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702ND TANK BATTALION  
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SUBJECT: Battalion History.  
Period from 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944.

1. Original Unit.
  - a. 702nd Tank Battalion (Medium).
  - b. Organized 1 March 1943.
  - c. Organized at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.
  - d. Authority for Organization: 320.2/53 (AF) (R)-GNGCT (1-2-43), and par 1, General Orders Number 14, Headquarters Armored Force, Fort Knox, Kentucky.
  - e. Sources from which personnel was obtained: The Cadre for the Battalion came from the 8th Armored Division, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and the recruits came from the New Cumberland Reception Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.
  
2. Principal changes in organization resulted from changes in Tables of Organization, and the activation of a light tank company on 19 October 1943. The designation of the Unit was changed from "702nd Tank Battalion (Medium)" to "702nd Tank Battalion".
  
3. Strength:
 

|                                      | <u>Commissioned</u> | <u>Warrant</u> | <u>Enlisted</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| a. Strength: 1 November 1944:        | <u>39</u>           | <u>3</u>       | <u>683</u>      |
| b. Net increase to 30 November 1944: | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>       | <u>4</u>        |
| c. Net decrease to 30 November 1944: | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>       | <u>0</u>        |
| d. Strength: 30 November 1944:       | <u>39</u>           | <u>3</u>       | <u>702</u>      |
  
4. Stations of Unit:
  - a. 1 November 1944 through 12 November 1944: Vicinity of Ville-Au-Val, France.
  - 13 November 1944 through 21 November 1944: Vicinity of Tincry, France.
  - 22 November 1944: Vicinity of Thonville, France.
  - 23 November 1944 through 27 November 1944: Vicinity of Elvange, France.
  - 28 November 1944 through 30 November 1944: Vicinity of Valmont, France.
  
5. The purpose of all marches was to accomplish the tactical mission of the Battalion in connection with military operations against the enemy. Specific instances concerning marches given in the summary of operations by Battalion S-3 Report attached.
  
6. Battalion engaged principally in Third United States Army drive towards Germany, driving the enemy out of the towns and territory east of the Moselle River. The most important mission accomplished by the Battalion during this period was the crossing of the Saale River which led to the penetration of the Maginet Line.

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7. November opened with the 702nd Tank Battalion still attached to the 80th Infantry Division, supporting the Division in its mission to extend and defend its bridgehead over the Moselle River. On the first of the month an operation, the objective of which was the liberation of the towns of Letricourt and Abaucourt, was planned. Combat Team 319 was charged with the execution of the plan, and Companies "C" and "D" of this battalion plus the Mortar Platoon were attached for the offensive operation. H Hour was 1300, 1 November 1944. Two platoons of Company "C", plus one platoon of Company "D", under the command of Captain JAMES B. JOHNSON, were involved with the Infantry in the assault on Abaucourt. The Mortar Platoon supported this attack. On the east of the remaining platoon of Company "C" plus two platoons of "D" Company, assaulted Letricourt in support of the 2nd Battalion. Captain JAMES F. GREEN commanded the tanks in this phase of the operation. The operation was uneventful, resistance was light, and all action was completed by 1910. One of the "C" Company tanks bogged down in October was recovered; the other was found to be damaged beyond repair. There were no casualties.

The 2nd to the 7th of the month saw a return to the static defensive period so characteristic of October. Tank Companies resumed their reserve positions and their supplementary firing positions. Plans were circulated for the launching of a full scale attack by the Third Army. In this plan the 80th Division in conjunction with the 6th Armored Division had, as an objective, the town of Falquemont and the high ground to the north of it. The 702nd Tank Battalion was to support the advance of the 80th Infantry Division,

The first bulwark to be hurdled was the super-wide Seille River, swollen by floods and rains. To accomplish this mission the divisional engineers were assigned "C" Company to support their operations with fire, and to haul their mud bogged vehicles. This battalion also supplied tank retrievers for the laying of pre-fabricated road culverts and treadways. Company "C" used one platoon at each bridge site (Port sur Seille, Clemy, and a position north of Manoncourt) to accomplish its mission. The Company was engaged while protecting the bridge sites but drove off the enemy. One tank was damaged by a mine. "C" completed its mission and assembled at Lixieres at 1500, at which time it reverted to division reserve.

