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SECTION I - Original Unit.

- a. 319th Infantry Regiment
- b. 15 July 1942
- c. Camp Forrest, Tennessee
- d. Selective Service

SECTION II - Changes in Organization.

- a. The Anti-Tank Company was disbanded as a tactical unit and the Officers and Enlisted Men were attached to companies in the regiment where they were most needed. One Anti-Tank Gun platoon and the Mine Platoon were attached to Regimental Headquarters Company.
- b. The Cannon Company was attached to the 905th Field Artillery Battalion for administration and operations.

SECTION III - Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

Totals as of 30 Nov 44 - 135 Officers and 2658 Enlisted Men

Totals as of 31 Dec 44 - 118 Officers and 2899 Enlisted Men

Loss of: 17 Off Gain of 241 Enlisted Men

SECTION IV - Stations: Permanent or Temporary.

- a. Sengbusch
Departed on 6 December at 1030.
- b. Merlebach.
Arrived on 6 December at 1145.
Departed on 17 December at 1000.

SECTION IV - Stations: Permanent or Temporary (contd).

- c. Rohrbach, France.
Arrived on 17 December 1944 at 1200.
Departed on 18 December 1944 at 0930.
- d. Hoelling, France.
Arrived on 18 December 1944 at 1000.
Departed on 19 December 1944 at 1830.
- e. Weimersck, Luxembourg.
Arrived on 20 December 1944 at 1500.
Departed on 21 December 1944 at 1300.
- f. Brouch, Luxembourg.
Arrived on 21 December 1944 at 1345.
Departed on 22 December 1944 at 1330.
- g. Vichten, Luxembourg.
Arrived on 22 December 1944 at 1415.
Departed on 25 December 1944 at 1300.
- h. Oberfeulen, Luxembourg.
Arrived on 25 December 1944 at 1330.

SECTION V - Marches.

- a. Purpose: To move the CT into a rest area for reorganization and 3rd echelon maintenance on equipment.
- b. Distance: Approximately 8 miles.
- c. Departed from Sengbusch at 1130 on 7 December and arrived in Merlebach at 1215 on 7 December 1944.
- d. The roads were in fair shape but muddy due to the rainy weather.
- e. Route of motor march: Sengbusch - Gennweiler - Oberhumberg - Merlebach.

- a. Purpose: To move the CT into a position in order to effect the relieve of another unit on the line.
- b. Distance: Approximately 18 miles.
- c. Departed from Merlebach at 1000 on 17 December and arrived in Rohrbach at 1200 on 17 December 1944.
- d. The roads were in good shape throughout the trip.
- e. Route of motor march: Merlebach - Gennweiler - Sengbusch - Farbersville - Loupershouse - Pattelange - Richeling - Sarralbe - Sarre Union - Lorentzen - Rehling - Bining - Rohrbach.

- a. Purpose: To move the CT into a temporary defensive position effecting the relief of the unit on the line at present.
- b. Distance: Approximately 5 miles.
- c. Departed from Rohrbach at 0930 on 18 December and arrived in Hoelling at 1000 on 18 December 1944.
- d. The roads were in good shape but muddy.
- e. Route of motor march: Rohrbach - Guising - Bettviller - Hoelling.

- a. Purpose: To move the CT into a position to help stem the enemy counter-attack in the First Army Sector near Luxembourg.
- b. Distance: Approximately 128 miles.
- c. Departed from Hoelling, France, at 1830 on 19 December 1944 and arrived in Weimersck, Luxembourg, at 1500 on 20 December 1944.
- d. The roads were in excellent condition and due to the use of headlights in night driving progress was rapid and much more successful. Most trouble was caused by flat tires.
- e. Route of motor march: Hoelling, Petit-Rederching, Rohrbach, Bining, Rahling, Sarre Union, Sarralbe, Puttelange, St Avoild, Longeville, Fouligny, Courcelles-Chaussey, Metz, Woippy, Mazieres, Richemont, Uckange, Knutange, Fontoy, Tressange, Nondkeil, Rumelange, Esch, Pontpierre, Leudelage, Hollerich, Weimersck.

- a. Purpose: To move the CT toward the sector of the enemy counter-attack.
- b. Distance: Approximately 12 miles.
- c. Departed from Wimersck, Luxembourg, at 1300 on 21 December and arrived in Brouch, Luxembourg, at 1345 on 21 December 1944.
- d. Roads were in good condition by weather was cloudy and cold.
- e. Route of motor march: Eich, Muhlenbach, Bridel, Kopstal, Dondelage, Bour, Tuntingen, Brouch.

SECTION V - Marches (contd).

- a. Purpose: To continue move toward the enemy in order to keep in contact with them. Also to keep within closer communications with respective units.
- b. Distance: Approximately 10 miles.
- c. Departed from Brouch, Luxembourg, at 1330 on 22 December 1944 and arrived in Vichten, Luxembourg, at 1415 on 22 December 1944.
- d. Roads were in good condition; weather cold and cloudy.
- e. Remarks: Route of motor march: Brouch - Buschdorf - Boevange - Vichten. The trip was made with all weapons manned in precaution of an enemy air attack.

- a. Purpose: To continue advance to the north and keep within contact of all attacking units.
- b. Distance: Approximately 6 miles.
- c. Departed from Vichten, Luxembourg, at 1300 on 25 December 1944 and arrived in Oberfeulen, Luxembourg, at 1330 on 25 December 1944.
- d. Roads were in very good condition; weather clear and cold, snow flurries.
- e. Remarks: Route of motor march: Vichten - Michelbuch - Merzig - Overfeulen. Enemy air attack precautions were taken.

SECTION VI - Campaigns.

- a. Name: Battle of Germany.
 - b. Duration: 15 September 1944 to (date unknown)
 - c. Purpose: To conquer Germany.
 - d. Authority: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.
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- a. Name: Battle of France.
 - b. Duration: 7 August 1944 to 15 September 1944.
 - c. Purpose: To conquer Germany.
 - d. Authority: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.

SECTION VII - Battles.

1. Defensive positions vicinity of Sengbusch on 3 December 1944.
2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Friendly action:

Company B, 610 TD Bn (SP) withdrew to assembly area and Company A, 808 TD (Twd) displaced for Anti-tank defense. 2nd Bn CP was in vicinity of Beningen and 3rd Bn CP vicinity of Oberhomberg. Regtl CP remained in Sengbusch. Company A, 319th Infantry relieved elements of the 1st Bn 318th Infantry east of Sengbusch at 0622 hours. 3rd Bn sent a combat patrol to Freyming and Merlebach. Patrol captured eight (8) prisoners in the vicinity of Freyming. Plans were made to coordinate fires in support of the attack of the 318th Inf at 040730 Dec 44 on the high ground in the vicinity of Pfabersweiler. Night patrolling conducted. Communications consisted of wire to Bns and supporting units. 905 FA Bn (reinf) fired harrassing, interdictory and observed fire.

1. Defensive positions and support of 318th Inf attack on 4 December 1944.
2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Friendly action:

Mission of the 319th Inf was to support the attack of the 318th Inf on the high ground in the vicinity of Pfabersweiler. From positions on the high ground northwest of Pfarrebersweiler, 319th Inf supported the attack of the 318th Inf by fire from HMGs and 81mm mortars. 1st Bn 319th Inf moved a platoon into a position to cut off any enemy attempts to withdraw to the northwest. When the 318th Inf occupied their objective near Thedingen, Company B 319th Inf was relieved and reverted to Bn control. 905 FA Bn fired harrassing, observed and interdictory fires.

1. Outposted the town of Merlebach, France, from 7 December 1944 to 17 December 1944.

2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Friendly action:

Mission of the 319th Inf and supporting units to move to Merlebach and to outpost the town. Maintained contact with the 86th Cav. During the period conducted training, consisting of firing of weapons, rehabilitating men, cleaned and cared for equipment. 305 Engr inspected buildings for booby traps and filled craters. One platoon of Company A 808 TD Bn (Twd) was used as road blocks in the town. Demonstrations in attacking a fortified position were held, training conducted in infantry-tank tactics, and units fired their weapons on ranges.

1. Relieved elements of the 25th Cav on 17 December 1944.

2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Friendly action:

All elements of the 319th Combat Team moved to Rohrbach. Mission of the 319th CT was to move to a forward assembly area in the vicinity of Rohrbach by motor and relieve elements of the 25th Cav with the 1st Bn on 18 December 1944. Established liaison with the 25th Cav at 1632. Each unit of the 319th CT established it's own local security. Co C 305 Engrs checked the town of Rohrbach for booby traps.

1. Movement to assembly area in vicinity of Weimensk, Luxembourg, on 19-20 December 1944.

2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Friendly action:

All attachments of the 319 CT enroute to assembly area in Luxembourg. Upon arrival of the 319 CT were placed in Division Reserve. 1st Bn vicinity of

SECTION VII - Battles (contd).

Steinsel, Mullendorf and Heisdorf S/Algette; 2nd Bn vicinity of Beggen, 3rd Bn vicinity of Wolferdange, Helmsange, Bereidange; Regtl CP in Weimersk. Prepared for prompt movement to the north, northeast or southeast. To be prepared to reinforce the 317 or 318 CT. Initiated reconnaissance for and prepared to occupy positions.

