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1944 - 1945

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This book is dedicated to the memory of these soldiers who gave their lives for their country.

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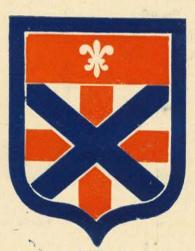
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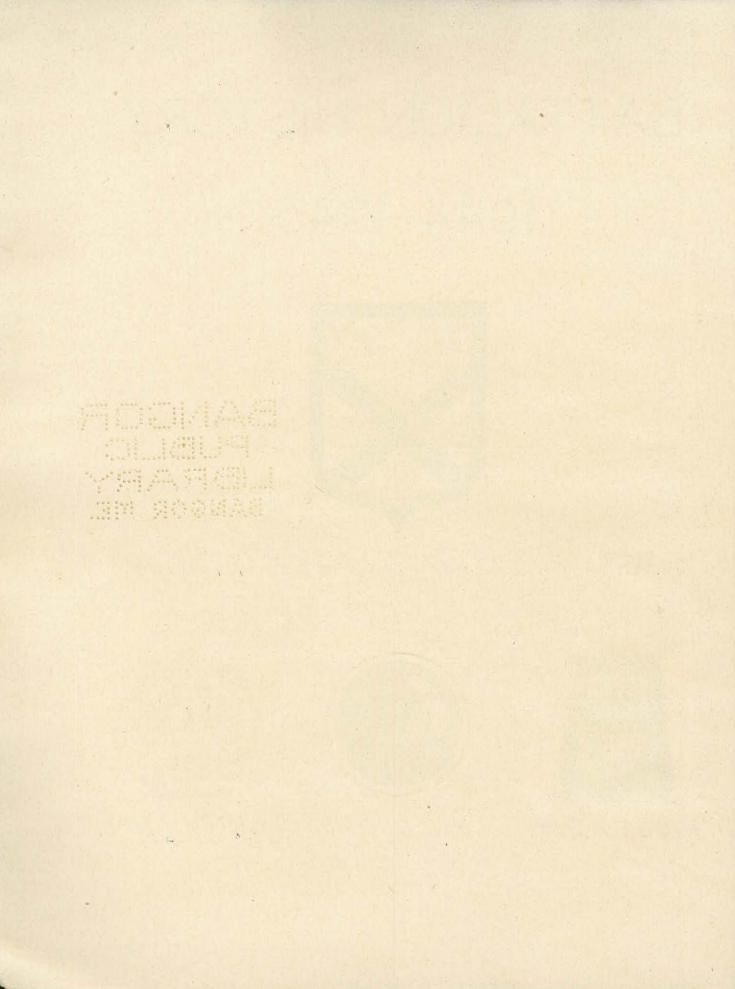
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AMERICAN REVOLUTION

New York, 1776 Connecticut, 1777 1779 Saratoga

CIVIL WAR

North Carolina, 1862 Antietam Fredericksburg Virginia, 1863 1864 Cold Harbor Petersburg

Appomattox

FIRST WORLD WAR

Aisne-Marne Champagne Oise-Aisne Meuse-Argonne

SECOND WORLD WAR

Normandy Northern France Rhineland Ardennes

Central Europe

HEADQUARTERS XIX CORPS OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Commendation.

To : Brigadier General George D. Shea, XIX Corps Artillery, APO 270, U. S. Army.

1. The admiration and respect demonstrated by other combat echelons for the splendid work of the XIX Corps Artillery during ten months of continuous combat operations has been a source of considerable satisfaction not only to me but to every officer and enlisted man associated with this Corps since its initial landing in June, 1944.

2. The full value of artillery support began to be realized with the launching of the attack of the XIX Corps against St. Lo, the fall of the city and our rapid displacement tho the Vire River. The crossing of our first major water obstacle demonstrated the increasing efficiency and ease of movement of heavy equipment which was to prove so important a factor in our pursuit of the enemy.

3. When the enemy began his retreat across the Seine River, Corps Artillery joined with rapidly moving armor and infantry and by continuous reinforcing fires aided considerably in his defeat.

4. The run of the XIX Corps through France, Belgium, and Holland characterized the high degree of skill which had been realized by all of Corps Artillery in rapid forward displacement. The crossing of the Maas River and the approach of the Corps to the Siegfried Line presented an opportunity for Corps Artillery to prepare accurate indirect fire on enemy pillboxes, fires on targets of opportunity, and the neutralizing of enemy artillery.

5. The Siegfried push demonstrated the superior artillery support given our units. The flak-suppression barrage designed to protect our aircraft from enemy anti-aircraft fire was a superb exhibition of coordinating fire. The attack from the Siegfried line to the Roer River in November, 1944, was one of great movement and hard fighting in which close artillery support made a great contribution to the success of the operations.

6. The attack across the Roer River and the rapid push to the Rhine was highlighted by the initial preparation and supporting fires that neutralized not only enemy artillery but in great part small arms fire, and in addition completely disrupted enemy communications. The rapid displacements forward made possible the delivery of supporting fire to even the fast moving armored alements.

7. During the period in which your artillery was attached to the XVI Corps for the crossing of the Rhine, their performances was such as to bring strong commendations from all commanders concerned. The barrage laid down prior to the crossing of the Rhine River hit carefully selected areas in such a way that enemy communications were disrupted and many command installations and firing batteries were put out of action.

8. The ease with which artillery units were able to form provisional truck companies to carry infantry troops in the unprecedented pursuit of the enemy to the Elbe River played an integral part in the outstanding success realized by the troops of the XIX Corps. With the closing of our troops on the Elbe and the establishment of our initial bridgehead, the artillery of the Corps is in position to again afford skilled support to our next operation.

9. During all of the period in which Corps Artillery has been in combat, one of the outstanding features of their action has been the development in, and use of, liaison planes for observation. The men who operate these "flying OP's" have day after day fearlessly exposed themselves to enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire as well as attack from hostile aircraft. The chemical battalion attached to the Corps Artillery has fired missions in a manner designed to win maximum praise from skilled artillerymen throughout the theater. The observation battalion has developed systems of operation far exceeding those ever intended for a unit of its size with its organic equipment.

10. The perfect coordination between firing batteries, fire direction centers and aerial observers have produced supporting fire power upon which our ground troops have learned to depend with maximum assurance that they are helped by the finest artillery organizations to be found in all of our Army.

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11. Those divisions, both infantry and armored, who have had the good fortune to be fighting with you have continually expressed their praise and admiration for the work done by your artillery. In many instances commanders have expressed their personal beliefs that the supporting artillery fire in all of the major engagements made possible the capture of prisoners and the taking of areas with minimum of casualties both in men and equipment.

12. The artillerymen of the XIX Corps can be satisfied that their value to the success of our operations is fully realized and deeply appreciated. They have performed in an outstanding manner throughout the combat history of this Corps. I particularly desire that every officer and enlisted man be acquainted with contents of this letter. To each of them may I express my sincere congratulations for a standard of combat service which is unexelled by any other artillery in the United States Army.

RAYMOND S. McLAIN Major General, U. S. Army Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS XIX CORPS ARTILLERY. APO 270, US Army, 27 April 1945.

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Co	mmanding	Officer,	258th	Field	Artillery	Group,	
Co	mmanding	Officer,	422nd	Field	Artillery	Group,	
Co	mmanding	Officer,	963rd	Field	Artillery	Battalion,	
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It is with great pleasure that the Corps Commander's commendation is forwarded to all members of this command. Every officer and soldier of the XIX Corps Artillery can be proud of his contribution to the splendid artillery support rendered by his group or battalion or battery. The undersigned feels a deep sense of obligation to all members of this command for their willing and highly professional performance of duty. A copy of the commendation will be furnished every member of this command.

GEORGE D. SHEA Brig Gen, USA Commanding

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DECORATIONS

Silver Star Medal

Lieutenant Colonel James E Tarrant Major Howard F Williams Captain Philip A Muller lst Lieut Harley R Hammond lst Lieut William F Kraus

> Cpl Chester J Matuszak Pfc Grover D Failer

Soldier's Medal

Tec 5 Milford F Luckasiewicz Pfc William C Petty

Bronze Star Medal

Battalion Staff Lieutenant Colonel James E Tarrant Major Josiah B Miller Major Howard F Williams Capt Mario J Albini Capt Edwin B Katte Capt Philip A Muller Capt Harvey T Ogden Ist Lt Charles L Cline Ist Lt Charles M Spencer Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, Joseph P Morell

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Bronze Star Medal

Headquarters Battery Capt Edgar B Gammons lst Lt Max Glickman 2nd Lt Joe C Stokes

M/Sgt Walter A Jalowski lst Sgt Bernard V Guggolz T/Sgt Herman R Belli T/Sgt Jeremiah T Raymond T/Sgt Charles D Shue T/Sgt Dean M Wise S/Sgt Dean M Wise S/Sgt Kenneth N Clark S/Sgt Bernard J Wienand Tec 3 Thomas E Strickley Tec 4 Frank E Landerholm

JalowskiCpl Horace BoffV GuggolzCpl John J Chesnavage& BelliTec 5 Robert L CohenI RaymondTec 5 Walter S Dorula• ShueTec 5 Lester J RobertsWisePfc Maurice DeYoungV ClarkPfc Paul EddyWienandPfc Edward J KeilE StrickleyPfc Josephus Tolle (posthumous)Pfc Richard S Whittington

Battery "A"

Capt William E Linn lst Lt Irving Levin lst Lt Carl A Roman 2nd Lt Dennis F Coates, Jr.

lst Sgt Frederick J Crook S'Sgt Milton W Arthur S/Sgt Robert T' Hartnett Sgt John M Ideus Sgt George C Malchiodi Sgt Alphonse P Scarpa Tec 4 Nicholas J Longo Cpl Emeril R Belair Cpl Clifton B Ennis Cpl Lawrence J Silva Tec 5 William J Biesecker Tec 5 Sylvio J Houle Pfc Vincent J Colasacco Pfc Gilendo Gradizzi

Pfc Robert T Dochterman (posthumous)

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Bronze Star Medal

Battery "B"

Capt George E Bagnal! lst Lt Wilbur E Anderson lst Lt Earl A Craig, Jr. lst Lt Henry E Glasser

lst Sgt Dorius P Galipeau S/Sgt Daniel J Sullivan S/Sgt Myron M Stitt Sgt Nickolas Barile Tec 4 Fred W Jenkins Cpl Thomas J Pickering Cpl Walter J Primosch

u Cpl David H Savage Cpl Chester A Zagaski Tec 5 Chester L Flowers Tec 5 Henry J Iwanski Tec 5 William D McLean Tec 5 James F Robinson Pfc Richard Brown Pfc Charles J Mooney

Battery "C"

Capt Joe L Hudgins lst Lt Marshall P Grant lst Lt Joseph Lesko, Jr.

lst Sgt John D Bozin Tec 4 John Yuschik S/Sgt Philip L Christopher Tec 5 Louis P Page S/Sgt Quinto J Christopher Tec 5 Obie O Seymour Sgt Carl H Isamoyer Tec 5 Valton Sheffield Sgt Stanley Rihely Tec 5 Aloysius v. Stupak Tec 4 Stephen D Sipos Pfc Louis V Androsiglio Cpl John E Baltzer Pfc James F Fleming Cpl Francis P Corrigan Pfc George Godich Cpl Alton F Jochum Pfc Wilbert C Kalmeyer Cpl Matt J Nytko Pfc Joseph F Perry

Pfc Joseph P Teichman

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Bronze Star Medal

Service Battery Capt Harold H Coslow Capt Robert F Barth lst Lt Roman L Trembicki lst Lt William M Wilson, Jr Chief Warrant Officer David R Snow

M/Sgt Hugh B Mahoney lst Sgt Paul H Manning T/Sgt Robert C Waschmirth S/Sgt Leonard S Kalinowski Sgt Joseph E Brzoska Sgt Robert P Halloran Sgt Bennie J Jaskot Tec 5 David Kaufman

Medical Detachment

S/Sgt Stephen F McNeil Tec 3 Kenneth E Ellis

Sgt Walter K Riley Cpl John H Blinkhorn

Tec 5 Rosario Giunta

Air Medal

lst Lt Charles L Cline, one Oak Leaf Clusters lst Lt Marshall P Grant, four Oak Leaf Clusters lst Lt Harley R Hammond, four Oak Leaf Clusters lst Lt Edwin E Luper, four Oak Leaf Clusters lst Lt William F Kraus, two Oak Leaf Cluster

Purple Heart Medal

Headquarters Battery

Cpl Elmer D EvettsPfc Kenneth C Deweese (posthumous)Tec 5 William F DondalskiPfc Leonard J DuttonTec 5 Daniel F KruegalPfc Curtis C StapletonTec 5 Milford F LuckasiewiczPfc Josephus Tolle (posthumous)Tec 5 Gaza L PhillipsPfc Herbert Wilson

Pvt Joseph S Kiczuk

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Purple Heart Medal

Battery "A"

lst Sgt Frederick J Crook S/Sgt Robert T Hartnett Sgt Louis Indiano Sgt Alphonse P Scarpa Sgt Salvatore C Sylvester (one Oak Leaf Cluster) (posthumous) Tec 4 Maurice A Barbaret Cpl Arthur J Charron Cpl Edward Holmes Cpl William H Howard Cpl Nicholas J Longo Pfc Harold E Coleman
Pfc Robert F Kiser (posthumous)
Pfc Carl Rice
Pfc William W Thomas
Pfc Robert T Dochterman (posthumous)
Pfe Ralph DiLorenzo
Pfc Robert H Edris, (posthumous)
Pfc Frank F Gerak, (posthumous)
Pvt Edward K Kononchik
Pvt Frank Mortillite
Pvt Carlton P Thompson

Pvt Henry H Turner

Battery "B"

lst Lt Henry E Glasser, one Oak Leaf Cluster

Tec 5 William D McLean Pfc Joe C Grooms, (posthumous)

Pfc Archie W Hawkins, Jr. (posthumous)) Pfc Woodrow W Vaught, (posthumous) Pvt Gaylord D Quinn

Battery "C"

lst Lt Marshall P Grant

Tec 5 Andrew G Ballas Tec 5 Walter M Rasmussen P(c Louis V Androsiglio Pfc Walter Carr Pfc Abbie G Nett Pvt Samuel Reff.

