

HEADQUARTERS
702ND TANK BATTALION
APO 403 US ARMY

September 1944.

SUBJECT: Battalion History.
Period from 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944.

1. Original Unit.
 - a. 702nd Tank Battalion (Medium).
 - b. Organized 1 March 1943.
 - c. Organization at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.
 - d. Authority for Organization: 320.2/53 (AF) (R)-GNGOT (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 New Cumberland Reception Center, New Cumberland, Pa.

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 September 1944	<u>37</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>672</u>
b. Net increase to 30 September 1944	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>
c. Net decrease to 30 September 1944	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d. Strength: 30 September 1944	<u>36</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>692</u>

4. Stations of Unit:
 - a. 1 September 1944: Vicinity of St. Etienne, France. Through 5 September 44.
 - 6 September 1944: Through 11 September 1944: Vicinity of Limey, France.
 - 12 September 1944: Through 18 September 1944: Vicinity of Namey, France.
 - 19 September 1944: Vicinity of Dieulouard, France.
 - 20 September 1944: Through 28 September 1944: Vicinity of Jezainville, France.
 - 29 September 1944: Through 30 September 1944: Vicinity of Belleville, 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 town and territory west of the Moselle River. The most important mission accomplished by the Battalion during this period was the establishing and holding of a bridgehead across the Moselle River, between Pont A Mousson on the north, and Dieulouard on the south, making it possible for the crossing of the Moselle River by all units in this sector.

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7. Battles.
 - a. For account of action see S-3 Report attached.
8. The Commanding Officer in all engagements of the Battalion has been Lieutenant Colonel RALPH TALBOT III, Infantry. The Battalion was part of the forces commanded by Lieutenant General GEORGE S. PATTON throughout this period.
9. Losses in Action.
 - a. Period from 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944-Battle of Moselle River Section between Pont A Mousson and Dieulouard.

KILLED

OFFICERS:	ENLISTED MEN:
Hansen, Wilferd F., 1st Lt, 01015069	Kochie, Jr., George T/5 33602239
* Clark, William E. 2nd Lt, 01017663	Ream, Frank L. S/Sgt 17021180
Humphrey, Earl W. 2nd Lt, 01018129	Weiss, Stanley J. Cpl 33598454
Rudinger, Casper A. 2nd Lt, 01018950	Cituk, Joseph A. Pvt 33898653
Ford, Francis P. Capt 01015619	Smith, Albert L. S/Sgt 38077993
East, Aubrey E. 1st Lt, 01017296	Stanley, George L. Pfc 33596612
	Campbell, Arthur J. Pvt 37519085
	Yancy, Max NMI Pfc 33757147
	Kerchner, Jack A. Pfc 33436049
	Palmer, Francis A. Pfc 33596476
	Hackney, Milton Pvt 36883435
	Mangiacotti, Matthew J. S/Sgt 32074228

WOUNDED AND INJURED

OFFICERS:	ENLISTED MEN:
Gifford, Lowell F. 2nd Lt, 01017622	Murdocha, Jerome J. T/4 33621551
Lawlor, George E. 1st Lt, 01015673	Klitzberg, Irving Pvt 32820259
Adkins, James E. 1st Lt, 0449389	Riley, Frederick E. Sgt 16085457
McDermott, Francis L. Capt, 01015749	Devins, Earl M. Pvt 31373351
	Hibbs, Jr., Herbert S/Sgt 33211359
	Yard, Wesley F. Pvt 33757169
	Turkoff, Lazarus L. S/Sgt 32107148
	Davies, Sr, Edward M. Pvt 34776609
	Gieber, Delbert L. S/Sgt 17002255
	Hosko, Emil J. T/4 33302841
	Daugherty, Frank E. T/5 33441380
	Kinnare, Harry Sgt 39000311
	Zatz, Edward J. T/4 32320891
	McCabe, Thomas J. T/5 33596512
	Reidenbach, Richard R. Sgt 33500493
	Wishnefski, Anthony L. T/4 33602058
	Trathen, Robert C. T/5 33596524
	Eiler, John H. W. Cpl 33596725
	Maar, John J. Pvt 33596523
	Pizza, Joseph J. Pvt 33596491
	Jones, Jr., Daniel D. Sgt 33621604
	Prewett, William H. Cpl 33596588
	Trach, Ray F. Pfc 33621554
	Rohn, William G. Pfc 33621562
	Kocyan, Joseph S. Sgt 33621594

WOUNDED AND INJURED CONT'D

ENLISTED MEN:

Raibeck, Edward A.	Pfc, 33505558
Dunmeyer, Lloyd NMI	Pfc, 33757212
Tehan, Raymond A.	Sgt, 32254277
Liccioli, Albert L.	Cpl, 33757136
Wlinarich, Joe NMI	Pvt, 33757215
Sidella, George	Cpl, 33621491
Corey, Shakel N.	Sgt, 11027593
Williams, George R.	Sgt, 33757800
Garguilo, Anthony L.	Pvt, 32905908
Rex, Earl W.	T/4, 33621659
Otto, Norman A.	Pvt, 33621440
Estes, Robert D.	T/4, 11052133
Durso, Daniel J.	Cpl, 33602233
Baroni, Edward J.	Sgt, 33757114
Opiary, Joseph NMI	T/5, 33602183
Smith, Jr., Walter E.	Pfc, 33441436
St Clair, Hugh E.	Cpl, 33602289
Griffin, Julian B.	S/Sgt, 18114551
Gearhart, George F.	Pvt, 33602270
D'Andra, Joseph M.	Sgt, 33435850
Stephens, Shalmer J.	Pfc, 33441431