1. To continue advance and provide local security - 21 December 1944.
2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Friendly action:

Moved Regtl CP, 1st and 3rd Bns in vicinity of Brouch, 2nd Bn moved to vicinity of Tuntingen. 319th CT received orders to move to an assembly area in the vicinity of Brouch and to post local security and be prepared to advance to the north on 22 December 1944. CT moved by shuttle to designated area and cleared in area at 1715. Posted local security and made preparations for advance.

1. To continue advance to the north - 22 December 1944. Capture of Merzig Oberfeulen and Neiderfeulen, Luxembourg,

2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Enemy action:

Enemy front line extended generally from the high ground northeast of Feulen, west along the edge of woods north of Oberfeulen and Merzig. The enemy was not occupying defensive positions inasmuch as PWs reported that their mission was to attack, and the enemy was caught in the open ground. The enemy did manage to retreat to the towns in our sector but were driven from them by our troops. Units in contact were as follows: 352d Division: 1352d Arty Regt; Hq Co 915 Inf 4th Co 915th Inf; 13th Co 915th Inf; 3d Co 914th Inf; 6th Co 914th Inf; and 15th Co 914th Inf. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention were unknown. The enemy seemed to be well supplied with arms and ammunition however, several reports were received that the food had not been brought up regularly.

General summary of enemy operations: The 352d VG Division had the mission of attacking southwest and encircling Luxembourg. The town of Vichten was their first objective. It was obvious from PWs statements and actions of their troops that the enemy was totally unaware of the additional strength having been brought in to the line opposing them. Prior to the attack, there was considerable patrol activity in the front of the 109th Inf through whose sector our troops passed. In several cases columns of troops, trains of supplies and artillery were taken under fire and badly cut up or completely destroyed. The enemy suffered severe losses from our artillery prior to his attack. Further losses were sustained by small arms fire, and many were captured. The orders were later changed and the Division was told to dig in generally along the high ground from Ettelbruck west to Merzig. These positions were never occupied due to our rapid advance, and the enemy withdrew to the towns in our sector where he was later forced out. Two anti-tank guns were reported in Ettelbruck, five tanks were reported in Merzig, and one battery of field artillery was knocked out on the road from Merzig to Oberfeulen. Infantry units of the 352d Division were contacted throughout our sector. PWs reported that when captured or threatened with capture, an attempt should be made to escape and infiltrate through our lines and become snipers. PWs captured totaled 39. Their morale seemed fairly good. Their probable knowledge of our situation was poor. Weather and visibility; cloudy and cold with light snow.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd).

b. Friendly action (22 Dec 44)

Co C 610 TD Bn (SP) replaced Co A 808 TD Bn (Twd). Regtl CP moved to Vichten, 1st Bn vic Feulen, 3rd Bn vic Michelbuch, and 2d Bn Rear CP in Vichten. Mission of the 319 CT to continue advance to the north. 1st and 3rd Bn 319th Inf jumped off from vicinity of Brouch at 0600. At 0735 leading elements of the 3rd Bn reached their first objective meeting no resistance. At 0800 1st Bn met no opposition. At 0800 3rd Bn had elements in Vichten where 109th Inf, 28th Div, was stationed. At 0910 3rd Bn entered Michelbuch and gained contact with the enemy. At 1000 1st Bn reported no contact with the enemy. 3rd Bn cleared Michelbuch and prepared to move on Merzig with Cos L and K abreast, K Co on the right at 1010. At 1040 one platoon of Co C 702 Tanks entered Merzig and at 1100 Cos L and K reached the high ground in the vicinity meeting no resistance. At 1145 1st Bn advanced and met small enemy patrols. At 1205 3rd Bn in Merzig receiving considerable enemy small arms fire and light artillery. 3rd Bn directed artillery on enemy column approaching Merzig and effected their destruction. 2nd Bn ordered to move to Vichten and closed in town at 1425. At 1500 the 1st Bn captured Oberfeulen and attacked Feulen and Neiderfeulen. Regtl CP moved to Vichten and opened at 1615. Recd orders from 80th Div to send one Bn forward to advance until stopped. 2nd Bn alerted at 1635. At 1650 the 3rd Bn had a strong hold on Merzig, 1st Bn held present position. At 2045 2nd Bn moved out motorized and detrucked at Oberfeulen from there advanced on Heidersheid. Moved out at 2400. Communications consisted of wire and radio to Bns. Radio communications with the 2nd Bn for night advance. Hand grenades and bazookas used in attacks. 905 FA Bn supported the advance of the Bns.

1. Advance to the north - 23 December 1944.

2. Narrative account of action:

a. Friendly action:

The enemy front lines are generally along the north bank of the Sure River with small pockets of resistance north of the town of Tadler. The enemy used towns as his means of defense. Other units of the 352d Div were contacted. One Officer PW reported that Das Reich Division or the Gros Deutschland Division was to be committed on the flank of the 352nd Division for the purpose of stopping our advance.

General summary of enemy operations during the period: The enemy occupied the east side of the town of Merzig and a small force occupied the town of Heidersheid. The enemy resisted our advance very stubbornly and many were taken prisoner. During the period, the enemy used tanks considerable throughout our sector and counterattacked at Heidersheid with a total of 15 tanks, 8 of which were knocked out. Tank columns were reported at several places. 5 tanks were reported west of Gros Bous. Tanks seemed to be operating independently although infantry was very active. One SP gun was destroyed in the vicinity of Heidersheid. The enemy used fighter planes over our sector at frequent intervals. One plane was known to have been destroyed and the pilot captured, though a second plane was reported to have crashed. Enemy infantry placed mortar fire on Heidersheid and on the road leading to the southeast, harassing the movement of troops and supplies onto that town. Prisoners taken totaled 227. Enemy's probable knowledge of our situation was fair due to extensive probing with armor. Weather was clear and cold.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd).

1. 23 December 1944. Vichten and vicinity.

2. Narrative account of friendly action:

Company "A" and "C" of 610 TD Bn in support. Regtl CP in Vichten, 1st Bn in Feulen, 2nd Bn in Heiderscheid, 3rd Bn in Merzig. Mission of the 319th CT to continue advance in their zone. 2nd Bn advanced on Heiderscheid through the night of 22 Dec 44 and reached outskirts of the town at 230525 Dec 44. Held up by heavy MG fire. At 0625 Co E moved into town while F Co held outskirts of the town by heavy automatic fire. At 0700 the 1st Bn cleared the woods to their front meeting no resistance. 3rd Bn continued mopping up Merzig. At 1000 1st Bn cleared the woods and reached the high ground. 2nd Bn in Heiderscheid at 1000 and fighting heavy enemy resistance. 3rd Bn cleared Merzig at 1050 capturing 118 PWs - killing many Germans and capturing quantities of enemy materiel. At 1130 2nd Bn moved through Heiderscheid and outposted the town to the north and northeast. At 1215 2nd Bn received heavy counterattack from tanks and infantry. 3rd Bn ordered to move immediately to assist 2nd Bn. 1st Bn meeting heavy resistance in their sector. 2nd Bn successfully beat off the counterattack knocking out at least 8 enemy tanks. 1st Bn maneuvered against enemy threat and at 1630 were attacking towns of Kehmer and Schiedel. 3rd Bn advanced on Tadler and reached the town at 1800. Here the 3rd Bn received heavy small arms fire. At 1955 3rd Bn had captured Tadler and 1st Bn had captured Kehmer. 3rd Bn sent Co I to Heiderscheidergrund to hold the bridge in that town. Bns ordered to hold positions for the night. Wire and radio communications to all Bns. 905 FA supported the advance. Hand grenades and bazookas were used in the attack.

1. 24 December 1944. Attack and capture of Tadler and action in vicinity of Heiderscheidergrund on 24 December 1944.

2. Narrative account of friendly action:

Normal units in support. 2nd and 3rd Bn Fwd CPs vicinity of Heiderscheid. Mission of the 319 CT to continue advance throughout the night and seize town of TADLER. Co I was sent to Heiderscheidergrund to hold the bridge. Elements of the 3rd Bn in Tadler could not prevent strong enemy force from blowing bridge just northeast of the town. 1st and 3rd Bns were to continue advance to the north in their zone at 0730 and 0800 respectively but enemy counterattacks against 1st and 2nd Bns disrupted plans. 1st Bn had initiated movement from Kehmen west to follow road net in zone as axis of advance, leaving Co B in town as rear guard. When Co B moved out to tail 1st Bn, enemy moved armor into town and counterattacked 1st Bn from the northeast. 2nd Bn simultaneously received a counterattack of considerable strength from the west, north and northeast. Enemy used many armored vehicles in the counterattack. 2nd Bn had sent Co G to relieve Co I in Heiderscheidergrund; both companies were cut off by the German attack but managed to maintain their own security. 3rd Bn (-) ordered to move south and take up position on the high ground northeast of Heiderscheid to assist 1st and 2nd Bns. 3rd Bn left a reinforced platoon of Co K in Tadler. Bns successfully beat off all enemy attempts to drive them from their positions. By 1500 the situation was cleared and no further enemy activity of any force developed. The 104th Inf of the 26th Div sent their 3rd Bn to Heiderscheid where 2nd Bn furnished guides to Heiderscheidergrund to relieve Cos I and G of the 319 Inf. At 2150 Co I returned through 2nd Bn 319th Inf and At 2315 Co G returned to 2nd Bn. Bns consolidated positions and prepared to hold for the night. Considerable damage inflicted on the enemy's personnel and vehicles during the counter-attack; 34 prisoners reported to have been taken. Grenades and bazookas used in atk.

