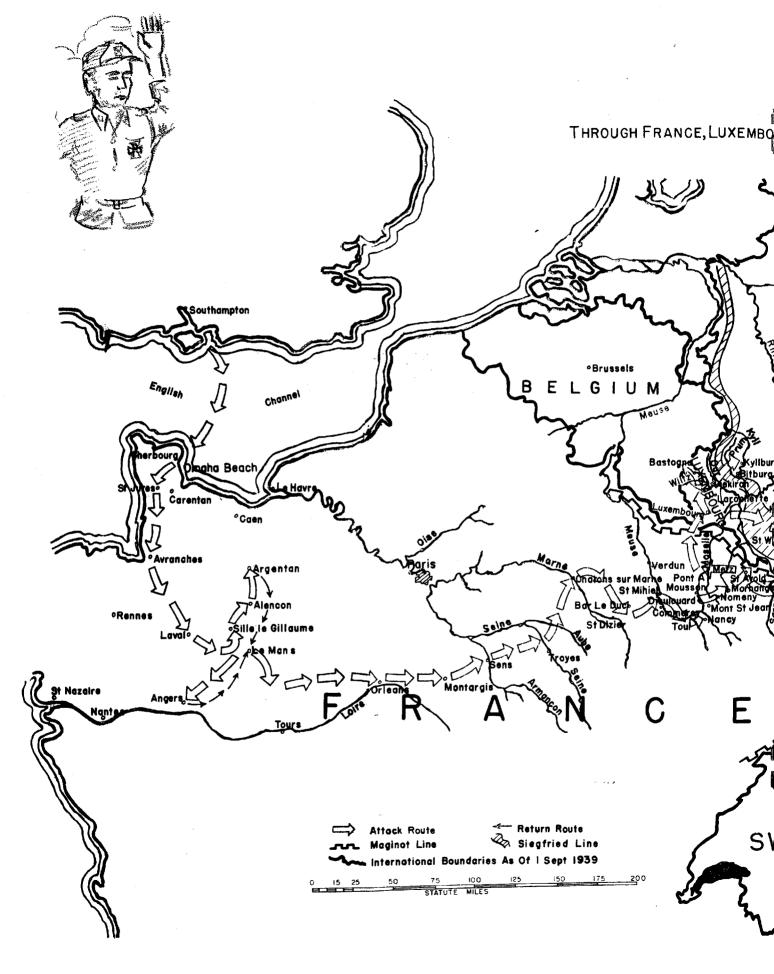
At Valognes Staging Area the Battalion having been assigned to the 9th U.S. Army, awaited the unloading of its equipment and the issue of General Purpose Vehicles. All equipment except general purpose vehicles had been assembled at a staging area in the States, and shipped in the same convoy as the personnel. By 5 October 1944 most of the equipment had been received and on 6 October 1944 the Bn. moved to La Mare du Parc, France. Here the Bn. was attached to the III Corps. On 6 October 1944, the Bn. assumed the defense of the Normandy Peninsula, from Bretteville on the south to Dielette on the north. Rcn. Co. maintained 8 OP's and two road patrols, and the balance of the unit was on a 30 minute alert. T/5 Arnette, Hq. Co., there struck a mine with his jeep and was killed on the beach east of Carteret in late October, our first battle casualty. At that time there was reported to have been some 18,000 to 20,000 German troops on Guernsey and Jersey Island just off the coast. A raiding party from these islands actually came ashore near Granville, and took a number of prisoners in March 1945. During our own stay there the Bn. was called out on two alerts that ended up as "dry runs".

The Bn. was relieved on 5 November 1944 of the defense of the Normandy Peninsula and came under the command of the 1st U.S. Army, and was attached to the XVI Corps, per Mut. Order #417 Hq. NBS, Com 2, ETD. On or about 10 October 1944 the M-18's were fired for calibration into the English Channel from positions near Dielette. Pvt. Moran, Co. C. struck a mine in this position blowing a wheel off his M-20.

After nearly two months in the mud, orchards, and hedge rows of Normandy, and after the men had received their first lessons in "French" and "Calvados" the Battalion received orders from Normandy Base Section to move to Mersch, Luxembourg. On 11 November 1944 a combination rail and motor move was started. the M18's moved out by rail, the M32's by tank transport, and the balance of the unit moved by road. On arrival of the wheel column on 13 November 1944, the Battalion went into bivouac in the vicinity of Berg, Luxembourg, 8 miles north of Mersch, and was attached to CCR, 9th Armored Division, then in the VIII Corps. The track vehicles arrived at Mersch 3 days later, and moved into bivouac with the rest of the Battalion.

On 23 November 1944 the Battalion was organized for combat. Company A, with the first Platoon of Reconnaissance Company, was attached to CCB, 9th Armored Division, and moved to Hachiville, Luxembourg. On 24 November 1944 Company B and C went into indirect fire positions near Consdorf, Luxembourg. A Battalion fire direction center was set up at Scheidgen, Luxembourg. The Battalion CP was trains were located in Consdorf, Luxembourg, and Reconnaissance Company was at Christmach, Luxembourg. Reconnaissance Company established OP's at Berdorf and Lauterbourn over looking the Siegfried Line across the Our River. Lt. Richard F. Sawyer and Lt. Paul W. Jones acted as air observers using Division Artillery planes. Fire was conducted continuously and was of a harassing and interdictory nature, since very few targets of opportunity presented themselves. The additional range of the 76mm gun was used to extend the range of the Division Artillery's 105mm "Hows". Fire was conducted and positions were improved until 14 December 1944, when Company C was ordered to report to CCR, 9th Armored Division.

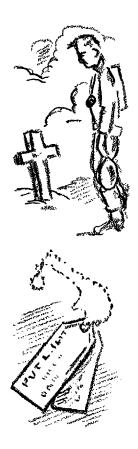
The Company moved out at 0800 hours, destination, vicinity Troix Verges, Belgium. On the eve of the Battle of the Ardennes the Battalion was organized for Combat as follows: Company A was attached to CCB, 9th Armored Division, and was located in the vicinity of Liethium, Belgium. Company B under Battalion control was in indirect fire positions just southwest of Consdorf, Luxembourg. Company C at Thommen, Belgium, was attached to CCR, 9th Armored Division. Reconnaissance Company, less the first and third Platoons, was at Christnach, Luxembourg, under Battalion control. The first and third Platoons were attached to Companies A and C, respectively. Hq. & Hq. Co., less one ammunition truck and one gas truck to each of Companies A and C, was at Consdorf, Luxembourg, under Battalion control. Battalion CP was located at Consdorf, Luxembourg, with a fire direction center at Schiedgen, Luxembourg. The Battalion was attached to Division Artillery, 9th Armored Division, then located at Fels, Luxembourg. On 15 December 1944 plans were being made to move the gun positions to the vicinity of Haller, Luxembourg, to occupy a sector between the 28th Infantry Division on the north and the 4th Infantry Division on the south. At 0600 hours on 16 December 1944 considerable enemyartillery fire fell in the Schiedgen-Consdorf area. OP's at Lauterbaurn and Berdorf, which were in process of being moved, were ordered remanned. Lt. Gordon R. Harris was unable to man the Lauterbaurn OP due to enemy fire. Capt. Samuel W. Parsons arrived at Berdorf at 0800 hours and found that enemy in considerable strength was attacking the town. Company B was ordered to move to its previously reconnoitered positions in the vicinity of Haller, and moved out at approximately 1000 hours. By this time the S-2 had reported that the enemy had attacked along the VIII Corps front and that the towns of Berdorf, Lauterborn, Osweiler and Dickweiler were held by the enemy. Reconnaissance in the vicinity of Beaufort, Luxembourg, to the north of Company B's new positions was halted due to heavy artillery fire and enemy dismounted action. At 1450 hours orders were received to occupy new positions in the vicinity of Waldbillig, Luxembourg. The 60th Armored Infantry Battalion to the north was reported to be cut off. The Battalion CP was set up at Waldbillig. Reconnaissance Company remained at Christnach. At approximately midnight 16-17 December 1944 Waldbillig was shelled. At 1045 hours on 17 December 1944 an enemy force was reported advancing on the southern flank through the Mullerthal draw.





Division Artillery ordered a Reconnaissance Platoon of Troop A, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, to retake the town of Mullerthal. Company B went into direct fire positions to repel a possible armored attack. At 1100 hours the Battalion (-) came under control of CCA, 9th Armored Division. Troop B, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron, was ordered to take control of Mullerthal, and to contain the German advance. Before this could be accomplished, Troop A, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron, was compelled to withdraw from the Mullerthal draw. A coordinated attack was then planned in conjunction with Troop A and B of the 89th Reconnaissance Squadron by Colonel A. R. Brownfield, Battalion Commander, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion. At 1330 hours Lt. Torgerson's Platoon of Company B flanked by dismounted personnel of the 89th Reconnaissance Squadron began an attack on Mullerthal. Lt. Torgerson's destroyer was struck by bazooka fire in the narrow defile of the Mullerthal draw and several of the 89th Reconnaissance men were killed, and the attack bogged down. A second attack was mounted in view of recovering the disabled destroyer with the M 32 recovery vehicle. The remainder of Lt. Torgerson's platoon, led by Sgt. DeJorine, moved up across a small open field to the left of the defile supported by dismounted men from the 89th Reconnaissance Squadron and Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, firing point-blank into the woods. The M32 was moved down to the vicinity of the destroyer, but went over a steep embankment to the right, and was unable to perform its mission. The attack was then abandoned due to darkness. Sgt. DeJorine was later promoted to 2nd Lt. as a result of his leadership and heroism shown in this action. Estimated enemy losses were four machine guns destroyed, 13 dead, and innumerable wounded. Estimated strength of the enemy in the draw was one Battalion of infantry. Major Earl G. Peacock, Battalion Executive Officer, was wounded in this action. Lt. Torgerson and his crew were missing. Troops A and B,89th Reconnaissance Squadron, were placed under Battalion control and outposts were set up for the night. During the next few days artillery fire on the positions continued to be very heavy, and inflicted considerable damage on personnel and equipment. Our own artillery supported us throughout the entire period. On 18 December Sergeant Schnell was sent to elements of the 4th Infantry Division on our right (south) flank as liaison. A task force composed of elements of the 482d AAA Bn. was on our left. On 19 December Lt. Horning, then in Company B, took his platoon to support an attack of the unit on the left, and fired upon a farm house enabling that unit to capture 61 prisoners of the 276th VG Division. They reported 40 dead in the house on which the platoon had fired. The PW's reported that they had received no support since crossing the Our River due to our artillery fire. On the morning of 20 December prisoners taken by Troop B, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron from the Mullerthal draw, reported that our direct fire had killed about one-half their company and that the Division and Regimental Commanders had been killed. At 1430 hours on 20 December 1944, enemy infantry estimated to be one company supported by tanks attacked from the north from the direction of Haller and were replused. They attacked again at 1630 hours with two companies and 3 more tanks. Two of these tanks were destroyed and 50 enemy killed, and the attack was repulsed just as darkness fell. During this action the rear echelon, then at Waldbillig, moved to Christnach, and then to Heffingen, and combat elements took up positions on the high ground between Waldbillig and Christnach. This was necessary due to insufficient dismounted personnel to protect Waldbillig against a determined infantry attack. Strong 24 hour patrols were now SOP. At 1000 hours on 21 December Task Force Chamberlain, which was composed of two armored infantry companies, one tank copany, and one Field Artillery Battalion, all of the 10th Armored Division, was ordered to attack Waldbillig, and secure the high ground to the north. Task Force Brownfield, which now consisted of Company B, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Reconnaissance Company, 811th TD Bn. (less 2 Platoons), Hq. & Hq. Co., 811th TD Bn., and Troops A and B, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron, was to support the attack by fire. The attack jumped off and the town of Waldbillig was occupied at a cost of two tanks and over 100 infantrymen killed, wounded, or mission. Because of the casualties suffered in the attack, Colonel Chamberlain decided to withdraw his troops from Waldbillig into Christnach. At 0400 hours one company of the 61st Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, which then consisted of about 60 men, moved up to outpost our positions, relieved what few dismounted personnel had been gathered up for this purpose. These troops as well as Task Force Chamberlain, came under control of Task Force Brownfield. During the next few days the situation was static, with continuous enemy fire from mortars, direct fire weapons and nebelwefer falling on the positions. One round of mortar fell in one of Company B's destroyers mortally wounding Lt. Dalle Tezze. The enemy continued to strengthen their positions around Waldbillig until the 24th of December, when 11th Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, attacked through our positions. Company B's tank destroyers supported this attack with direct fire. Thus ended the "Battle of Waldbillig". At 2030 hours on the night of 25 December the billeting party left for Etalle, Belgium. All units of the task force, including the attached units of 10th Armored Division, were relieved and moved to the vicinity of Arlon, Belgium, then received orders to move to vicinity of Tronquay, Belgium, to support the attack of the 4th Armored Division in an effort to relieve the besieged 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne, Belgium. All attached units reverted back to CCA. On arrival at Tronquay, Belgium, at about 2400 hours, 25 December 1944, and after a march of nearly 200 miles, CCA, 9th Armored Division, was reorganized for combat. Three task forces









were set up Task Forces Karsteder, Collins, and Brownfield. One Platoon, Company B, 811th TD Bn., with a Reconnaissance Section attached, was attached to each of the first two named. Task Force Brownfield consisted of Companies B and Rcn. (minus), 811th TD Bn., Hq. & Hq. Co., 811th TD Bn., Troops A, B and E, 89th Reconaissance Squadron, and Company A, 9th Armored Engineers. Task Forces Karsteder and Collins attacked up the Neufchateau-Bastogne Road at 0800 hours, 26 December 1945. Task Force Brownfield followed, with a mission of protecting the road once it was opened, and clearing it of obstructions. Its CP was opened at Vaux Les Rosiers, Belgium, on 27 December 1944. Thus CCA, 9th Armored Division, launched a successful attack at daylight, 26 December 1944, in bitter cold weather, following a 200 mile march, and 10 extremely difficult days of combat. Few Troops could have done it. Company B went into action having lost 3 of its platoon leaders, Lt. Norton, KIA, Lt. Adams, WIA, Lt. Torgerson, MIA, and Lt. Dalle Tezze, the Executive, mortally wounded. Lts. Turrell and Horning were transferred to the Company from Hq. & Hq. Co. as Platoon Leaders. The following enlisted men had been KIA: S/Sgt. Evanchuk, T/4 Delaney, Sgt. Walker, Pvt. Burris, Pfc. Leaman had been mortally wounded. Sgt. Glasner, Cpl. Gosselin, S/Sgt. Thomas, T/4 Bowen, S/Sgt. Supenis, Pfc. Shelly, Cpl. Meuse, Sgt. Pauley and Cpl. Alderman had been wounded in action.