MISSING IN ACTION

OFFICERS:

Smith, Robert L. Capt, 01015583

ENLISTED MEN:

Cornier, Emery J.	Sgt, 36149733
Stewart, John O.	Cpl, 33757221
Smalley, Dillie R.	S/Sgt, 33267616
Kiker, John W.	Pvt, 33596673
Seeberger, Benidict I.	Pfc, 33596464

10. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
a. Battle of Moselle River Sector.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Smith, Jack J.	S/Sgt	On the morning of 12 September 1944, Staff Sergeant Smith, over and above the line of duty, performed with complete disregard for his own personal safety in exposing himself to concentrated small arm and machine gun fire, while attempting the successful evacuation of a wounded infantryman from the battlefield.	Silver Star Medal
McConnell, Christopher L.	Tec 4	On the evening of 19 September 1944, Tec 4 McConnell successfully evacuated to safety under heavily concentrated enemy	Bronze Star Medal

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Ondishin, Jr., George	Pvt	machine gun fire two wounded and unconscious men. On 20 September 1944, Pvt Ondishin while exposed to continuous artillery and mortar fire, dismounted from his tank and successfully evacuated to safety, two comrades who had been seriously injured.	Bronze Star Medal
Pritchard, Albert K.	Pvt	On the evening of 19 September 1944, Pvt Pritchard successfully evacuated to safety under heavily concentrated enemy machine gun fire, two wounded and unconscious men.	Bronze Star Medal
James, Richard K.	Major	In controlling and coordinating tanks with infantry, he displayed leadership and initiative. The results of this clear thinking and sound judgment contributed to the successful operations of tank and infantry.	Certificate of Merit
Nordstrom, Carl A.	Capt	The exceptional common sense, tact and sound judgment, were of incalculable value in the coordination of infantry and tanks, and the tactical planning by which severe enemy resistance was overcome.	Certificate of Merit.

b. Purple Hearts Awarded.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUNDS</u>
Klitsberg, Irving	Pvt	32820259	6 September 1944
Gifford, Lowell F.	2nd Lt	01017622	6 September 1944
Ream, Jr., Frank L.	S/Sgt	17021180	7 September 1944
Devins, Earl M.	Pvt	31373351	7 September 1944
Hibbs, Jr., Herbert	S/Sgt	33311359	7 September 1944
Yard, Wesley F.	Pvt	33757169	7 September 1944
Turkoff, Lazarus L.	S/Sgt	32107148	7 September 1944
Davies, Sr., Edward M.	Pvt	34776809	8 September 1944
Kinnare, Harry	Sgt	39000311	10 September 1944
McCabe, Thomas J.	Tec 5	33596512	12 September 1944
Reidenbach, Richard R.	Sgt	33500493	13 September 1944
Wishnefski, Anthony L.	Tec 4	33602058	13 September 1944
Trathen, Robert C.	Tec 5	33596524	13 September 1944
Eiler, John H. W.	Cpl	33596725	13 September 1944
Naar, John J.	Pvt	33596623	13 September 1944
Pizza, Joseph J.	Pvt	33596491	13 September 1944
Jones, Jr., Daniel D.	Sgt	33621604	13 September 1944
Prewett, William H.	Cpl	33596588	14 September 1944
Trach, Ray F.	Pfc	33621554	8 September 1944
Dunneyster, Lloyd	Pfc	33757212	16 September 1944

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUNDS</u>
Tehan, Raymond A.	Sgt	32254277	16 September 1944
Liccioli, Albert L.	Cpl	33757136	16 September 1944
Klinarich, Joseph	Pvt	33757215	16 September 1944
Sidella, George	Cpl	33621491	16 September 1944
Corey, Shakel N.	Sgt	11027598	16 September 1944
Mangiacotti, Matthew	S/Sgt	32074228	16 September 1944
Carguilo, Anthony L.	Pvt	32905908	17 September 1944
Williams, George R.	Sgt	33757800	17 September 1944
Rex, Earl W.	Tec 4	33621659	16 September 1944
Yatsko, Joseph M.	Cpl	33621637	16 September 1944
Szymanski, Mitchell J.	Sgt	33596486	15 September 1944
McFeely, John P.	Sgt	31094335	15 September 1944
D'Andrea, Joseph M.	Sgt	33435850	16 September 1944
Croxton, John M.	2nd Lt	01019078	18 September 1944
McDermott, Francis L.	Capt	01015749	16 September 1944
Otto, Norman A.	Pvt	33621440	18 September 1944
Estes, Robert D.	Tec 4	11052133	18 September 1944
Durso, Daniel J.	Cpl	33602233	18 September 1944
Baroni, Edward J.	Sgt	33757114	18 September 1944
Opiary, Joseph	Tec 5	33602183	15 September 1944
Doyle, Martin P.	Cpl	33596391	16 September 1944
Smith, Jr., Walter E.	Pfc	33441436	8 September 1944
St Clair, Hugh E.	Cpl	33602289	20 September 1944
Griffin, Julian B.	S/Sgt	18114551	20 September 1944
Gearhart, George F.	Pvt	33602270	20 September 1944
Wetzel, Harold O.	Pfc	33757102	20 September 1944
Adkins, James E.	1st Lt	0449389	22 September 1944

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

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM B. JACOBS,
Capt, 702nd Tank Bn,
Battalion Historian.