SECTION VII - Battles contd.

1. 24 December 1944 (contd)

2. Friendly action contd.

Wire communications to assault Bns; considerable difficulty encountered due to action of armor and heavy shelling. Wire crew of 3d Bn displayed excellent skill and courage in policing the main line in their zone. Radio to all Bns also. 905 FA supported the Bns and disrupted the enemy's attack by accurately placed fire. Hand grenades and bazookas used during the attack.

1. 25 December 1944. Action north of Uberfuehlen.

2. Narrative account of action:

a. Enemy action:

The enemy was on the north slope of Hill 340, east of Ringel, estimated strength about one battalion, 1st Bn 208th Inf 79th Inf V.G. Div. Enemy had 24 hours in which to prepare these positions and was fairly well dug in and had many automatic and semi automatic weapons within the Bn. Morale was high and mission was to defend at all costs. The enemy had taken advantage of the high terrain which afforded him fields of fire. The enemy waged four minor counterattacks which were repulsed. The Bn had suffered heavy losses through artillery fire on 23 and 24 December. Enemy armor was seen on the north side of the river but was not engaged in any of these attacks. On the whole enemy artillery was light. 55 prisoners were taken. Enemy information about our situation was found to be very poor inasmuch as he believed that we withheld them very effectively. No enemy patrols were encountered in our sector. Civilian population was mostly restricted to their cellars and no particular contact was made with them. As a whole civilian population had appeared to be very much in our favor. Terrain was rather wooded and very rolling, weather was cold and cloudy.

Additional IPW note: the 1st Bn 208th Regt, 79th V.G. Div was located in our sector. Their morale was good and they seemed convinced of victory. They were enthusiastic fighters. The Bn had suffered heavy losses through our artillery fire on 23 and 24 Dec. The unit left Thorn on 10 Dec by train and detrained at Mayen from where they marched to this sector. Personalities were told to be: 2nd Lt Merker CO of 2nd Co; 2nd Lt Schoeler CO of 7th Co; Capt Pitch CO of the 2nd Bn; Major Welz CO of Regt. PWs state propaganda leaflets which were distributed to the troops on 20 Dec 44 said that the big counteroffensive had begun and the successful breakthrough through Luxembourg and Brussels has been achieved, supported by their new secret weapon, V-2. Also that the allies had only 72 Divs on the west front, implying that they have more. PWs were told to prepare for a 2000 km hike to the atlantic, also, the Grossdeutschland Pz Div is ready to support them if necessary at present positions in the vicinity of Kehmen.

1. b. Friendly action: Regtl CP moved to Oberfeulen, 1st Bn CP in Heider-Scheid, 2nd Bn CP in Ringel, 3rd Bn CP in Tadler. Mission to continue advance to the north. At 0800 the 3rd Bn moved out on advance on town of Tadler. Meeting no opposition, they reached the town at 0845. From this point, they observed enemy infantry in town of Ringel and placed artillery on it. At 0900 319 Inf received directive from Div stating the Regt would clear the area south of the Sure River of enemy in own zone and not attempt to cross the river. This information passed on to all bns and supporting units. When 3rd Bn had closed in Taderl, 2nd Bn moved out with the object of taking Ringel and clearing their zone south of the Sure River. Recd machine gun fire as they approached Ringel. By 1400 3rd Bn had outposted south

SECTION VII - Battles (contd).

1. 25 December 1944 (contd)
2. Friendly action (contd).

bank of river, and 2nd Bn had taken Ringel and advanced to high ground north and northeast of the town. 2nd Bn received a counterattack. 1st Bn remained in present position in reserve and was kept abreast of the situation. Progress by the unit on our right was slow necessitating alerting 1st Bn to send a Co through the lower half of woods in the area. The counterattack against the 2nd Bn slowed down about 1645. Co B had advanced 1 kilometer through the woods and met no enemy resistance but were ordered back because of friendly fire from unit on our right. All adjoining units had been notified of 1st Bns mission. Enemy in front of 2nd Bn dug in south of river. Assault Bns ordered to hold their positions for the night. 1st Bn ordered to move to Heiderscheid. Fwd CP of the Regt operated from Heiderscheid. At 1930 the Fwd CP closed and returned to Oberfeulen. Wire and radio to all Bns and supporting units. 905 FA supported advance of the ~~1st~~ Bns. Hand grenades and Bazookas used in advance.

1. 26 December 1944. Action north of Oberfeulen.
2. Narrative account of friendly action:

Mission of the 319th Inf to sweep enemy from the woods in 2nd Bn sector. At 1230 2nd Bn advanced into the woods with Co G on the right, Co F in the center pivoting on Co E who stayed in position on the high ground just north and east of Ringel. They advanced east through the woods and then swung north driving the enemy before them. By 1440 2nd Bn had advanced meeting machine gun fire. Continued on advance to the river and by 1820 had overcome all enemy opposition and held position on southern river bank excluding Durbach. Co G on position and Co F enroute to Heiderscheid. 1st Bn relieved 2nd Bn, relief completed at 2045 and 2nd Bn closed in Heiderscheid at 2300. 1st Bn held positions, Co B outposting Ringel, Co C on the high ground to the south of the town. Co A held position astride Heiderscheid-Kehmen road and established contact with the 317th Inf on the right by patrol. 3rd Bn remained in position. Wire and radio to Bns. Regtl Mine platoon removed mines northwest of Merzig.

1. 27 December 1944. Holding of present positions.
2. Narrative account of friendly action:

Mission of the 319th Inf to hold present position. At 1055 a 12-man German patrol emerged out of the woods east of Co B and approached B Cos position. The forward elements of Co B opened fire on the enemy and the enemy withdrew into the woods and appeared again on the north front of Co B. Simultaneously with the appearance of the patrol, 1st Bn received considerable artillery fire. 1st Bn sent a patrol through east and northeast sector of woods in search of enemy. Enemy withdrew but artillery continued. At 1448, 1st Bn was counterattacked by the enemy in force. 3d Bn ordered to slip a Company south to fill a gap between A and C Co; 2nd Bn alerted for possible movement to aid of 1st Bn. 317th Inf alerted a company reinforced with tanks to move against counterattack from the south flank. At 1530 1st Bn reported counterattack well in hand and that it would not be necessary to send assistance. 1st Bn continued to place artillery on the enemy. Things quieted down. Company of 3d Bn regained its bn, supporting and adjacent units notified of 1st Bn situation. Bn held position for the night; 1st Bn maintaining contact with the 317th on the right. 2d Bn remained in Regtl reserve vicinity Heiderscheid; 3rd Bn continued to outpost Sure River in own zone. 905 FA fired in support of 1st Bn.

SECTION VII - Battles cond.

1. 28 December 1944. Defensive positions vicinity of Heiderscheid.
2. Narrative account of action:

- a. Enemy action:

The 352d VG Division was hit hard in the flank while marching west across the U. S. 80th Division Zone. The 352d VG Division was taken completely by surprise and suffered very heavy casualties. The Gros Deutschland Brigade also taken by surprise in the vicinity of Heiderscheid suffered severe losses of men and equipment. The counterattack by elements of the Gros Deutschland Brigade was repulsed with severe losses to the enemy and many prisoners were taken. The 352d VG Division and the Gros Deutschland Brigade were pulled north across the Sure River. The 352d VG Division is believed to have gone in the direction of Diekiron. The 79th VG Division was committed against us with the mission of throwing back our attack. This mission was later changed to a defensive mission after several of its battalions were cut up badly. The defensive mission however called for the high ground in the vicinity of Ringel and at least three counter-attacks were made by the enemy. All counterattacks were repulsed causing heavy casualties in the 1st Bn, 208th Regt and the 2nd Bn 212th Regt. The 212th Regt originally had been in reserve. Units of the 5th Parachute Division were identified on our front but it is believed that they had become separated from their units and had joined the nearest unit available. The US 26th Division reported that elements of the 9th VG Div, recently from Denmark, had been identified on its front and it is possible that units of the 9th VG Div will be found in our sector.

The enemy had used some of our own artillery against us which had been captured in the recent penetration. Many of the PWs which had been taken wore items of American equipment and it has been reported that many used American arms. Enemy activity during the night of 28 December consisted mainly of light interdiction fire and one 3-man patrol which was making a reconnaissance of the Sure River north of Tadler. Enemy tanks and SP guns had been seen in the vicinity of Goesdorf and Banl and sounds of track laying vehicles were reported during the night of 28 Dec. Our own patrols had found several enemy outposts guarding the logical crossings of the Sure River.

- b. Friendly action:

No change in location of command posts. Mission of the 319th CT to continuing holding of present positions. At 1440 the 1st Bn received counterattack against Company B's position. The strength of the attack was estimated between 150 and 200 infantry. 1st Bn placed devastating machine gun, mortar and artillery on the enemy. At 1630 some enemy began digging in on the high ground in front of Company B's position. 1st Bn counterattacked and drove enemy from the high ground inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy. At no time did the 1st Bn lose any ground to the enemy. By 1730 the enemy had retreated and the situation was well in hand. 1st Bn captured 27 PWs and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. 3rd Bn held positions for the night. Wire and radio to all units. Wire communications were interrupted by heavy enemy shelling. 905 FA supported 1st Bn and fired counter-battery and interdiction fire.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd).

1. 29 December 1944. Defensive positions vicinity of Heiderscheid.