Lt. Horning in command of the 1st Platoon of Company B with the 2d Section of the 2d Rcn. Platoon moved out at 0730 hours on 26 December 1944 with Task Force Collins to take Sibret, Belgium. The enemy withdrew into the woods near Chenogne, and the Platoon spent that night and the next day at Sibret. Lt. Turrell and the 2d Platoon of Company B with the 1st Section of the 2d Rcn. Platoon moved out to take Villeroux, and cover the left flank of Task Force Karsteder. Their positions suffered from heavy mortar fire for several days. On 29 December Task Force Collins mounted an attack on Chenogne. The mission of the 1st Platoon of Company B was to protect the right flank of the attack. Sgt. Morgan and Lt. Horning took a patrol into a woods through which the Platoon had to proceed in order to perform its mission. One tank was forced out of the woods by fire from the tank destroyers, and a German half-track was destroyed by Sgt. Morgan's M8. Upon moving the platoon into the woods, dismounted Germans began to run out from the rear. The platoon opened fire, wounding one and capturing 12 Germans. Cover positions were taken up to the north of the woods overlooking Chenogne.

Just before daylight on 30 December, the enemy made a surprise attack with tanks and infantry on these positions. Sgt. Stacy's gunner, Hatcher, put 3 successive rounds into a German tank, which had fired on and knocked out two tanks of Task Force Collins to his left. The German tank was destroyed. During the fire fight the preceeding day just outside of Sibret Sgt. Apadoca's destroyer was hit, wounding him and his gunner, Cpl. Winchester. Pvt. Pasela was killed. In the new position Sgt. Stacy and Sgt. Kuchinski pulled their tank destroyers to an exposed position, and immediately drew fire from a Mark V or VI. Sgt. Kucinski ummediately moved his destroyer to flank position, and knocked out the tank with his first round. Sgt. Stacy shortly thereafter spotted another tank and knocked it out. This action so encouraged the infantry that they moved up, and supported by the extremely accurate fire of these two destroyers, stopped the attack, which would have again cut the Neufchateau-Bastogne Road had it carried another 1,000 yards. The 11th Armored Division made an attack on the left flank that afternoon, thereby easing the situation. The 3d Platoon under Lt. Brenner, relieved the 2d Platoon and it moved into Vaux Les Rosiers. The reserve of Task Force Brownfield at Vaux Les Rosiers was alerted during this attack and moved out, arriving at Jodenville at 1230 hours. The 11th Armored Division moved through their positions in the afternoon, and Task Force Brownfield returned to Vaux Les Rosiers. On 31 December the 3d Platoon under Lt. Brenner supported an attack to the north, and took up positions in support of Task Force Collins. They remained there until relieved on 3 January 1945.

On 3 January 1945 the Battalion less Companies A and C, and the 1st and 3d Platoons of Rcn. Co. were ordered to a marshalling area, in preparation for moving to a rest area. Just before IP time Company B was ordered to stand fast. Company B with the 2d Rcn. Platoon then received orders to move to Bastogne and report to General Taylor, CG, 101st Airborne Division. The remainder of the Battalion moved to Touterron, France, and remained there until 8 January 1945. This portion of the Battalion had been relieved of attached to CCA and reverted to Division control, 9th Armored Division, on 6 January 1945. Company C and the 3d Platoon, Rcn. Company, were relieved of attachment to CCR, and came under Battalion control at this time. They were located at Les Louches, France. On 7 January 1945 Company A and the 1st Rcn. Platoon reverted to Battalion control from CCB.

Company B with the 2d Rcn. Platoon reported to General Taylor 3 January, and Capt. McConkie was ordered to proceed with his Company to Savy, Belgium, to the northwest of Bastogne. They took up positions northwest of and next to the town of Longchamps, and supported the 101st Airborne Division until 7 January. On or about 7 January, Company B moved south to Savy to perform two days maintenance, then moved up the Houffalize-Bastogne Road to a position just south of Foy. On 14 January 1945 at this position Capt. McConkie was wounded, and Lt. Horning took command of the Company. The Company then supported the 101st Airborne Division attack on Foy, Noville and then Rachamps. On 8 January 1945 the Battalion had been relieved from attachment to the 9th Armored Division, and was attached to 7th TD Group, VIII Corps, and ordered to move to the vicinity of Bellefountain, Belgium. Rcn. Company less the 2d Platoon closed in at Bellefountain; Hq. & Hq. Co. and Co. C Closed in at St. Marie, Belgium, and Co. A at Fratin, Belgium.

So much for CCA, 9th Armored Division, and that part of the 811th TD Bn. Attached to it. What of Companies A and C? How had they fared in the "Battle of the Bulge". and what had their experiences been?

On 23 November 1944 Company A was attached to CCB, 9th Armored Division, and moved to an assembly area at Hachiville, Luxembourg. After several days of maintenance and refitting, the Company was ordered to take up indirect firing positions in support of the 16th Armored FA Bn., 9th Armored Division, near Leithum, Luxembourg. Almost all firing was done at night and consisted of harrassing and interdictory fires on towns, crossroads, suspected enemy billeting areas, and truck parks. Because of the excessive ranges, few results were observed.

On 13 December 1944 Company A as part of CCB was alerted, and moved to vicinity of Faymonville, Belgium. CCB was to support an attack of the 2d Infantry Division which was to take and prevent the enemy from blowing three dams on the Our River north of Dreiborn, Germany. Company A's mission was to move through the leading combat team, and to take and hold the high ground in the vicinity of Drieborn and repel any tank attacks in that area.

Before this plan could be carried out the lst Platoon under command of Lt. Albert Kawecki was ordered to 106th Div. Hq. at St. Vith, Belgium, with the mission of moving to Schonberg to stem a general attack along the whole Division front. The fate of this platoon was unknown until April, when part of the Platoon was liberated from a PW camp near Kassel, Germany, by their own Company. Pfc. Wahl was killed in this action, and Sgt. Hill, T/5 Mercier and Pvt. West were wounded, but not evacuated. Sgt. Hill and T/5 Mercier later made their way back to friendly lines, and since that date all men and officers of the 1st Platoon have been accounted for as POW.

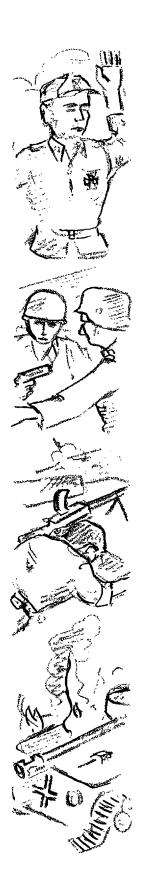
At 0300 hours, 17 December 1944, CCB with the remainder of the Company moved out to St. Vith and arrived there at 0600 hours. Almost immediately the 2d Platoon under command of 1st Lt. Russell Whiting was ordered to take up positions approximately 1,500 yards east of St. Vith on the high ground to destroy any enemy armor moving down the Schonberg-St. Vith Road. By prior reconnaissance the 2d Section of the 1st Rcn. Platoon attached to Company A established an OP from which they observed enemy tanks and large numbers of infantry moving down this road toward St. Vith. Sgt. Dailey, Pfc. Andrews and Pfc. Williams maintained contact until they were cut off by the advancing Germans, and then returned cross-country through the enemy lines to the Company's positions. During the day friendly artillery fell on the 2d Platoon's position killing Cpl. Nabors and mortally wounding Sgt. Carter and Pfc. Figg. Pfc. Gialousis' 37 mm gun was damaged also by the same fire. No armor being sighted the platoon withdrew to a position of readiness NE of St. Vith. One jeep was forced to be abandoned after it became mired down, and accurate morar fire denied all attempts to recover it. At 1730 hours, in conjunction with the 3d Platoon which had remained in St. Vith, and at that time under sniper fire, the 2d Platoon and attached reconnaissance Platoon was ordered to a bivouac area one mile southwest of St. Vith where it spent the night. Pfc. Locke, driver of attached gas truck from Hq. & Hq. Co., was wounded by enemy sniper fire just before the withdrawal.

Early the following day the Company was ordered to repel an infantry attack north of St. Vith at Hunningen (845-809) and to hold that high ground until relieved. Preceded by the Reconnaissance Platoon under command of 2d Lt. MacNemar, the company moved out and, upon approaching St. Vith, came under heavy artillery fire from German tanks in the woods NE of the town. The Company seized the hill, and immediately set up a semi-circular defense around the entire northern sector of the town. Late in the evening they were relieved by elements of the 7th Armored Division, and moved to a bivouac SW of Galhausen, where the Rcn. Platoon established outposts, and the entire Company spent the night.

On 20 December 1944 the Company moved to the crossroads (852-842), and went into previously reconnoitered positions to repel any and all armored attacks in the sector of the 27th Armored Infantry Bn., 9th Armored Division. With the 3d Platoon occupying the high ground just to the east of the north-south road; the second platoon took positions on the flank in the woods just east and south of the east-west road approximately one mile from Neidingen.

Early in the afternoon Pfc. Greene, Rcn. Company, observed five enemy tanks east of Galhausen, but their attack was broken up by friendly artillery fire. Later in the day Sgt. Buchanan and Sgt. Dailey were driven from their OP's by strong enemy infantry attacks moving west from Neidengen. These attacks were met by the security section of the 3d Platoon and driven back. The guns of this Platoon moved into cover of the woods bordering the north-south road from Galhausen. Cpl. Gonyo was killed while leading his section against the infantry in this attack. At 1600 hours the same afternoon enemy infantry again appeared in the woods to the NE at (856-850). 76mm HE direct fire and heavy mortar fire from the M32 were placed on this position and the





enemy withdrew. At this time considerable artillery and mortar fire fell in the Company position and continued intermittently throughout the night, wounding Pvt. Seibel, the only remaining aid man, Sgt. Johnson, Rcn. Sgt., and Pfc. Dagleish and Pvt. Primeaux of the Rcn. Platoon. At 2000 hours, because of enemy snipers and strong enemy patrols infiltrating near the Company's position, and because of the depleted condition of all infantry Companies on their flanks, Capt. Cronin, Company Commander, ordered the Rcn. Platoon to displace from their OP's and to dig in on a line connecting the two gun platoons. Three machine guns were dug-in to cover the east-west road leading from Neidengen. At midnight with the platoon only partially dug in, a strong enemy infantry force was observed only 20 yards away. Sgt. Rinning threw a grenade at the patrol leader, and Pfc. Dries and Lt. MacNemar opened fire with machine guns followed by the rest of the Company. In the ensuing fire fight it is estimated that twothirds of the force was either killed or wounded and were dragged off to be picked up later by a German horse-drawn ambulance. Shortly after, extremely heavy enemy artillery fire fell on the entire position. At daylight the next morning a great number of bazookas were discovered abandoned, and it became apparent that the enemy was intent on knocking out our destroyers. An estimated 50 Germans were killed or wounded in this action. At 0300 hours a strong patrol in force succeeded in over running two destroyer positions of the 2d Platoon, but withdrew without causing any damage due to the determined efforts of the personnel who continued to defend although overrun, Pfc. Bratcher was killed in this action.

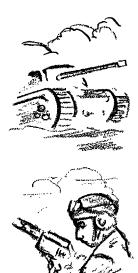
At 1000 hours on 21 December heavy artillery and mortar fire again began to fall on the company's positions and continued all day. Because of the invantry withdrawal from our flanks to attack to the northeast Capt. Cronin ordered the 2d Platoon to fall back to the cover of the woods bordering the north-south road from Galhausen, had the previous positions of the Platoon mined and bobby-trapped, and strung trip flares along the entire company front. He then ordered the Rcn. Platoon to dig in along the south of the gun positions to secure the Company's open flank. A platoon of Engineers reported, and they dug in to the north of the Company's positions, securing that open flank. During the night the enemy again infiltrated into the position, wearing American uniforms, and succeeding in capturing Cpl. Jackson and Pvt. Muranko, who were later reported MIA. It has been established that during the night direct fire from anti-tank weapons brought up under cover of darkness was directed into the Company's positions with long and short bursts from a Schmeitzer gun. Heavy enemy artillery and martar fire fell all night, and the Engineer casualties were numerous. It was during this action that Capt. Cronin, while assaulting an enemy observer's position on the forward slope of the wooded hill to the northeast of the Company's position, was reported MIA. Lt. Harry B. Tanner, Liaison Officer, between Co.A and CCB was killed later this night by enemy artillery fire. Lt. Sawyer, Company Executive, immediately assumed command of the Company.

At 1330 hours the following day enemy infantry approaching from Galhausen in groups of 10 were killed or dispersed by concentrated MC and 76mm HE fire. At 1400 hours that day the Company was ordered to withdraw to Grufflingen, if possible, and to reorganize for an attack on Neubruck to the north. This withdrawal was made with the loss of one jeep. The order to attack Neubruck was rescinded however, because the enemy was making a determined attack on Gruflingen with tanks and infantry. The Company was working with the 14th Tank Bn. of CCB, whose headquarters were at Gruflingen. The town was raked with direct fire from the tanks, and with observed artillery fire, until darkness. The enemy infantry moved in under cover of darkness supported by tanks. The 3d Platoon received the mission of holding the main crossroads until the 14th Tank Bn. had moved out of Gruflingen. The ammunition truck, which had a broken axle and was being towed by the M32 wrecker, had to be abandoned and Lt. Sawyer ordered it to be blown up. Lt. Whiting was evacuated the following day because of exhaustion, and S/Sgt. Lemmonds took charge of the 2d Platoon. On the 24th of December CCB was ordered into Corps reserve. CCB with Company A moved out with destination as Les Baty, Belgium. At 2300 hours on Christmas Eve the Column was ambushed, and cut in two parts, with the Medical unit receiving the brunt of the fire. Company A was acting as rear guard and was ordered to turn around and use another route to the destination. Early the 25th the Company arrived at Les Baty, and for the next several days the Company set up roadblocks and outposts in the vicinity of the town. Platoons were ordered out nightly to repel tank attacks in nearby towns none of which ever developed. On 29 December 1944 the Company moved to Bomal, Belgium, still in reserve. After several days of maintenance there the Company moved to Chession Woods, approximately 10,000 yards west of Stavelot, with the mission of holding the high ground and blocking the roads south of Stevelot. By this time the ground was covered with 3 feet of snow and the roads were covered with ice. Six days later the Company was ordered to report back to Bn. control at Touteron, France. After an extremely difficult two day trip the Company arrived at Touteron, with many destroyers still struggling on the icy roads. The Bn. moved from Touteron to St. Marie, Belgium, that day. Company A moved the following day and billeted in Fratin, Belgium.

On 14 December 1944 Company C, 811th TD Bn., plus 3d Platoon of Rcn. Company, was attached to CCR, 9th Armored Division, and ordered to move to vicinity of Troix Vierges, Belgium. On the march an accident occurred near the town of Troix Vierges, And Sgt. Fisher and Pfc. Squillante were removed to the hospital at Troix Vierges. The Company continued the road march and bivouaced at Thommen, Belgium. It remained at Thammen until 17 December 1944, at which time the first Platoon was ordered by CCR to move to vicinity of Ouren, Germany, and take up defensive positions. This platoon commanded by Lt. Dan S. Orr arrived at Ouren, Germany, a few minutes before dawn, and were led into position by an officer of the 112th Infantry Regiment. Capt. Collins accompanied this platoon on their mission. In the vicinity of Ouren Capt. Collins halted the platoon and with Lt. Sundstrom proceeded on foot to make a last minute reconnaissance. While on this reconnaissance mission the enemy made an attack in force and a fire fight developed. Capt. Collins ordered the platoon to disperse and take the enemy under fire. The fight continued through the day until 2100 hours, 17 December 1944. Losses in this action were two M18's, one M20 and 5 jeeps. Personnel losses were one MIA, joseph M. Hauser. Cpl. Murphy, Pfc. Bill Mitchell and Pfc. Wilson were slightly wounded. Fourteen German tanks were destroyed, as well as an unknown number of infantry.