Service Battery

S/Sgt Leonard S Kalinowski Tec 5 Leo F Dumais Pfc Frank Burlew

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Li'eutenant Colonel Jaïmes E Tarrant, Commanding Officer of the Battalion since 9 November, 1942

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Chapter I

EARLY HISTORY AND TRAINING

The 963rd Field Artillery Battalion originated as a component of the Connecticut Militia, which consisted of companies formed in 1639 to protect the original Colonies. These companies were in turn organized in the year 1739, into the 3rd and 4th Infantry Regiments of the Connecticut Milita, which remained in colonial service until 1776. In that year they became part of the State Militia of Connecticut and served during the Revolutionary War in such historic campaigns as those around New York., The Danbury Raid, and the Battle of Saratoga.

Through repeated reorganization of the Connecticut Militia the 3rd and 4th Regiments remained unaffected and in 1861 the 3rd Regiment served briefly in Federal Service at the Battle of Bull Run. The 4th Regiment, however, saw service throughout the Civil War, and in 1871 it became known as the 4th Regiment Infantry, Connecticut National Guard.

During the Spanish American War, the 3rd Regiment was once more mustered into Federal Service but did not leave the United States, while the 4th Regiment remained uncalled. Both regiments were consolidated in 1903, and four years later the surviving 3rd Infantry Regiment became known as the Coast Artillery, Connecticut National Guard. Further reorganization succeeded this action, and in 1917, these members of the National Guard became a part of the 56th Coast Artillery Regiment, which participated in foreign service under the American First Army in 1918, taking part in three major campaigns.

In 1921, as a result of further consolidation, part of the Coast Artillery Corps of the Connecticut National Guard was designated as the 192nd Artillery Regiment, and several months later was converted into field artillery. Additional units were incorporated, and the consolidated unit called the 192nd Field Artillery Regiment, Connecticut National Guard.

The 963rd Field Artillery Battalion was originally the First Battalion, 192nd Field Artillery Regiment of the 43rd Infantry Division, Connecticut National Guard of the United Staates. Headquarters and "B" Battery came from Norwich, "A" Battery and Service Battery from New London and "C" Battery from Norwalk. The Medica

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Department Detachment was a part of the Regimental Medical Detachment of the 152nd Field Artillery Regiment from Bangor, Maine.

The Battalion was inducted into Federal Service on February 24, 1941, and was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida with the 43rd Infantry Division. There it received its first · Selective Service replacements and participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers with the Third United States Army from July to September. The Division then returned to Camp Blanding and, a month later, went to South Carolina to take part in the Inter-Army Maneuvers during November.

The entry of the United States into World War II, found the 43rd Division back at Camp Blanding. In February, 1912 it was moved to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where it was triangularized. The First Battalion of the 192nd Field Artillery Regiment and the Second Battalion of the 152nd Field Artillery Regiment, became the 203rd Field Artillery Regiment, assigned to the Third United States Army, and attached to the parent Division, for administration and training.

In July of 1942, the 203rd Field Artillery Regiment was transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and assigned to the 15th Field Artillery Brigade of the XII Corps. Under the command of Brigadier General Raymond E Lee, the Brigade went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma in the fall of 1942 to act as school troops for the Field Artillery School there. The Brigade received high praise from army commanders for their excellent firing. While at Fort Sill, the Commander of the Second Battalion, 203rd Field Artillery Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence B McEwen, was reassigned and Major James E Tarrant became Battalion Commander.

The Battalion returned to Fort Bragg in December of 1942, and the following March it was redesignated the 963rd Field Artillery Battalion, assigned to the Second United States Army, and attached to the XII Corps. The unit trained there as a part of the 228th Field Artillery Group, which was later commanded by Colonel John Hinton. Major Howard F Williams, commanded the Battalion in the absence of Colonel Tarrant, who was attendiug the General Staff and Command School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Major Williams led the Battalion through thee Tennessee Maneuvers in the fall of 1943.

From Tennessee the Battalion was ordered to the California-Arizona Maneuver Area for further training, arriving there in November, 1943. During its stay in California, the Battalion was led successfully through the General Headquarters tests by Colonel Tarrant who had just rejoined the unit.

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Chapter II

ENGLAND AND THE NORMANDY CAMPAIGN

When, on the 25th of December, 1943 secret orders were received alerting the Battalion for overseas movement. speculation was rife as to its role in the forthcoming battle of Europe. The training in the wide open spaces of the California-Arizona Maneuver Area took on new meaning, and the selection of officers and collisted men that would compose the unit for overseas became an urgent task. A number of officers and enlisted men that would not exceed the authorized strength. Many of the men left behind had been with the unit for a long time and regret was felt both by them and by those remaining in the Battalion.

When final movement orders came and the Battalion entrained at Freda, that lonely outpost in the middle of the desert, the unit was at its peak of efficiency and was ready for any task. Arriving at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey four days later, last minute preparations were completed and final visits made to New York and the surrounding areas. The pleasant memories of these last few days in the United States furnished material for many hours of reminiscence.

On the 20th of February, the 963rd embarked at one of the famous piers along the lower Hudson River on the converted luxury liner, HMT Pasteur. The outfit lost little time exploring this fast ship from stem to stern. Built by the French, it was used but a short time, then scuttled in the days after the defeat of France by Germany. Raised by the English after the capture of Dakar, the ship was reconditioned and manned by British sailors, to become one of the fast troop carriers that sped across the Atlantic without convoy protection. The trip was eventful in that not one calm day was encountered and many good soldiers never did become accustomed to the roll and pitch of this vessel, dubbed by the British sailors aboard, "The rollingest ship on the Seven Seas".

It was a welcome sight for all when the shores of Northern Ireland were sighted in the early hours of the 28th of February. The Pasteur's decks were lined with troops for this, their first glimpse of Europe. Lying in the steads off Liverpool the troops had ample opportunity to speculate on the peculiar contraptions that dotted this famous harbor. Inquiries revealed that these miniature forts on stilts were anti aircraft defenses.

Just after midnight on the 1st of March, the Battalion disembarked and entrained immediately for a long, cold ride through the night. The English trains with their

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compartments and lack of heat and light brought many comparisons with the comfortable rides on American Pullman cars that the Battalion had taken in its many trips across the United States. For some of the Battalion, the first light of dawn brought the sight of the fog-covered city of London and occasional glimpses of barrage balloons. Many evidences of the blitz were noticeable and the war became closer.

Arriving at Barton Stacey, which is not far from Winchester, about three o'clock that same afternoon, the Battalion quickly organized the area and settled down to drawing its equipment. After a short stay there, the unit, on the 10th of March moved to Dorchester and at every opportunity the n embers of the Battalion visited the famous areas surrounding this ancient town: Weymouth, Bath, Bourn mouth, Salisbury, and even London became familiar. While at Dorchester the unit was attached to the XIX Corps, of the First United States Army. It was with this Corps that the Battalion fought through the European War, originally assigned to the First Army and later to the Ninth Army.

From Dorchester, the Battalion moved to the Salisbury Plains, near Warminster on the 12th of April, where a puptent camp was established. Together with the artillery of the 30th Infantry Division, and the 2nd and 3rd Armored Divisions, a final dress rehearsal was held for that still unknown D-Day. With vehicles waterproofed and loaded the eventful hour was awaited. D-Day came and the progress of the troops was watched closely. When the orders finally came, a quick march was made to the staging area near Southampton, where the men became accustomed to the skirl of Scottish bagpipes as the famous Black Watch Band piped their marches each noontime.

Conditions on the shores of Normandy were still critical and the various changes in instructions that came regarding the waterproofing of our vehicles for an amplibious landing soon had everyone an expert at this tedious job. While waiting for the order to move to the harbor, all the vehicles were crowded into a large motor park. It was here that the heroic action of Tec 5 Milford F Luckasiewicz earned him the award of the Soldier's Medal. Tec 5 L ckasiewicz discovered and succeeded in extinguishing a fire which would have been costly in loss of time and valulable equipment.

On the 24th of June final orders were received and the Battalion marched to the embarkation point at Southampton without incident. The 963rd boarded several LST's to begin an uneventful and smooth channel crossing. The first sight of Omaha Beach was a sobering one. Columns of black smoke and dirt and the sound of occasional explosions brought to many the realization that this was "it", and that the war was really on. Early in the morning hours of the 26th, D plus 19, the first vehicles went ashore and quickly rendezvoused above the beach. The taped-off fields and signs indicating

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mine fields gave the soldiers their first glimpse of what was to become a familiar sight for months to come. The wreckage of ships, p. Ilboxes, and vehicles on the beach, was a grim reminder of the earlier assault, for the debris held many pieces of equipment and clothing that told a never-to-be-forgotten story of the terrific struggle to get ashore on that 6th of June, 1944.

On the way from the beach, the men saw their first evidences of total war, when they drove through the completely shattered town of Trevières. The Battalion spent its first night in France in fields in the vicinity of Brioqueville. Here there was little indication of the struggle, and the friendly Normandy farmers offering cider were a strange contrast to the sights just witnessed. As the first complete battalion ashore, little time was lost by the XIX Corps Artillery Headquarters in getting the unit into its first firing positions at Cartigny l'Epinay. It was here that recent battle experience dictated a new version of a foxhole. The heavy log and dirt roof that became a part of the old familiar hole in the ground was to afford the men a greater feeling of security.

Attached to the 30th Infantry Division for this, the initial engagement, registration was quickly made on a point in St. Jean de Daye, a little village that was soon to become the center of a terrific battle. Shortly after the establishment of observation posts on the hill overlooking the Vire-Taute Canal and St Jean, word was received at the Command Post that one of the Observation Post party had been wounded. A quick trip by the Medical Officer, Captain Albini over a shell swept road brought him to Tec 5William D McLean of Battery "B". In servicing telephone wire near a road junction that was under almost continuous "88" fire, McLean had been seriously wounded by a shell landing within a matter of inches from him. The remark made by McLean to the Battalion Commander at this time set the standard for the other men, who were to leave because of wounds. When asked how he felt, McLean said, "Colonel, I hate to leave the outfit before the job is over". He, as well as being the first soldier to receive the Purple Heart, was the first to get the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement.

It was while in general support of the 30th Division here, that the men became accustomed to the sound of enemy artillery shells whining overhead, indexploding nearby. On the 8th of July the Battalion was next given the mission of supporting the Third Armored Division in exploiting the St Jean succes. The Battalion was located at La Baillolière. A forward observer party was called for from Battery "A". Ist Lt Carl A Roman, togehter with S/Sgt Arthur, Cpl Biesecker, and Pfc Dochterman, reported to the 125th Cavalry to go forward with them on reconnaissance and to adjust the fires of the artillery on such centers of resistance as might be met. This assignment soon

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proved to be an extremely hazardous one, and stiff opposition by the Germans to the advance of our forces brought many casualties. Lieut Roman's party was cut off and upon the return of Sgt Arthur to the Battalion, it was learned that Lieut Roman and Pfe Dochterman were missing. Two days later the Officer reported back and informed Colonel Tarrant that Dochterman had been killed by enemy machine gun fire, on the 11th of July.

German resistance soon crumbled before the advance of the American armor. When the 35th Infantry Division arrived fresh from the rear on the 14th of July to take its position on the left of the sector, the 963rd was given the mission of supporting them in securing the high ground to the Northeast of Saint Lô. The battles that soon developed here were about the bloodiest of the war and the sight of dead soldiers and cattle became common. With the battle for Hill 192 came the record expenditure by this Battalion of twenty-nine hundred rounds of ammunition in a twenty-four hour period. Cooks, telephone men, in fact every individual in the batteries was called upon to feed the hungry howitzers, and the ammunition train was constantly hauling shells from the dumps. This tremendous expenditure of ammunition had its effect, for positions for the assault of Saint Lô, a vitat German stronghold, were assured.

Until the 14th of July Battery "C" had been commanded by Capt Kenneth K Carpenter. On that day, Capt Carpenter left the Battalion, and command of the battery was assumed by Capt Joe L Hudgins, who was to lead the battery through the balance of the European operations.

On the 19th of July, while recomaissance was being made for advance positions, the Battalion had its first and most costly experience with German land mines. A vehicle from Battery "A" containing 1st Sgt Frederick J Crook and all the firing battery section chiefs, was forced to the side of the road by a vehicle coming from the opposite direction. Their truck had just started on its way when a mine exploded, destroying the vehicle and throwing the men in all directions. Pfc Robert H Edris and Pfc Frank F Gerak were seriously wounded and later died in the hospital. 1st Sgt Crook, S/Sgt Robert T Hartnett, Cpl William H Howard, Tec 4 Maurice A Barbaret, Sgt Salvatore C Sylvester and Cpl Arthur J Charron were seriously wounded. Cpl Charron had previously been awarded the Purple Heart Medal, when he and Tec 4 Nicholas J Longo were wounded by shell fragments on July 10th. 1st Lt Henry E Glasser, Sgt Louis Indiano, and Pvt Frank Mortillite received minor wounds. Sgt Dennis F Coates, later to receive a battlefield commission, was badly shaken but suffered no wounds. After having recovered from his

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wounds, Sgt Sylvester was killed by an enemy bomb while waiting at a reinforcement depot for transportation back to his unit.

This same day more bad luck visited the Battalion: German planes bombed the firing positions at La Baillolière after dark, seriously wounding Pvt Henry H Turner and Pvt Gaylord D Quinn at Battery "B's" gun positions. The next day the Battalion displaced to new positions in the vicinity of Villiers-Fossard, near Hill 122, overlooking Saint Lô. This position will always remain a vivid memory. This was hedgerow country at its worst, and since the Battalion was so far forward, the ground was still littered with the dead and all the personal belongings and wreckage that remain after a bloody battle. The men were compelled to clear their areas of dead soldiers, both American and German. This grim job led them to nickname themselves as members of the "963rd Cannon and Graves Registration Company".

During these first three weeks the troops accustomed themselves to the daily routine of combat life. After first setting up the military installations upon arrival at a new position, the men worked on their own fox holes, digging, filling sand bags, and cutting logs. Each day thereafter improvements in the gun emplacements and dugouts were added. Most often farms were deserted, the few houses and barns wrecked, and the surviving cattle and livestock wandered about the apple orchards. When the Batteries were near occupied buildings, visits were made to the French farmers whose eggs, cider, and Calvados, the strong, colorless applejack named after that region, were traded for cigarettes and chocolate. The natives soon learned of the Battalion Aid Station, and came to Capt Albini for medical treatment. On one busy day at La Baillollière over a dozen civilians of all ages were treated from the sandbagged aid tent.

The men spent their frec time washing their clothing in their steel helmets which were never out of reach, writing letters, playing poker games just after payday, and strolling around the nearby fields in search of German souvenirs. Such things as Quartermaster O I aundry and shower units, movies, and Red Cross clubmobiles were not yet available. Mail was quite regular. There were adequate supplies of candy and cigarettes through the free Post Exchange and the daily "10 in 1" rations.