2. Friendly action:

No change in attachments. 1st and 3rd Bn CP in Heiderscheid, 2nd Bn CP vicinity of Tadler, others not changed. Mission of the 319th Inf to occupy, organize and defend the left sector of the Division. Prepared to comply with Division order. 2nd Bn with Company I, 3rd Bn, attached relieved 1st Bn on position. Company I of 3rd Bn attached 2nd Bn outposted Tadler. 1st and 3rd Bn (-) stationed in Heiderscheid. 3rd Bn outposted Heiderscheidergrund with one platoon of Company K, reinforced. Bns completed relief and movement by 2050 and held positions for the night. 905 FA reinforced fired on observed targets and interdictory fire.

1. 30 December 1944. Defensive positions vicinity of Heiderscheid.

2. Friendly action:

No change in attachments or location of unit command posts. 2nd Bn reinforced received a counterattack at 0405 from the north flank. 2nd Bn had been alerted for a possible enemy attack and was ready. Approximately 160 enemy moved against E company's position and were stopped cold by artillery, mortar and small arms fire. The enemy retreated with heavy casualties. 2nd Bn reinforced reorganized positions. No further enemy action that day. 1st and 3rd Bn (-) remained in Heiderscheid. One platoon of Company L reinforced outposted Heiderscheidergrund. Wire and radio to battalions and supporting units. 905 FA fired in support of the 2nd Battalion and fired counterbattery and interdictory fire. Co C 305th Engr Bn reinforced 319th Infantry Mine Platoon and made a reconnaissance for obstacles in Regtl zone.

1. 31 December 1944. Defensive positions vicinity of Heiderscheid.

2. Narrative account of action:

a. Enemy action:

The enemy situation for period 29-31 December 1944. The 2nd 212th Inf after having counterattacked our positions several times and receiving very heavy casualties each time was withdrawn on the night of 28 Dec and the 1st Bn 212th Inf took over their positions. The enemy counterattacked our position on the morning of 30 Dec by sending one company clear around to the west of our positions in the vicinity of Ringel for the purpose of seizing the town and then attacking the high ground to the east and northeast of the town. After the enemy had seized the town of Ringel they were to lay a very heavy concentration of artillery on our positions and the remnants of the 2nd Bn 212th Inf was to attack the high ground occupied by our troops from the east. Our vigilants caught the enemy in extremely unfavorable positions and the 1st Co 1st Bn received heavy casualties and the 32 PWs were taken. This reverse bogged down the whole enemy plan and the rest of the counterattack did not come. The enemy did not use any armor and the artillery which was to have been laid down on our positions did not come. PWs from 1st Bn 212 Inf stated that they were not allowed to talk with members of the 2nd Bn 212th Inf which had made previous attacks and suffered heavy losses. They were given the mission of taking the high ground and terrain surrounding Ringel. Enemy patrols were not particularly active. Civilians from town of Kehmen were forced out into the woods and had come to the town of Derboch which was also occupied by the Germans but they were refused admittance. They were very thankful for the aid given them by the American troops. Attitude on the whole was very favorable and they were very cooperative at all times.

SECTION VIII - Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

1. Battle of Germany - December 1944
2. Regimental Staff and Battalion Field Officers participating:
 - a. Lt Col W. N. Taylor, O18 168, Commanding Officer, 319th Infantry
 - b. Lt Col Hiram D. Ives, O 263 687, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion
 - c. Lt Col Paul Bandy, O 358 457, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion
 - d. Lt Col, Elliott B. Cheston, O 355 466, Commanding Officer, 3rd Bn
 - e. Major Samuel L. Williams O 362 978, Executive Officer 2nd Battalion
 - f. Major Arthur H. Clark O 347 424, Executive Officer 3rd Battalion
 - g. Major Richard F. Hill, O 326 133, Regimental S-4
 - h. Major Ralph J. Wevers, O 318 292, Regimental S-3
 - i. Major Edwin E. Allen, O 313 931, Regimental S-2
 - j. Capt Roy E. Thacker, O1 285 663, Regimental S-1

1. Attack and capture of Michelbuch and Merzig on 22 December 1944.

2. Capt Edward B. Smith, in command of Company "K" and Capt Norman A. Moe, in command of Company "L" lead the attack of the 3rd Battalion in the attack and capture of Michelbuch and Merzig. Attack jumped off from Brouch at 0600. At 0930 contact was made with the enemy in Michelbuch. Cleared Michelbuch and prepared to move on Merzig. At 1100 the high ground in the vicinity of the town was gained meeting no resistance and at 1205 entered the town receiving considerable enemy small arms fire and light artillery. At 1650 the 3rd Bn had a strong hold on Merzig and began consolidating positions for the night.

1. Attack and capture of Oberfeulen on 22 December 1944.

2. Lt Col Hiram Ives, CO 1st Bn, coordinated the advance of his battalion to the north, attacking and capturing of Oberfeulen and advancing toward Feulen and Neiderfeulen.

1. Night attack of 22-23 December 1944.

2. Lt Col Paul Bandy, CO 2nd Bn, received orders to make a night attack on Heiderscheid. At 2045 the 2nd Bn motorized and detrucked at Oberfeulen and then advanced on Heiderscheid. At 230525 Dec the outskirts of the city were reached but were held up by heavy machine gun fire. At 0625, Company E, commanded by Capt Garland D. Godby, moved into town while Company F, commanded by Capt William H. Chamberlain, held outskirts of the town by heavy automatic fire. At 1000 the town was taken and stiff resistance was encountered. At 1130 2nd Bn moved through Heiderscheid and outposted the town to the north and northeast. Received heavy counterattack from tanks and infantry at 1215 but was repulsed knocking out at least 8 tanks.

1. Attack and capture of Tadler, Luxembourg on 23 December 1944.

2. Lt Col Elliott B. Cheston, CO 3rd Bn, coordinated the attack with his respective company commanders on the town of Tadler. After assisting the 2nd Bn in repulsing an enemy counterattack the 3rd Bn continued their advance on Tadler reaching the town at 1800. Here they received heavy small arms fire and at 1955 had succeeded in capturing Tadler.

1. Attack and capture of Kehmen and Schiedel on 23 December 1944.

2. Lt Col Hiram D. Ives, CO 1st Bn, coordinated the assistance of the 2nd Bn in repulsing an enemy counterattack and continued their successful advance on Kehmer taking it at 1800

SECTION VII - Commanding Officers in Important Engagements (contd).

1. Capture of Ringel and clearing zone south of Sure River 25 December.
 2. Lt Col Paul Bandy, CO 2nd Bn, coordinated the attack. 2nd Bn moved out with the mission of taking Ringel. Received machine gun fire as they approached the town. At 1400 Ringel had been taken and continued advanced to high ground north and northeast of the town. Received a counterattack but by 1645 it had slowed down. At 1230 on 26 December continued advance into the woods eastward swinging north driving the enemy before them. By 1440 on 26 December had advanced meeting machine gun fire but by 1820 had overcome all enemy opposition and held position on southern river bank excluding Durbach.

1. Company Commanders who participated in the action during December 1944.

Capt Alphonse W. Salomone Jr	01 285 644 Hq Co 1st Bn
Capt James C. Romo	01 285 504 Co "A"
1st Lt Walter J. Sickles	0 393 560 Co "A"
Capt William H. Scott Jr	025 752 Co "B"
Capt Frederick S. Kremer	025 831 Co "C"
1st Lt Benedict A. Stafford	01 296 800 Co "D"
Capt George W. Harmon	02 382 680 Hq Co 2d Bn
Capt Garland D. Godby	01 285 576 Co "E"
Capt William H. Chamberlain	01 284 292 Co "F"
Capt Frank J. Hayes	01 285 586 Co "G"
Capt Donald W. Poppen	01 285 491 Co "H"
1st Lt Lewis T. Kalil	01 304 739 Co "H"
Capt William M. Blackman	01 297 142 Hq Co 3d Bn
Capt Edward B. Smith	0 379 633 Co "I"
Capt Edward B. Leroy	01 292 014 Co "K"
Capt Norman A. Moe	01 285 473 Co "L"
Capt Robert J. Bee Jr	01 296 979 Co "M"
Major Rolf Kroll	0 474 065 Med Det
Capt Raymond C. Bevans	01 285 358 Hq Co
Capt Donald M. McAmis	01 285 618 Serv Co

SECTION IX.- Losses in action; officers and enlisted men

1. 1 December 1944. Sengbusch

2. Killed in action:

Pfc Charles H. Boedigheimer	32 698 662 Co F
Pfc James H. McCamy	39 723 996 Co I
Pvt Alfred V. Mitchell	38 691 297 Co H
Pfc Angelo Sclafani	32 701 140 Co L
SSgt Ralph A. Holtkamp	37 607 411 Co L
SSgt Joseph F. Doyle	13 088 243 Co L
Pvt Carlos J. Breeden	37 632 731 Co K
SSgt Frank S. Zielinski	35 358 633 Co I
Pfc Charles J. Swan	36 665 814 Co F
Pvt John R. DeVilleneuve	38 675 212 Co F

Died of wounds:

Pvt Orlando J. Potito	33 809 945 Co F
Pvt Walter F. George Jr	42 116 818 Co F

Wounded in action:

TSgt Robert A. Abney	35 463 723 Co C
Pfc George F. White	36 409 946 Co I
Pfc Carl L. Kinsel	35 618 565 AT Co
Pfc Orazio DiGrande	32 220 886 Co B
SSgt Richard A. Wodgenske	36 511 762 Co B
Pfc Pedro A. Silva	39 287 178 Co B
Tec 5 George E. Sears	33 640 207 Co B
Pfc John J. Allman	34 605 395 Co B
Pfc Willis H. Duncan	33 501 627 Co D
Pvt John Moore	33 282 521 Co L
Pvt Emmett G. Ramey	37 363 611 Co G
Cpl Clement V. Fujawa	35 503 734 Co H

Missing in action:

Pvt John B. D'Alesandro	33 882 197 Co E
Sgt Melvin J. Fangman	33 376 622 Co I
Pfc Anthony G. Danias	36 583 372 Cn Co

1. 2 December 1944. Sengbusch.