Due to enemy numerical superiority (estimated 25 tanks) Lt. Orr ordered his platoon to withdraw to Weiswampach, Belgium, and the platoon remained there until 0800 hours. 18 December 1944. At this time they made a tactical road march to vicinity of Longvilley, Belgium. At 1000 hours, 17 December 1944, Capt. Collins returned from Ouren, Germany, and ordered the 2d and 3d Platoons to prepare to move to Ouren, Germany, to aid the 1st Platoon. At 1015 hours a road march was made by these two platoons, led by Capt. Collins, to vicinity of Wilwerdang, Belgium, and placed in a position of readiness. The Company rear echelon was left in vicinity of Thommen, Belgium, under command of Lt. Harold O. Bain. At 1100 hours Capt. Collins went forward to reconnoiter in the vicinity of Ouren, Germany, and found the roads blocked and impassable due to heavy enemy fire. At 1400 hours, 17 December the second platoon was ordered by CCR to move to vicinity of Clerveaux, Luxembourg. The 2d Platoon under command of Lt. Dodge reported to Colonel Fuller of the 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, for the mission of destroying tanks. Immediately upon going into position the 2d Platoon entered a fire fight with 27 enemy tanks and half-tracks. After several hours of fighting the Platoon was ordered by Lt. Dodge to retire to the vicinity of Oberwampach, Belgium. In this action the 2d Platoon was credited with one Mark IV and an enemy personnel carrier. The Platoon lost one M18, which turned over in the withdrawal action, also one ammunition trailer. St. Gorman and T/5 Oberhausen were slightly injured in this withdrawal action. At 1800 hours, 17 December 1944, the Company less 1st and 2d Platoons were ordered by CCR to move to a bivouac in the vicinity of Oberwampach, Belgium, where it remained until 1000 hours 18 December 1944. At this time the Company was ordered by CCR to make a road march to the vicinity of Longvilley, Belgium. Gun Positions were established south of Longvilley. At 1200 hours, 18 December, the 3d Platoon commanded by Lt. Bong was ordered by CCR to take up positions in the vicinity of Wincarage, Belgium. At 1500 hours, 18 December 1944, the 3d Platoon encountered heavy enemy fire of 11 tanks plus an unestimated number of enemy infantry. Six tanks and a considerable number of infantry were destroyed. At 1700 hours, 18 December 1944, enemy artillery shelled the 3d Platoon's position at Wincarage, and the Platoon was forced to move one mile south and take up position in support of the 2d Tank Bn. At this point the 2d tank Bn., under heavy enemy fire, abandoned their vehicles and the 3d Platoon was forced to move again to Longvilley, Belgium, Lt. Bong reported to CCR hq. and was ordered to defend the town of Longvilley, supporting the fire of the 73d FA Bn. At 1730 hours, 18 December 1944, the command echelon made a march from Longvilley, Belgium, to a wooded area one mile west of Longvilley. The command echelon remained in bivouac until 2330 hours and at that time the unit was alerted due to heavy shelling, and was ordered by CCR to move to vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. At Bastogne the unit was ordered to move to vicinity of Tintigny, Belgium. At this point the unit was billeted and ordered tp reorganize. At 0600 Hours, 19 December 1944, the 2d Platoon still in position vicinity of Oberwampach, Belgium, made an effort to retire to Bastogne, but was surrounded by enemy infantry and tanks. At this point Lt. Dodge ordered his men to destroy their vehicles and disperse with the idea in mind to reach Bastogne on foot. Lt. Dodge and his men were in rear of enemy lines for 4 days, reaching Bastogne on 23 December 1944. At 0200 hours, 19 December 1944, the 3d Platoon in position at Longvilley was attacked by enemy infantry. In this engagement the 3d Platoon destroyed an enemy personnel carrier loaded with infantry, and an unestimated but considerable number of foot troops. All Reconnaissance Company vehicles were lost in this engagement. At 0530 hours, 19 December 1944, Lt. Bong was ordered to send one destroyer to investigate a number of enemy tanks that were opposing the 10th Armored Division, who were in column northwest of Longvilley. This destroyer commanded by St. Shipulski found four M-4 American tanks in column, but was ordered not to fire, but return and protect the rear of 10th Armored Division. At 1200 hours, 19 December 1944, enemy armor and infantry attacked Longvilley in force. At 1230 hours, 19 December 1944, CCR, 9th Armored Division, moved out of Longvilley and the 3d Platoon was ordered to cover the withdrawal action. In this action the 3d Platoon lost three M18's. They were credited with destroying one enemy tank plus an unestimated number of foot troops. At this point Lt. Bong considered the situation hopeless. He then loaded all his men on his one remaining destroyer and fought his way into Bastogne. There he reported to Commanding Officer, Company C, 609th TD









Bn., of CCB, 10th Armored Division. At 0630 hours, 20 December 1944, the 3d Platoon then attached to 10th Armored Division established road blocks. One crew of 3d Platoon found an abandoned M10 and manned it to reenforce one of the positions of the 609th TD Bn. At 1000 hours, 21 December 1944, this crew knocked out one Mark V Tank. At 1435 hours, 21 December, the M10 crew was ordered to return to Bastogne due to lack of fuel. They established a roadblock at Bastogne. At 0530 hours, 22 December 1944 they were relieved from 10th Armored Division and sent to Champs, Belgium, where in the company of two destroyers of the 705th TD Bn and infantry of the lolst Airborn Division, they seized the town of Chamos and all high ground around the town. Their mission in this engagement was direct support of the infantry. This position was held for 3 days and nights. On 25 December 1944 the last M18 of the 3d Platoon was knocked out by enemy mortar fire, after having knocked out two enemy tanks in a night action. After their vehicle was knocked out the crew of this vehicle was used by the 609th TD bn. in relief roles at Bastogne. Sgt. Ewing discovered and aided in the capture of one enemy CW set that was directing artillery fire on the town of Bastogne. Lt. Bong and 19 of his men returned to Company control in the town of Villers Sur Semois, Belgium, at 1500 hours, 28 December 1944. On 20 December 1944 at 1000 hours the command echelon of Company C was ordered by CCR to make a road march to Joeuf, France. The unit was ordered by CCR to reorganize. At 1000 hours 21 December 1944 Lt. R. F. Sawyer and Lt. Dan S. Orr went to Bastogne, Belgium, to look for men of the 2d and 3d Platoons. Lt. Sawyer remained in Bastogne until 28 December 1944. While there he commanded a tank-infantry task force for the 101st Airborne Division, whose mission it was to capture the towns of Sibret and Villeroux. This mission he carried out with courage, enthusiasm, and energy.

On 23 December 1944 at 0900 hours the organization was ordered by CCR to make road march to vicinity of Tintigny, Belgium, Capt. Collins reported to CCR in Tintigny and was ordered to report to 2d Tank Battalion. On reporting to Capt. Gould of the 2d Tank Battalion, the unit was ordered to move to Villers Sur Semois, Belgium, and prepare to defend the town. At this time the Company had one M18, two medium tanks, and about 70 men. At Villers Sur Semois the organization established a 24 hour patrol until ordered by CCR to move to Les Loches, France, for a short rest period and maintenance. There they remained until 8 January, at which time they were relieved and ordered to return to Battalion control at St. Marie, Belgium. They returned to Battalion control at 1930 hours, 8 January 1945.

Company C's experience had been an exceedingly bitter one, particularly for a unit in its first engagement. However, they had lived up to all hopes and expectations, fighting with e'lan, courage, and distinction, even though faced with bitter cold and an overwhelming enemy. They destroyed 25 tanks, 2 armored personnel carriers, and an estimated 300 to 400 infantry. The cost had been high 10 destroyers lost, and about 50 men killed, wounded, or missing (mostly missing, and subsequently liberated). For this action the Company was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation.

| Known Enemy Equipment and Positi Equipment | А | в | С | Rcn | Total |
|---|----|---|----|-----|-------|
| Tanks | 11 | 9 | 52 | | 72 |
| H Tanks | 3 | 2 | 4 | | 9 |
| Armd Cars | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Scout Cars | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Personnel Carriers | | | 1 | | 1 |
| SP Guns | | 8 | 2 | 25 | 35 |
| Horses | 18 | | 4 | | 22 |
| Wagons | 9 | | 2 | | 11 |
| Jeeps | 1 | | | | 1 |
| 2-1/2 T Trks | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Observ, Planes | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| ME 109 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Barges | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Misc. Trucks | 16 | | | | 16 |
| Positions | | | | | |
| MG nests | 12 | 6 | 3 | | 21 |
| Mortar Positions | | | 1 | | 1 |
| AT Guns | 5 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 19 |
| Arty Positions | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Pillboxes | 4 | 2 | 11 | | 17 |
| Rocket Sites | | | 1 | | 1 |

Total number of prisoners taken 5,350

As the Bulge began to pinch off with the 1st Army pushing in from north, and the 3d Army from the south the 811th TD Bn. was gradually beginning to recover its fighting strength. Co. B with the 2d Rcn. platoon had spent nearly 30 days in contact with an attacking enemy. Cos. A and C had sustained heavy losses. Yet, with characteristic adaptability and ingenuity, Cos. C and A were reorganized and ordered to move back into battle. To facilitate command functions and the fact that the 811 TD Bn. was fighting in the Southern sector of the Bulge the organization was relieved of assignment to 1st Army and assigned to U.S. 3d Army.

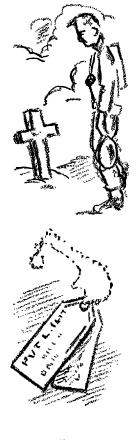
On 10 January Co. C with first Rcn. Platoon attached, the 3d Rcn. Platoon had lost most of its equipment, was ordered to proceed to the vicinity of Vaux Les Rosiers as a mobile reserve to stop a tank attack expected in front of the 17th AB Div., which was then in the process of relieving the 101st AB Div. in the vicinity of Bastogne. For this mission Capt. Collins was given one Platoon, complete with personnel from Co. A and 4 other destroyers, giving him a total of nine guns. He organized his Company into three gun Platoons. At 1300 hours on 11 January the Co. moved out to Juseret, Belgium, arriving at 1830 hours. The Co. was attached to the 602d TD Bn., which was attached to the 11th Armd. Div. on the 12th. The Platoon from Co. A joined Co. C on the 12th at Juseret. At 2030 hours on 12 January the composite Co. moved to Longchamps, one of Co. B's old stands. Although it was due to be in position by 1115 hours, it did not arrive until 1300 hours due to heavy traffic and extremely icy and deep snow banks which now prevailed over the entire front. At this position Sgt. Narjes, T/4Mattle, Sgt. Weber, Pfc. Joyner and Pfc. Casper were wounded by shrapnel. German artillery fire and mortar fire was extremely accurate at this phase of the battle. The enemy had built hasty obstacles and mine fields which were well covered with mortar and artillery. The German time fire appeared to be more effective than usual.

General Holbrook, CG, CCA, 11th AD, ordered this Co. to Monaville, 1/2 mile east of Longchamps where it remained until the 15th. Co. B was now supporting the 101st AB Div. on the Houffalize-Bastogne Road east of Co. C, and became attached to the 17th AB Div. on 17 January when the entire Bn. was attached to that Division. Co. C was relieved of attachment to 11th AD, and came under Bn. control at the same time. The Co. moved to Monaville and Lt. Bong's 3d Platoon was attached to Task Force Stubbs. By the 17th the 1st and 2d Platoons were on the southernoutskirts of Houffalize. Co. B was on their right flank. Co. A was in reserve.

Replacements had been received at St. Marie, Belgium, and were now assigned to their companies. Their equipment was almost complete by this time. The Bn. CP and trains have been moved to Bertogne, Belgium, and the forward CP set up in Compogne, Belgium. Rcn. Co. less the 1st and 2d Platoons was at Engereux. Co. A moved first to Longchamps and then to Gives, Belgium.

During this period, and the few days before the attachment to the 17th AB Div., per TP Asgmt. Order #2, Hq. VIII Corps, the Germans were resisting fiercely, and the firing companies especially were suffering from having to reorganize while participating in a hot battle, as well as having to operate with many different organizations. It was a period of constant movement over extremely icy roads and snow-banked terrain. It was apparent that the enemy was pulling out of the "Bulge" and fighting for his life. The Air Corps, in spite of snowy and overcast weather, was daily destroying great masses of German motorized equipment streaming out of Belgium into the Siegfried Line. In spite of the fact that the Bn. was badly in need of a break it was absolutely necessary for the American forces to pursue the retiring Germans. Consequently, the Bn., which had been about 40% depleted by the opening assault in the German Ardennes offensive, was reorganized and re-equipped while engaged in the pursuit of the enemy. No tanks or armor appeared and action was mostly with the enemy rear guard. On 19 January Co. C supporting the attack of the 17th AB Div. fired on the town of Vissoule to the east. Capt. Collins lost a \$5.00 bet here to one of his gunners, who knocked a German OP out of a church steeple, with one round at about 2500 yds. On the 20th Co. B moved to Steinbach, Belgium, in accordance with the general plan of the 17th AB Div. to push the Germans to the East. During this period the movement of Co. B was across country, since the engineers were unable to clear the snow covered and mined roads fast enough. Although one of the destroyers struck two mines, it was never out of action. Mines were found laid in profusion, but laid hastily and covered only with snow. They were of the Wooden Holz mine type. On 22 January Co. C moved to Limerle, Belgium, with gun positions 1/2 mile to the east in support of the 193d Glider Regt. Lt. MacNemar's M8 struck a mine in this position killing a doughboy standing nearby, but the only damage to the vehicle or its personnel was a demolished wheel. On 25 January Co. C and B continued their movements to the east in support of the 17th AB Div. Co. C closed in at Hautbellian, Luxembourg, and Co. B closed in at Wattermal, Belgium, in support of the 513th Glider Regt. The Forward CP closed in at Steinbach, Belgium. The rear echelon was at Tavigny, Belgium. On 26 January Co. C moved its CP to Huldange, and the Bn. Foreward CP and Rcn. Co. closed in at the same location. During this march from Tavigny to Huldange the Pioneer Platoon assisted in mine removal on the roads. During this entire period movements were characterized by crosscountry mardhes through deep snow and mine fields. Engineer units were generally too slow, and much terrain was traversed without the benefit of mine sweepers. Three mines were struck but no personnel in the Bn. was injured.