German troops facing the division front included the 38th SS Pz Gren Regt., the 1431 Fortress Infantry Battalion, and elements of the 48th Infantry Division, on line from north to south respectively. Although a motley collection, these units had a month in which to develop their entrenchments, and had the advantage of drenching rains, which reduced off-road travel to a minimum. In all, about 3,500 German troops held the Divisional front. Later in the operation, the 36th Infantry Division was thrown in, in an attempt to halt the onward surge of the American Troops. By the 18th of November, 2,512 enemy troops had been captured. Between the initial assault and that date, the 1431st had been completely obliterated, the 17th SS had been decisively mauled and needed reforming, and the 36th no longer constituted a Division, having been reformed as CT Mueller and sent to a quieter sector. During this period, the weather had been constantly inclement and

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severely hampered the operations of our heavy equipment. Three major rivers had to be crossed, and the Germans had made extensive use of demolitions, destroying every possible bridge, culvert, or fill on the road.

The initial Division plan attached "A" Company to the 317th Infantry Regiment, "B" Company to the 318th Infantry Regiment, and "D" Company to the 319th Infantry Regiment. On the second day of action "D" Company was relieved by "C" Company and reverted to Division Reserve.

"A" Company crossed the Saillenx River at Clemery at 1500, 8 November 1944. Immediately it went into action and supported the assault of the 317th Combat Team on the north of the Division front. The initial mission of the Company was to assist the Third Battalion in guarding of the Division left (north) flank, advance on St Jure, and protect the unit from any enemy counter-attacks. This was accomplished successfully. Subsequent operations saw engagements at Raucourt, The Bois de Seacourt, where the Company assisted the First Battalion in woods cleaning by placing fire on the north edge, Loupy and Rechy. On the 11th the Company helped the First Battalion capture a bridge over the Neid River at Han, and to establish a workable bridgehead on the east bank of the river. On the continuation of the advance, "A" supported the Second Battalion in its attack on Herry and Many. Since this Infantry Battalion was depleted in its strength, and now had only 100 effectives, the Company remained in Many and assisted the Infantry to secure it. The Company returned to Herry on the 17th. Except for a small battle at Elvange, "A" had no further action, and on the 23rd was relieved from attachment to the 317th and moved to Carbennages. This was in preparation of the attack on the Maginot Line. During this whole period, there was no combat losses chalked up against the Company, the only casualties were among mess and maintenance personnel due to mortar fire. The Company's gas truck was knocked out in Herry, but the unit obtained revenge when they captured an enemy half-track loaded with 88mm ammunition and manned by one officer and 14 enlisted men. This vehicle had followed a friendly TD gun into the town. Captain FRANCIS L. MC DEMOTT commanded the company throughout the operation.

Company "B", attached to Combat Team 318 for the operation, followed "A" across the bridge at Clemery. The major plan called initially for an attack on Nomeny in conjunction with the assault of Company "I" from the Third Battalion. This action extended into the following day when the village was found to be very strongly held. On completion of this mission, the Company marched to Phlin and joined the first battalion. A continuous series of successful engagements in support of this battalion were fought at Thezey St Martin, Foville, Juville, Moncheux, Thimonville and Merville sur Neid. Crossing the Neid behind the 6th Armored Division, the Tank-Infantry team turned south and assaulted Lucy to relieve pressure on the 319th. They next turned north and captured Chenois and Lesse. Lesse was captured on the 13th. Due to the preponderance of 6th Armored vehicles in the sector, the Company was not used again until the 22nd. On this day "B" secured the relief and withdrawal of "B" Company, 318th Infantry. This Company had been encircled and cut off in Laudrefang the previous evening. On the 23rd, Company "B" moved to Carbennages and prepared for the assault on the Maginot Line. One tank was hit by a German

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75mm PAK at Morville, and later strafed by aircraft, resulting in its destruction. Eleven (11) men were wounded in Morville by enemy shell fire. A platoon sergeant, Staff Sergeant Sandusky took his section out of their battalion sector at Moncheux and captured the town by mistake. Lieutenant WILLIAM B. MILLER commanded the Company in all engagements.