2. Killed in action:

Pvt Steven A. Mager	39 474 408 Co B
Pvt Ernest T. Ferguson	35 358 698 Co E
Sgt William T. Hunter	33 335 398 Co C
Pfc John L. Nieto	32 313 583 Co C
Pvt Lloyd Clark, Jr	35 903 670 Co G
Pvt Adrian E. McBride	6 541 374 Co G
Pfc Anthony G. Danias	36 583 372 Cn Co
Sgt Robert E. Rosenbrock	36 509 520 Co G
Pvt Theodore W. Miller	15 342 817 Co G
Pvt Roy W. Martin	36 456 824 Co G
Pfc Charles L. Kleffer	37 623 422 Co G
Pfc Anson E. Hodgkins	31 351 165 Co G
Sgt Lyal A. Fenster	37 327 071 Co G
Pvt Vernon A. Benware	42 117 954 Co G
Pfc Henry Rosen	42 079 710 Co F

SECTION IX. - Losses in action; officers and men.

1. 2 December 1944 contd.

2. Killed in action: contd.

SSgt Robert W. Nelson	35	385	831	Co F
Pfc Leonard S. Lewis	35	927	001	Co F
Pvt Chester K. Gorzelanzyk	35	444	843	Co F
Sgt Dennis A. Edwards	36	447	736	Co F
Pvt Richard J. Doyle	42	132	131	Co F
MSgt William G. Carman	33	320	525	Co F
Pvt Ralph W. Bundick	33	886	489	Co F
Pfc George J. Bryceland	42	117	609	Co F
Pfc Stanley P. Bialecki	42	117	649	Co F
Pvt Raymond L. Barnes	38	592	616	Co F
SSgt Shandy L. Adams	35	463	204	Co F
SSgt Peter I. Fiambolis	32	416	757	Co E
Pfc Virgil E. Jimison	39	619	485	Co L
Tec 5 Bertram C. Novak	35	067	358	Co K

Wounded in action:

Pvt John Katruska	33	177	403	Sv Co
Tec 4 Leland O. Alseth	36	251	405	Co D
Cpl Lewis F. Judd	6	563	310	Hq 3 Bn
Pvt Gordon T. Wood	36	511	574	Hq 3 Bn
TSgt Daniel M. Skipper	20	403	725	Hq 3 Bn
Pvt Cecil W. Brannon	34	120	260	Hq 3 Bn
Cpl Clayton H. Evans	33	355	152	Hq 3 Bn
Pfc Floyd Laihgart	35	461	750	Hq 3d Bn
Pfc John F. Braglin	35	072	336	Co H
Tec 5 Dorsey A. Hutson	35	386	400	Med Det
Pfc Abraham Horowitz	32	646	239	Co B
SSgt Severin G. Weis	33	304	887	Co K
Pvt Tom G. Katsiroubas	36	674	598	Co K
1 Lt James E. Phillips Jr	01	302	707	Co B

Died of wounds:

Pvt Neville F. McGrew	48	675	853	Co G
Pfc Eugene R. Gibson	36	588	619	Co I

1. 3 December 1944. Sengbusch.

2. Killed in action:

Pvt Delmar Rissley	36	755	757	Co M
Pfc Paul F. Gamm	35	461	879	Co L

Wounded in action:

Pfc Charles L. Erskine	34	128	533	Hq 1 Bn
Pfc Charles E. Spangler	37	211	485	Co I
TSgt Thurman W. Wyatt	20	403	366	Co K
Pfc Tommie C. Knight	6	970	344	Co B
2 Lt Robert A. Schaffner	0	515	928	Co C
Pfc Clifford S. Turner	31	326	345	Co I
Pfc Clyde A. Joplin	37	062	149	Co A
1 Lt James S. Moore III	0	447	226	Co I
Pfc Dellmas Oney	33	282	190	Co L

SECTION IX - Losses in action; officers and men.

1. 3 December 1944 contd.

2. Missing in action:

Pvt Leo Mitchell	36 976 317 Co E
Pfc Lee F. Griffard	39 326 571 Co E
Pfc Harrison Powers	35 249 985 Co E

1. 4 December 1944. ~~ENH~~

2. Killed in action:

SSgt Earnest C. Stallard	33 214 406 Co B
Sgt George W. Edge	35 807 610 Co K
Sgt Alvie E. Fox	33 305 112 Co K
Pvt Norbert J. Golden	36 638 755 Co K
Sgt Furling E. Beachy	33 254 156 Co I
Sgt Alvin B. Miller	6 239 350 Co C
SSgt Donald H. Morrison	32 731 170 Co C
Pvt Maurice Twitchell	39 927 716 Med Det

Wounded in action:

Pvt Hillman R. Engle	33 320 675 AT Co
Pfc Quinton Crawford	33 711 273 Hq 3 Bn
Pvt Herbert A. Bates	42 109 499 Co B
Pvt Raymond T. Hoagland	35 806 761 Co B
Cpl Donald T. Griffin	36 511 648 AT Co

Died of wounds:

Pfc Robert J. Roberts	36 291 698 Co G
2 Lt Donald W. Myers	0 535 377 Co E

1. 5 December 1944. Sengbusch.

2. Wounded in action:

Pfc Manuel G. Garza	38 958 788 Co B
2 Lt David P. Aide	01 325 622 Co H

Killed in action:

Sgt Arlis Q. Thomas	38 280 299 Co F
Sgt Ivan V. Wilson	39 390 003 Co D
Sgt James D. Walker	35 462 621 Co I
Pvt Francis P. Sheedy	36 776 468 Co B
Pvt Ward M. Young	39 471 928 Co A
SSgt Charles K. West	36 871 671 Co F
Pfc Willis N. Lemon	35 839 058 Co I

Died of wounds:

Pfc Dellmas Oney	33 282 190 Co L
Pfc Orazio DiGrande	32 220 886 Co B
Sgt George E. Toms	37 359 745 Co K

SECTION IX.- Losses in action; officers and men.(contd).

1. 19 December 1944. Hoelling.

2. Killed in action:

Pfc Harrison Powers	35 249 985	Co E
Pvt Francis F. Johnston	38 675 467	Co F
Pfc Francis G. Ahearn	39 213 164	Co H
Pfc Mike Lorenzo	35 460 166	Co B

Wounded in action:

Pvt Goy L. Johnson	37 395 935	Med Det
Pfc William H. Krause	36 903 829	Co H
Sgt William H. Gordon	35 359 201	Co G
Pvt Theorore Freedman	32 655 245	Co G
Pvt Frank A. Merrow	31 499 996	Co G
Pvt Charlie D. Kingston	38 343 088	Co G
Pfc Raymond M. Carey	31 432 072	Co G
TSgt Thurman D. Rice	34 334 796	Co G
Sgt LaVerne Krugman	36 894 983	Co G
SSgt Joseph V. Cartabon	31 416 472	Co F
Cpl Allan C. Ober	33 766 098	Co F

Missing in action:

Pvt Ed S. Wisniewski	33 896 646	Co G
Pvt Arley A. Combs	37 756 081	Co E
Pvt Odaaf N. Hall	37 641 801	Co E

1. 22 December 1944. Brouch, Luxembourg.

2. Wounded in action:

Leonard E. Hershman	39 051 525	Co K
SSgt Gheodore Prostko	33 282 726	Co A
2d Lt James D. Egan	01 828 835	Co L
Sgt Richard Morgan	35 230 736	Co L
Pfc Robert Y. Suey	37 622 612	Co L
Pvt Robert F. Welborn	37 641 771	Co L
Cpl Vincent S. Carroll	32 930 754	Co L
Pvt Lawrence F. Toetly	39 476 993	Co L
TSgt Edwin L. Groschke	38 293 292	Co L
SGgt Elect T. Pritt	15 116 171	Co M
Pfc Albert L. May	33 848 154	Co K
TSgt Robert E. Anderson	6 818 868	Co K
SSgt Arthur W. Pearson	39 452 326	Co K
Pvt Joseph S. Wryk	37 594 237	Co B

Killed in action:

Pvt Donald E. Floss	31 325 246	Co K
Pfc Daniel L. Ford	31 463 847	Co I
Pfc Alois S. Pogorzala	42 119 481	Co C

SECTION IX.- Losses in action; officers and men. (contd).

1. 23 December 1944. Vichten, Luxembourg.