On 26 January the 87th Inf. Div. relieved the 17th AB Div. in the line, and the Bn. became attached to that Div. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Rcn. Co. reverted to Co. control and Cos. C and B were placed in direct support of two of the 87th Div. combat teams. On the following day Rcn. Co. moved out on reconnaissance in direct support of Co. B and C. Two platoons of Co. C advanced to Langler and Duler on the southeastern flank of the Div. The 3d Platoon was in reserve at Huldange. Co. B moved to Espeler to the north. Several tanks were sighted by Rcn. Platoon just east of Gruflange, Belgium, and Co. B received fire from them, as well as mortar fire; but the mission of the 87th Div. was to move as rapidly as possible to the north, in order to reach St. Vith and contact the 7th Armd. Div. there. These tanks were bypassed, Lt. Sundstrom with the 3d Rcn. Platoon at Duler picked up two PW's there. By 2000 hours on the night of 29 January elements of Co. B and the 1st Rcn. Platoon were in St. Vith and had contacted the 7th Armd. Div. The main body of Co. B was unable to reach St. Vith due to the bombed out condition of the roads. Later that evening the Bn. was detached from the 87th Div. and attached to the 11th Armd. Div. which was in VIII Corps reserve. The 602d TD Bn. relieved Cos. B and C in the line on 30 January. During this advance with the 17th AB Div. and 87th Div. much of the knocked out equipment of Co. C and A was recoverd, and the Bn. recovered some of its dead, who had been lost just one

A was recovered, and the Bn. recovered some of its dead, who had been lost just one month prior in the opening German assault. Being in Corps reserve, the Bn. now gathered itself up, performed some much needed maintenance, and relaxed, anticipating that long delayed but sorely needed rest. However, it was again denied them, for, on 2 February 45, orders were received relieving the unit of attachment to the VIII Corps, and attaching it to the XII Corps. On 3 February 45 the outfit marched to the vicinity of Mersch, Luxembourg, by way of Bastogne, Belgium, and Ettlebruck, Luxembourg, where it became attached to the 80th Inf. Div. At Mersch the Bn. was order ed to relieve the 802d TD Bn, and take up their anti-tank positions. It was deployed for combat, the CP and Hq. Co. moving into Stegen, Luxembourg. Rcn. Co. moved to Medernach, where the 802d CP had been set up, Co.A moved to Eppeldorf, Co. B to Gilsdorf, and Co. C to Beaufort. These positions were occupied at 1630 hours 3 February 45. The following day was spent in establishing proper liaison and looking over the new battlefield. The terrain consisted of high rolling hills sloping abruptly into the Our and Sauer Rivers, which met at Bettendorf, forming the Sarre River. The 2d Rcn. Platoon had the advantage of a previous reconnaissance of part of this area just before the battle of the Ardennes. The 80th Div. sector ran from Roth, Germany, on the northwest to Bolendorf, Germany, to the sourtheast. The eastern bank of the Sarre River was held by the Germans' 352d and 212th Volksgrenadier Divisions. These troops occupied and established 38 concrete pillboxes overlooking the river, and extensive field fortifications

For the next few days Rcn. Co. and the firing Companies reconnoitered for direct fire positions into the Siegfried Line. Co. C was attached to the 319th Inf. Regt., and occupied previously reconnoitered positions near Bettendorf, Luxembourg. Co. B was attached to the 318th Inf. Regt., and went into direct fire positions in the vicinity of Beaufort. These positions were not particularly effective since their field of fire was limited, and ranges for concrete "busting" excessive. Co. A was placed in support of the 314th FA Bn., and went into indirect fire positions along a tree line east of Eppeldorf. Rcn. Co. under Bn. control continued an agressive reconnaissance for direct fire positions for the purpose of firing into the concrete pillboxes across the Sarre River. On 7 February the 1st Platoon of Co. A, and the 1st Platoon of Rcn. Co., was attached to Btry. A of the 558th FA Bn., a self-propelled 155mm Btry. This unit formed direct fire assault teams with the mission of firing on enemy pillboxes. On 8 February Lt. Bong, Platoon Leader, of the 1st Platoon, Co. A. on an OP north of Beaufort was killed by enemy artillery fire. Stg. Buchanan of Rcn. Co. was injured by the same round. On the 9th Co. B was placed under control of the 313th FA Bn., and went into indirect fire positions, except for one platoon still in positions firing upon pillboxes. Co C likewise reenforced the fires of the 905th FA Bn. with two platoons in indirect fire positions, and one platoon in direct fire positions. For the next two days the Bn. placed both direct and indirect fires on the enemy positions. On 10 February Co. A forced 15 men to surrender from a pillbox due to its accurate fire. During this period large quantities of HE ammunition was consumed both in indirect and direct fire, using the T105 (block busting) fuse. The effect of the direct fire was revealed to have been much better than was first expected, when the pillboxes were inspected after they had been captured. On 11 February the gun companies were attached to Inf. Regts. Co. A to the 317th: Co. B to the 318th; and Co. C to the 319th. Rcn. Co. was under Bn. control. With few exceptions this attachment became SOP for the duration of the war. On 12 February the 3d Platoon of Co. C crossed the Our River over a hard-earned bridgehead. The following day Co. B crossed on another bridge at Dillingen to the southeast, and the remainder of Co. C followed their 3d Platoon and set up at Wallendorf, Germany. During the next 4 days Co. C supported the attack of the 319th by assaulting pillboxes at pointblank range using both its 76mm guns and 50 caliber. Co. B advanced with the 318th through the woods on Co. C's right(east)flank. On 19 February the Bn. CP and Rcn. Co. moved into Bettendorf on the south bank of the Our River.

On 14 February Co. B's 2d Platoon under Lt. Richard Sawyer had moved into Biesdorf, Germany and remained there several days, coming under heavy Nebelweber fire. During the period from 14 to 19 February the balance of Co. B was engaged in making a futile attack on the right (east) flank of the Div. One of Lt. DeJovine's destroyers became bogged down, and had to be abandoned. The Germans succeeded in burning this destroyer along with a tank of the 702d Tk. Bn. during the night. On 20 February Co. C, with the 319th Inf. Regt., began its advance up the draw on the left flank of the Div., and the first Platoon during this attack knocked out two 88mm guns, towed, and a pillbox. The 3d Platoon supported the attack of the 319th Inf. Regt. with HE and 50 caliber. During this action Sgt. Fisher, Platoon Sgt. of the 1st Platoon, was seriously wounded. The following day Co. C again supported the attack by fire, the 2d Platoon reaching Lahr by 1600 hours. Co. B moved out to support an attack from Cruchten to Hommerdingen, but the attack was repulsed and one of Lt.Sawyer's destroyers was knocked out, killing an infantryman who was supplementing the crew as their assistant driver. In this action, Lt. Sawyer boldly moved his destroyers into exposed positions, and by the volume of his fire was able to pin the enemy down in Hommerdingen allowing the infantrymen from the 318th Inf. Regt, to withdraw safely. This bold and courageous action undoubtedly saved one Infantry Co., and knocked out one towed and one SP gun. On 22 February Co. C supported the attack of the 319th Regt. on the town of Niedersgeckler. The Co. captured 13 prisoners. Co. A had now moved up to the vicinity of Jusbaum to the right (east) flank of Co. B. Co. A's M32 tank recovery vehicle was struck by a round from a German SP gun, and was completely demolished by its own mortar ammunition. No personnel were injured. On 23 February Co. C, still in support of the 319th, continued its attack to the northeast. Lt. Towber, who had joined the Co. two days before, knocked out a tank with a bazooka. The 2d Platoon knocked out a Mark VI tank in a hot duel. Co. B continued its move during the night, 23 February, to Lahr, previously taken by the 319th Inf. and Co. C, and during the cross-country move Sgt. Newman's destroyer was stuck. At daylight this destroyer received direct fire from the woods to the north. Upon receiving the fire Cpl. Eugene Jones and Lt. DeJovine fired the destroyer at the sound, and continued doing this, attempting between rounds to move the destroyer. The destroyer had to be abandoned when a round of AP struck Cpl. Eugene Jones, killing him instantly. Later reconnaissance on the results of this fire showed that two Mark V tanks had been knocked out. On that same morning Sgt. L. D. Jones' destroyer observed two tanks, which had knocked out a tank of the 702d Tank Bn. Opening fire, his destroyer knocked out this tank, a Mark V, at a range of 1600 yards. Co. B spent the next several days at Lahr, and Co. A took up positions covering about 2000 yards from Nusbaum to Mettendorf. Rcn. Co. during this period was making reconnaissance, and maintaining OP's in the entire Div. zone.

On the morning of the 24th the 4th AD attacked through Co. B's position at Lahr and moved through Sinspelt to the east. The 4th AD forced six half-tracks and about 150 Germans from the town of Berg into which Co. A had been firing. Co. A knocked out one of these half-tracks at a range of 4500 yards and killed about 50 of the foot troops. On 26 February the 319th Regt. and Co. C began to turn east, the Co. CP closing in at Altschied at 1300 hours. On 27 February the 3d Platoon supported an attack of the 3d Bn., 319th Regt., and knocked out two anti-tank guns in the vicinity of Weidengen. On 28 February the entire Co. was assembled at Weidengen, where lst Sgt. Carter, commanding the 3d Platoon, received his promotion to 2d Lt. By 24 February the Bn. CP had crossed the Our River and moved into Crouchten, Germany. Hq. Co. rear had moved from Stegen to Bettendorf, and on 26 February Rcn. Co. had moved into Mettendorf. Co. A moved their CP on 26 February to Hutterscheid. Their 1st Platoon was in the vicinity of Biesdorf, the 2d Platoon was near Mulbach, and the 3d Platoon was in Hermsdorf, on the Kyll River. Co. C moved to Altscheid, and on 12 February Hq. Co. moved to Mettendorf. Rcn. Co. moved to Biersdorf on the Kyll. At the end of the month it was clear that a clean break through had been made through the Siegfried Line, and the 4th AD in its emploitation had prevented the Germans from making a stand at the Nims River or the Prim River.

On the 1st of March Co. B plus the 2d Rcn. Platoon attached to Combat Team 318 of the 80th Inf. Div., moved from the 80th Div. sector and occupied positions in the vicinity of Idesheim near Trier in the 76th Div. sector. The Co. returned to Bn. Control on the 3d, and occupied positions just north of Bitburg. On that same day the Bn. was attached to the 4th AD. Lt. Towber's platoon of Co. C was attached to the 25th Cav. Sq., 4th AD. The Bn. moved into an assembly area 1/2 mile west of Rittersdorf on the 4th, but were relieved of this attachment at 2200 hours on that day and were reattached to the 80th Div. Lt. Towber's Platoon of Co. C remained attached to the 25th Cav. Sq., and assisted in clearing the towns of Oberweiler, Enlenz, Escheid, Malburg and Beiddenbach in the zone of the 4th AD advance. This platoon destroyed 18 tanks, several AT guns and Arty pieces, and captured over two hundred prisoners on this mission. On 5 March the Bn. was preparing to attack to the east across the Kyll River in the vicinity of Bitbarg. The Cos. were disposed as follows: Bn. CP and Hq. Co. at Rittersdorf; Rcn. Co. at Biersdorf; Co. A at Bitburg; Co. B just north of Bitburg, and Co. C at Bickendorf. On 7 March Co. C with the 319th Combat team, 80th Div., moved to the vicinity of Trier, and occupied positions at Idenheim, but was releived of this assignment on the 9th and returned to Bickendorf. On the 10th





the Bn. less the 2d Platoon of Co. C, which was still with the 25th Cav. Sq., was re leived from attachment to the 80th Div, and attached to the 89th Div. On the following day the Bn. deployed for battle with the Bn. CP, Rcn. and B Cos.moving to Ginsdorf Co. C to Oberkail, and Co. A to Orsfeld. Hq. rear remained at Rittersdorf. That night the 2d Platoon of Co. C returned to Co. Control at Oberkail. At 1445 on the 11th the Bn. was again relieved of attachment to the 89th Div., XII Corps, and re-attached t 80th Div., XX Corps. On the morning of the 12th, the Bn. moved from their position to the vicinity of Remich, Lux., on the Moselle River. Hq. Co., Rcn. and Co. B closer into Ellange, and Co. A and Co. C into Welfrange. On 13 March the SOP attachmen of Co. A to the 317th Regt., Co. B to the 318th Regt., and Co. C to the 319th Regt. went into effect. Co. A moved into positions 5000 yards east of Sarreboug, across the Sarre River, Co. B to Beurig, and Co. C to positions just north of A Co. On the 13th the Bn. CP and Rcn. Co. moved to Sarrebourg. Enemy units opposing the Div. consisted of mountain infantry and artillery regiments, and the 6th SS Mountain Div. plus miscellaneous mountain troops. On 13th March the Div. attacked east over a wide front with the 96th Div. on the north and the 26th Div. on the south. The terrain was heavily wooded and rolling. The firing companies supported their respective Regts, with one Platoon assigned to each Inf. Bn. The fighting for the most part consisted of infantry action in the woods, where the destroyers were at a disadvantage. However, Co. A fired on pillboxes and enemy tanks on the north flank of the Div. The enemy made many small fanatical stands and infiltration attacks through the heavy woods, supported by heavy concentrations of Nebelwefer and artillery fire. The firing companies chief contribution to the support of their Infantry Battalions was direct fire into the small towns in the zone of advance. Enemy artillery fire was especially heavy on the town of Zerf and vicinity, in the center of the Div. zone. Pfc. Gauthier of the 1st Rcn. Platoon was killed there by shrapnel on the 13th. Lt. Wheeler of Co. A was killed by artillery fire on the 14th while leading his platoon in support of an attack on Schleiden. Cpl. Bush of Co. A was killed and T/5 Grove of the Med. Det. was wounded that same afternoon. Lt. Lewis then Sgt., with elements of the 2d Bn., 318th Inf., fought his way into the town of Wieskirchen, where he and his 2d Platoon of Co. B were surrounded by the enemy for two days. His leadership demonstrated in this action won him a promotion to 2d Lt. The Div. advanced slowly, with the attack carrying to the southeast to the somewhat more open ground. On the 15th the 10th AD broke through on the north flank, passing through the 80th Inf. Div's. zone. Rcn. Co. was attached to the 319th Regt. at 2130, and Capt. Parsons moved his Co. to the vicinity of Britten, which had been taken by the 319th that afternoon. The following day one Bn. of the 319th was motorized and moved out to the east with Rcn. Co. as advance guard. The combat team moved rapidly to the southeast through Losheim and Niederlosheim to the Prim River, where Lt. MacNemar with the 1st Rcn. Platoon contacted a defended roadblock. A small fire fight ensued, and heavy explosions indicated that the tenemy had blown the bridges across the Prim.

The Div. front was then Wieskirchen, Rappweiler and Nunkirchen. The 319th Regt. with Co. C and Rcn. Co. remained in Nunkirchen for the night, during which a ford was found across the Prim River. Early on the morning of the 17th the 319th CT moved out with Rcn. Co. again as advance guard. The advance continued east, and Rcn. Co. contacted the 10th AD near Theley, Rcn. Co. and Lt. Carter's Platoon of Co. C had a fire fight with approximately 100 dismounted enemy troops and a SP gun in the woods just north of Theley. Lt. Carter's platoon succeeded in knocking out a truck, and driving the tank into a column of the 10th AD to the north, which promptly destroyed it. The combat team then assisted the 10th AD in the capture of Bliesen. Co. C less Lt. Carter's Platoon remained at Theley and Rcn. Co. with Lt. Carter's Platoon remained at Bliesen for the night. Lt. Sundstrom's 3d Platoon, Rcn. Co. continued reconnaissance to the outskirts of St. Wendel but was halted by direct fire and small arms. Co. B with the 318th combat team advanced as far as Lockweiler, crossing the Prim River on the 16th. One Bn. of the 318th, with Lt. Brenner's Platoon of Co. B, was attached to the 10th AD. The attack continued to the east, the 318th combat team with Co. B attached following a column of the 10th AD on the north, and the 319th combat team with Rcn. Co. and Co. C attached following a column of the 10th AD on the south. Co. A with the 317th followed the route of the 319th. On the 18th all units reached the vicinity of Kaiserslautern, Germany. PW's were beginning to march to the rear in large numbers without escort. Co. B with the 318th continued to Hochspeyer. The following morning Rcn. Co. moved out toward Bad Durkheim. A column of fleeing enemy had been struck by air and then from the flank and rear by the 10th AD on this road. By 1000 hours the debris with the assistance of the Pioneer Platoon of Rcn. Co. was cleared enough for vehicles to pass. Co. C with the 319th then moved out. It was estimated that at least 2,000 vehicles had been destroyed in this defile. The column consisted of carts, artillery, half-tracks, trucks and sp guns.