After supporting the 305th Engineer Battalion on the 8th, Company "C" went into Division Reserve in the vicinity of Lixieres. Late in the evening it was attached to the 319th Infantry Regiment, and proceeded immediately to join that organization in the southern sector of the Division front. It crossed the Seille in the vicinity of Arroye et Han. On the 9th it supported the Combat Team's assault on Craincourt, and continued to support it in its eastward drive. Ajoncourt, Licourt, the south half of Delme Ridge, Xocourt, Baccourt, Tinery, Prevocourt, and Chicourt fell before its rapid advance. The Meid was crossed at Fremery on the 14th, and the Rette at Brulange on the 15th. In a continued assault, in order to enlarge the defensive position of the Division and secure a XII Corps LTR, "C" encountered the enemy at Suisse, Landroff, Eincheville, Bening, Viller, Doustroff, Adelange, and Vahl les Falquemant. At Beking and Suisse enemy counter-attacks were effectively repelled. Lieutenant SHEARING'S tank was hit by a bazooka in Eincheville, and he was wounded. Two of his crew members were killed. "C" was involved in the very successful attack north east of Eincheville on the 16th, and destroyed three (3) SSs, one (1) half-track, one (1) 40mm AA gun, twenty-nine (29) AT guns, and two (2) MG nests. 683 Germans were captured by the Division in this single days operation. On the 22nd the Company moved to a position in the vicinity of Falquemant. Captain JAMES B. JOHNSON commanded the Company throughout this series of operations.

After an assault on Aulnois in support of the 319th on the 8th, Company "D" was relieved by Company "C" and reverted to Division reserve. It moved in successive positions behind the main attacking force through Mailly, Tragny, Han Sur Meid, and Vatimont. The Mortar Platoon remained with this Company through the operations. During the period of action one assault gun from the Assault Gun Platoon was attached to each of "A", "B" and "C" Companies.

To insure adequate communications within the battalion for all operations, one tank officer served as adviser on the use of tanks and liaison officer with each of the Regimental Headquarters. Originally a battalion staff officer filled this position, but since each company had been recently authorized an extra officer, it became his duty. Also, two half-tracks mounting 508 radios, one from Headquarters and one from the Reconnaissance Platoon, were designated relay stations. It was the duty of these vehicles to follow up the action from positions picked for good transmission and reception, guaranteeing clear communication between the front line and Battalion Headquarters. Throughout the period, the Battalion CP remained with the Division Headquarters, and tactical control was maintained through the Combat Team Headquarters, and by the intricate radio communication system described above. Successive Battalion CPs were VILLE Au Val until the 10th, Thezey St Martin on the 11th, Licourt until the 13th, St Epvre from the 13th to the 16th, Lesce until the 21st and finally Carbenzages on that date.

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During these operations there was a tactical dichotomy in the way the different companies functioned. Whereas, "A" and "B" Companies generally worked with only one of the assaulting Infantry Battalions, and kept their respective Companies as tactical units; "C" Company split into two units and worked with each of the assaulting Battalions. Both methods could be deemed effective for the various situations they faced, since all assigned objectives were gained.

At 0800 on the 25th, the 80th Infantry Division assaulted the Maginot Line. The 702d supported the attack according to the standard plan. The terrain was in very bad shape and this hampered the tank action to a definite degree, and in the case of "A" Company, negated it entirely. "B" Company assaulted to the north with the 2nd Battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment, and seized the towns of Bam-biderstoff and Zimming. The line was broken at Ft. Bambiderstoff. Except for a couple of minor supporting missions, this was the last action of the month for Company "B". One tank was lost to bazooka fire on the 25th. On the 28th the Company moved to Guenviller, prepared to exploit any possible breakthrough. It remained in this position until the end of the month.