2. Killed in action:

Pfc Joe Feuntes	37	701	831	Co K
Sgt Oscar T. Stalnaker	35	386	879	Co B
Pfc Warren J. Rousseau	36	777	715	Co C
Pfc Gordon W. Ayres	13	129	329	Co G
Pvt Randolph L. Carty	34	989	309	Co K

Wounded in action:

Pvt Donald B. Wilson	33	948	952	Co K
Pvt Kenneth R. Forrest	36	987	559	Co K
Pvt Paul P. Schutz	39	615	076	Co K
Sgt Allen M. Peet	36	522	493	Co K
Pvt Frank E. Rosenfelt	13	099	722	Co K
1st Lt Glen S. Lund	01	285	453	Co A
Pvt Louis Z. Drew	34	333	975	AT Co
Sgt Glenn R. Conn	13	084	680	AT Co
Sgt Michael Labick	36	859	390	Co C
Pfc Ralph R. Roberts	42	119	111	Co C
Pvt Roy L. McIntyre	34	898	636	Co C
Pvt Robert H. Eggers	35	087	753	Co C
Pvt Bobbie G. Dodgion	38	569	001	Co C
Pvt R. J. Schaeffer	32	956	719	Co L
Pvt Gordon T. Smith Jr	32	310	141	Co L
Pvt Robert A. Barrows	42	144	305	Co M
Pfc Clintus M. Nedham	34	335	010	Co F
Sgt James E. Atkinson	35	618	501	Co F
Pvt Francis J. Cain	33	934	338	Co F
SSgt Frank J. Nicastro	33	273	436	Co F
Pfc Roland T. Stevenson	38	667	453	Co F
Pvt Raymond C. Shelton	34	132	840	Co F
Pvt Lindsay T. Parkinson	41	470	424	Co F
Pvt Leonard Satty	42	136	889	Co F
Pvt Amos J. Kerber	39	587	796	Co F
Sgt Claude H. Massey	35	434	799	Co F
Pvt Richard G. Allen	39	586	999	Co F
Pfc Sellie B. Thomas	35	698	094	Co F
TSgt Peter DPalantino	33	321	353	Co F
Cpl Elvin L. McCray	39	416	185	Co F
Pfc Donald L. Rice	35	644	065	Co F
Pfc John C. Travali	12	146	588	Co K
SSgt Henry R. Taylor	38	327	170	Co K
Pvt Joseph W. Angeli	33	948	707	Co K
Pvt Ralph J. McAdams	38	607	434	Co K
Pfc Donald M. Goddard	31	147	208	Co K
Pfc Jack N. Parkes	37	569	615	Co K
Pfc Edwin H. Gritton	35	702	266	Co K
Pfc Anthony Matz	33	845	935	Co K
Pfc Pearlle F. Thress	35	270	671	Co K
Pfc Charles C. DeBenedetta	33	579	402	Co K
Pfc James Fullbright	38	407	561	Co K
Pvt Herbert G. Ballard	36	976	219	Co E

SECTION IX. - Losses in action; officers and men (contd).

1. 23 December 1944 (contd)

2. Wounded in action (contd)

SSgt Virgil M. Musgrove	37	351	099	Co E
TSgt Martin L. Gottlob	37	211	496	Co E
Sgt Elbert W. Shockley	34	334	663	Co E
SSgt Thomas J. Parker	39	213	700	Co E
Pvt Stephen M. Gerchak	33	941	087	Co E
Pfc Ray Fiori	37	693	734	Co E
TSgt Paul Oswald	35	330	870	Co B
Pfc Joseph A. Nigro	35	596	955	Co B
Pfc George L.M. Christian	35	311	916	Co B
Pvt Robert Sherman	6	837	584	Co B
Pvt Artis O. Yandell	38	503	690	Co B
Capt Walter B. Frommeyer	0	448	400	Med Det
2nd Lt Michael Hritsik	01	060	133	Co F

1. 24 December 1944. Vicinity Vichten.

2. Wounded in action:

2d Lt Edward H. Matthews	01	325	603	AT Co
Pfc Murrell C. Fortune	35	601	492	Co I
Pfc Leslie N. Hollins	13	118	323	Co L
Pfc Eugene C. Lefrieri	42	075	938	Co L
Pvt Walter H. Hafermehl	37	729	364	Hq 1 Bn
Pfc Zacarias Alvizo	38	454	596	Co M
Pfc Dewey Benge	35	680	742	Co M
Pvt John E. Crotty	32	865	383	Co M
Pvt Henry G. Lambert	34	932	033	Co M
Pvt Robert A. Barrows	42	144	305	Co M
Pvt Doss C. Guess	34	916	907	Co M
SSgt William R. Dillon	33	278	111	Co H
Pvt Earl D. Crone	33	886	597	Co E
Pfc Walter W. Paeke	36	834	149	Co E
SSgt George R. Fleming	34	354	050	Co E
Pfc Bartholomew A. Lalla	32	724	484	Co E
Sgt James A. Wilson	32	407	549	Co E
Pvt Richard F. Martin	38	681	789	Co E
Pfc August F. Buyse	39	722	249	Co E
Pvt Fred W. Wisener	39	690	659	Co E
Sgt Ralph A. Ware	11	131	718	Co A
Sgt Jay C. Burchett	35	435	463	Co A
Pvt Bergin V. Ball	34	982	727	Co A
Pvt Fred C. Whitesides	14	124	242	Hq 2 Bn
Pfc Harry H. Adams	37	540	761	Hq 2 Bn
Pfc Sidney Rowling	33	334	686	Hq 2 Bn
Pvt Faustino A. Maldonado	37	701	063	Hq 2 Bn
Pfc Edmund J. Thomas	36	879	260	Hq 2 Bn
Tec 5 James L. Agee	6	377	662	Med Det
Pfc Edward Iwanski	33	671	840	Med Det
Pfc Alvin F. Bruce	33	543	354	Co B
Sgt Ralph A. Ware	11	131	718	Co A
Sgt Jay C. Burchett	35	435	463	Co A
Pvt Bergin V. Ball	34	982	727	Co A
Pvt Blufford Hafford	36	951	967	Co B
Pvt Stanley P. Georgick	36	977	813	Co B

SECTION IX: - Losses in action; officers and men (contd).

1. 24 December 1944 (contd)

2. Wounded in action: (contd)

Sgt William H. Fisher	35 386 354 Co A
Pfc Charles D. Atcher	36 879 503 Co A
Sgt James L. Riggs	37 471 050 Co E
Pfc Louis J. Sabo	33 247 545 Co C
Pfc John R. Butler	36 715 885 Co C
Sgt John W. Ford	35 390 346 Co A

Killed in action:

Pfc Rudolph E. Rodriguez	37 362 378 Med Det
Pvt James J. Brannan	33 376 038 Co A

1. 25 December 1944. Vichten-Oberfuehlen.

2. Wounded in action:

Sgt Henry S. Burch	34 827 296 Co D
Pfc Howard G. Deboard	35 462 635 Co D
Pfc Thomas H. Fines	33 842 660 Co D
Pfc Luther E. Towe	15 104 846 Co D
SSgt John W. Armstrong	33 272 945 Co D
Sgt Chester E. Bukowski	36 637 842 Co A
SSgt Rollin S. Rowland	35 3300087 Co A
Pvt William A. Elkins	34 864 127 Co A
Pvt Frank Karp	33 927 745 Co A
Pfc Clifford M. Moon	37 638 790 Co G
Pfc Charles R. Wheeler	34 989 023 Co G
Pvt Costatage A. Johnson	42 076 239 Co G
Sgt John Hynes	42 127 766 Co F
SSgt George E. Barton	35 138 407 Co F
Pvt Augustine Abeyta	37 708 660 Co F
TSgt Herman T. Vann	34 195 741 Co F
Pvt Ernest E. Seals	38 371 373 Co B
Pfc Elmer M. Evans	35 435 541 Co I
Pfc Wayne W. Handy	33 225 981 Co I
Pfc Leonard E. Lisowski	36 977 152 Co I
Pfc Walter Szabla	32 943 516 Co I
Pvt Bryan P. Moore	38 696 102 Co I
2d Lt Hubert B. Edmonds	01 060 757 Co H
Pvt Charlie B. Storms	34 311 348 Co I
2nd Lt William B. Aden	0 513 994 Co K

Killed in action:

Pvt John B. D Alesandro	33 88 197 Co E
1st Lt Victor H. Comtois	01 304 689 Co I
Pvt James W. Holland	33 225 816 Hq 2 Bn

Missing in action:

Pfc Amos J. Wise	33 802 930 Co K
Pvt Jay Keith Jr	20 405 724 Co K

SECTION IX - Losses in action; officers and men (contd).