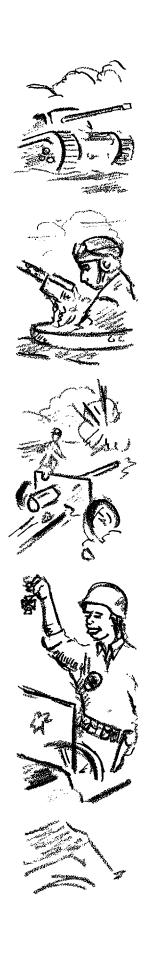
The Div. continued to the east rapidly and by the 20th the 6th AD, 10thAD, 4th AD and 80th Div. were converging in the vicinity of Ludwigshafen on the Rhine River. Rcn. Co. and Co. C reached Mazdorf with the Rcn. Platoons making a reconnaissance to the south and east. Cos. A and B were on the south and to the rear. On the 21st Rcn. Co. was released to Bn. control, and on the 22nd the 3 firing companies returned to Bn. control in the vicinity of Friedelsheim, Germany. On the 24th the Bn. assembled at Walgrehweiler and Gangloff and went into Corps Reserve. During this operation, which was characterized by long sweeping advances over excellent roads with but little resistance, the Bn.was split up with the firing platoons out of Co. control and attached to the Inf. Bns.Rcn. Co. was attached to an Inf. Regt. The Div. shuttled its troops by truck, and the combat elements of the Bn. became widely separated. Communications were difficult, but supplies were maintained by Hq. & Hq. Co. so that the Bn. was never halted or hungry for lack of gasoline or food.

On the 26th of March the Bn, was alerted for movement to the north in preparation for a crossing of the Rhine River, and on the 27th the Bn. moved from Gangloff Walgrehweiler to the following locations: Bn. CP and Rcn. Co. at Gau Algesheim, where they received artillery fire from the far bank of the Rhine; Co. A at Niedr Saulheim; Co.B at Niedr Ingelheim, and Co.C in the vicinity of Mainz. On the 27th Co.C moved to the south and crossed the Rhine with the 319th on a bridge previously built by another Corps. Co.A and B supported the 317th and 318th while they established a bridgehead at Mainz. Sgt. Boyd of Co. B was killed by a sniper on the 27th. During this action Mainz was heavily shelled and the enemy resisted with 20mm fire from an island in the Rhine and from the far bank. Co. A sank two barges while supporting the 318th. Part of A Co. was ferried across and as soon as the bridge was completed the balance of Co. A and B moved across, and by the 30th the entire Bn. had crossed the Rhine. Rcn. Co. and Bn. CP were ferried across on LCT's due to heavy traffic over the single ponton bridge. The Bn. then made a rapid march up the autobahn to the vicinity of Kassel, Germany, bypassing Frankfurt. Only scattered resistance was encountered. and the firing companies continued their support with their platoons attached to the infantry battalions. Rcn. Co. continued working in the Div. zone under Bn. control. On approaching Kassel the 2d Rcn. Platoon was attached to the 318th Inf., and maintained a left flank guard and contact with the First Army. On the 1st of April Lt. De Jovine of Co. B was hit by sniper fire and evacuated. During this drive Company A released 16 of its NCO's from a POW Camp near Ziegenhain. These men had been captured on December 17 at St. Vith. Members of the company gathered up a quanity of chickens, and the Mess Sgt. prepared a large meal which they promptly lost due to their emaciated condition. These men were turned over to the medics, and were eventually evacuated to the States. On the morning of the 2nd, one Platoon of Co. B with a Bn. of the 318th moved to the west of Kassel and was to seize a bridge in Kassel across the Fulda River and the 317th with Co. A was to the south of Kassel. At dawn on the morning of the 2nd two Platoons of Co. B in a night bivouac position were attacked by tanks in the vicinity of Oberzwehren, approximately 3 miles south of Kassel. Six guns were destroyed. S/Sgt. Farkas, Sgt. Tyler, Pfc. Logue and Pfc. Schaper were killed. T/4 Harpole, Cpl. Kopek, Pfc. Bowen and S/Sgt. Mitros were injured. Four men of the crews of the knocked out destroyers were captured when the town was overrun by German infantry. However, they were recaptured about 4 hours later.

Co. A moved up with the 317th and engaged in a fire fight with approximately 12 tanks near Rengershausen about 3 kilometers southeast of Co. B, and knocked out 4 Mark VI Tanks. Co. C at Crumbach, east of the Fulda River, engaged a group of 15 Tanks and knocked out one. Later that evening Lt. MacNemar in an attempt to move some bogged down 1/4 tons of the 319th, came under fire from 20mm guns and was forced to abandon his M8. T/5 Andrews was killed in this action. By the 5th Kassel was cleared. Resistance had been fanatical. A Mark VI tank factory was captured there, having remained in operation until it was overrun. This plant furnished the tanks and the NCO Panzer school at Eisenach had furnished the personnel to man the tanks used in the defense of Kassel. Kassel was also well defended with AA weapons. At the end of this action the CP's were located as follows: Bn. CP at Hertinshausen, Hq. & Hq. Co. at Holzhausen, Rcn. Co. at Volimarhausen, Co. B at Kassel, and Co. C at Crumbach. Due to the loss of the six destroyers Co. B was re-enforced by Co. B of the 603d TD Bn. on the 5th, but they were relieved on the 8th without being committed.

On the 7th the Bn. moved to Gotha by way of Hersfeld and Eisenach. At Eisenach one of Co. C's destroyers lost in the Ardennes Offensive was found, apparently having been used by the NCO Panzer school located there. The Pioneer Platoon later went back and destroyed 23 German Tanks in perfect condition in the vicinity of this school. The Bn. closed in with the Bn. CP, Hq. Co., Rcn. Co. and Co. C at Gotha; Co. A at Warza, Co. B at Steblibean. Co. C during the march was attacked by 3 ME 109's and one man was slightly injured by fragmentation bombs; otherwise the march was unopposed. One plane was knocked down. By the 7th the Bn. had reached the outskirts of Erfurt, which was defended. There was a large airport still in operation to the east of the City. On the 9th Sgt. Bartley, of 3d Rcn. Platoon, while on a patrol on the north flank of the Div., was forced to fight his way out of an ambush set up by one Co. of SS Troops. The following day the 318th captured 175 SS Troops in this area. The enemy resisted fanatically in small groups in front of the small towns forming a semi-circle to the west of Erfurt. The Bn. continued supporting the 80th Div. with the firing platoons attached directly to the Inf. Bns. Rcn. Co. continued under Bn. control and operated over the Div. front. On the 12th Erfurt fell, and 5,000 prisoners were taken. While at Gotha many men in the organization visited the Ordruf Concentration Camp and viewed the horrors there. With the fall of Erfurt the attack continued, and Lt. MacNemar with the first Rcn. Platoon moved into Wiemar followed by the 319th on the





afternoon of the 12th. Jena was captured by the 318th supported by Co. B on the same day. The following day the attack continued east using the Autobahn as an axis. Rcn. Co. in an unofficial attachment to the 319th, cleared towns on both sides of the Autobahn taking many prisoners. On the 15th Lt. Sunstrom, with the mission of clearing towns on the right of the Autobahn, encountered sniper fire from the town of Crimmitshau, and engaged in a fire fight with the dug-in defenses of the town. The 2nd Bn. of the 319th took the town the following morning. Co. C and Rcn. Co. with the 319th continued to the east until they reached the outskirts of Chemitz. At Glauchau, Co. C was engaged in support of the 319th in a two day battle with a group of fanatical Germans who chose to defend a barracks in the southern edge of the town. On the 18th the firing Cos. were released from the Regts. and returned to Bn. control. They moved to an assembly area just east of Merrane where Rcn. Co., Hq. Co. and Bn. CP had been set up on the 17th. On the 19th the 80th Div. with its attached units, including the 811th TD Bn., moved 150 miles to the south, by way of Erfurt, to the vicinity of Bamberg. Capt. Cronin MIA since December, joined the Bn. on the road. The Bn. went into bivouac in a field near Schweisdorf.

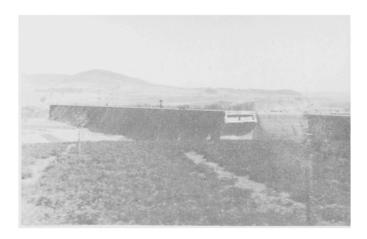
On the 21st Co. A and C were attached to the 3d Cav. Cp. and moved to the vicinity of Schonberg, just east of Nuremburg. With the 3d Cav. Cp. they made an advance southeast toward the Danube River to the vicinity of Regensberg. Co. A and C reverted to Bn. control on 27th April with Co. A at Pettendorf, east of Regensburg, and Co. C at Nuremburg. On the 27th the Bn. moved southeast from Nuremburg in support of the 80th, and crossed the Danube in the vicinity of Regensberg. Bn. Hq., Hq. Co. and Co. B closed in at Hemau 12 miles east of Regensberg, and Rcn. Co. at Dasswang. On the 28th after Co. A and C moved to Hemau, the SOP attachment was

Dasswang. On the 28th after Co. A and C moved into Hemau, the SOP attachment was made with Co. A attached to the 317th, Co. B to 318th, and Co. C to 319th. In addition, Rcn. Co. was attached to the 319th. The Bn. crossed the Danube on the 28th and Bn. CP was set up at Regensberg. The following morning all units moved out to the southeast and encountered no resistance until reaching the Isar River where light resistance was met by Rcn. Co. and units of the 319th. The Div. had passed through the 65th Div; the 13th Armd. Div. was on the right flank. On the 30th the Bn. CP was at Mirskofen, Hq. Co. at Regensberg, Rcn. Co. at Postau, and Co. A at Kirchlehen, Co. B at Weichschofen, and Co. C at Griessebach. On the 2d of May the 811th TD Bn. in support of the 80th Div. crossed the Isar and moved south over secondary roads. Ren. Co. continued in support of the 319th, and acted as advance guard until the Inn River was reached at a point approximately 30 miles west of Braunau, Hitler's birthplace. On the morning of the 5th, Rcn. Co. was relieved from the 319th, and attached to the 317th, supported by Co. A and moved out across the Inn River into Austria. The entire Bn. crossed that day. The advance continued south to Strasswalchen, and then east to Vocklabruck. During this advance large numbers of prisoners surrendered, and clogged the roads while moving to the rear unescorted. A small group offered resistance just west of Vockabruck and held up the advance momentarily but the guns of the 3d Platoon Co. A reduced the village. The advance continued east with Rcn. Co. performing reconnaissance in front of the 317th, until they reached the Steyre River in the vicinity of Steyre on the 4th of May. The balance of the Bn. was strung out on the route, with the Bn. CP at Vocklabruck. Hq. Co. at Buch, Co. A at Waldneukirchen, Co.B at Braunau, and Co. C at Steyre.

On the 7th of May Rcn. Co. and Co. A were attached to Task Force Smythe, made up of the 317th Inf., part of the 702d Tank Bn.,80th Rcn. Troop, and part of the 305th Engrs. This Task Force was divided into 3 smaller groups, and began to advance to the south from the vicinity of Kirchdorf, about 20 miles south of Wels. The advance continued south and Rcn. Co. overtook elements of the German 6th SS Panzer Army on the morning of the 8th. A representative of the German CG, Major General Soeth, contacted Capt. Parson, Rcn. Co., and gave him a note offering the surrender of all troops in the area. This note was given to Maj. Gen. McBride, Commanding General, 80th Div Rcn. Co. then escorted Gen. McBride to Liezen, Austria, goubling 30 miles of German equipment, bumper to bumper, and loaded with armed German troops. At Liezen, the German General was given instructions for the disarmanent and surrender of his troops. Rcn. Co. returned to Spital Am Pyhrm, and was attached to the 2d Bn. of the 318th Inf., which was guarding the Hungarian Gold reserve and art treasuries stored there. On the 9th the Supreme Allied Command announced the Unconditional surrender of the German Armies to the Allies. During this period, until Rcn. Co. was returned to Bn. control, it was engaged in controlling and collecting German troops throughout the area. On the 10th the Pioneer Platoon blew a bridge 25 miles south of Steyre, and across the Steyre River, to prevent further infiltration of Germans coming out of the Russian Zone into the American Zone. On the 11th and 12th the firing Cos. assembled with Hq. & Hq. Co. at Laakirchen, Austria. Rcn. Co. was relieved and moved to Laakirchen on the 14th. The war was over we thought, but not quite.

On the 20th of May 1945 Cos. A and C were attached to 3d Cav. Cp, and moved out on the 21st with that organization for Judensburg, in the Tyrolian Alps. It was a show of force, object being to discourage Marshal Tito in Trieste. However, upon reaching the vicinity of Mauterndorf, it was found that British 8th Army occupied the zone. Co. C remained at Mauterndorf and Co. A at Radstadt. The two Cos. were relieved on the 30th, and returned to Laakirchan. On the 10th of June, the Bn. left Laakirchen to occupy a portion of the 36th Inf. Div. zone, which was being taken over by the 80th Div. The Bn. closed in the vicinity of Bobingen, Germany on the night of the 10th. On the 12th the Bn. assumed the occupational duties of the 2d Bn. of the 143d Regt., 36th Div. On the 29th of June, verbal orders were received from the XX Corps to report to Camp Herbert Tareyton in the Le Havre Port Area by 1 July, for indirect redeployment to the CBI. This order was modified to require the advance detail only, inasmuch as it was impossible to comply in the time allowed. The Bn's equipment was turned in through the 80th Div., except for minimum essential equipment and wheeled vehicles. All personnel and officers who had more than 85 points on their Adjusted Service Rating were transferred, and replacements received for them. On the 3d of July approximately 1/2 of the Bn. moved out by rail for Camp Twenty-Grand in the Le Havre Port Area. The balance of the Bn. moved out the morning of July 4th by motor for the same destination. The motor convoy bovouaced at Kaiserslautern the night of 4-5 July and at Metz the 5-6 July. The armored cars were turned in there. On the night of 6-7 July the Bn. bivouaced at Soissons. The motor convoy arrived at Camp Twenty-Grand at 1220 hours on the 7th. The rail contingent arrived, and detrained at Duclair on the 6th. On arrival at Camp Twenty-Grand the remaining equipment was packed and preparations for redeployment to the CBI via the United States were completed. However the Bn. was placed in a new category, that of a strategic reserve to be held in the United States. Consequently the sailing date was delayed. The advance detail of 3 officers and 7 enlisted men commanded by Major Blaine C. Taylor sailed from Le Havre, France on 12 August 1945 on the Onieda Victory, a victory ship. The detail arrived at New York on 22 August and was processed through Camp Shanks. The main body of the Bn. sailed on 15 August, the official Japanese surrender day, from Le Havre and as the last troops to be moved from Europe as redeployed troops. The Bn. disembarked from the John S. Pillsbury, a liberty ship in New York Harbor 27 August 1945 having completed 357 days in the European Theatre of Operations.