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Chapter III

THE NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN

hus far the war had progressed at a rather slow tempo, and there was a general listlessness amongst the troops. Everyone began to wonder if the enemy's resistance would continue so tenacious, and if, in the months to come, progress would continue so painfully slow. But as the 25th of July drew near, and as more and more units arrived in the bridgehead, the men began to sense that something important was brewing. There were rumors of an expected air strike of comparatively large proportions which was to precede a full-scale ground drive. No one, however, anticipated the gigantic air assault that actually occurred on the 25th.

The weather up to this time had been hazy with intermittent rains during the day, limiting the visibility. The morning of the 25th was overcast but soon cleared. At approximately nine o'clock one could hear the buzzing of our fighter planes flying high over the American positions; and soon afterwards a deeper note was added to the persistent drone of the light planes uddenly someone spotted the heavy bombers of the American Air Force, Flying Fortresses and Liberators. They came on, flight after flight, at high altitudes, for what seemed an endless time. Their huge silver fuselages flashed in the early morning sunlight as they mov d towards the German lines. Soon the first planes were over the target, and the repeated deep rumble of the exploding bombs could be clearly heard. By this time enemy flak was observed dotting the sky around the planes and a few of the hundreds of bombers could be seen flashing a deeper color than the silver reflection of the sunlight. These began to trail smoke, lose altitude, and suddenly burst into flame as they spiralled towards the earth. Some parachutes opened against the blue sky and lazily floated down. The attack, the greatest air-ground coordination in the history of war, continued for a full ninety minutes before the last of the three thousand heavy bombers had accomplished their mission.

It was a tragic consequence of this terrific bombardment that Lieut General Lesley J McNair, former Commanding Ceneral of the Army Ground Forces, lost his life.

This coordinated air and ground attack was followed by the breakthrough of the United States armored forces out of the beachhead to the base of the Inormandy Peninsula. The attack in the XIX Corps sector progressed so well that the Battalion ceased firing until the front became stabilized. The unit at this time was detached from support of the 35th Division, and reverted to the 228th Field Artillery Group, which was

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in general support of the Corps. Shortly afterwards, the 963rd was transferred to the 119th Field Artillery Group, commanded by Colonel Lloyd Hanna, with which it remained throughout the operations on the Continent

On July 28th Group Headquarters ordered the Battalion reconnaissance party to select new positions on the other side of Saint Lô. The Colonel and his party left at one o'clock in the afternoon, while the rest of the Battalion prepared to move forward later that same day. However, movement was postponed and dusk found the Battalion still at Villiers-Fossard. The German plane, which by its regular nightly visits came to be known as "Bed Check Charlie", made its usual appearance, this time accompanied by additional planes. At Battery "A" all the guns were waiting in the open for the march order. And as the German planes gradually worked their way toward the battery position, they were engaged by heavy machine gun fire. Flares had been dropped illuminating the ground. Cpl Buscetto was at his machine gun, awaiting an opportunity to fire at the planes, when he saw a Junker directly above the battery. He opened fire and tracers could be seen entering the belly of the ship. Buscetto continued firing until he apparently hit a vital spot in the bomb bay, which caused the plane to explode in mid-air before it could do any damage to his battery.

Enemy air activity continued throughout the night and was most intense over the Service Battery area. Over one hundred and fifty anti-personnel bombs were dropped, damaging a great deal of equipment, but fortunately resulting in only one casualty, S/Sgt Leonard S Kalinowski.

The unit moved in the early morning of the 29th, passing through a completely shattered Saint L3, to positions at Le Jardin, where the 119th Field Artillery Group supported the 29th Infantry Division. During the day the customary fox holes and emplacements were dug, and that night enemy planes again attacked the Battalion positions, and flares were dropped over Battery "B". One of them landed in a camouflage net over the ammunition pit setting the net on fire. Cpl Chester J Matuszak, realizing that the ignition of the highly inflammable powder would disclose the position to the enemy planes, left the comparative safety of his foxhole and proceeded to extinguish the sparks falling into the ammunition pit. His heroic action was rewarded by the presentation of the Silver Star Medal.

The German airmen, evidently sensing that there was a concentration of troops in this area, continued the attack with a type of anti-personnel pattern bombing which left little of the area uncovered. One bomb landed between the spread trails of a Battery "A" howitzer, and another close to the foxholes of the men, instanly killing Pvt Robert E Kiser in his dugout.

On July 30th Father Adolph Thillman, Catholic Chaplain, was holding Mass in a shell pocked orchard near Battery "B". Friendly planes were buzzing overhead, receiving an apprehensive glance from the assembled church goers who were reassured when they recognized our own P47's. A long burst of machine gun fire caused the entire group to scatter and find cover. When the men found time to look around they saw a plane crash close by, raising a pillar of smoke. They later heard that the plane was a P47 which had been hit over the front lines; apparently the engine fire had heated the ammunition in the guns, causing them to explode.

As the 29th, together with the 28th and 30th Divisions, forced its way along the river to Vire, the Battalion displaced forward almost daily so as to keep in range. The enemy continued to shell American positions and on August 11th the 963rd again suffered casualties. Pvt Carton P Thompson, Pfc William W Thomas, and Pvt Ralph DiLorenzo, all of Battery "A", were firing one of the Battery howitzers when an enemy shell exploded overhead wounding them severely.

On August 13th the 119th Field Artillery Group was sent to La Villechien to reinforce the infantry attempting to close the Falaise Gap. During this period the Germans launched an attack and retook Mortain, cutting off a battalion of the 30th Division. After a bloody four-day battle Mortain was recaptured and the "Lost Battalion" relieved. This was the last attempt made by the German Army to force a wedge to the sea between the Allied armies. The Germans then began a general retreat to the Seine River and the artillery of the XIX Corps was compelled to change positions almost daily in an effort to keep up with the withdrawing enemy. August 16th found the 963rd on the outskirts of Domfront. While here, word was received from Group Headquarters that the Battalion would displace forward around the Falaise Gap to help cut off the Germans from the Seine, where they were expected to set up a defensive line.

On the night of August 18th, the Battalion began the long march around the Gap. The rapid advance of the Allies had prevented distribution of adequate maps and the 161 miles were covered on a black rainy night without benefit of either lights or maps. The drivers were given a list of the towns through which they were to pass, and it is to their credit that not one vehicle was lost on this exceptional trip. When the Battalion reached Escorpain the following day, it did not go into firing positions as the infantry was still not in contact with enemy troops.

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The Battalion did not fire again until August 22nd when it reached Quesigny. After leaving Quesigny the unit moved forward every day without firing a single round until it arrived at Jouy Mauvoisin on the 27th. Throughout this period the disintegration of the German forces was evidenced by the number of prisoners captured by parties leaving the Battalion area. Many of these prisoners claimed to be Polish and Russian Nationals impressed into the German Army, while others were Luftwaffe troops that had been transferred to the Wehrmacht because of the almost complete destruction of the German Air Force.

On August 27th a bridgehead across the Seine River at Mantes Gassicourt was established by the XIX Corps. At this time the Battalion, together with other units of the 119th Field Artillery Group was reinforcing the 30th Infantry Division Artillery. The 963rd crossed the Seine on the 28th and occupied positions at Porcheville, but remained there only a few hours, and was them ordered to Fannencourt to support an attack on Les Noquets. From the woods in this position near Fannencourt, the men caught their first glimpse of the Eiffel Tower of Paris. A series of short moves followed and the Battalion reached Morangles on August 31st.

Once more the infantry was making rapid advances and the Battalion was ordered, together with other XIX Corps Artillery units, to furnish trucking companies to haul the doughboys of the 79th and 30th Divisions toward the Belgian border. Those men, under the command of the Liaison Officer, Capt. Edwin B. Katte who followed the armored spearheads. through such cities as Roye, Peronne, Cambrai, and St Amand will not soon forget the jubilant acclamations extended by the liberated French. Driving throughout the night of September 1st and all of the following day to cross the Belgian border on the night of September 2nd, the truck drivers received presents of fruit and wine and flags for their trucks.

After the trucks had returned the Battalion began the one-hundred-and-thirteen mile trip to Valenciennes on September 4th. The excited civilians still lined the roads to cheer and wave as American equipment rolled by in a never-ending column. The unit remained in an assembly area in the woods north of Valenciennes for four days. It was there that the men saw their first movie and made frequent trips to the city to visit shops and cafes.

During this phase of the Northern France Campaign, the French Forces of the Interior gave valuable assistance to the Allies by guarding prisoners, reporting enemy concentrations, and continuing their acts of sabotage to delay the retreating Germans.

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On the 8th of September the Battalion traveled fifty-eight miles to cross the Belgian border stopping at another assembly area just outside of Genappe. The Belgians seemed even more friendly than the French and more sincere in their welcome.

There was little firing done by the Battalion in Belgium, as our infantry and armor were able to force their way toward the Siegfried Line without having to launch a fullscale attack. However, daily marches kept the men busy, for each new position was prepared as if for a long stay; foxholes were dug and gun emplacements constructed. In addition to the drivers, who of course were responsible for keeping the Battalion rolling, the batteries furnished men to act as route markers. During the longer marches especially, these men were compelled to stand for many hours at critical road intersections waiting to direct the Battalion along the prescribed route.

The off-duty hours were spent more pleasantly than was possible in Normandy; for there was now little of the damage and destruction that was commonplace in the constricted beachhead area. The Battalion occupied positions on the outskirts of villages, and in the evenings the men visited the cafes, talked to the Belgian families and were invited into their homes.

On September 10th the Battalion marched fifty-one miles to Lantremange, the 12th to Houtain St Simeon, and two days later to Fouron le Comte. During this period the 30th Infantry Division crossed the Albert Canal and Meuse River, capturing without a struggle the famous fortress of Eben Emael. The battalions of the 119th Field Artillery Group were called upon to fire only when the 30th, whom they were supporting, met conters of resistance.

The securing of a bridgehead across these water barriers marked the end of the Northern France Campaign.

Chapter IV

THE RHINELAND CAMPAIGN

Uuring a night march from Fouron le Comte to Scheulder, Holland, the outfit crossed the Belgian-Holland border on the 15th of September, and established firing positions in the vicinity of Scheulder.

The front lines were by this time becoming stable while the Germans were hastily organizing their defenses at the Siegfried Line; and, as a result, the American and British forces were beginning to make slower progress. On September 19th the Battalion reached Streythagen, Holland, where it remained for three weeks.

Streythagen was a mere eight hundred yards from the front lines and hard by the German border. This proximity to the enemy called for extreme care in the handling of civilians. The similarity between the Dutch and German languages made it very difficult to ascertain the nationality of persons endeavoring to cross the lines.

While at Streythagen, the unit was under frequent enemy shell and mortar fire and subjected to much bombing at night. Service Battery had moved forward to a position near the Battalion and soon came into more than its share of intense German fire. Upon arrival at the Streythagen position, the Battery dug in across a pond from Headquarters Battery and on the lee side of a steep hill. Shortly afterwards, and with barely enough time for the men to get their foxholes prepared, the German laid down an intense mortar barrage. This was the beginning of a series of barrages that were to continue during the entire stay at Streythagen. The soldiers became accustomed to working within reach of their holes amid the cracking sound of mortar explosions and the whistle of shell fragments. The enemy fall into the habit of laying down harassing fires at meal time. To counteract this meal hours were changed but with little effect because the Germans also changed their schedule. However, Service Battery suffered no serious casualties at this position.

Headquarters Battery commanded throughout the war by Capt E Benjamin Gammons was more fortunately quartered in an ancient castle with massive walls that afforded comforting protection.

Battery "A" drew so much attention from the enemy artillery that it became necessary to change its position. During the firing of a mission at Battery "B", the Battalion suffered its first serious accident at the guns. The Medical Officer rushed to the position to find that a muzzle burst had occurred on the number four piece, killing instantly Pfc Archie W Hawkins, Jr., and fatally wounding Pfc Joe C Grooms.

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Bad luck continued to plague Battery "A", and on the 28th of September, Pfc Harold E Coleman was severly wounded by a mortar shell; Lieut Glasser, and Pfc CarlRice were lightly wounded. One the same day mortar shells landing in Headquarters Battery area lightly wounded Pvt Leonard J Dutton.

One day at Streythagen Major Williams and lst Sgt Bernard V Guggolz of Headquarters Battery found themselves under heavy enemy fire. The Germans, guessing that a tall steep slack pile was being used as an observation post, shelled it, causing casualties to men of the 8th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, who were posted there. While the enemy was still shelling the observation post, Major Williams and Sgt Guggolz crawled to the top of the pile and were forced to expose themselves to German observation while they struggled to carry down a severely wounded soldier to a place of safety. For their heroic action they were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

During this period the Battalion was firing in support of the 30th Division, who were engaged in breaching the famous defenses of the West Wall. By October 16th the doughboys had succeeded in smashing the maze of concrete and steel emplacements all the way from Ubach to Wurselen. These hard-won gains eventually led to the displacement of the unit to Kerkrade, on October 9th. The firing batteries were established near the town, and the Command Post was temporarily located in a section of the Rolduc Academy, reputedly the oldest in that part of Europe. Later the Command Post was moved to Chevremont, a section of Kerkrade.

The people of Chevremont and Kerkrade will always be remembered by the members of the Battalion as a cordial and friendly people, who received them into their homes, billeted them, and even shared their limited supply of food. Many of the men will remember that place as a second home. Three from the Battalion married girls from the locality and many were to pay it frequent visits during and after the war. The men reciprocated this hospitality by sharing their food and candy rations with the Dutch youngsters.

Although the Battalion was subjected to scattered enemy artillery fire at irregular intervals throughout this period, it suffered only one severe casualty. On October 13th Pfc Woodrow W Vaught of Battery "B" received fatal wounds from shell fragments.

Following the breaching of the Siegfried Line, the troops of the XIX Corps remained relatively inactive. The long advance across France, Belgium, and Holland had severely strained the supply lines, and depots had to be moved forward. Ammunition and gasoline dumps accumulated reserves for the next full scale attack. During this lull the

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men had more time at their disposal and were issued passes to visit the large Dutch towns of Herleen and Maastricht. Red Cross clubmobiles paid the batteries more frequent visits and movies were shown regularly. The Dutch offered the use of the shower rooms in their large coal mines to the troops, and for the first time since England all the men had opportunities to enjoy hot running water.

The new Ninth United States Army, to which the XIX Corps was transferred, moved into the line, and was given control of the Northern sector of the First United States Army. The XIX Corps had originally been commanded by Major General Charles H Corlett, but during the summer of 1944, command was assumed by Major General Raymond S McLain. Brigadier General George D Shea, a figure well known to every artilleryman, who had led the Corps Artillery through its training in England, remained its commander throughout the European War.