1. 26 December 1944. Vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
2. Killed in action:

Pvt James W. Holland	33 225 816	Hq 2 Bn
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Wounded in action:

Pvt George S. Wollner	33 335 573	Hq 2 Bn
Sgt Henry S. Burch	34 827 296	Co "D"
Pfc Howard G. Deboard	35 462 635	Co D
Pfc Thomas H. Fines	33 842 660	Co D
Pfc Luther E. Towe	15 104 846	Co D
SSgt John W. Armstrong	33 272 945	Co A
Sgt Chester E. Bukowski	36 637 842	Co A
SSgt Rollin S. Rowland	35 330 087	Co A
Sgt William H. Fisher	35 378 354	Co A
Pfc Charles D. Atcher	36 879 503	Co A
Pvt William A. Elkins	34 864 127	Co A
Pvt Frank Karp	33 927 745	Co A
Pvt Joseph D. Hansard Jr	38 675 660	Med Det
Cpl Andrew W. Melia	32 094 171	Med Det
Pvt Barnett G. Wisner	35 842 212	Co F
SSgt Giulio Merpi	36 555 995	Co F
Pvt Raymond Leal	38 675 062	Co F
Pvt Charles A. Volz Jr	33 898 186	Co F
Pvt James W. Good	38 546 010	Co K
Sgt Wiley F. Duke	38 651 186	Co K
Pvt Chalres E. Comer	34 989 035	Co K
SSgt John Hashin	33 368 344	Co G
Pfc Andrew T. Roberson	38 666 718	Co G
Pvt Willis Geehring	33 947 021	Co G
Pvt Frederick L. Lyon	31 454 114	Co G
Pfc William D. Riggs	34353 635	Co C
Pfc William J. Bolles	33 830 299	Co C
Pfc John R. Williams	35 386 040	Co C
Pvt Nello Ferretti	39 051 490	Co C
Pfc Edward H. Keith	36 567 243	Co C
SSgt Robert M. Shubb	33 235 375	Co H
SSgt Rudy B. L insteadt	38 113 194	Co H
Pfc Eugene C. Lifrieri	42 075 938	Co L

Missing in action:

Pvt Walter W. Shultz	36 975 635	Co I
Pfc James H. Pardo	35 530 339	Co I
Pfc Henry Matis	42 132 654	Co I
Pvt Harold C. Collins	33 937 999	Co I
Pvt Leonard D. Cozby	37 540 995	Co I
Pfc Blaine Fawdon	32 798 352	Co I
Pfc William H. Kenneth	37 574 120	Co I
Pvt Joseph F. Jones	37 741 390	Co C
Pfc David J. LaBombarbe	36 583 455	Co C

SECTION IX - Losses in action; officers and men (contd).

1. 27 December 1944. Vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.

2. Killed in action:

Pfc Henry J. McCullough 33 320 375 Co D

Wounded in action:

Tec 5 Warren C. Ebner	37 450 030 AT Co
SSgt Joseph G. Bosiljevac	33 282 299 Co C
Pfc George Zouras	39 553 838 Co B
Pvt Glenwood Brown	37 639 487 Co B
Pfc Michael Pohlod	36 103 454 Co D
Pfc Frank J. Trost	35 314 273 Co D
Cpl Peter D. Lacanfora	32 589 921 Hq 1 Bn
1st Lt Jack M. Roark	01 318 331 Co D
Pvt Lee F. Barnhart	37 698 425 Co F
Pvt J. H. McGee	34 829 592 Co F
Pfc Caluph W. Allison	38 686 304 Co F
Pfc Floyd D. Burns	35 643 953 Co D

Missing in action:

Pfc Walter Milbrodt Jr	32 914 828 Co C
Pvt Benjamin F. Harmon	35 462 887 Co C
Pfc Theodore R. Sanburn	35 096 151 Co A
Pvt Roswell L. Swanson	42 119 517 Co A
Tec 5 Joseph L. D'Alessio	32 495 340 Co A
Pfc Robert D. Hindenach	36 976 116 Co F
Pvt Jack L. McInnes	39 472 157 Co F
Pvt John D. Williams	42 117 687 Co F

1. 28 December 1944. Vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.

2. Killed in action:

Pfc Edward W. Serafin 33 354 613 Co D

Wounded in action:

2nd Lt Clyde F. Childs	01 061 339 Co C
Sgt Robert A. Waterman	35 314 431 Co C
Pfc Andrew Thorsen	32 838 155 Co C
Sgt John J. Gallagher	33 773 745 Co C
Pfc Floyd D. Burns	35 643 953 Co D
Pfc James A. Conrad Jr	35 804 748 Co D
Pvt William A. Ballew	6 372 345 Co D
Pvt Stephen W. Dul	42 142 521 Co A
Pvt George Fama	35 776 665 Co B
Pfc Roscoe W. Hunt	38 403 851 Co B

Missing in action:

Sgt Carl W. Beynon	33 254 108 Co H
Pvt Glen B. Kendall	35 089 926 Co G
Pfc Herman F. Knepper	33 775 463 Co G
Pfc Howard J. Gubbison	35 407 965 Co G
Pvt Earl H. Bartley	36 976 452 Co G

SECTION IX - Losses in action; officers and men (contd).

1. 29 December 1944. Defensive positions north of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.

2. Killed in action:

Pfc James E. Thomas	34 636 075	Co D
Pfc Carroll A. Bumgarner	37 665 080	Co A
Pvt Emery R. Hill	36 983 858	Co C
Pfc Edgar L. Martin	35 769 778	Co C
T/5 Everett M. Seixas Jr	32 887 587	Co C
Pfc Martin T. Ward	33 791 324	Co C

Wounded in action:

Pfc Joseph A. Dolinski	33 185 258	Co D
Pfc Henry F. Wessels	42 031 518	Co D
Pfc Edward Kropa	33 348 149	Co B
Pvt Alfred Hopkins	32 757 370	Co B
Pvt Ernest W. Spielman	33 562 881	Co B
2d Lt Benjamin S. Nauss	01 325 664	Co L
Sgt Victor F. Miller	37 403 783	Co I
SSgt Francis F. Wood	42 124 899	Co B

Missing in action:

Pvt Otho L. Jones	35 070 102	Co B
Pvt Layton B. Hurd	39 471 363	Co C
SSgt Donald A. Philkill	32 167 151	Co H
Sgt John Leibensperger	13 097 712	Co C
Pvt Jesse Moore	36 987 309	Co C
Pvt William T. Priest	38 668 260	Co C
Pfc Martin T. Ward	33 791 324	Co C
Pfc Jonah R. Kennedy	34 311 437	Co C
Pfc Stanley H. Chirpka	36 288 979	Co C
Pvt Marvin E. Collins	34 893 567	AT Co
Pfc Joseph A. Dolinski	33 185 258	Co D

1. 30 December 1944. North of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.

2. Killed in action:

Pfc Marvin Zimmerman	37 468 963	Hq 3 Bn
Pvt Ernest F. Mowles	38 580 119	Co F
SSgt Clyde J. Province	35 434 702	Co E
Pvt Norman F. Harty	33 614 168	Co E
Pvt Benjamin F. Harmon	35 462 887	Co E
Pvt Smapson G. Musgrove	34 353 050	Co K
Pfc Gethroe Brawner	35 483 451	Co B
Pfc Gethroe Brawner	35 483 451	Co B

Wounded in action:

Pvt Mitchel M. Conner	34 866 370	Co G
Pfc Marvin R. Anderson	36 251 485	Co G
SSgt Willie E. Schouswiler	33 208 981	Co E
Pvt Omer Suits	34 605 786	Co E
Pvt James G. Maynard	39 587 463	Co E
Pvt Stanley W. Godish	33 774 567	Co E
Pvt Jack L. Beckett	35 842 620	Co E

SECTION IX - Losses in action: officers and men (contd).

1. 31 December 1944. North of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
2. Wounded in action:

Tec 5 Charles Hammen	37 660 429 Med Det
Pfc Richard T. Moran	36 407 557 Co H
Pfc James H. Clemmons	35 072 415 Co H
1st Lt Henry R. Wingfield	0 365 442 Co E

Killed in action:

1st Lt Victor H. Comtois	01 304 689 Co I
Pfc Walter Milbrodt Jr	32 914 828 Co C

SECTION X: - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

a. France, on 16 November 1944.

b. ALPHONSE F. JANKUNAS, 6 901 680, Private First Class.

c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The infantry platoon of which Pfc Jankunas was an acting squad leader had the mission of attacking and clearing a town. As the squad that Pfc Jankunas was leading approached its objective, enemy machine gun fire came from two positions and seriously hampered the advance. With a display of cool courage and with total disregard for his own safety he led the advance and personally destroyed a machine gun and crew. His courageous actions inspired his comrades that they continued the assault and successfully accomplished the mission despite fanatic enemy resistance. During the action he captured two enemy officers and thirty other prisoners. His leadership, courage, and unhesitating devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

d. The Silver Star Award.

a. France, on 16 November 1944.

b. BOBBY G. MAYS, 38 327 150, Sergeant.

c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The infantry squad of which Sgt (then Pfc) Mays was a member had the mission of attacking and clearing a fortified enemy held town. As the unit advanced into the town it encountered a withering machine gun crossfire. The squad leader became a casualty, whereupon Sgt (then Pfc) Mays assumed command of the squad and directed the resumption of the attack. He divided the squad into a base of fire and maneuvering force and by this strategy accomplished the capture of the fortified position and thirty five prisoners. His inspiring leadership, cool courage and unhesitating devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service Oklahoma.

d. The Silver Star Award.

a. France, on 17 November 1944.

b. PAUL A. OSWALD, 35 330 870, Technical Sergeant.

c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. As an infantry platoon sergeant, T Sgt Oswald distinguished himself in action on 17 November 1944 in an assault on a fortified position. When the advance of the platoon he was leading was temporarily stopped by intense enemy machine gun fire, T Sgt Oswald moved forward and with cool courage and total disregard for his own safety destroyed the machine gun position with hand grenades and rifle fire. This courageous action enabled the platoon to continue the advance and to accomplish the mission. His bravery, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

d. The Silver Star Award.

a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 5 December 1944.

b. ROBERT J. BEE, 01 296 979, Captain.

c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

d. The Bronze Star Award.