DECORATIONS





SOLDIERS MEDAL

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SILVER STAR

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| Lt. Col. Albert R. Brownfield | For gallantry in action at Mullerthal, Luxembourg on 17 Dec. 1944. |
| lst Lt. Harold O. Bain | For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 19 Dec. 1944. |
| lst Lt. Charles R Hutchinson | For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 21 Dec. 1944. |
| lst. Lt. Dan S. Orr | For gallantry in action in Germany on 17 Dec. 1944. |
| lst Lt. Richard F. Sawyer | For gallantry in action in Belgium and Germany on 17, 19-28 Dec. 1944. |
| lst Lt. Paul Z Towber | For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 Feb. 1945. |
| 2nd Lt. Eugene H. Carter | For gallantry in action at Wallendorf, Germany on 21 Feb. 1945. |
| 2nd Lt. Richard E. Jorgensen | For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945 |
| 2nd Lt. Jack W. Wheeler (Posthumous) | For gallantry in action at Waldoholzbach, Germany, on 15 March 1945. |
| T/Sgt. Morris F. Dilks | For gallantry in action at Crensitz, Germany on 20 Dec. 1944. |
| T/Sgt. Jesse B Johnson | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17-25 Dec. 1944. |
| S/Sgt. Herbert M. Fruits | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17-19 Dec. 1944. |
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| Sgt. Frederick E. Newman | For gallantry in action at Birendorf, Germany on 22 Feb. 1945. |
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| Sgt. Warren E. Zickafoose (posthumous) | For gallantry in action at Vollmarshausen, Germany on 4 April 1945. |
| T/4 Sidney R. Brunson | For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 17 Dec. 1944. |
| T/4 Jeff Calcote | For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 Feb. 1945. |
| T/4 Jack Conley | For gallantry in action at Hengershausen, Germany on 2 April 1945. |
| T/4 Lyle W. Spinks | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17-19 Dec. 1944. |
| T/4 Robert W Weeber | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 19 Dec. 1944. |
| T/4 Troy W. Williams | For gallantry in action at Weiskirchen, Germany on 16 March 1945. |
| Cpl. Frederick E Grogan | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17 Dec. 1944. |
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| Anthony A. Scaletta | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17-19 Dec. 1944. |
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| Pvt. Charles G. Grove | For gallantry in action at Rechamps , Belgium on 26 Dec. 1944. |
| Pvt. Bill Mitchell | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17 Dec. 1944. |
| Pvt. Ezra J. Seibel | For gallantry in action at St. Vith, Belgium on 17-21 Dec. 1944. |
| Cpl. John C. King | For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 Feb. 1945. |
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| T/5 John E. De Priest | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17-23 Dec. 1944. |
| T/5 Brownie P. Sikora | For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 17 Dec. 1944. |
| Pfc. John F. Brondell | For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945. |
| Lloyd E. Fry | For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945. |
| Walter Pavlicki | For gallantry in action in Belgium on 17-19 Dec. 1944. |

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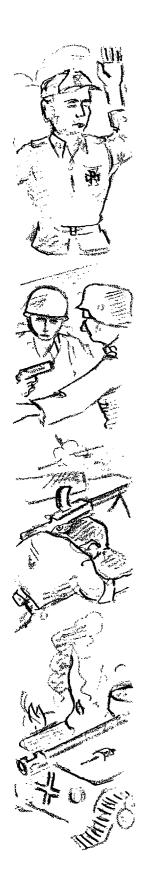
Major Earl G. Peacock for heroic service in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. Major Blaine C. Taylor for heroic service in Luxembourg.

- Captain Howard P. Clark, Jr. for heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Captain David G. Collins for meritorious achievement in Germany and Belgium from 17 to 20 December 1944.
- Captain Henry J. Cronin for heroic achievement in Belgium on 17 December 1944.

Captain France B. McConkie for heroic achievement in Luxembourg and Belgium from 17 December 1944 to 12 January 1945.

- Captain Samuel W. Parsons for heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. Captain Burton C. Sawyer for heroic service in Belgium and Germany from 20 December 1944 to 19 April 1945.
- Captain John Zakel, Jr. for meritorious service in Luxembourg and Belgium from 20 December 1944 to 6 January 1945.
- 1st Lt. Joseph F. Cipriano for heroic acheivement in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944.
- lst Lt. Gordon R. Harris for heroic achievement in Germany on 30 March 1945. lst Lt. Willis E. Horning for neritorious achievement in Belgium from 17 December
- 1944 to 22 February 1945. 1st Lt. Charles R. Hutchinson for meritorious service in Luxembourg from 22 November 1944 to 16 December 1944.
- 1st Lt. Paul W. Jones for heroic action in Luxembourg on 19 December 1944.
- 1st Lt. Dunbar D. MacNemar for heroic action in Belgium on 21 December 1944.
- 1st Lt. Edward P. O'Connor for heroic service in Belgium during period 17-20 December 1944.
- 1st Lt. Harry B. Tanner (posthumous) for meritorious and heroic action on 16 December 1944.
- 1st Lt. Donald B. Turrel for heroic action in Luxembourg, on 17 December 1944,
- 2nd Lt. Charles G. Bong (posthumous) for meritorious achievement in Belgium from 18 to 26 December 1944.
- 2nd Lt. Martin L. DeJovine for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
 2nd Lt. Clem J. Hux for meritorious service in Luxembourg and Belgium from 20 December 1944 to 6 January 1945.
- 2nd Lt. William H. Lewis for heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945.
- 2nd Lt. Lennart O. Sundstrom for meritorious achievement in Belgium on 17 December 1944. Cluster for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945.
- WOJG Dennis S. Corkery, Jr. for meritorious service in Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, and Austria from 17 December 1944 to 7 May 1945.
- lst Sgt. Fred M. Furbush, Jr. for heroic achievement on 14 February 1945 in Germany, T/Sgt. Coe E. Williamson for meritorious service in Luxembourg, Belguim, Germany,
- and Austria for period 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945.
- S/Sgt. Earl Binning, Jr. for heroic action 21 December 1944 in Belgium.
- S/Sgt. Watson C. Buzbee for heroic achievement in Germany on 15 March 1945.
- S/Sgt. David Clayman for heroic service in Luxembourg on 22 December 1945. S/Sgt. Walter J. Ganz for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945.
- S/Sgt. William A. Gardner for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945.
- S/Sgt. Frank A. Mitros for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- S/Sgt. Vexter A. Stacy for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- T/3 Clifton H. Kittelson for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 April 1945.
- Sgt. Forrest E. Allen for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 February 1945.
- Sgt. Chester A. Bartley for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 April 1945.
- Sgt. James F. Bewley for meritorious action in Germany on 17-18 December 1944.
- Sgt. Allen W. Curry for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 April 1945.
- Sgt. John J. Farkas for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Sgt. Roy L. Hatcher for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- Sgt. Ira Hill for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945.
- Sgt. William H. Judge for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945.
- Sgt. Kenneth R. Keller for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945.
- Sgt. Joseph F. Kucinski for heroic achievement on 30 December 1944 in Belgium. Sgt. Charles W. Manwaring for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 April 1945.
- Sgt. Charles E. Mitchell for heroic achievement in Belgium on 18 December 1944.
- Sgt. Walter W. Murphy for meritorious action on 17-18 December 1944 in Germany.
- Sgt. Frederick E. Newman for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Sgt. Everett C. Perdue for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945.
- Sgt. Roy M. Phillips for heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944.
- Sgt. James L. Rector for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 April 1945.
- Sgt. Paul E. Rush for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- Sgt. Charles G. Smith for heroic and meritorious action in Germany on 17-18 December 1944.
- Sgt. Deroy L. Tandy for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- Sgt. Charles L. Tyler for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Sgt. Asa C. Warren, Jr. for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945.
- Sgt. Domenic Zacharilla (cluster) heroic achievement in Germany on 6 April 1945.
- T/4 Howard L. Lilly for heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944. T/4 William M. Anderson for heroic action in Germany on 17 December 1944.
- T/4 Jack Conley for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.





- T/4 Earl J. Delo for heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944.
- T/4 Nelson A. Dreby for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945.
- T/4 Jack Gause for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- T/4 Edward W. Igras for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- T/4 Percy R. Mathews for heroic achievement in Germany on 2 April 1945.
- T/4 Benjamin L. Pickering for heroic achievement inLuxembourg on 17 December 1944.
- T/4 Leo Oberhausen for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945.
- T/4 Robert R. Schnier for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- T/4 Robert S. Skinner for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945.
- Cpl. Howard F. Adams for meritorious achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- T/4 James Tucker for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 April 1945.
- Cpl. William N. Cassell for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 April 1945.
- Cpl. Ernest A. Carrado for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945.
- Cpl. George H. Emmons for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Cpl. James J. Garten for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Cpl. Eugene Jones (posthumously) for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Cpl. James B. Perkins for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Cpl. Lloyd M. Smith for heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944.
- Cpl. Joel C. Shamblin for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945.
- Cpl. Norman Spradlin for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945.
- T/5 James N. Brooks for heroic achievement in Germany on 8 April 1945.
- T/5 John H. Campbell for heroic action in Belgium on 18 December 1944.
- T/5 Jess E. Cherry for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 April 1945.
- T/5 James W. Collins for heroic achievement on 17 December 1944 in Luxembourg.
- T/5 Robert J. Dries for heroic achievement on 20 December 1944 in Belgium.
- T/5 Emmett Jackson, Jr. for heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945.
- T/5 Presley W. Nuzum for heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 17 December 1944.
- T/5 Henry A.T. Ogburn for heroic achievement in Belgium on 26 December 1944.
- T/5 Walter R. Racer in Germany for heroic achievement on 21 March 1945.
- T/5 Lewis D. Schrader for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 February 1945.
- Pfc. Walter C. Bowen for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945.
- Pfc. Thomas W. Coulson for heroic achievement in Germany on 22 February 1945.
- Pfc. Wilfred G. Fournier for heroic achievement in Belgium on 20 December 1944.
- Pfc. Orville L. Hikes for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 April 1945.
- Pfc. Carl Cahoy for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.
- Pfc. Stanley Malecki for heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945.
- Pfc. Joseph M. Milewsky for heroic achievement in Belgium on 20 December 1944. Pfc. Louis A. Nolan for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- Pfc. Ernest J. Robinson for heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945.
- Pfc. Andrew P. Taulbee for heroic achievement in Belgium on 30 December 1944.
- Pfc. Domenic G. Squillante for heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945.
- Pvt. Ellis E. Carr for heroic achievement in Belgium on 26 December 1944.

Pvt. Henry M. Coble for heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945.

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1st. Lt. Gordon R. Harris for heroic achievement in Germany on 15 April 1945.
1st Lt. Dunbar D. MacNemar for heroic achievement in Germany on 6 April 1945.
2nd Lt. Martin L. DeJovine for heroic achievement in Germany on 31 March 1945.
S/Sgt. Frank A. Mitros for heroic achievement in Germany on 31 March 1945.



- Major Blaine C. Taylor 1 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Major Earl G Peacock 17 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Captain Howard P Clarke, Jr. 16 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Captain Henry J. Cronin 22 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- Captain David G. Collins 17 Dec. 44 in Germany
- Captain Willis E. Horning 18 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Captain France B. McConkie 12 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- lst Lt. Charles R. Hutchinson 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- 2nd Lt. Martin L. DeJovine 22 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- lst Lt. Dunbar D. MacNemar 21 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- lst Lt. Lennart O. Sundstrom 29 Jan. 45 in Luxembourg
- 2nd Lt. Fivel C. Brenner 16 Jan 45 in Belgium
- lst Lt Donald B. Turrell 1 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Captain Samuel W Parsons 22 June 45 in Germany
- 2nd Lt. Stanley Shipulski 13 Jan. 45 in Luxembourg
- Captain Julius Troyky 19 Dec. 44 in Luxembourgh
- S/Sgt. Charles G. Smith 18 Dec. 44 in Germany

Purple Heart

- 2nd Lt. Clem J. Hux 17 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- 2nd Lt. Earl Binning, Jr. 17 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- Cpl. Campbell Ewart, Jr. 16 Sept. 44 in Germany
- Pvt Michael Ilich 20 Oct. 44 in Germany
- Pvt. Julius Ingle 23 Nov. 44 in France
- Sgt Harry H. Thomas 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- M/Sgt. Robert N. Patterson 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/4 Raymond E. Strouse 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pfc. Morrus F. Jordan 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/4 Hugo Magnavita 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Sgt. Tony Glasner 20 Dec. 44 in Luxer bourg
- T/4 Ellihue S Bowen 24 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pfc. Karol C. Michalık 19 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pvt. Fred M. Merrifield 16 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/5 Eugene R. Basford 16 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pvt. Paul E. Rush 17 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Sgt. Roy F. Berry 5 Apr. 45 in Germany

- Captain John Zakel, Jr. 17 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- lst Lt. Paul Z Towber 15 Nov. 44 in France
- lst Lt. Edward P. O'C nnor 14 April 45 in Germany
- T/4 Frank E. Reese 18 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Cp. Lloyd M Smith 19 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/5 Urban B. Sams 20 Dec. 44 in Luxen bourg
- T/4 James O. Reed 19 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pfc. John E. Winklepleck 15 Mar 45 in Germany
- Sgt. Forest E Allen 16 March 45 in Germany
- Sgt. Thecdore J. Ferenz 16 March 45 in Germany
- Cpl. James J. Garten 16 March 45 in Germany
- Pfc. George G. Coull 15 March 45 in Germany
- Pfc. Fred F Herbers 13 March 45 in Germany
- T/4 Leland E Gibson 16 March 45 in Germany
- Pvt. Charles Atkins 15 March 45 in Germany
- Sgt. Frederick E. Newman 14 Feb. 45 in Germany
- T/4 Leo Oberhausen 18 Dec. 44 in Belgium





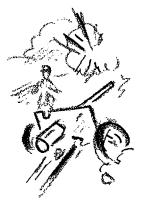
- S/Sgt. Thomas H. Million 15 Mar. 45 in Germany
- T/5 John I. Costein 14 Mar. 45 in Germany
- Pfc. Ben H. Allison 22 Feb. 45 in Germany
- Pfc. James Barrett 9 Feb. 45 in Luxembourg
- Pfc. Charles W. Huckleberry 9 Feb. 45 in Luxembourg
- T/5 Robert J. Dries 15 March 45 in Germany
- Sgt. Harold M. Dahm 21 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- T/5 Martin L. Eaton 21 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/5 Jess E. Cherry 22 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pvt. Homer W Sidebottom 23 Dec. 44 in Luxemb urg
- S/Sgt. David Clayman 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Cpl. Charles R. Rodd 24 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/5 John Debarbera 28 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- T/4 Arthur Bayes 25 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/Sgt. William H. Lewis 24 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/Sgt. James C. Duncan 23 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pvt. Frank C Higgins 27 Dec. 44 in Belgium