On the 16th of November the Corps began its attack to drive the Germans from the flat muddy plains that bordered the western bank of the Roer River. The 119th Group, with whom the Battalion continued to operate, remained in general support of the 30th Division. Though the permanent defenses of the Siegfried Line had been penetrated, the enemy continued to offer stubborn resistance and each house in every village was an enemy strong point.

The Battalion displaced forward to Alsdorf, the first position area to be occupied in Germany. Alsdorf is a large, sprawling, coal mining town, well within range of the Roer River. Bomb and artillery damage to the buildings was extensive and only a few natives could be seen looking furtively out of the paneless windows. From here the Battalion fired on vicious local counter attacks launched by the Germans as the Division continued its advance towards the River. A few days later the 29th Infantry Division to the North, captured the fanatically defended "Sports Platz" facing Julich, wiping out the remaining German resistance west of the River.

From Alsdorf the Battalion moved to Fronhoven, a deserted, destroyed little village a few miles from the Roer. The weather was cold and damp and sometimes snow fell, making the ground a sea of mud. Fortunately the men were able to find stoves to keep themselves warm in the cellars of the ruined homes where they lived when off duty.

During the next three weeks preparations were made to force a crossing of the River. In the mountains to the south, the Germans had foresightedly constructed dams from which the level of the River could be controlled. By opening the dams, the entire front of the XIX Corps could be flooded, washing out any bridges which might have been

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constructed and isolating any troops that might have forced a crossing. These dams were still controlled by the Germans.

All along the front the Allies were building up huge reserves to mount a full scale attack to cross the plains and reach the famous Rhine River. The Germans were well aware of this concentration of power and in their race against time, even used flood lights to enable twenty-four hour work on the defenses of Cologne and the Ruhr industrial area. In a frantic attempt to gain more time, Hitler ordered one last desperate counter offensive. His plan was to split the American armies by a powerful armored drive through the Ardennes Mountains to the Meuse River, and then north to Liege, Aachen, and Antwerp.

Aided by foggy weather, which hampered the visibility of our ground and air forces, the enemy struck on the 16th of December at the most vulnerable part of the Allied line, the lightly defended Ardennes region. By the 23rd of December the Germans had reoccupied an area couth of Monschau, and, using the test remaining panzer armies, were making fast progress towards Dinant on the Meuse. The 30th Division was withdrawn from the Corps front and rushed to the "Bulge", where it was immediately committed to stem a northern thrust. The and Armored Division, which had also been frequently associated with the Corps, was sent to help contain the Nazi drive.

The men of the 963rd first became aware of this attack, when the enemy increased the tempo of he shelling and aerial activity is a diversionary measure. Though no casualties occurred several vehicles were damaged. There were reports of saboteurs parachuting behind our lines, dressed in American uniforms, and using captured vehicles.

On the 23rd of December the XIX Corps Artillery was ordered to reinforce American defenses at the base of the "Bulge". In a long, cold, night march the unit drove to Rotgen, Germany, a village in the mountains just north of Monschau. After all preparations had been made to place heavy concentrations of shells on the likely avenues of enemy attacks, the men found quarters in the cellars. Measures were taken to prepare the Battalion to meet any possible thrust by enemy armor or airborne troops. This was the first and only time that the Battalion assumed a defensive role.

As a result of the heroic Allied defense, the German counter-offensive was stopped, and by January 25th the "Bulge" had been liquidated, and the Germans had suffered irreparable losses in equipment and personnel. The sector to the rorth of Monschau, occupied by the XIX Corps Artillery, which was reinforcing the 78th Infantry Division, remained stable.

Though spent so far away from home, Christmas Day, 1944 was not as depressing a day for the men of the 963rd as their families at home might have expected. The deep

snow which covered the pine forests reminded many of New England winters. The soldiers of the Battalion attended church services, enjoyed the turkey dinner, and shared Christmas packages of food which arrived in generous quantities. There were also the regular combat duties, for each day the highways leading into the "Bulge" were fired upon to disrupt the German supply columns.

In contrast, the next holiday, New Years Day, was a tragic one for Headquarters Battery. Shortly after beakfast some of the men were getting into a truck to take them for showers, when two enemy planes, flying at low altitude compelled them to take cover. After the planes had passed over, the men gathered again to get on the truck. However, one of the planes, trailing a column of smoke, swerved and returned to drop a heavy bomb close to the truck. The resulting explosion dealt Headquarters Battery a tragic blow. Pfc Kenneth C Deweese and Pfc Josephus Tolle were both killed instantly and Tec ς William J Dondalski and Tec ς Daniel F Kreugel were seriously wounded. Tec δ Milford F Luckasiewiecz, Pfc Herbert Wilson, Pfc Curtis C Stapleton, Cpl Elmer D Evetts and Pfc Joseph S Kiczuk received minor wounds. Sudden deaths such as these were a striking reminder to all the men that it was not only the doughboys that are called upon to make the supreme sacrifice in war.

It was at Rotgen that the men saw their first jet propelled planes, heard the distinctive drone of the V-1 bombs headed for Belgian cities, and saw the trails of V-2 bombs launched beyond the Eastern hills.

During the next four weeks the 78th Division, whose artillery the Battalion was reinforcing, made several small attacks to straighten the front lines, and on January 30th, the Division began a coordinated attack together with the 9th Infantry Division toward the Roer Dams.

On February 1st, the 963rd displaced forward six miles to Lammersdorf, and for five days fired constantly in support of the infantry who were receiving stiff opposition from the many concrete bunkers and pillboxes which guarded every approach to the Dams. The weather was bitter cold and the progress discouragingly slow.

Other artillery units took over the mission of the 119th Field Artillery Group, and on February 6th the XIX Corps Artillery returned to the muddy Roer Plain. The 963rd went into positions at Frenz, and once more preparations were made to reinforce the 30th Division, which had returned from the Ardennes. It was at Frenz that illness caused the loss to the Battalion of the Assistant S-3, Capain Harvey T Ogden.

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While waiting for the next assault, the men were able to visit the mineral hot springs in Aachen. The baths of one of the resort hotels had been reconstructed, and the famous spa, first used as a rest camp for Caesar's Roman Legions were once more enjoyed by fighting men.

On February 23rd the Corps launched its long planned attack across the Roer River, which gathered so much momentum that the Cologne Plain was crossed many days ahead of schedule. The start of this offensive is perhaps best described in the words of a member of the Battalion who witnessed the historic scene from a forward position.

"'It's time to observe.' Those were the words Lieut Coates said to the men who were with him at Able Battery's OP, the morning that the 9th and 1st United States Armies crossed the Roer River. We had waited a long time for the crossing of the Roer, but now H-Hour had been announced and the artillery was scheduled to begin firing., at 2:45 AM. Our OP was located in the attic of a partly wrecked house inLucherberg. We had an excellent view of the River and the flat plains beyond. Our mission was to observe enemy actions, particularly gun flashes.

"The crew at the OP consisted of Lieut Coates, S/Sgt Arthur, Cpl Birsinger, and Tec 5 Banziruk.

* "About 1800 the day before, we had our hot chow, which was prepared by Lieut Coates and Cpl Birsinger. It was a good meal too, and everyone was satisfied. Some men from the 104th Division, who were living in the basement of the house, came into our room, and we had quite a bull session. About 2100 we were surprised to have a visitor from Corps Artillery. He was a Major, and wanted to see the artillery preparation, because it was going to be the greatest ever displayed anywhere in the ETO. After getting acquainted with the Major and his driver, we decided to take a nap. One man remained awake to answer the telephone and operate the radio. At precisely 2:45 AM, the 240's began firing. We all jumped up quickly, and the Major said, 'This is it!' Before we could climb the ladders to the attic, the barrages began landing. The 8 inch guns, Long Toms, 155 howitzers, 105's, 90's, and 75's were all sending hundreds of shells whizzing over our heads towards the Germans on the East side of the Roer. The entire sky was lit up from the gun flashes behind us, and from the shells exploding in the enemy positions. There was an assortment of high bursts and ground bursts. It seemed like every inch of the area was covered with our murderous fire. That sight reminded me of moving pictures I had seen of warfare, but this was the real thing. Forty-five minutes after the start of the barrage, the infantry began crossing the River. Our shells kept going deeper into enemy territory as the infantry advanced.

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"When daybreak came, our guns were still firing, and everything was going well. We had crossed the Roer and were on the way to the Rhine."

The next afternoon, after firing over 2500 rounds of high explosive shells during the first day of the attack, the Battalion moved forward to Schophoven on the banks of the Roer River. The positions were located in the partly flooded and completely wrecked village which had received American artillery fire intermittently for the past three months. The positions were near one of the pontoon bridges which was screened by clouds of artificial fog. All that night and the next day, the Germans used artillery fire and planes in an attempt to knock out the bridge, and disrupt the constant flow of men and material across the River.

The cannoneers continued to fire hundred of shells at the enemy until our infantry had driven him out of range. On the 26th of February, the Battalion displaced across the Roer to Steinstrass. All night our tanks rolled through the town, which had only recently been a training center for Panzer units. The 963rd howitzers kept up their steady firing until again the enemy was out of range. The next day the unit moved to Hollen. The only incident of interest was the good fortune that saved Battery "B" from many casualties. An enemy "88" shell landed close by Number Four's powder pit. Luckily it was a dud and the only damage was the destruction of thirteen powder charges.

Early on the morning of March 1st the Battalion moved to Elsen, a fifteen mile trip, during which the men saw our fighter planes engage and destroy enemy aircraft attempting to attack the column. The plan of attack across the Cologne Plain involved a pivoting of the XIX Corps to the 1 orth, so that at Elsen, on the Erft River, the Battalion found itself on the exposed Corps boundary.

On the opposite side of the Erft, the enemy, observing the Battalion movements from a church steeple, kept a rain of artillery shells pouring into the battery positions and on the roads leading into Elsen. One round struck and immediately set afire an "A" Battery truck, which was heavily loaded with artillery shells and powder charges. Pfc Grover D Failer jumped into the burning vehicle and drove it from the barn in which it was parked out into the clear. The flames soon ignited powder charges and the intense heat generated by these exploded the shells. The din of these explosions and the huge conflagration that developed were sensational. As the rounds exploded, large shell fragments whizzed through the air, causing everyone to run for cover. Pfc Failer was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his gallant act. In spite of extensive damage to equipment, only one casualty resulted, Cpl Edward Holmes of Battery "A" was slightly

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wounded. Later that day an enemy shell inflicted slight wounds on Tec 5 Andrew C G Ballas, of Battery "C".

The enemy observer, who was directing fire on the Battalion from his position in the church steeple, was so close to our troops that the howitzers were unable to fire on him. The Battalion S-2, Capt Philip A Muller, contacted the anti-aircraft battery attached to the Battalion, and enlisted the help of their weapons to neutralize the enemy OP.

On the 4th of March the Battalion traveled twenty-eight miles north to Ossum. It was during this trip that the men had their first opportunity to observe conditions in the interior of Germany. The more Western villages on the Cologne Plain had been evacuated by the Germans, and few civilians were seen. The much heralded Volksturm had offered no resistance and apparently their only service had been in the construction of road blocks and trenches which were quickly overrun by our tanks. As the Americans pushed deeper into Germany, they saw more and more natives and refugees, who crowded into every livable home. Passing through such big towns as Munchen-Gladbach and Krefeld, the men had ample opportunity to see the destruction resulting from the tremendous Allied air raids. Railyards, industrial sections, and often the centers of the towns were complete ruins. The hurried withdrawal of the Wehrmacht was evidenced by destroyed vehicles and blown bridges.

From Ossum the Battalion fired across the Rhine River into the northern section of the Ruhr industrial area. The day before the arrival of the Battalion, tanks of the 2nd Armored Division had reached a bridge across the Rhine, and it was hoped for a moment that the bridge could be saved from destruction. But the tanks were driven back, and shortly thereafter, the last bridge in the Ninth Army sector was blown by the Germans.

For two weeks the Battalion remained at Ossum while plans were completed to force crossings of the great river barrier, behind which the Germans were expected to make their final stand. In the Allied plan for finishing the war the XIX Corps had been selected to spearhead the Ninth Army drive out of the Rhine bridgehead, after crossings had been forced, and it was necessary that once more supplies be accumulated.

The weather was cold and rainy. All the batteries reported frequent enemy shelling and the Luftwaffe made many reconnaissance flights in an endeavor to determine where the Allies would make their next attack. The Allied Air Corps was also busy and one evening the men watched American P-47's firing rockets and dropping bombs at the barges on the far side of the River.

Being near the Ruhr, the soldiers often watched great flights of heavy bombers that continued to hammer away at the remnants of the German steel industry. The costliness

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of these raids was clearly seen one night when a British Lancaster, returning to England was set upon by enemy fighters behind our lines and crashed. Part of the plane landed not far from the house occupied by the executive crew of Battery "C". Lieut Charles L Cline and Tec 4 Ventres rushed to the flaming wreckage only to find that there were apparently no survivors in the plane. A search organized for any of the crew that might have bailed out brought the rescuers to a Canadian Flight Lieutenant, who had been injured when he hit the ground, after parachuting from the burning ship. The "Medics", who had meanwhile arrived on the scene of the crash, cut away the shrouds of the chute and, using flashlights for illumination, applied first aid to his fractured right arm. A second Lancaster had suffered the same fate after encountering the enemy fighters, and had crashed near Battery "B". The bombardier of this ship parachuted unharmed, and was brought to the Battalion Command Post where he spent the night. A few other survivors were rescued by neighboring units.

On the 16th of March the Battalion made a twenty-seven mile night march to Bauern. The XIX Artillery, together with Corps Engineers who were responsible for the amphibious part of the coming operation, were to assist the XVI Corps in their assault to establish a bridgehead across the Rhine. During the next seven days, the Battalion ammunition train was busy hauling shells to the gun positions in anticipation of the heavy artillery preparation, which was to precede the attacks of the 30th and 79th Divisions.

The last battle casualties in the Battalion occurred on March 19th when Lieut Marshall P Grant, and Pfc Louis V Androsiglio, both of Battery "C", were lightly wounded when an enemy shell burst over the observation post which they were occupying.

Chapter V

CENTRAL EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN

t was on the night of the 23rd of March that the largest concentration of artillery ever assembled commenced to hurl hundreds and hundreds of tons of high explosives, first to assist the British Commandos attacking Wesel, and then to cover the East bank of the Rhine in support of the Engineers and Infantry. Coincident with the ground assault, Allied airborne troops were landed and also received support from the artillery, which fired on enemy anti-aircraft positions. So efficient were the artillery barrages that enemy communications were completely disrupted, preventing them from directing their fires, and so effective was the neutralization of ack-ack batteries that not one friendly plane or glider was brought down by enemy anti-aircraft fire in that zone.