"C" Company supporting the 319th, assaulted north from Redlach, and broke the line at Ft. Laudrefang and Ft. Four Vents capturing Longviller-les-Avoid. The attacking force then turned east to take St. Avoid from the front. Due to the quagmire resulting from a dam destroyed northeast of the city, and the extremely heavy enemy fire, this frontal attack was unsuccessful. Moving at night the First Battalion plus the Company outflanked the enemy position by assaulting from Valment and captured St. Avoid by 1230, 27 November 1944. In further operations the Company assisted in the capture of Hombourg-Haut and Beningen. One tank was knocked out by an enemy AT gun. Due to the continuous operations throughout the Company was only able to field six (6) tanks for the last few days of the month. At the close of the month the Company had taken up a position in Guenviller.

While unsuccessful initially in its attempt to move, Company "A" was involved in some very heavy fighting late in the month. It caught up with the eastward moving 317th on the 28th, and supported the Third Battalion assault on Farbersviller. On the night of the 28th, the Germans counter-attacked the American position in this village and practically decimated the Third Battalion. "A" Company counter-attacked in turn, and reestablished the lines. In combat in and around Farbersviller, four (4) tanks were knocked out by high velocity weapons, either AT guns or assault guns. One of these tanks, an M4E2, received nine (9) direct hits from a "souped up" 75 AT at a range of about two hundred (200) yards without any penetrations or casualties. On the 29th the Company moved to Machern where it stayed until the end of the month.

Company "D" was prepared originally to exploit any definite break-through on our part with a mission of capturing a commanding position on the routes out of St. Avoid. To facilitate this mission the Mortar Platoon, a platoon from "A" Company composed of M4E2s, and a company of Infantry mounted in half-tracks borrowed from the 803 TD Battalion were all attached. Due to terrain conditions this proved to be an impossible mission and was never attempted. Late in the month, one platoon of light tanks were attached to each medium tank company. Two of these platoons were attached again to the Division Reconnaissance Troop, when the situation was found to be so fluid as to permit motorized road reconnaissance.

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At the end of the month one platoon was attached to "A" Company, one to "C" Company and one to 80th Reconnaissance Troops.

On the 28th the Battalion CP moved with the Division CP to St. Avold. Communications were standardized in the same procedure as formerly described. Throughout the month the Battalion service elements accomplished their mission with a high standard of excellence. At no time were there less than thirty-four (34) medium tanks and fourteen (14) light tanks available when the Battalion moved out to battle. There was almost no confusion in the issuance of supplies, and the assault companies were never held up due to an inexcusable lack of supplies.

After a determined effort to hold the Maginot Line, enemy resistance weakened, and the battle almost became a road march. At Farbersviller enemy strength was re-energized, and extensive American losses resulted. This action caused the Battalion its heaviest tank losses for the month, but at best it could not be construed as to be much more than an action to delay our attack on the Saar River line.

8. The Commanding Officer in all engagements of the Battalion has been Lieutenant Colonel RALPH TALBOT III, Infantry. The Battalion was part of forces commanded by Lieutenant General George S. Patton.
9. Losses in Action.

OFFICERS:

None

KILLED

ENLISTED MEN:

Treasure, William F, T/4, 36335646  
Ault, Harold H. T/Sgt, 37189439  
Gross, William H, Pvt, 6665611  
Estes, Robert D, T/4, 11032333  
Nichols, James H, Pvt, 37722827  
Miller, Roy W, Cpl, 33757167  
Preston, Kenneth I, T/5, 42029581  
McKinney, Joseph D, Pfc, 34736500  
Diehl, Willard B, Sgt, 33621584

WOUNDED AND INJURED

OFFICERS:

McNeal, Maurice L, 2d Lt, 01015329  
Shearing, Elden G, 1st Lt, 01012415  
Ehringer, Richard T, 2d Lt, 01015347  
Brittain, Charles L, 2d Lt, 01014663

ENLISTED MEN:

Shaulis, Clark F, 33757092  
Preston, Kenneth I, Pvt, 42029681  
Kirchman, Jr, George, Cpl, 33602277  
Priore, Patrick J, Pvt, 32927044  
Steele, John H, T/5, 33621333  
Raditz, Martin A, Sgt, 33595261  
Kadden, Edward J, Pfc, 36335845  
Long, James L, Pfc, 35026153  
Tehan, Raymond A, Sgt, 32254277  
Butts, Glen O, Pvt, 37241986  
Hamm, William B, Pvt, 32851530  
Lerah, Carl K, Pfc, 33621700  
Prahar, Michael P, Cpl, 33621631