SECTION XI - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

- a. France, during the period 5 August 1944 to 22 November 1944.
 - b. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - c. MAUEL FIGUEIRA, 20 014 288, Staff Sergeant.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 4 December 1944.
 - b. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - c. EMMETT R. COLLINS, 35 408 147, Staff Sergeant.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 5 December 1944.
 - b. EDWARD B. SMITH, O 379 633, Captain.
 - c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. Craincourt, France, on 9 November 1944.
 - b. WILLIAM G. CHAPMAN, 20 401 793, Technical Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. The platoon which T Sgt Chapman commanded was an assault platoon in an attack on a town. Enemy machine gun fire momentarily halted the advance. T Sgt Chapman, realizing the critical situation, calmly walked toward a blazing enemy machine gun and killed the crew with his rifle. His conduct so inspired the men of his platoon that they immediately moved forward and destroyed the remaining enemy positions. His leadership, courage, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. Lixierres, France, on 8 October 1944.
 - b. ACIE W. CLARK, 38 430 706, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The rifle platoon of which S Sgt Clark was a squad leader had the mission of attacking and clearing a town of the enemy. The assault proceeded rapidly until it was hampered by enemy machine gun and small arms fire from a building at the edge of the town. S Sgt Clark, acting swiftly and with great courage, ran to this structure and attempted to force entry. Despite enemy fire and grenades, he ultimately succeeded and caused the surrender of one German officer and fifteen soldiers. This heroic action enabled his platoon to successfully continue the advance. His bravery, initiative, and leadership are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Texas.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 5 December 1944.
 - b. BRODERS G. MOORE, 33 197 791, Technical Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

SECTION X - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. HEWITT P. SHILBY, 35 385 908, Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. JAMES R. SHEPPARD, 34 006 478, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. WILLIAM P. SWEANEY, 01 311 447, First Lieutenant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS, 0 362 978, Captain.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. MASON C. LOCKRIDGE, SR, 33 193 099, Technician Fifth Grade.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. CHARLES E. JOHNSON, 33 272 951, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. JACK W. JESSUP, 18 023 411, Private First Class.
 - c. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 5 August 1944 to 3 December 1944.
 - b. RANDOLPH H. HAMMOND, 34 002 642, First Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 August 1944 to 3 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

SECTION XI - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

- a. Eincheville, France, on 16 November 1944.
 - b. EDWARD J. CASSIDY, 33 323 212, Staff Sergeant.
 - c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. S Sgt Cassidy, platoon sergeant, during an attack on the enemy was forced to assault the position frontally. Displaying cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety, he divided his platoon in two groups and under covering fire of one group, personally led the other group directly into the enemy position, capturing seventy-five and killing many of the enemy. The outstanding bravery, aggressive leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exhibited by S Sgt Cassidy exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
 - d. The Silver Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. JOSEPH L. FILCER, 15 104 722, Sergeant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
 - b. DONALD W. POPPEN, 01 285 491, Captain.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 13 October 1944.
 - b. GILBERTO SILVA, 01 307 170, First Lieutenant.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 9 October 1944 to 13 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 25 November 1944.
 - b. ELZIE L. CASH, 35 359 941, Technician Third Grade.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 25 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.
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- a. France, during the period 6 August 1944 to 26 November 1944.
 - b. JACK A. DAVIS, 35 099 321, Private First Class.
 - c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Award.

SECTION XI - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

- a. Bois du Haut des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France on 9 October 1944.
- b. JAMES G. SCHWARTZE JR, O1 325 527, Second Lieutenant.
- c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 9 October 1944, Lieutenant Schwartz was leading a rifle platoon of Company "F", against heavily defended enemy positions in the Bois Du Haut Des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France. The platoon encountered intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire and suffered many casualties. When they were temporarily stopped by fire from a machine gun position, Lieutenant Schwartz promptly knocked out the position with fire from his sub machine gun. He continued leading his platoon in the attack and was severely wounded in the arm. Stopping only long enough to bandage the wound and improvise an arm sling, he again took position in front of the platoon and courageously led them on to take the objective. He would not seek medical aid until he personally supervised the selection of each man's position as preparations were made against a possible enemy counter attack. When he reached the Battalion Command Post, on his way to the aid station, he turned and started on his way back to the front lines to lead a reconnaissance party of relieving troops to his platoon's position, and it was necessary that his Battalion Commander order him to the aid station for evacuation. The heroic determination of Lieutenant Schwartz; his utter fearlessness and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
- d. The Distinguished Service Cross.

- a. Bois Du Haut des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France on 9 October 1944.
- b. WILLIAM E. NEWING, O 536 736, Second Lieutenant.
- c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 9 October 1944, Lieutenant Newing was leading a rifle platoon of Company "G", against heavily defended enemy positions in the Bois du Haut des Trappes, west of Letricourt, France. The platoon encountered intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire and suffered many casualties. The forward artillery observer was killed and Lieutenant Newing, despite the fact that he was wounded, assumed the duties of the artillery observer and courageously continued to lead his platoon in the attack. He was again wounded as he fearlessly advanced at the head of his platoon, but refusing medical aid, even though he could not stand without assistance, he valiantly continued to lead his men until the objective was gained and preparations made against an enemy counter-attack. Throughout the action, Lieutenant Newing moved from man to man, calmly encouraging them and inspiring them to greater efforts. His utter fearlessness and determined, heroic leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.
- d. The Distinguished Service Cross.

- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944.
- b. GILBERT M. BECKER, 33 235 179, Staff Sergeant.
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 2 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- d. The Bronze Star.

SECTION XI - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

- a. France, during the period 6 August 1944 to 26 November 1944.
- b. RUSSEL C. GREEN, 37 673 597, Private First Class.
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944 to 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
- d. The Bronze Star Award.

- a. France, during the period 6 August 1944 to 24 November 1944.
- b. FRANK J. KRENEK, 32 340 267, Master Sergeant.
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944 to 24 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.
- d. The Bronze Star Award.

- a. France, during the period 7 August 1944 to 24 November 1944.
- b. ROBERT A. SCHARTMAN, 15 078 914, Technician Fourth Grade
- c. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944 to 24 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
- d. The Bronze Star Award.

- a. Serrieres, France, on 8 October 1944.
- b. WILSON M. HUITT, 38 208 801, Technical Sergeant.
- c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on the enemy, the platoon of which T Sgt (then S Sgt) was a member, was temporarily stopped by the fire of three three machine guns which inflicted heavy casualties, wounding the platoon leader and killing the platoon sergeant. T Sgt (then S Sgt) Huitt, accompanied by a member of the platoon, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward and with rifle fire and hand grenades destroyed the three enemy machine guns, killing three and capturing eleven of the enemy. He then returned to the platoon, reorganized it and led them on the successful accomplishment of the mission. His leadership, personal bravery, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.
- d. The Silver Star Award.

- a. Abaucourt, France, on 1 November 1944.
- b. EDWIN L. GROSCHKE, 38 203 292, Staff Sergeant.
- c. For gallantry in action in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The platoon of which S Sgt Groschke was a member, was attacking in the vicinity of Abaucourt, France, when an adjacent platoon was temporarily stopped by fire from enemy machine guns. Realizing the situation and displaying cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety, S Sgt Groschke moved through intense enemy small arms fire to the side of a tank and although wounded, directed effective fire on the enemy positions, enabling the adjacent platoon to continue the advance. He later returned to his platoon and assisted in the successful capture of the town. The outstanding bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Groschke exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.
- d. The Silver Star Award.

SECTION XI - Former and present members who have distinguished themselves.

a. Serrieres, France, on 8 October 1944.

b. WILLIAM R. ZAVAGALIA, 32 674 013, Private First Class.

c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on the enemy, the platoon of which Pfc Zavaglia was a member, was temporarily stopped by the fire of three machine guns which inflicted heavy casualties, wounding the platoon leader and killing the platoon sergeant. Pfc Zavaglia, accompanied by a member of the platoon, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward and with rifle fire and grenades destroyed the three enemy machine guns, killing three and capturing eleven of the enemy. He then returned to the platoon, helped reorganize it and accompanied them on the successful accomplishment of the mission. His initiative, personal bravery and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

d. The Silver Star Award.

a. Liocourt, France, on 10 November 1944.

b. CHARLES K. McWHORTER, O 534 294, Second Lieutenant.

c. For heroic achievement in France on 10 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Lt McWhorter distinguished himself by displaying cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety in entering a thickly mined and booby trapped area to successfully evacuate several seriously wounded comrades. His action contributed to the saving of the lives of a number of men and was an inspiration to all who witness it. The personal courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt McWhorter reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

d. The Bronze Star Award.

a. Mount Toulon, France, on 8 October 1944.

b. GEORGE E. SCHULD, O1 325 619, Second Lieutenant.

c. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 October 1944, Lt Schuld was in command of a heavy weapons platoon in support of an infantry company engaged in an attack upon an extremely well camouflaged and heavily fortified enemy position. Despite the raking enemy machine gun fire, Lt Schuld, accompanied by a messenger, courageously advanced and successfully assaulted the enemy pillbox thereby permitting the uninterrupted progress of the infantry company and resulting in the capture of five Germans and two enemy machine guns. His personal bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

d. The Silver Star Award.

a. France, on 7 September 1944.

b. CASPER D. GREENWOOD JR., 33 240 896, Private First Class.

c. For meritorious achievement in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

d. The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Award.