During the 24th of March the men watched the huge airborne operation with fascination. The men of Battery "A" had a more personal interest in it than most, for their Commanding Officer, Capt William E Linn, and Tec 5 Kenneth Gates, had been loaned to the British Army for the purpose of coordinating requests for British artillery support with the airborne troops.

By the 29th of March, the 2nd Armored Division and the 29th Division, which were chosen to spearhead the XIX Corps attack out of the bridgehead were across the Rhine. Progress was so rapid that the Battalion was soon out of range; and on the early morning of March 25th it moved to Kettgesho, eight miles to the southeast. Only thirty-three rounds were fired from this position, which was located on a great flat meadow, surrounded on three sides by the River. The pontoon bridges were at either end of the area, and at night floodlights could be seen sweeping the water in search of saboteurs or floating mines that the enemy was reportedly using in an attempt to destroy the long bridges. Barrage ballons floated over the bridge sites to hamper air raids. During the first few days there was much air activity and one enemy plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire near Headquarters Battery.

On March 27th a truck company under the command of Capt Robert F Barth, Battalion Motor Officer, was organized for the purpose of transporting the infantry of the 83rd Division, who were following the 2nd Armored spearhead. Two days later the Battalion was temporarily ordered out of action. Batteries "B" and "C" were moved to the nearby town of Rhineberg, in order to take advantage of more comfortable billets.

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Before the truck company had returned, the Battalion was ordered forward, and early on the morning of April 4th began an eighty-one mile march to an assembly area at Vorhelm. Heavy traffic on the Rhine bridges delayed its progress, but once under way the trip was made without incident. Beyond the initial bridgehead area the men found little sign of war, except for infrequent localities that had been centers of resistance. It was on this move that the men saw the first of the hordes of slave laborers and former German prisoners that were to line the roads for many weeks to come. These forlorn people, carrying their belongings with them, showed none of the emotions of liberation that the French and Belgians had displayed. They were a gaunt, exhausted lot who seemed intent only on leaving Germany as fast as they possibly could.

At Vorhelm, a small undamaged town, the Battalion spent one night and then moved nine miles to Lippborg, well known to the Americans because it was there that the First and Ninth Armies had joined to create the Ruhr Pocket. The howitzers reached Lippborg late in the afternoon and orders were received to register as soon as possible. Since ground observation was not available, it was necessary to call upon the Air Section, commanded by Lieut Edwin E Luper, to accomplish the registration. In this instance Lieut Harley R Hammond piloted the "Grasshopper" plane while Lieut William F Kraus acted as observer. Because of the decreasing visibility the two officers were compelled to fly low over the front lines, and their plane was subjected to heavy enemy ack-ack. The mission, which enabled the Battalion to give effective support in the dawn attack which followed, was successfully completed. For their heroic actions, Lieuts. Hammond and Kraus were recommended for the award of the Silver Star Medal. The Battalion fired over fifteen hundred rounds in support of the 95th Division, which was attacking south to capture Soest, a town in the Pocket.

At Lippborg the truck company, convoyed by Major Josiah B Miller, Battalion S-3, rejoined the unit and on the 8th of April the Battalion moved again. This time its mission was to assist the 2nd Armored and 30th Divisions, which had already crossed the Weser River at Hameln. The unit traveled sixty-nine miles the first day to reach an assembly area in the small village of Reine in the hills west of Hameln. The following day, the 963rd moved again to assemble at Eime where it was called upon to establish a military government. In this village there were several German Army warehouses containing clothing which the long oppressed slave laborers, together with the natives, were looting. Several hundred persons crowded into these barns to carry away whatever they felt they could use. Order had to be reestablished and guards placed on these buildings after the swarms of people were cleared out.

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Early on the 11th of April the Battalion made another march, eovering thirty-eight miles to go into position at Ufingen, where a few rounds were fired into the famous Herman Goering Steel Works and into the large town of Brunswick.

Another march was made on the following day to Dettum, a trip of fourteen miles through the city of Wolfenbüttel. As was customary, the Battalion Commander led the battery reconnaissance parties ahead of the main body of the Battalion. When Lieut Colonel Tarrant reached the outskirts of Dettum, he saw a German soldier run into a large farmyard. Knowing that this area had been rapidly overrun by armored troops who had not had the opportunity to clear the village of enemy soldiers or to disarm the citizens, the Colonel dismounted from his vehicle and led the men on foot to the edge of Dettum. The party proceeded to look for possible ambushes. The Colonel personally located thirty German soldiers who had been hiding in a barn; and throughout the rest of the day, other smaller groups were rounded up and processed at the Command Post.

At Dettum a military government was again established and Capt Muller supervised the searching and removal of the prisoners who continued to be brought in. When the firing batteries moved forward on the 13th, Service Battery, under the command of Captain Harold H Coslow, Battalion Supply Officer, took over the area of Dettum and the processing of the enemy soldiers. The final count revealed that the 963rd had captured 260 prisoners of war in this position.

The unit next moved to Osterweddingen, fifty-eight miles east of Dettum, to fire into the city of Magdeburg. The XIX Corps had reached the Elbe River and the 83rd Division had established a bridgehead south of the City. The 2nd Armored had two battalions across the Elbe but, before a bridge could be established, its troops were forced to withdraw in the face of enemy counter-attacks. Meanwhile the 30th Division had reached the outskirts of Magdeburg from the North,

On April 16th the German military commander refused to yield Magdeburg, and flights of American medium bombers attacked the City, setting fires and causing explosions which could be clearly seen from Osterweddingen. Following this air assault the 963rd supported the troops of the 2nd Armored Division, attacking Magdeburg, and fired 1700 rounds into the City. On April 18th Magdeburg was captured.

The next day the Battalion moved six miles to positions near the great Krupp Steel Works in Magdeburg and the howitzers were directed across the Elbe River. From Magdeburg, which was the last combat position the 963rd was to occupy, only 200 rounds were fired. Battery "B", ander the command of Capt. George E. Bagnall, which

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had been the first to fire at the enemy in Normandy, now fired the last rounds in the Battalion on April 29th.

In these positions the men settled down to await the Russians. It had been decided that no crossing would be made at the Elbe, but the crews remained at their guns ready to discourage any attempt by the Germans to escape from the Soviet army by forcing their way into our lines. Other men of the Battalion patrolled a section of the City to preserve order.

On May 4th surrender of all German troops in Northwestern Germany, Holland, and Denmark was announced and the men of the Battalion realized that the end was at hand.

It was on Sunday, May 6th, that the members of the 963rd learned of the unconditional surrender of all German armed forces. This great news was received soberly. Each man in his own heart gave thanks that the years of terror, violence and bloodshed for Europe were at last at an end. Each man felt proud that he had accomplished his mission with a Battalion which had served its country in every national emergency.

THE END

THE OFFICERS AND MEN

OF

THE 963RD FIELD ARTILLARY BATTALION

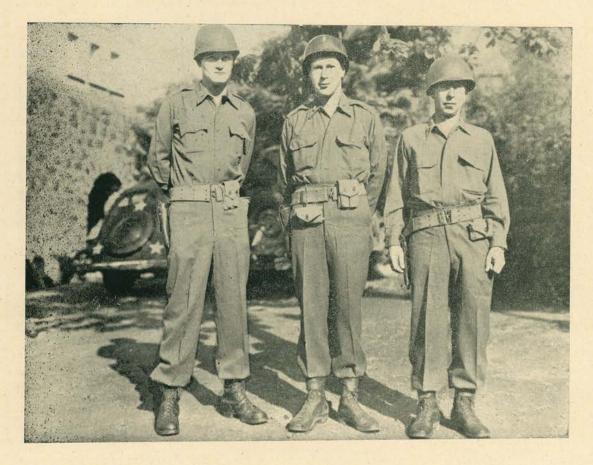
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Lieut Colonel James E Tarrant, (Conn), Battalion Commander Major Howard F Williams, (RI), Executive Officer Major Josiah B Miller, (Pa), S-3 Capt Mario J Albini (NJ), Medical Officer Capt Edwin B Katte, (NY), Liaison Officer Capt Philip A Muller, (Conn), S-2 Lieut Charles M Spencer, (Va), Survey Officer

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Battery Officers

Capt Edgar B Gammons, (RI), Communications Officer Ist Lt Max Glickman, (Md), Asst Communications Officer 2nd Lt Joe C Stokes (Texas), Motor Transport Officer

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Air Section

lst Lt Harley R Hammond, (Cal), Liaison Pilot lst Lt William F Kraus, (NY), Aerial Observer lst Lt Edwin E Luper, (Miss), Liaison Pilot Tec 3 Edwin S Harris, (NH), Airplane Mechanic Tec 5 Thomas E Strickley, (Ohio), Airplane Mechanic Pfc Preston P Satterwhite, (Va), Driver

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Headquarters Section

lst Sgt Bernard V Guggolz, (NY), lst Sgt Cpl Ralph F Ferrandina, (NY), Battery Clerk Tec 5 Milford F Luckasiewicz, (Pa), Battalion Mail Orderly Pfc Darwin F Crandall, (NY), Bugler Pfc Walter B Dawson, (Va), Orderly

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S/Sgt Peter L DiVitantionio, (NY), Supply Sergeant Pfc Leon J Malenfont, (Mich), Orderly

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Operations and Fire Direction Center Platoon M/Sgt Walter A Jalowski, (Conn), Battalion Sergeant Major T/Sgt Herman R Belli, (Conn), Personnel Sergeant T/Sgt Dean M Wise, (Va), Oerations Sergeant S/Sgt Edward R Albright, (Ind), Chief Computor Tec 4 James H Buxton, Jr., (Pa), Horizontal Control Operator Tec 4 James E Dale, (NY), Hq Clerk Tec 4 John Devlin (Conn), Computor Tec 4 Alfred L Emert, (Pa), Computor Tec 4 John F Skillman (Va), Radio Operator Cpl William M Nivens, (SC), Battalion Agent

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Wire Section

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Pfc Proctor J Skaggs, (Ky), Wire Telephone Operator

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Wire Section

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Radio Section

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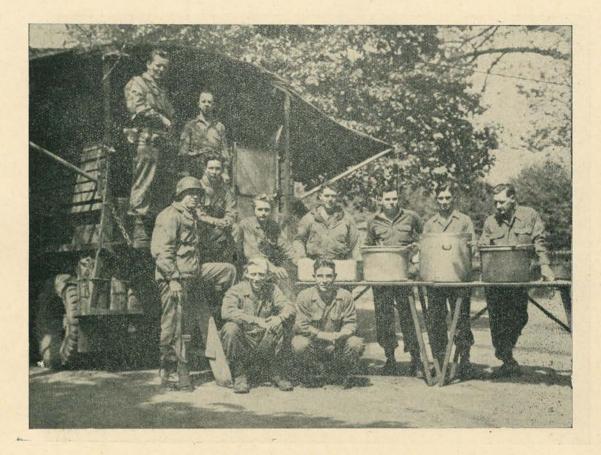
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Battery Motor Section

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Kitchen Section

S/Sgt Albert F Pettengill, (NY), Mess Sergeant
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Tec 5 Joe G Brooks, (Tenn), 1st Cook
Pic Guadalupe Corpus, (Texas), Machine Gunner
Pic Robie C Harris, (NC), 2nd Cook
Pic Voight W Roof, (SC), Driver
Pic Claiborne J Shields, (Va), Cook's Helper
Pic Ernest C Stanley, (Va), Cook's Helper

Netherlands Volunteers Christian J Franse, Cook's Helper John Van der Reyden, Cook's Helper Johan Wolfs, Cook's Helper

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Battery Officers

Capt William E Linn, (Pa), Battery Commander lst Lt Carl A Roman, (Pa), Reconnaissance Officer lst Lt Irving Levin, (NY), Executive Officer 2nd Lt Dennis F Coates, (Texas), Motor Officer

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Cpl Clifton B Ennis, (NY), Instrument Corporal
Cpl William H Howard, (Conn), Scout Corporal No 1
Cpl Willard J McGee, (SD), Reconnaissance Officer's Driver
Cpl Harry L Younger, (Md) Scout Corporal No 2
Tec 5 Daniel Banziruk, (Conn), Battery Commander's Driver
Tec 5 William J Biesecker, (Pa), Radio Operator
Tec 5 Kenneth F Gates, (Mich), Radio Operator
Tec 5 Charles M Vernon, (Va), Battery Mail Clerk

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First Section

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Second Section

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Third Section

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Fourth Section

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Fifth Section

Sgt Alphonse P Scarpa, (Conn), Chief of Section Cpl John Grammar, (Okla), Machine Gunner Tec 5 William H Gannon, (Okla), Driver Tec 5 William H Hill, (Conn), Tractor Driver Tec 5 Wendell W Ward, (Mo), Driver Pfc Raymond V DeFreitas, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pfc Irving L Elgarten, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pfc Grover D Failer, (Mo), Driver Pfc^{*}Quentin^{*}W Overcast, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pvt John Karle, (Cal), Ammunition Handler

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Wire Section

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Tec 4 Nicholas J Longon, (Conn), Wire Chief

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Maintenance Section

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S/Sgt Paul J Belbruno, (Conn), Mess Sergeant S/Sgt William O Davis, (Conn), Supply Sergeant Tec 4 Thomas J Menghi, (NC), lst Cook Tec 5 Luther T Farris, (Tenn), 2nd Cook Pfc John J Adamczyk, (Conn), Cook's Helper Pfc Blaine M Erikson, (Minn), Driver Pfc Walter F Kulcsar, (NY), Cook Pvt Bascom E Clarke, (Ala), Machine Gunner

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Battery Officers

Capt George E Bagnall, (Me), Battery Commander lst Lt Wilbur E Anderson, (Kan), Executive Officer lst Lt Earl A Craig, Jr., (SC), Reconnaissance Officer lst Lt Henry E Glasser, (Ohio), Motor Officer

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Reconnaissance Party

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Cpl Walter J Primosch, (NY), Scout Corporal
Cpl Russell M Ward, Jr., (Va), Battery Agent
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Tec 5 Chester L Flowers, (III), Radio Operator
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Tec 5 Benjamin R Multhaupt, (Mich), Recorder
Pfc Richard Brown, (Pa), Driver
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First Section