Cpl. Walter E. Harrison 14 April 45 in Germany

- Sgt. Richard G. Johnson 18 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- T/5 Irving Greenberg 8 April 45 in Germany
- Sgt. James L. Rector 24 April 45 in Germany
- Pfc. Herbert G Schwager 6 May 45 in Austria
- T/4 James Tucker 2 May 45 in Germany
- Pfc. William G. Walters 21 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- Pvt. Elwood Royster 1 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Sgt. James B Buchanan 15 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Cpl. Raymond M. Bauer 8 Feb. 45 in Luxembourg
- T/4 Elmer J. Chandley 8 Feb. 45 in Luxembourg
- Cpl. Charles Benear 8 Feb. 45 in Luxembourg
- I/5 John A. Joyner 13 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- T/4 Robert W Weeber 13 Jan 45 in Belgium
- Pfc. Abraham Deutsch 13 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Pvt Joseph J Stuckenbourg 10 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Pvt. Randall W. Davis 13 Jan. 45 in Belgium

Cpl. Deroy L. Tandy 17 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg

- T/4 Howard L. Lilley 17 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- T/5 Russell L. Westbrook 18 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pvt. Charles G. Grove 15 Mar. 45 in Germany
- Pvt. Bill Mitchell 17 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- Pvt. Bill Bogle 11 Mar. 45 in Germany
- T/4 Fred W. Harpold 2 April 45 in Germany
- Cpl. Paul P. Hopek 2 April 45 in Germany
- S/Sgt. Frank Mitros 2 April 45 in Germany
- Cpl. Louis Nolan 2 April 45 in Germany
- Pfc. John Mayopoulas 2 April 45 in Germany
- Pvt. Carl Rhodes
 3 April 45 in Germany
- T/5 Robert L. Tidwell 3 April 45 in Germany
- Pvt. Alex M. Sandler 3 April 45 in Germany
- Pvt. George M. Schmuhl 10 April 45 in Germany
- Pfc. John F. Brondell 10 April 45 in Germany
- Cpl. Otto H. Hackman 15 April 45 in Germany





- Sgt. Finis Craft 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Pvt. James R. Ratcliff 17 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- Sgt. William J. Apodaca 30 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- Pvt A J Yost 1 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Cpl. Earl F. Meuse 28 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- S/Sgt. Bertram C Coulter 27 Jan. 45 in Luxembourg
- Sgt. Roy M. Phillips 20 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg

Sgt. Maurice E. Ewing 14 April 45 in Germany

- Sgt. Warren E. Zickafoose 25 Dec. 44 in Belgium
- S/Sgt. William A. Fisher 20 Feb. 45 in Germany
- T/4 Percy R. Mathews 1 May 45 in Germany
- Sgt. George L. Richard 14 Apr. 45 in Germany

Pfc. Ernest A. Corrado 16 Feb. 45 in Germany

- Sgt. Ira Hill 18 Dec. 45 in Belgium
- Sgt. Alphonse S. Gosselin 21 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg

Γ/4 Harry J. Puckett 23 Mar 45 in Germany

Pfc. Homer Ball 11 Mar. 45 in Germany Cpl. Valentine Scheller. 16 Jan. 45 in Belgium

- Pfc. Robert R. Schnier 16 Jan. 45 in Belgium
- Pfc. Robert E. Selvey 29 Jan. 45 in Luxembourg

Pvt. Edmund J. Gaier 27 Jan. 45 in Luxembourg

T/4 Joseph L. Mattle 14 Jan. 45 in Belgium

Pfc. Theodore W Bogdan 15 Jan. 45 in Belgium

Sgt. Frank T. Asaro 14 Feb. 45 in Germany

Γ/4 Troy Williams 18 Feb. 45 in Germany

Pvt. Anthony J. Giannaula 8 Feb. 45 in Germany

T/5 Virgil W. Knoop 19 Dec. 44 in Belgium

Pfc. Archie Turner 4 Apr. 45 in Germany

T/5 Richard C. Chapman 3 Jan. 45 in Belgium

Pfc. Domenic Squillante 16 Feb. 45 in Germany

Pvt. Gerald P. Becker 3 Apr. 45 in Germany

Sgt. Robert L. Tackitt 20 Feb. 45 in Germany

T/4 Arthur W. Mercier 18 Dec. 44 in Belgium

M/Sgt. Morris F. Dilks 17 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART

- 2nd Lt. Martın L. DeJovine 1 April 45 ın Germany
 - S/Sgt. Bertram C. Coulter 8 Feb 45 in Germany

Sgt. Frank T. Asaro 15 Feb. 45 in Germany

Pfc. Elwood Royster 11 Mar. 45 in Germany

T/4 Ellihue S. Bowen 3 Apr. 45 in Germany

Sgt. Maurice E. Ewing 14 Apr. 45 in Germany

Sgt. Harold M Dahm 17 Feb. 45 in Germany

2nd Lt. Fivel C. Brenner 2 Apr. 45 in Germany Sgt. Raymond L. Ruebush 19 Dec. 44 in Belgium

- Sgt. John Bryant 18 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg
- Cpl. Harold J. Richards 14 Apr. 45 in Germany

Sgt. Domenic Zacharılla 28 Apr. 45 ın Germany

Cpl. Bert Johnson 21 Apr. 45 in Germany

T/5 Elmer E. Cashdollar 20 Jan. 45 in Belgium



T/Sgt. James C. Duncan 24 Dec. 44 in Luxembourg

T/5 Eugene R. Basford
 10 Jan. 45 in Belgium

Sgt. James B. Buchanan 9 Feb. 45 in Luxembourg

T/4 Troy W. Williams 18 Feb. 45 in Germany

Pfc. Fred M. Merrifield 2 Apr. 45 in Germany

Sgt Paul E. Rush 2 Apr. 45 in Germany

Sgt. Richard G. Johnson 9 Apr 45 in Germany

T/4 Joseph J. Stuckenbourg 7 May 45 in Austria

Casualties

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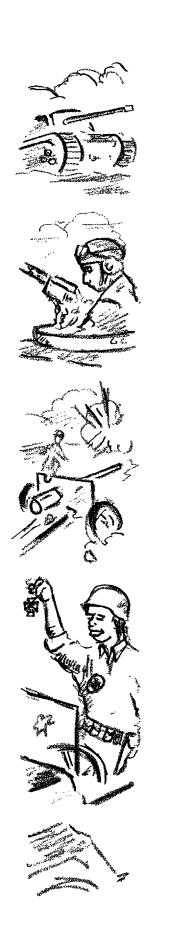
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| Peacock, Earl G. | LWA 12/17/44 |
| Nuzum, Presley W. | LWA 12/17/44 |
| Reed, James O. Patterson, Robert N. | LWA 12/20/44 LWA 12/20/44 |
| Strouse, Raymond E. | LWA 12/20/44 |
| Jordan, Morris L. | LWA 12/20/44 |
| Magnavita, Hugo | LWA 12/20/44 |
| Dennis, Raymond O. Locke, James A D. | MIA 12/28/44 LWA 12/17/44 |
| Tanner, Harry B. | KIA $12/21/44$ |
| Muranko, John A. | MIA 12/22/44 |
| Arnett, Floyd B. | KIA 10/22/44 |
| Seibel, Ezra J. Grove, Charles G. | LWA 12/31/44 LWA 3/15/45 |
| Davis, Melvin E. | LWA 12/21/44 |
| Ballos, Emile J. | LIA 12/23/44 |
| Higgins, Frank C. | SWA 12/27/44 |
| Wılliams, Wıllard Bertsch, Wılliam G., Jr. | LWA 12/22/44 MIA 12/22/44 |
| Mogard, Palmer C. | LWA 12/24/44 |
| Primeaux, Wilmer | LWA 12/22/44 |
| Dalgleish, John, Jr. | LWA 12/21/44 |
| N rman, Waymon M. Buchanan, James B | LIA 12/30/44 LWA 2/9/45 |
| DeBarbara, John | LWA 2/19/45 |
| Schnell, Albert E. | LIA 2/19/45 |
| Colwell, Elonzo | LIA 3/11/45 |
| Gauthier, Alfred A. Herbers, Frederick F | KIA 3/13/45 LWA 3/13/45 |
| Andrews, Clayton P. | KIA 4/4/45 |
| Carter, Wesley T | SWA 12/17/44 |
| Figg, Cledis L. Ratcliff, James R. | SWA 12/17/44 LWA 12/17/44 |
| McKenzie, Fant | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Parsons, Benjamin H. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Smith, Howard H. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Stump, Walter A. Wahl, Raymond J. | MIA 12/15/44 KIA 12/16/44 |
| Allegree, George R. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Millican, James W | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Penix, Orville | MIA 12/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| Profitt, Douglas Steward, Corby | MIA 12/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| West. Harvey B . | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Stewart, William E. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Wells, Avery Casada, Mattiam E. | MIA 1/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| Kahl, Robert L. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Kaufer, Charles E | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Tucker, Edward N. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Alford, Alvin L. Gibbs, Frank E , Jr. | MIA 12/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| Weber, George H | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Wygant, Fred J | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Kawecki, Albert F. | MIA 12/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| Kımball, John G. Backer, Harrison Y | MIA 12/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| Newitz, Jack | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Thompson, Riner H. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Kestler, Charles F. Stacy, Harold | MIA 12/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| Burke, Thomas M. | MIA 12/15/44 MIA 12/15/44 |
| Bockhold, Ralph T. | MIA 12/15/44 |
| Hoffman, Fred A. | LWA 12/20/44 |
| Nabors, Carl M. | KIA 12/18/44 KIA 12/20/44 |
| Gonyo, Richard G. Bratcher, Charley A. | KIA $12/21/44$ |
| Cronin, Henry J. | MIA 12/22/44 |
| Jackson, Wilbur R. | MIA 12/22/44 |
| Deutsch, Abraham Bong. Charles G. | LWA 1/13/45 KIA 2/9/45 |
| Smith, Vernon L. | KIA $2/17/45$ |
| Tackitt, Robert L. | LWA 2/20/45 |
| Papier, Edward | LIA 2/26/45 |
| Bush, Maurice R. | KIA 3/14/45 |

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| Dalle Tezze, Dante J. | SWA 12/21/44 | DOW 12/25/44 |
| Walker, William J. | KIA 12/21/44 | |
| Gosselin, Alphonse S. | LIA 12/21/44 | RTD 2/20/45 |
| Thomas, Harry H. | SWA 12/23/44 | RTD 4/17/45 |
| Glasner, Tony Bowen, Ellihue S | LWA 12/17/44 LWA 12/24/44 | RTD 3/30/45 RTD 2/20/45 |
| Shupienis, Joseph | LWA 12/24/44 LWA 12/24/44 | RTD 2/20/45 |
| Shelly, Ralph A. | SWA 12/21/44 | RTD 4/5/45 |
| Meuse, Earl F. | LWA 12/29/44 | RTD 6/21/45 |
| Apodoca, William | SWA 12/30/44 | EUS 5/3/45 |
| Winchester, Pink | SWA 12/30/44 | EUS 4/15/45 |
| Turrell, Donald B. | LIA 1/1/45 | RTD 2/1/45 |
| Hopkins, Patrick J. | LWA 1/10/45 | RTD 3/4/45 |
| Maeurer, Herman A. Pasela, Stanley F. | LWA 1/10/45 KIA 12/30/45 | RTD 6/21/45 |
| Brenner, Fivel C. | LWA 1/16/45 | RTD 2/18/45 |
| Glenn, James H. | LWA 1/13/45 | |
| Sheedy, Joseph E | LWA 1/13/45 | RTD 5/31/45 |
| Middleton, Lawrence D. | LWA 1/13/45 | RTD 2/20/45 |
| Davis, Randall W. | LWA 1/13/45 | EUS 4/20/45 |
| McConkie, France B. | LWA 1/12/45 | RTD 5/4/45 |
| Chandley, Elmer J. | LWA 2/8/45 | EUS 4/5/45 |
| Bauer, Raymond M. Jones, Eugene | LWA 2/8/45 KIA 2/22/45 | RTD 2/12/45 |
| Sidebottome, Homer W. | LWA 3/6/45 | |
| Middleton, Lawrence D. | LWA 3/6/45 | EUS 5/16/45 |
| Holtzclaw, Alvis G. | LWA 3/6/45 | |
| Ball, Homer | LIA 3/11/45 | RTD 4/11/45 |
| Kucinski, Joseph F. | KIA 3/12/45 | |
| Brooks, Earl | LWA 3/11/45 | EUS 4/8/45 |
| Bogle, Bill | LWA 3/11/45 | RTD 5/26/45 |
| Gettle, Lester E. | SWA 3/11/45 | EUS 4/8/45 |
| Ferenz, Theodore J. Allen, Forest E. | LWA 3/16/45 LWA 3/16/45 | EUS 4/18/45 RTD 5/8/45 |
| Garten, James J. | LWA 3/16/45 | RTD 5/8/45 |
| Coull, George G. | LWA 3/16/45 | RTD |
| Tandy, Deroy L. | KIA 3/18/45 | |
| Merrifield, Fred M. | LWA 4/1/45 | RTD 4/2/45 |
| Rush, Paul E. | LWA 4/2/45 | RTD 5/8/45 |
| Mitros, Frank A | LWA 4/2/45 | RTD 5/26/45 |
| Harpold, Fred W. | LWA 4/2/45 | RTD 6/14/45 |
| Hopek, Paul P.E. Nolan, Louis A. | LWA 4/2/45 SWA 4/2/45 | EUS 6/14/45 |
| Mayopoulos, John | SWA 4/2/45 | |
| Bowen Ellihue S. | LWA 4/2/45 | |
| DeJovine, Martin L. | LWA 4/1/45 | RTD 4/15/45 |
| Farkas, John J. | KIA 4/2/45 | |
| Wheeler, Jack W | KIA 3/15/45 | |
| Johnson, Richard G. | LIA 4/4/45 | |
| Brandell, John F. | LIA 4/10/45 | RTD 5/26/45 |
| Schmuhl, George M. Winklepleck, John E. | LWA 4/10/45 LIA 3/15/45 | EUS 5/21/45 RTD 5/26/45 |
| Rector, James L. | LWA 4/22/45 | RTD 6/21/45 |
| Curry, Allen W. | SWA 5/5/45 | EUS 5/18/45 |
| Schwager, Herbert G | LWA 5/5/45 | RTD 6/21/45 |
| Alderman, Everett E. | LWA 12/17/44 | RTD 4/17/45 |
| Leaman, Earl B. | SWA 12/17/44 | DOW 12/19/45 |
| Pauley, Charles W. | LWA 12/17/44 | RTD |
| Adams, Isaac C. Norton, Archie W. | LWA 12/17/44 | |
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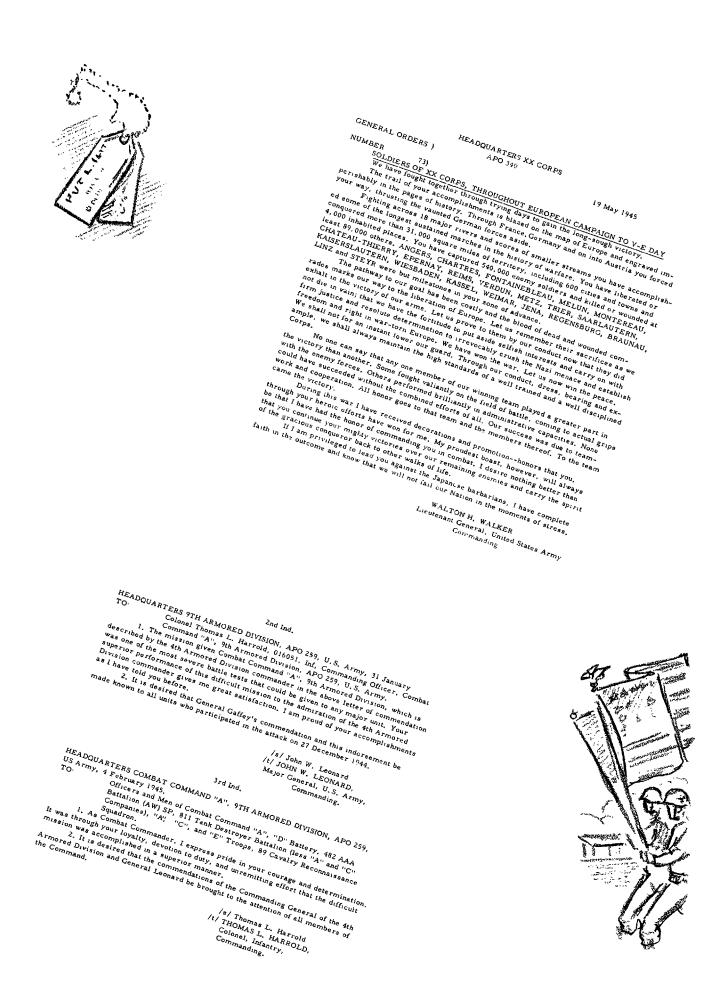