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OFFICERS:

WOUNDED AND INJURED (CONT'D)

ENLISTED MEN:

Alvord, Allan S, S/Sgt, 17078418  
 Habas, Peter J, T/4, 37284541  
 Marvin, Edward E, Cpl, 33435986  
 Urbanavage, Leon P, T/4, 33621684  
 O'Dell, Nathan C, Pvt, 32667113  
 Tetuan, Guido R, T/5, 33435860  
 Sullivan, Ralph W, T/5, 11089126  
 Capozzielle, Peter G, Pvt, 33435861  
 Andrewlavage, Francis J, Pfc, 33602154  
 Coira, Jr, Henry L, T/5, 33602237  
 DeCarlo, Matthew E, T/5, 33621559  
 Fox, Charles E, T/5, 33596294  
 Yannotti, Emil J, Pvt, 42103685  
 Duritsky, William, Pvt, 33441378  
 Krum, Calvin W, Cpl, 33602261  
 Yenger, Carl E, Pvt, 33072236  
 Lukac, Michael P, Pvt, 33781729  
 Lenahan, Joseph M, Pvt, 34202906  
 Eisenman, George A, Sgt, 33593059  
 Nalley, Ted L, Pvt, 33308660  
 Ostlie, Lloyd C, T/4, 37274330  
 Sandusky, Michael, S/Sgt, 38034337  
 Carley, William P, 33435862  
 Walters, James K, Pvt, 33603445  
 North, James F, Pvt 34609571  
 Deem, Blair D, Sgt, 33621623  
 Connell, Martin P, Cpl, 33596570  
 Nagle, Herbert D, T/4, 33354225  
 Larkin, Marx M, S/Sgt, 32327714  
 Lincherst, Earl, T/4, 33621679  
 Smith, William M, Pfc, 33441610  
 Olson, Otto, T/Sgt, 37279227  
 Pertschi, John W, T/4, 33596648  
 Schuch, John J, T/4, 33596672  
 Wimbrow, Walter L, T/5, 33596540  
 Faistenhammer, Ludwlg, Pfc, 32738112  
 Szep, Emerich, Pfc, 33621572  
 Kirtley, Sr, Rathburn, Pfc, 35695298

MISSING IN ACTION

OFFICERS:

None.

ENLISTED MEN:

None.

10. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.

| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ACT</u>   | <u>AWARD</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| Madden, Edward J. | Pfc         | On 9 November 1944, Pfc Madden distinguished himself while serving as a crewman of an assault gun of a | Bronze Star  |

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| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ACT</u>   | <u>AWARD</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| Raditz, Martin A. | Sgt         | <p>Tank Battalion in support of an Infantry Division. Under fire of enemy small arms, bazookas, and mortars situated in a village, and after having crashed a roadblock erected by the enemy, the assault gun in which Pfc Madden was serving was hit by an enemy bazooka shell which penetrated the front slope plate, wounding him and three other crew members, and started a fire among the cleaning materials. After assisting in extinguishing the fire Pfc Madden assisted in giving first aid and evacuating the other wounded comrades, refusing to be evacuated himself despite his wounds due to the shortage of men in the crew. This made it possible for the tank to continue in the attack and place a covering fire for the advancing infantry.</p> <p>On 9 November 1944, Sgt Raditz distinguished himself while serving as a gunner of an assault gun with a Tank Battalion in support of an Infantry Division. Under fire of enemy small arms, bazookas, and mortars situated in a village, and after having crashed a roadblock erected by the enemy, the assault gun in which Sgt Raditz was serving was hit by an enemy bazooka shell which penetrated the front slope plate, wounding him and three other crew members and started a fire among the cleaning materials. After assisting in extinguishing the fire Sgt Raditz assisted in giving first aid and evacuating the other wounded comrades, refusing to be evacuated himself despite his wounds due to the shortage of men in the crew. This made it possible for the tank to continue in the attack and place a covering fire for the advancing infantry.</p> | Bronze Star  |
| Zamba, Andrew B.  | S/Sgt       | <p>On 11 November 1944, S/Sgt Zamba led his tanks in support of an infantry company in an assault upon an enemy occupied town. Despite fierce resistance and heavy enemy fire, S/Sgt Zamba successfully drove the enemy from their position.</p>   | Bronze Star  |