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Second Section

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Third Section

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Fourth Section

Sgt Nickolas Barile. (Conn), Chief of Section Cpl John A Amrine, (Okla), Ammunition Corporal Cpl Joseph A Romanowski, (Conn), Gunner Pfc Troy Baker. (Ky), Cannoneer Pfc Eugene R Blystone, (Pa), Cannoneer Pfc George D Costner, (NC), Cannoneer Pfc August DeBates, Jr., (NY), Tractor Driver Pfc Woodrow W Guy, (Tenn), Cannoneer Pfc Robert A Hoffman, (Pa), Cannoneer Pfc John B Myers, (Pa), Cannoneer Pfc Gaylord D Quinn, (Ore), Cannoneer

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Fifth Section

Sgt Elwood K Frink, (Conn), Chief of Section Tec 5 William H Bailey, (Okla), Ammunition Handler Tec 5 Frederick L Newton, (Mo), Driver Tec 5 Arthur H Schoon, (III), Tractor Driver Tec 5 Omizar Williams, (Pa), Driver Pfc James W Carroll, (Tenn), Ammunition Handler Pfc George C Chambers, (SC), Ammunition Handler Pfc Joseph S DeScisciola, (Conn), Ammunition Handler Pfc Joseph Ficalora, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pfc Robert G Freer, (Fla), Ammunition Handler Pfc Raymond H Hayes, (Pa), Ammunition Handler Pfc James E Tyler, (Va), Ammunition Handler Pfc Morris Schoen, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pvt Herman C, Johnes, (W Va), Ammunition Handler

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Wire Section

Fec 4 Fred W Jenkins, (NC), Wire Chief
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Pfc Willie J McMahan, (NC), Linesman
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Pfc Cleveland G Wagstaff, (Va), Switchboard Operator

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Machine Gun Section

Cpl Dan A Holliman, (Texas), Machine Gunner Cpl John W Vyhlidal, (Neb), Machine Gun Corporal Pfc Ottist C Basden, (Okla), Machine Gunner Pfc Patty Falabella, (NY), Machine Gunner Pfc Clarence C Tiller, (Va), Machine Gunner Pfc Paul A Tobin, (Va), Machine Gunner Pfc Ernest F Regez, (III), Machine Gunner

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Maintenance and Supply Section

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Mess Section

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Battery Detail Section

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First Section

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Second Section

Sergeant Hadley S Coleman, (Mo), Gunner Sergeant Stanley Rihely, (Pa), Chief of Section Cpl Russell F Emert, (Pa), Ammunition Corporal Tec 5 Leo N Beausoleil, (Conn), Tractor Driver Pfc Andrew P Biros, (Pa), Cannoneer Pfc John V Dixon, (Pa), Cannoneer Pfc Peter Fedorczak, (NY), Cannoneer Pfc James A Griffin, (Tenn), Cannoneer Pfc Oscar Grizzard, (Tenn,) Cannoneer Pfc Emil D Hughes, (NC), Cannoneer Pvt James R Davis, (Tenn), Cannoneer

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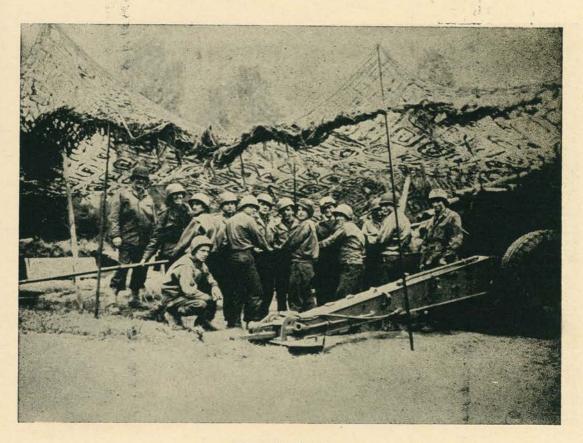


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Fourth Section

Cpl William, H Bragg, (W Va), Gunner Cpl Robert H Capo, (Pa), Ammunition Corporal Cpl Charles E Holler, (Pa), Chief of Section Cpl Paul King, (NC), Gunner Tec 5 Worick D Blagg, (Ind) Tractor Driver Pfc Angus G Beaton' (Wash), Cannoneer Pfc Glenn, R Brando, (III), Cannoneer Pfc Hugh, F Feeley, (NY), Cannoneer Pfc Leonard E Guttormson, (ND), Cannoneer Pfc Tony Kashiwsky, (Pa), Cannoneer Pfc Eugene O Stiles, (Texas), Cannoneer Pfc Joseph P Teichman, (Texas), Cannoneer Pfc Monroe D Wilson, (NC), Cannoneer Pvt Walter Clasen, Jr., (Mich), Cannoneer

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Fifth Section

Sgt Carl H Isamoyer, (Pa), Chief of Section Cpl Russel C Stewart, (Wisc), Wachine Gunner Tec 5 Eugene Curry, (Pa), Truck Driver Tec 5 Walter J Figliuzzi, (NY), Battery Mail Clerk Tec 5 Edwin E Kamppi, (Pa), Truck Driver Pfc Paul M Braun, (ND), Ammunition Handler Pfc Charles H Brueggen, (Okla), Machine Gunner Pfc Robert Dymond, (Pa), Ammunition Handler Pfc Peter Fiorillo, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pfc Roy H Fisher, (Mich), Ammunition Handler Pfc David F Miller, (Va), Ammunition Handler Pvt Merlin D Bell, (Ore), Ammunition Handler Pvt Bernard A O'Grady, (Conn), Ammunition Handler

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Wire Section

Tec 4 John Yuschik, (NJ), Wire Chief Cpl John E Balter, (Ohio), Scout Corporal No 2 Cpl Clark R Hootman, (Ohio), Machine Gunner Cpl Walter Karr, (Pa), Machine Gunner Cpl Walter E Tatarzewski, (NY), Battery Clerk Tec 5 Louis P Page, (Wisc), Wire-Telephone Operator Tec 5 Joseph F Perry, (Pa), Wire-Telephone Operator Tec 5 Obie O Seymour, (Ga), Radio Operator Tec 5 Aloysius V Stupak, (Pa), Switchboard Operator Pfc Louis V Androsiglio, (NY), Lineman Pfc Joseph F Figura, (Pa), Lineman Pfc George Godich, (Pa), Lineman Pfc Wilbert C Kalmeyer, (Pa), Driver Pvt Stanford Howells, (Pa), Driver Pvt Samuel Reff, (NY), Lineman

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Tec 5 Valton Sheffield, (Fla), Wireman Pfc Harry R Leasure, (Ohio), Wireman

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Maintenance Section

S/Sgt Vito G D'Amato, (Conn), Motor Sergeant Tec 4 Martin B DeMarte, (Conn), Tractor Mechanic Tec 5 Thomas W Blain, (Ind), Tractor Driver Tec 5 Eugene H Cox, (Okla), Tractor Driver Tec 5 Ralph H Jones, (Pa), Automotive Mechanic

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Mess Section

Tec 4 Robert L Shimpock, (Texas), First Cook
Pfc Kenneth L Hinds, (Wash), Cook's Helper
Pfc Luther Kiker, (Okla), Second Cook
Pfc Frank J McNamara, (Minn), Driver
Pfc Maurice H Pearson, (La), Cook's Helper
Pietro Modalasso, (Italy), Cook's Helper

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S/Sgt Louis J Nazzaro, (Conn), Mess Sergeant Tec 4 Edwin C Meckle, (ND), First Cook

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Battery Officers

Capt Harold H Coslow, (Me), Battery Commander and Battalion S-4 Capt Robert F Barth, (NY), Battalion Motor Officer Ist Lt Roman L Trembicki, (NJ), Battery Motor Officer Ist Lt William M Wilson, Jr., (Ohio), Ammunition Officer Chief Warrant Officer David R Snow, (Me), Asst S-4 Warrant Officer Junior Grade Joseph P Morell, (Conn), Asst S-1

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Headquarters Section

lst Sgt Paul H Manning, (Pa), lst Sergeant Tec 4 Roger Egolf, (Ind), Radio Operator Pfc Vance H Graham, (Miss), Battery Commander's Driver Pfc Chester J Krawiec, (Pa), Ammunition Handler



Ammunition Train Headquarters S/Sgt Richard J Stanton, (Conn), Ammunition Sergeant Cpl George H Harkins, (Mo), Machine Gunner Tec 5 Robert J Beaney, (Gonn), Driver Tec 5 George M Conrad, (Conn), Radio Operator Pfc Frank H Carrigan, (Me), Asst Machine Gunner Pfc Charles K Majors, (Pa), Battery Agent Pfc Bernard T O'Neill (Pa), Asst Machine Gunner

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First Ammunition Section

Sgt Bennie J Jaskot, (NY), Chief of Section Tec 5 Leo F Dumais, (Conn), Ammunition Handler Tec 5 Richard J Fogarty (Conn), Driver Pfc Bunard B Baucom, (NC), Ammunition Handler Pfc Frank Burlew, (NJ), Ammunition Handler Pfc Joseph J Finogle, (Pa), Ammunition Handler Pfc Milton Most, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pfc Edward J Reno, (NY), Ammunition Handler

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Pfc Frank L Clark, (NY), Ammunition Handler Pfc Samuel Donner, (NY), Ammunition Handler Tec 5 Joseph L Morris, (Miss), Ammunition Handler

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Second Ammunition Section

Sgt Joseph E Brzoska, (Conn), Chief of Section Tec 5 Linwood E Luke, (Va), Driver Pfc John J Brazee, (Conn), Driver Pfc Allen W Carroll, (Me), Ammunition Handler Pfc Gilberto M Costillo, (Texas), Ammunition Handler Pfc William E King, (Ariz), Ammunition Handler Pfc Earland B Howard, (Me), Ammunition Handler Pfc Joh F Lankford, (Ala), Ammunition Handler Pfc Charles B Wait, (Idaho), Ammunition Handler Pfc John T Wigley, (Ga), Ammunition Handler

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Third Ammunition Section

Sgt Robert P Halloran, (NY), Chief of Section Cpl Lyle K Wheeler, (Conn), Machine Gunner Tec 5 Edward J Gajcowski, (Conn), Driver Pfc Frank H Carrigan, (Me), Asst Machine Gunner Pfc Delma J Daigle, (La), Driver Pfc Raymond R Dehner, (Pa), Ammunition Handler Pfc Joseph G Ganis, (Pa), Ammunition Handler Pfc Bernard T O'Neill, (Pa), Asst Machine Gunner Pfc William CPetty, (SC), Ammunition Handler Pfc Peter S Ricci, (RI), Ammunition Handler Pfc Claude E Robertson, (Mo), Ammunition Handler Pfc Alvin E Scheidler, (Pa), Driver

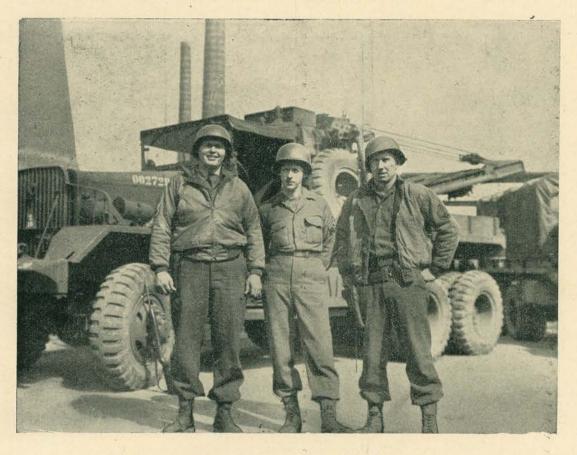
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Personnel Section

Tec 4 John G Fallon, (NY), Classification Specialist Cpl August L Cesari, (Pa), Battery "B" Clerk Cpl Ralph F Ferrandina, (NY), Hq Battery Clerk Cpl William D Heiskill, (Ohio), Battery "A" Clerk Cpl James J Palchinsky, (NY), Service Battery Clerk Cpl Walter E Tatarzewski, (NY), Battery "C" Clerk Tec 5 Milton H Bluestein, (Tenn), Hq Clerk Tec 5 Thomas R Ferguson (NY), Hq Clerk

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Battery Maintenance and Supply Section

S/Sgt Francis O Cadett, (Conn), Battery Supply Sergeant S/Sgt Earnest E Sawyer, (Va), Battery Motor Sergeant Tec 5 John W Shaughnessy, (NY), Battery Automotive Mechanic

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Battalion Maintenance Section

M/Sgt Hugh B Mahoney, (Iowa), Battalion Motor Sergeant

Tec 4 Roland H Gauthier, (Conn), Automotive Mechanic.