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HEADQUARTERS 9TH ARMORED DIVISION Office of the Commanding General 10 January 1945 Officers and Men of the 9th Armored Division, 12th Armored Group, 811th Tank Destrover Battalion and 482nd AAA Battalion AW (SP). Tank Destroyer Battalion and 482nd AAA Battalion AW (SP). 1. The division is assembled again after having fought severe and critical battles in several different sectors. We all regret that the 9th Armored Division did not fight as a single unit. SUBJECT: Commendation single unit. 2. Combat Command "B" and attached elements of the 811th Tank Destroyer Bat-ion and the 482nd AAA Battalion fought gallantly in the vital St. Vith area, perform 2. Combat Command "B" and attached elements of the 811th Tank Destroyer Bat-talion and the 482nd AAA Battalion fought gallantly in the vital St. Vith area, performant ing an important role in upsetting the enemy's action in that sector. 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The division, less Combat Comman "B'and "R", held the sector in Luxembourg between the 4th and 28th Infantry Divisions. 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached, carried the fight to the enemy thus enabling between the 4th and 28th Infantry Divisions. Combat Comman "A" and elements of the Bilth Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached, carried the fight to the enemy thus enabling the Third Army to launch an attack on 22 December. Third Army to launch an attack on 22 December, 4. 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We will move forward to greater accomplishments. action, the supply, evacuation and duties in a commendable manner. 6. As division commander, I express my pride and my suncere appreciat of your splendid record. We will move forward to greater accomplishments. 7. Let us not forget our gallant dead, and let each of us say a fervent an our splendid record. We will move forward to greater accomplishments. 7. Let us not forget our gallant dead, and let each of us say a fervent and hum prayer that God will have mercy on their souls. (. Let us not lorget our gallant dead, and let ea ble prayer that God will bave mercy on their souls.





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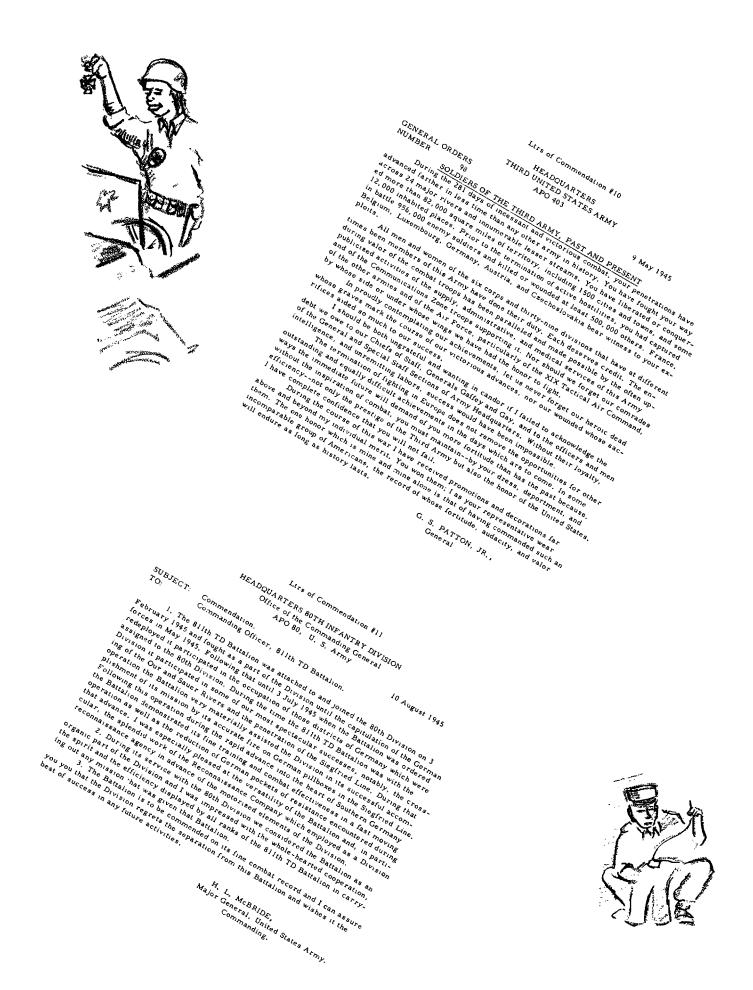


HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "B" 9TH ARMORED DIVISION APO #259, U.S. ARMY TO: All units CC "B", 9th Armored Division. l. Field Marshal Montgomery has informed Lt. General Hodges, First Army, l. Field Marshal Montgomery has informed Lt. Cene: that the turning point of the war was the defense of St. VITH. 2. I wish to take this opportunity to commend the men and officers of this ind, which was the first unit to reach ST, VITH after the Germans struck, 2. I wish to take this opportunity to commend the men and officers of this command, which was the first unit to reach ST. VITH after the Germans soft this the skill and bravery displayed in carrying out their part in the action. command, which was the first unit to reach ST. VITH after the German the skill and bravery displayed in carrying out their part in the action. 3. I desire that this letter be read to all troops at the earliest opportunity. OFFICLAL: /s/ Cothran Brig Gen Condg COTHRAN Maj. S-3 HEADQUARTERS, 811TH TANK DESTROYER BN., APO 403, U. S. Army, 3 Jan 1945. l. Inasmuch as Co A with 1st Rcn platoon attached were a part of CC "B", 9th ed Division at the time of this action, it gives me great pleasure to forward this l. Inasmuch as CoA with 1st Rcn platoon attached were a part of CC "B", 9th commendation on to vou. commendation on to you.

A. R. BROWNFIELD Lt. Col, FA Comdg.

Telegram from CG, 101st Airborne Division to CG 9th Armored Division: THE 101 AIRBORNE DIVISION IS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY ELEMENTS OF THE NINTH ARMORED DIVISION IN RECENT DEFENSE OF BAS. THE 101 AIRBORNE DIVISION IS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE RENDER BY ELEMENTS OF THE NINTH ARMORED DIVISION IN RECENT DEFENSE OF BAS. TOGNE. COMBAT COMMAND ROGER IS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR UNIT CITATION BY ELEMENTS OF THE NINTH ARMORED DIVISION IN RECENT DEFENSE OF BAS-TOGNE. COMBAT COMMAND ROGER IS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR UNIT CITATION. Ltr Hq 9th Armd Div, APO 259, U.S. Army: SUJECT: TO Commendation, Commanding Officer, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, U.S.Army, (THRU: Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U.S. Army) Commanding Otticer, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, U. Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U.S. Army) 1. Personnel of Combat Command "R" of the 9th Armd Div which included Company C and one platoon of the Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, have been praised for their superior fighting at BASTOGNE by the 101st Airborne Div Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U.S. Army) Personnel of Combat Command "R" of the 9th Armd Div which included Com-one platoon of the Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Pany C and one platoon of the Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalic have been praised for their superior fighting at BASTOGNE by the 101st Airborne Battalic vision and Combat Comman "B" of the 10th Armd Div. Copies of the radio sent by the have been Praised for their superior fighting at BASTOGNE by the 101st Airborne Di-vision and Combat Comman "B" of the 10th Armd Div. Copies of the radio sent by the 101st Airborne Division and the letter sent by the Commanding Officer, Combat Command "B", vision and Combat Comman "B" of the 10th Armd Div. Copies of the radio sent by the 10th Armd Div. Armd Div. and the letter sent by the Commanding Officer. Combat Command "B", 10th Armd Div. and the answeres from this headquarters are attached. Airborne Division and the letter sent by the Commanding Officer, Commanding Officer, Commanding Officer, Commander letter to the officers and men of the gth Armd Division Irmd Div, and the answeres from this headquarters are attached. 2. In another letter to the officers and men of the 9th Armd Div and its attached I have expressed my pride in your superior fighting ability. The comments of othe 2. In another letter to the officers and men of the 9th Armd Div and its attached units, I have expressed my pride in your superior fighting ability. The comments of other senior commanders shows that my confidence in you is well justified. I comments of other units, I have expressed my pride in your superior fighting ability. The comments of senior commanders shows that my confidence in you is well justified. I comments of attachee messages of commendation be given to you /t/ JOHN W. LEONARD, Major General, U. S. A: U. S. Army, Commanding

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Commanding Officer, Bilth TD Bn. 1. It is with pleasure and gratification that I forward this richly deserved com-tion for a job well done. lət Ind. Iət Ind. U.S. Army, 15 Jan 45. AFO 308, U.S. Jan 45. Ist Ind. Jan 45. Ist Ind. Jan 45. Ist Ind. Jan 45. The ADQUARTERS VIII CORPS, AFO 308. The ADQUARTERS VIII CORPS. THE ADQUARTERS V ion for a job well done. 2. The contribution of the membered. 4 BASTOGNE will long be remembered. city of BASTOGNE will long be remembered. commendation to that of the Command-action to add my commendation to that of the Command-ing General, 9th Armd Div. 2. The contribution of the members of remembered. city of BASTOGNE will long be remembered. 3. It gives me deep satisfaction to add nendation for a job well done. THRU: TO Ltrs of Commendation #3 25 January 1945 HEADQUARTERS III CORPS HEADWOAKIEKS III CURPS Office of the Commanding General Office APO 302 TIC Arms Commendation, Commanding General, 9th Armored Division, APO 259, U. S. Army. Commanding Officer, Combat Command A, 9th Armored Division, Commanding Officer, APO 259, U. S. Army. Commanding Officer, Combat Command A, 9th Armored Division,
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 The following relief of BASTOGNE: 200,6 GNNCG L. The following letter from the Army C which participated in the relief of BASTOGNE: SUBJECT HEADQUARTERS ARMY Commendation. Commanding General, Officers and Men of the III Corps, APO 303, U.S. Army THRU Army I. The speed with which the III Corps assembled, and the energy, skill and per-sistency with which it pressed its attack for the relief of BASTOGNE, constitute a very noteworthy feat of arms. тO sistency with which it pressed its attack for the relief of BASTOGNE, constitute a very noteworthy feat of arms. 2. you and the officers and men of your Command are hereby highly commended for a superior performance. uperior performance. 3. You will apprize all units concered of the contents of this letter. SUBJECT 70 2. The Corp³ Commander ¹⁸ gratified to transmit the Army Commander ¹⁹ com-stion to the units of Corps troops and divisions participating in the relief of for a superior performance. mendation to the units of Corps troops and divisions participating in the relief of easistance, and divisions participating in the relief of a gaining the goal and the stubborn enemy resistance and the stubborn enemy relief of the enemy situation, the stubborn enemy ename and the operation such an BASTOGNE. The uncertainty of the enemy which all units displayed in gaining the operation such and the disregard for losses and the contributing factors that made the operation such and the disregard for relieving BASTOGNE were the contributing factors that made the operation of relieving BASTOGNE were the contributing factors for the such as the disregard for the disregard fo 2. The Corp³ Commander is gratified to transmit the Army Commander is mendation to the units of Corp³ troops and divisions participating enemy resistan BASTOCINE. The uncertainty of the enemy situation, the stubborn enemy the disregard for losses and the team work which all units displayed in Baining the goal is disregard for losses and the contributing factors that made the operation such and if relieving BASTOCNE were be highly valued in the history of the performance of this outstanding victory, and will be highly valued in the distance for the performance of the sade his commendation for the sade his commendatin for the sade his c all done. 4. The contents of this letter will be made known to all officers and enlisted men r o ganization at the earliest practicable time. 4. The contents of this letter will be made kno. 4. The contents of this letter will be made kno. 4. The contents of this letter will be made kno. 4. The contents of this letter will be made kno. task well done.





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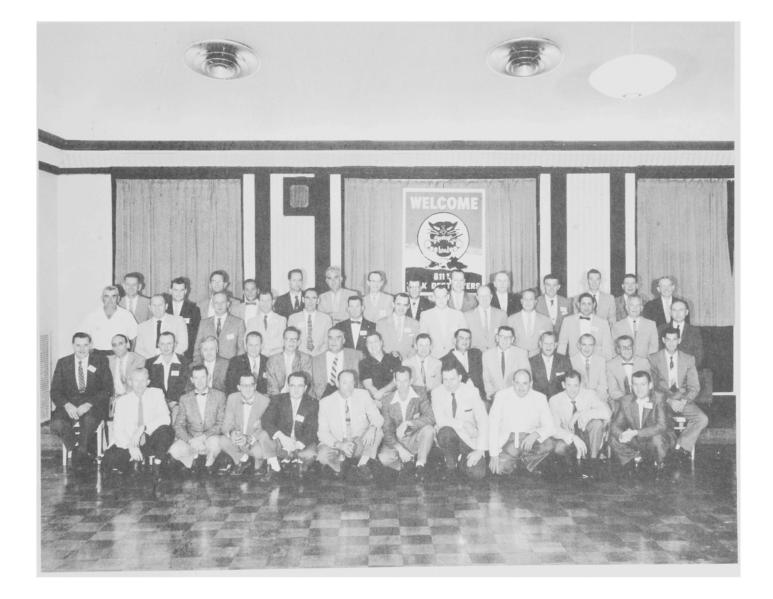
















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