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| <u>NAME</u>           | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ACT</u>  | <u>AWARD</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Sandusky, Michael     | S/Sgt       | On 11 November 1944 S/Sgt Sandusky distinguished himself while acting as a platoon sergeant. Having become separated from the infantry while on a mission, S/Sgt Sandusky continued to move the tanks forward in the direction of the enemy. Upon coming to the town of * * * * *, France, he encountered strong enemy resistance. Disregarding this and despite lack of infantry support, he led his platoon of five tanks, directed the assault, and after a fierce engagement drove the enemy from the town, holding the position until support came to consolidate the ground gained. | Bronze Star  |
| Smith, Jewel S.       | S/Sgt       | On 13 November 1944, S/Sgt Smith distinguished himself while acting as platoon sergeant. Having become separated from the infantry while on a mission, S/Sgt Smith continued to move his tanks in the direction of the enemy. Upon coming to the town * * * * *, France, he encountered strong enemy resistance. Disregarding this and despite the lack of infantry support, he led his platoon of five tanks, directed the assault, and after a fierce engagement drove the enemy from the town, holding the position until support came to consolidate the ground gained.               | Bronze Star  |
| McConnice, Jarrett C. | 1st Lt      | On 8 November 1944, Lt McConnice led his platoon in the attack on a strongly fortified town in the hands of the enemy. Although a medium tank was destroyed by the enemy fire, Lt McConnice, with total disregard for his personal safety, continued to lead his platoon of light tanks in the assault, resulting in the capture of the town and approximately one hundred prisoners.   | Bronze Star  |
| Krum, Calvin W.       | Cpl         | On 28 November 1944, the tank company to which Cpl Krum was assigned was given the mission of clearing a fortified town of the enemy. During the night there was sharp fighting and the tank in which Cpl Krum was gunner was sent out to repel a counter-attack. In the face of heavy hostile  | Bronze Star  |

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| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ACT</u>  | <u>AWARD</u> |
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| McCabe, Harry A.  | T/5         | tank, anti-tank, mortar, and small arms fire at short range, he fired his tank guns continually and tellingly until his tank was hit five times by enemy fire and disabled. He refused to leave his post and the effect of the tank in position was such as to prevent an enemy advance and of invaluable aid in the accomplishment of the mission. On 26 November 1944, the tank company to which T/5 McCabe was assigned participated in an attack on strong enemy held fortifications. During the course of the assault, the tank which T/5 McCabe was driving was struck by enemy bazooka fire. As a result one man was seriously wounded and another killed. Thereupon the other members of the crew but T/5 McCabe dismounted from the vehicle. Refusing to leave his post and under raking enemy fire, T/5 McCabe drove the tank to an aid station where the wounded man was evacuated. As a result of this act the life of the wounded man was saved and the tank was spared from destruction by the enemy. | Bronze Star  |
| Jones, Vincent P. | Sgt         | On 28 November 1944, the tank company to which Sgt Jones was assigned participated as a member of a combat team which had the mission of clearing a fortified town. Sgt Jones, who was a tank commander, was injured when his tank was struck by enemy fire. Notwithstanding his wounds he continued in action after making necessary repairs to his damaged tank. Later that night, when a tank in the company was disabled by enemy fire, Sgt Jones moved his tank forward to protect the evacuation of a wounded comrade. Sgt Jones, by his constant vigilance, prevented any enemy advance and was of invaluable aid in the accomplishment of the mission.  | Bronze Star  |
| Suglie, John A.   | 1st Sgt     | On 28 November 1944, 1st Sgt Suglie was a member of a combat team attacking a hill position. During the assault, one of the tanks was hit by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own personal  | Silver Star  |