Tec 4 Leonard Gregory, (Conn), Tractor Mechanic

Tec 4 Delbert W Hilton, (Ohio), Welder

Tec 4 William D Oglesby, (SC), Automotive Mechanic

Cpl Russel J Bedner, (Conn), Machine Gunner

Cpl Norman H Rasmussen, (Conn), Automotive Supply Parts Corporal

Tec 5 Curt E Felden, (Conn), Tractor Mechanic

Tec 5 Peter B Orsi, (NJ), Mechanic's Helper

Tec 5 Robert L Sanders, (W Va), Automotive Mechanic

Pfc James W Butler, (Mich), Asst Machine Gunner

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Battalion Supply Section

T/Sgt Robert C Waschmirth, (Conn.) Battalion Supply Sergeant S/Sgt Leonard S Kalinowski, (NY), Asst Battalion Supply Sergeant Tec 5 Raymond R Gilman, (NY), Driver Tec 5 David Kaufman, (Pa), Supply Clerk Tec 5 Joseph J Longo, (Conn), Supply Clerk



Mess Section

S/Sgt Harold J Watrous, (NY), Mess. Sergeant Tec 4 Samuel E McKinney, (Pa), 1st Cook Tec 5 Louis Ciacciarelli, (NY), 2nd Cook Tec 5 Hubert J Gee, (Ohio), Driver Pfc Richard H Bobinski, (Conn), Machine Gunner Pfc Kenneth L Harris, (Pa), Cook's Helper Pfc Paul M Palmer, (Iowa), Cook's Helper

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT



Medical Detachment

S/Sgt Stephen F McNeil, Jr., (Me), Chief of Medical Section Tec 3 Kenneth E Ellis, (Me), Surgical Technician Tec 4 William P Caruso, (Me), Surgical Technician Sgt Walter K Riley, (Ala), Surgical Technician Cpl John H Blinkhorn, (Me), Asst Chief of Medical Section Tec 5 Ernest J Boyer, Jr., (Pa), Surgical Technician Tec 5 Salvatore T Gallizzo, (NY), Clerk Tec 5 Edward J Garrity, (NY) Surgical Technician Pfc Richard B Collins, (Ore), Surgical Technician Pvt Melvin H Becker, (Mo), Surgical Technician Pvt James F Benton, (Ga), Surgical Technician Absent from picture

Pfc James W Redman, (SC), Surgical Technican

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ADDRESSES

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ALASKA

Pfc William M Kraft, Anchorage

September, 1944

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January, 1944 October, 1944

January, 1944

ALABAMA

2nd Lt Thomas W Britt, RFD 1, Elba Pvt Bascom E Clarke, Phoenix City Pfc John F Lankford, Fackler Sgt Walter K Riley, Route 1, Tallassee

ARIZONA

Pfc William E King, Box 501, Glendale

ARKANSAS

Capt Paul B Tidball, Fayetteville

Transferred

CALIFORNIA

Pvt Gilbert S Bettencourt, Box 527, Route 5, Fresno Pvt Dalmur L Dalziel, 3716 Orange Avenue, Long Beach Pfc Robert T Dochterman, 1037 — 14th St., Hermosa Beach Pvt Ralph Frias, 3466 Victory St., San Diego 1st Lt Harley R Hammond, 1147 Broad Ave., Wilmington Pvt John Karle, 110 Toro Ave., Salinas Tec 5 Constantine Merino, PO Box 805, Santa Maria Pfc Karl V Muehlberg, 418 — 6th St., Taft Pvt Paul V O'Mara, 816 West 58 St., Los Angeles Pfc Leopoldo Salinas, 722 East 137 Place, Hawthorne Cpl Allen J Scales, Sr., 79 Paloma Ave., Salinas Pfc Cecil L Spring, Box 432, San Miguel

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COLORADO

Cpl Eugene V Swarts, Box 189, Hudson

CONNECTICUT

Pfc John J Adamczyk, Box 134, Cos Cob Tec 5 George B Atwood, 136 Prospect St, Norwich Tec 4 John Avdevich, 12 3rd Street, Norwich Tec 5 Daniel Banziruk, RFD 1, Terryville Tec 4 Maurice E Barbaret, Box 709, Oakville Sgt Nickolas Barile, 438 Main Street, Norwich Tec 5 Robert J Beaney, RFD 2, Clifton St., New London Tec 5 Leo N Beausoleil, 52 Hunters Ave., Taftville Cpl Russel J Bedner, 24 Young Ave., Thompsonville S/Sgt Paul J Belbruno, 21 Hobrun St., New London T/Sgt Herman R Belli, 56 School St., Norwich Pfc Richard H Bobinski, 440 E Main St., Thomaston Tec 4 Rene J Bourgeois, 177 High St., Baltic Pfc John J Brazee, Railroad St., Thomaston Sgt Joseph E Brzoska, 9 East Meadow St., Stamford Cpl William V Buscetto, 636 Montauk Ave., New London S/Sgt Francis O Cadett, 76 Foley St., Manchester Cpl James A Caputo, 20 Beacon St., Norwalk S/Sgt Philip L Christopher, 5 Yost St., South Norwalk S/Sgt Quinto J Chtristopher, 5 Yost St., South Norwalk Tec 5 Benjamin A Ciereszewski, 44 Slater Ave., Jewett City Pfc Frank J Clark, 105 Bank St., New London Tec 5 Warren P Conley, 434 Vauxhall St., New London Tec 5 George M Conrad, 29 Nashville, Road, Bethel S/Sgt Edward Coutu, 40 Merchant Ave., Taftville S/Sgt Vito G D'Amato, 56 Willow St., Bridgeport S/Sgt William O Davis, 252 Gardner Ave., New London Tec 4 Martin B DeMarte, 4 Rowan St., East Norwalk Pvt Joseph S DeScisciola, 156 Laurel Hill Ave. Tec 4 John Devlin, Jr., 403 Bunnell St., Bridgeport Tec 5 Leo F Dumais, RFD North Road, Granby S/Sgt William A Dunbar, 97 Truman St., New London

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Pfc George A Enos, 22 Lewis St., New London Tec 5 Curt E Felden, 29 Vernon Ave., Rochville S/Sgt Joseph Ferreira, 69 Spring St., South Norwalk Tec 5 Richard J Fogarty, 158 Calhoun St., Torrington Sgt Elwood K Frink, RFD 7, Norwich Tec 5 Edward J Gajcowski, RFD 2, Somers 1s: Sgt Dorius P Galipeau, 235 Palmer St., Norwich Tec 4 Roland H Gauthier, Main Street, Montville Pvt Charles W Greenhalgh, 112 Cambridge Dr., E Hartford Tec 4 Leonard Gregory, Wolcott Ave., Windsor S/Sgt Joseph L Hamel, Wildrose Ave., New London S/Sgt Robert T Hartnett, 34 Cottage St., New London Sgt Robert P Higgins, 41 Sherman St., New London Tec 5 William T Hill, 461 Jefferson Ave., New London Cpl Hector L Houle, Hyde Park, Stafford Springs Cpl William Howard, 75 Howard St., New London M/Sgt Walter A Jalowski, 16 Germania Ave., Taftville Tec 4 Joseph O Joly, 17 Norwich Ave., Taftville Sgt Hyman Jortner, 263 Beaver St., New Britain Tec 4 Wilfred Julien, 41 Spring Garden Ave., Norwich S/Sgt Nudeem J Kaba, 100 Main St., Stafford Springs Pfc Mineo J Kaba, 100 Main St., Stafford Springs Pfc Joseph Kiczuk, 3 Cherry St., Hartford Tec 4 Chester F Komorowski, 368 North Main St., Norwich Pvt Edward K Kononshik, 130 North Bank St., New London Pfc Joseph LaFlash, Baltic Tec 5 Joseph J Longo, 15 West Coit St., New London Tec 4 Nicholas J Longo, 46 Shaw St., New London Sgt George C Malchiodi, Oakdale Tec 5 Leo Maynard, 19 Fleming St., Norwich Pfc Martin L Montanari, 135 Ashcraft Road, New London WOJG Joseph P Morell, 86 North St., Norwich Tec 5 Joseph A Morin, Hazard Ave., Thompsonville Capt Philip A Muller, 79 Reservoir St., Bethel S/Sgt Louis J Nazzaro, PO Box 37, Georgetown,

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Pvt Bernard A O'Grady, 33 Main St., Norwalk Pfc James W Pearson, 528 Main St., New London Cpl Norman H Rasmussen, RFD 141, Niantic Tec 5 Walter Rasmussen, 286 Rayton Ave., South Norwalk T/Sgt Jeremiah T Raymond, 12 Garfield Ave. Pvt James A Reinhart, 231 Ely Ave., South Norwalk Tec 4 James H Rix, Niantic Tec 5 Lester I Roberts, 701/2 Hunter Ave., Taftville Cpl Joseph A Romanowski, 49 Golden St., Norwich Cpl David H Savage, RFD 1, Norwich Sgt Alphonse P Scarpa, 31 Shaw St., New London Cpl Lawrence J Silva, 181 Shaw St., New London Tec 5 Edmund F Sirpenski, 283 Laurel Hill Ave., Norwich S/Sg: Richard J Stanton, South Lyme S/Sgt Everett E Stratton, Nash Place, South Norwalk S/Sgt Daniel J Sullivan, RFD 8, Norwich Sg: Salvatore C Sylvester, 18 Shaw St., New London Lt Col James E Tarrant, 13 Hickok Ave., Bethel Cpl Frank L Vara, Niantic Pfc Frank J Vento, 215 Liberty Square, East Norwalk Tec 4 John H Ventres, 18 Park Place, New Canaan T/Sgt Robert C Waschmirth, 9 Gold St., Stonington Cpl Lyle K Wheeler, 138 Huntington St., New London Tec 5 Stanley Wildred, 44 Washington St. Cpl Chester A Zagaski, RFD 2, Norwich

DELAWARE

Capt Harvey T Ogden, RFD 1, Newark

FLORIDA

Pvt Robert G Freer, 2290 NW 36th St., Miami Tec 5 Valton Sheffied, Shady Grove Pfc Cecil E Stewart, 55 La Main St., Jacksonville

GEORGIA

Pvt James F Benton, Monticello Pfc Carl Rice, Nashville

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T/5 Obie O. Seymour, RFD 1, Bowman Pfc John T Wigley, 1412 Bankhead Highway, Atlanta January, 1944 February, 1944

IDAHO

Pfc Charles B Wait, Boise

January, 1944

ILLINOIS

Pvt William O Boren, Mound City January, 1945 Pfc Glenn R Brando, 5051/2 West Jackson St., Bloomington June, 1944 Tec 5 Harold E Coleman, 1147 East Washington St., East Peoria May, 1942 Pic Maurice DeYoung, 102-15 South Michigan Ave., Chicago February, 1944 Pfc Robert H Edris, 842 - 19th St., Rock Island Killed Pvt Chester L Flowers, 1445 North Park Ave., Chicago April, 1942 November, 1944 Pvt Claud P Gilbert, 749 South Keeler Ave., Chicago November, 1942 1st Lt Marshall P Grant, Athens January, 1944 Tec 5 Robert E Haynes, 1404 East Main St., Decatur Transferred Cpl Ralph H Keith, Pecatonica Transferred Pvt John M Marras, 2620 W Superior St., Chicago July, 1941 Cpl Stanley J Pazdra, 1649 West Cullerton St., Chicago December, 1943 Pfc Ernest F Regez, 602 South Walnut Ave., Freeport January, 1944 Tec 5 Arthur H Schoon, Route 1, Dundee

INDIANA

Tec 4 Ray Albright, North Liberty Tec 5 Worick D Blagg, 1449 West 9th Ave., Gard Tec 5 Thomas W Blain, Route 3, Columbia City Tec 4 Roger Egolf, RFD 2, Churubusco Pfc Bernard F King, Lacloga Pfc Oliver G Lewis, RR 2, Aurora Pvt Robert H Nelson, Star Route, Tell City Cpl Matt J Nytko, 4209 Torrence Ave., Hammond Pfc William D Schwartz, Route 2, Portland April, 1942 April, 1942 April, 1942 April, 1942 June, 1942 June, 1942 January, 1945 December, 1943 April, 1942

IOWA

Pvt Elmer Gaudian, Paullina M/Sgt Hugh B Mahoney, Randalia Pfc Paul M Palmer, Box 316, Osceola

KANSAS

1st Lt Wilbur E Anderson, Waverly Pfc Stanley A Davis, RR 1, St. Mary's Tec 5 Paul L Falk, Valley Center Pvt Lewis R Haggard, PO 473, Genesco Pfc James R Parks, Coldwater Pfc Orville L Porter, Route 3, Yates Center Pfc Carl Scharff, 906 Sunnyslope, Emporia

KENTUCKY

Pvt Troy Baker, Fount Pfc Carl Layman, 1428 Longfield Ave., Louisville Pfc Carl E Koop, 1118 Gross Ave., Louisville Cpl Joseph C Mattingly, St. Francis Pfc Proctor J Skaggs, Route 3, Louisa Pfc Josephus Tolle, 23 East 13 St., Covington Pfc Curtis E Vancleave, Woodsbend

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LOUISIANA

Pfc Delma J Daigle, Box 471, Plaquemine Tec 4 Herley Galland, Evergreen Cpl Garland McDow, Route 1, Box 65, Jonesboro Pfc Abbie G Nett, Route 2, Many Pfc Maurice H Pearson, Box 43, Gallion

MAINE

Capt George E Bagnall, 49 Elm St., Houlton Cpl John H Blinkhorn, 15 Adams St., Bangor Pfc Frank H Carrigan, 41 Old Point Ave., Madison Pfc Allen W Carroll, Oldtown Tec 4 William P Caruso, 446 Main St., Bangor

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MASSACHUSETTES

Cpl Emeril R Belair, 4 Fontneau Ave., Attleboro Cpl Horace Boff, 123 Johnson St., Fall River Pvt Pasquale DiGaetano, 24 Minot St., Boston Pvt Robert W MacPherson, 151 Brattle St., Cambridge Cpl Thomas J Pickering, J., 411 Winter St., Fall River Cpl Bennie J Uga, 4 Revere St., Winthrop

MARYLAND

Pvt Dominic P Celozzi, 319 S Folcroft St., Baltimore 1st Lt Max Glickman, 145 Main St., Annapolis Cpl Harry L Younger, Box 39, Knoxville

MICHIGAN

S/Sgt Claud L Brady, 720 Fredrick St., Lansing Pfc James W Butler, 20158 Wacama, Detroit Pvt Wlater C Clasen, Jr., 4228 Maxwell Ave., Detroit Tec 5 Leonard J Dutton, 304 N Alexander, Royal Oak Pfc Thomas Eady, Sparta Pfc Roy H Fisher, Route 2, Augusta Tec 5 Kenneth F Gates, 20124 Littlefield Ave., Detroit Tec 5 Henry J Iwanski, 822 Fulton SW, Grand Rapids Pfc Leon J Malenfont, 5768 Seminole St., Detroit Wounded June, 1941 May, 1944 June, 1941 March, 1943 Transferred November, 1941 June, 1941 October, 1944 March, 1943 Transferred January, 1941

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Cpl Kenneth O Miller,	, RFD 1, Beaverton	May,	1942
Tec 5 Benjamin R Mul	lthaupt, 520 Michigan Ave., Manistique	April,	1942

MINNESOTA

Pfc Blaine M Erickson, 4327 Oliver Ave., North, Minneapolis Cpl Cecil J Halley, Osakis Pfc Frank J McNamara, Route 2, Strandquist Tec 4 John Pouchak, 131 SW 9th St., Chisholm Pfc Robert H Richards, Sauk Rapids

MISSISSIPPI

Tec 5 Vernon R Franks, Route 2, Fulton Pfc Vance H Graham, Fulton Tec 4 Samuel R Jamison, RFD 1, Kosciusko 1st Lt Edwin E Luper, Prentiss Pfc Joseph McCain, Taylor Pfc Joseph L Morris, Route 3, Baldwyn

MISSOURI

Py: Molvin H Becker, 1129 Walton Ave., St. Louis Cpl Joseph C Birsinger, 4871a Heidelburg Ave., St. Louis County November, 1941 Sg: Hadley S Coleman, 507 Blow St., DeSoto Pic Grover D Failer, RR 4, Windsor Cpl George H Harkins, 926 E 30th St., Kansas City Pvt John W Harper, Auert Pvt Gene Hartman, Summersville Tec 5 John B Lewis, 1301 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City Tec 5 James R Koger, RFD 1, Osceola Tec 5 Fredrick L Newton, Skidmore Pfc Claude E Robertson, Route 1, DeSoto Pfc Howard L Stubbs, Route 3, Platte City Tec 5 Wendell W Ward, Golden City