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| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ACT</u>  | <u>AWARD</u> |
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|             |             | safety and advancing heroically in the face of intense enemy mortar, small arms, and anti-tank gun fire, 1st Sgt Suglio proceeded to the disabled tank and rescued two crew members therefrom. He also carried two wounded infantrymen to a place of safety and made possible their evacuation to an aid station. |              |

b. Purple Hearts Awarded:

| <u>NAME</u>              | <u>RANK</u> | <u>ASN</u> | <u>DATE OF WOUNDS</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Sabol, Joseph S.         | Pfc         | 33595210   | 9 October 1944        |
| Riley, Frederick E.      | S/Sgt       | 16085457   | 7 September 1944      |
| McNeal, Maurice L.       | 2d Lt       | 01015329   | 8 November 1944       |
| Priore, Patrick J.       | Pvt         | 32927044   | 8 November 1944       |
| Steele, John H.          | Tec 5       | 33621333   | 8 November 1944       |
| Raditz, Martin A.        | Sgt         | 33596261   | 9 November 1944       |
| Madden, Edward J.        | Pfc         | 36335845   | 9 November 1944       |
| Long, James L.           | Pfc         | 35026153   | 8 November 1944       |
| Coira, Jr, Henry L.      | Tec 5       | 33602267   | 11 November 1944      |
| Andrewlavage, Francis J. | Pfc         | 33602154   | 10 November 1944      |
| Duritsky, William        | Pvt         | 33441378   | 14 November 1944      |
| Yannetti, Emil J.        | Pvt         | 42103626   | 14 November 1944      |
| Fox, Jr, Charles E.      | Tec 5       | 33596294   | 14 November 1944      |
| Hamm, William P.         | Pvt         | 32851630   | 13 November 1944      |
| Kirchman, Jr, George     | Cpl         | 33602277   | 12 November 1944      |
| Yenger, Jr, Carl E.      | Pvt         | 35072235   | 12 November 1944      |
| Shearing, Elden C.       | 1st Lt      | 01018415   | 12 November 1944      |
| Krum, Calvin W.          | Cpl         | 33602261   | 12 November 1944      |
| Biringer, Richard T.     | 2d Lt       | 01015347   | 12 November 1944      |
| Welden, Charles F.       | Pfc         | 34441130   | 18 November 1944      |
| Jandrositz, Joseph I.    | Cpl         | 33621547   | 18 November 1944      |
| Cook, Harry I.           | Tec 4       | 33757209   | 16 November 1944      |
| Dugger, Jr, Paris        | Pvt         | 35706535   | 16 November 1944      |
| Lukac, Michael P.        | Pvt         | 33781729   | 16 November 1944      |
| Nalley, Ted L.           | Pvt         | 39918660   | 15 November 1944      |
| North, James F.          | Pvt         | 34809571   | 25 November 1944      |
| Carley, William P.       | Tec 4       | 33436062   | 25 November 1944      |
| Walter, James K.         | Pvt         | 38608445   | 25 November 1944      |
| Wimbrow, Walter L.       | Tec 5       | 33596540   | 29 November 1944      |
| Kirtley, Rathburn L.     | Pfc         | 35695298   | 28 November 1944      |
| Connell, Martin F.       | Cpl         | 33596570   | 28 November 1944      |
| Schuch, John J.          | Tec 4       | 33596672   | 28 November 1944      |
| Larkin, Marx V.          | S/Sgt       | 32327714   | 28 November 1944      |
| Nagle, Herbert D.        | Tec 4       | 33334226   | 26 November 1944      |
| Olsen, Otto              | T/Sgt       | 37279227   | 25 November 1944      |
| Partocki, John W.        | Tec 4       | 32356613   | 25 November 1944      |
| Smith, William H.        | Pfc         | 33441130   | 24 November 1944      |
| Lincherst, Earl          | Tec 4       | 33621679   | 22 November 1944      |

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| Sandusky, Michael    | S/Sgt       | 38004437   | 25 November 1944      |
| Brittain, Charles L. | 2d Lt       | 01011663   | 29 November 1944      |
| Szep, Emerich        | Pfc         | 33621572   | 30 November 1944      |

11. Photographs of personnel, important scenes of events not available up to 30 November 1944.

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