MONTANA

Tec 5 William D McLean, 109 Missoula Ave., Butte

Wounded

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NEBRASKA

Cpl Melvin Harris, RFD 1, Pawnee City	Transferred
Sgi John M Ideus, Route 2, Adams	April, 1942
Pv: Ruben J Kuhl, 428 E Nebraska St., Pierce	Transferred
Cpl Paul B Ketchmark, Greeley	April, 1942
Pfc Gaylord D Quinn, Route 3, Burwell	April, 1942
S/Sgt Myron M Stitt, RFD 1, Liberty	April, 1942
Cpl John W Vyhlidal, Northbend	April, 1942

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Pvt Henry C Duke, 983 Bridge St., Manchester Tec 3 Edwin S Harris, 27 Forest St., Concord

NEW MEXICO

Pfc Noberto G Mendoza, Redrock T/Sgt Charles D Shue, 320 Davis Street, Clovis

NEW JERSEY

Capt Mario J Albini, 204 Fifth St., Hoboken Pfc Frank Burlew, RFD 1, Box 51B, Old Bridge Pvt James J Canova, 240 Paxton St., Paterson Pfc Anthony P Ferraiuole, 294 Ampere Parkway, Bloomfield Cpl Edward Holmes, 135 Fifth St., Elizabeth Pfc James H Martin, 5 Loomis Ave., Sussex Pfc Charles Moore, New Egypt Pfc Frank Mortillite, 507 Wibur Ave., Hammonton Tec 5 Peter B Orsi, Basin St., Kingston Pvt James F Robinson, 50 Fayette St., Bridgeton 2nd Lt August L Trautz, Madison 1st Lt Roman L Trembicki, 340 Prospect St., Ridgewood Cpl John Yuschik, 659 State St., Perth Amboy

NEW YORK

Pfc Louis V Androsiglio, 4184 Park Ave., Bronx Capt Robert F Barth, 32 Forbus St., Poughkeepsie Pvt Aaron H Berman, 51 Elm St., Lynbrook

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Pfc Sylvester J Butz, 34 Driggs Ave., Brooklyn June, 1944 Tec 5 Louis Ciacciarelli, 2448 Washington Ave., Bronx Tec 5 Robert L Cohen, 518 Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck Pfc Vincent J Colasacco, 133 Waverly Ave., Mamaroneck Pfc George E Collins, 365 Smith St., Peekskill Pfc Darwin F Crandall, RFD 2, Petersburg Tec 4 James E Dale, 3486 Fenton Ave., Bronx Pfc August DeBates, Jr., 23 Railroad Ave., Walden Pvt Raymond DeFreitas, 146 Wright Ave., Malverne, L. I. Tec 4 Martin DeGeorge, Route 39, Greene St., Troy Pfc Samuel S Deleo, 17 Fourth St., White Plains Pfc Frank DePilato, 4 New St., White Plains Tec 5 Peter A DiBenedetto, 1 Lafayette St., New Rochelle Pfc Saverino D DiBerardino, 1838 Matthews Ave., Bronx Pvt Henry Di-Bernardo, 117-58-140th St., South Ozone Park Long Island Pfc Ralph DiLorenzo, 1423, 82nd St., Brooklyn S/Sgt Peter L DiVitantonio, 334 Prospect Ave., Buffalo Tec 5 William J Dondalski, Route 6, Schenectady Pfc Samuel Donner, 1520 Commonwealth Ave., New York City Pfc Charles E Donovan, 580 Leonard St., Brooklyn Pvt Thomas Drexler, 310 Stagg St., Brooklyn Pfc Kenneth Duffy, 87 Platt St., Rouses Point Pfc Irving L Elgarten, 808 Adee Ave., Bronx Cpl Clifton B Ennis, 1218 Albany St., Schenectady Pfc James E Eustace, 1709 East 177 St., Bronx Pfc Patty Falabella, 685 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn Pfc Jerry G Falcone, 133-27 41st Ave., Flushing, Long Island Tec 4 John G Fallon, 99 Noble St., Brooklyn Pvt Peter Fedorczak, 20 Croton Terrace, Yonkers Pfc Hugh F Feeley, 666 57th St., Brooklyn Tec 5 Thomas R Ferguson, 236 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers Cpl Ralph Ferrandina, 1143 Mace Ave., Bronx Pfc Guido J Ferraro, 76 Crotona Ave., Harrison Pfc Joseph Ficalora, 126-02 Sutter Ave., South Ozone Park Long Island

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Tec 5 Walter J Figliuzzi, 51 Walnut St., New Rochelle December, 1942 Pfc Peter Fiorillo, 99 Conselyea St., Brooklyn December, 1942 Pvt Vincent Fiorito, 289 Lockwood Ave., New Rochelle Transferred Tec 5 Edward W Fitzgerald, 116-29 14th St., South Ozone Park, Long Island December, 1942 Pfc James F Fleming, 1926 Wallace Ave., New York City December, 1942 Pfc Joseph Florio, 2341 East 26th St., Brooklyn December, 1942 Pvt Patsy Galardy, Jr., Duane Ave., Schenectady Transferred Tec 5 Salvatore T Gallizzo, 4 Villus Ave., New Rochelle November, 1942 Tec 5 Warren Garrand, Mooers December, 1942 Cpl Edward J Garrity, 35 South Devoe Ave., Yonkers November, 1942 Pvt Caesar Gatta, RFD 1, Pine Bush Transferred Tec 5 Raymond R Gilman, RFD 1, Altona December, 1942 Tec 5 Rosario Giunta, 108-19 Liverpool St., Jamaica Transferred Pvt Rubin Goldstein, 2092 Dean St., Brooklyn Transferred 1st Sgt Bernard V Guggolz, 30-06 29th St., Long Island City June, 1941 Sgt Robert P Halloran, 715 Spring St., Syracuse June, 1941 Tec 5 Otto W Holst, 481 South Ave., Rochester June, 1941 Sgt Louis Indiano, 228 East Mapleave Ave., East Rochester June, 1941 Sgt Bennie J Jaskot, 24 Barens St., Rochester June, 1941 S/Sgt Leonard S Kalinowski, 252 Kathrine St., Buffalo July, 1941 Capt Edwin B Katte, 150 East 73rd St., New York City November, 1943 1st Lt William F Kraus, 130-37 146th St., South Ozone Park Long Island September, 1943 Pfc Walter F Kulcsar, 76 Sutton Place, Brooklyn June, 1942 1st Lt Irving Levin, 159 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn December, 1944 Pvt Carmine T Mangiolomini, 97-35 Corna, Corona Transferred Pfc Charles J Mooney, 10-47 47th Ave., Long Island January, 1944 Pfc Milton Most, 1314 Seneca Ave., Bronx January, 1944 Pfc Quentin Overcast, 185 East 3rd St., New York City June, 1942 Cpl James J Palchinsky, 2735 Ford St., Brooklyn May, 1942 S/Sgt Albert F Pettengill, 170 Ridge St., Glens Falls January, 1944 Cpl Walter J Primosch, 876 Woodward Ave., Brooklyn April, 1942 Pvt Samuel Reff, 1475 Metcalf Ave., New York City January, 1944 Pfc Edward J Reno, 4805-46th St., Woodside May, 1942 Pfc Robert I Satterly, 212 Irwin St., Boonville Transferred

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Pfc Morris Schoen, 960 Grand Concourse, Bronx Pfc Bernard Segelbaum, 588 Fox St., Bronx Tec 5 John W Shaughnessy, 1619 Holland Ave., Utica Pfc Royal Starkey, N Union Road, Spring Valley Pfc Leon Supraner, 1749 63rd St., Brooklyn Cpl Walter E Tatarzewski, 19 Jarrold St., Kingston Cpl Stephan Terpin, 118 Spann St., Buffalo S/Sgt Harold J Watrous, 87 William St., Yonkers

NORTH CAROLINA

S/Sgt Milton W Arthur, Pollocksville Pfc Bunard B Baucom, Belmont Pfc George D Costner, Route 2, Lawndale Pfc Kenneth C Deweese, Route 1, Leicester Pfc Robie C Harris, Box 371, Gibsonville Pfc Archie I Hawkins, Jr., Route 1, Canton Pfc Roy T Higgins, Bee Log Pfc Edward W Hill, 104 Cameron Ave., Fayetteville Pfc Emil D Hughes, Lundy Tec 4 Fred W Jenkins, RFD 2, Box 155, Kannapolis Cpl Paul King, Cane River Pfc Willie McMahan, Leicester Sgt Thomas J Menghi, Route 1, Wade Pfc Henry Morales, Box 473, Rockwell Pfc Robert S Thaggard, 1117 Progress St., Fayetteville Pfc Richard S Whittington, 904 Westover Terrace, Greensboro Pfc Monroe D Wilson, Brevard

NORTH DAKOTA

Pfc Paul M Braun, Route 1, Glen Ullin	April, 194
Pfc Leanord E Guttormson, Route 1, DesLacs	April, 192
Tec 4 Frank E Landerholm, 209 19th St., Bismarck	April, 192
Tec 4 Edwin Meckle, Den Hoff.	April, 192

OHIO

Cpl John E Baltzer, 29 Canal St., Navarre	April, 1942
Tec 5 Benjamin L Bayse, 546 Ashwood Road, Columbus	February, 19
1st Sgt John D Bozin, 39 Skoplee St., Girard	April, 1942

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Pfc John Brumm, 130 Blanch St., Mansfield	May, 1942
Cpl Francis P Corrigan, 9914 Raymond Ave., Cleveland	April, 1942
Tec 4 Howard L Detty, Route 1, Piketon	April, 1942
Tec 5 Hubert J Gee, 1509 Walnut St., Toledo	April, 1942
1st Lt Henry E Glasser, 2350 Fenwood, Univ Hts, Cleveland	
Heights	April, 1942
Pfc William D Heiskell, Water St., Williamsport	December, 1943
Tec 4 Delbert W Hilton, Route 6, Hamilton	November, 1941
Cpl Clark R Hootman, Route 1, Ney	January, 1944
Pvt Robert E Kiser, 1223 N West St., Lima	Killed
Pfc Harry R Leasure, 434 McKinley Ave., NW, Canton	January, 1944
Cpl Chester Matuszak, 340 Hudson St., Toledo	June, 1942
Cpl Roland L Ortloff, 558 Milton St., E Toledo	April 1942
Pvt Gaza L Phillips, 11918 Honeydale Ave., Cleveland	January, 1942
Tec 3 Thomas E Strickley, Chilo	April 1942
1st Lt William M Wilson, 5894 O'Meara Place, Pleasant Ridge	
Cincinnati	June, 1943
Pfc Robert C Woodard, Route 1, Mason	December, 1942

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Tec 4 Lee E Allgood, 811 E 15th St., Ada	April 1942
Cpl John A Amrine, RR 1, Carney	April 1942
Tec 5 William H Bailey, Goodland Rt., Hugo	April 1942
Pfc Ottist C Basden, RFD 3, Blanchard	April 1942
Cpl Donald J Bishop, 702 NT 6th St., Kingfisher	April 1942
Tec 5 Lee Bruce, Loop Rt, Tahlequah	April 1942
Pfc Charles H Brueggen, Route 1, Okarche	April, 1942
Pfc Thomas G Calico, Loop Route, Tahlequah	April, 1942
Capt Kenneth K Carpenter, Ponca City	Transferred
Pvt Truman R Chesser, RFD 3, Hobart	Transferred
Tec 5 Eugene H Cox, Box 29, Sasakwa	April, 1942
Tec 5 William Gannon, Route 3, Alva	April, 1942
Cpl John Grammer, Route 2, Box 335, Okemah	April, 1942
Cpl Henry L Hill, Garvin	April, 1942
Pfc Luther Kiker, Route 1, Wewoka	April, 1942
Pfc Horace H McMillen, 2832 E Admiral Ct, Tulsa	April, 1942

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OREGON

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Pfc Joseph F Figura, Box 19, Route 2, Barnesboro	December, 1942
Pfc Joseph G Finogle, 1E Vine St., Shickshinny	December, 1942
Cpl Richard B Fultz, Lewistown	May, 1942
Pfc Joseph G Ganis, 244 Center Ave., Plymouth	December, 1942
Pfc Frank F Gerak, Box 192, Wilpen	Killed
Pfc George Godich, Route 1, Box 32-A, Hopewell Tnp, Aliquippa	January, 1944
Pfc Gilendo Gradizzi, Kersey	May, 1942
Pfc George Hadbvany, Big Run	May, 1942
Tec 4 Henry C Hageman, 609 N 5th St., Reading	June, 1944
Pfc Kenneth L Harris, RFD 3, Westfield	September, 1944
Pvt Raymond H Hayes, Kersey	May, 1942
Pfc Clarence Herwick, Mill Run	April, 1942
Pfc Robert A Hoffman, 502 North Broad St., Grove City	December, 1942
Cpl Charles E Holler, Route 3, Rimersburg	May, 1942
Pvt Stanford Howells, 818 Main St., Peckville	May, 1942
Pfc Robert D Irons, 508 West 7th St., Chester	Transferred
Sgt Carl H Isamoyer, 121A Wunder St., Reading	May, 1942
Tec 5 Ralph H Jones, Jolly Town	July, 1942
Pfc Wilbert C Kalmeyer, Box 41, Natrona Heights	May, 1942
Tec 5 Edwin E Kamppi, Route 1, Albion	May, 1942
Cpl Walter Karr, Darragh	May, 1942
Pfc Tony Kashiwsky, 510 Wykes St., Aliquippa	May, 1942
Tec 5 David Kaufman, 5340 Delancey St., Philadelphia	December, 1942
Pfc Edward J Keil, 1258 Wyoming Ave., Exeter Borough	December, 1942
Pfc Clair K Ketcham, Route 1, Utica	December, 1942
Pfc Chester J Krawice, 201 Clarion St., Oil City	May, 1942
Pfc Martin L Leicht, 817 Vodgee St., Philadelphia	Transferred
1st Lt Joseph Lesko, Jr., 1805 Maple St., Munhall	October, 1943
Capt William E Linn, 1511 Homewood Ave., Pittsburgh	September, 1942
Tec 5 Milford F Luckasiewicz, 822 W Grove St., Taylor	May, 1942
Pfc Charles K Majors, Upland Ave., RD 1, Beaver	May, 1942
1st Sgt Paul H Manning, 117 Maurus St., St Marys	May, 1942
Pfc Arthur P Marchionini, Box 26, Coupon	December, 1942
Pfc Frank J Marone, 522 Pleasant Ave., Scranton	December, 1942
Tec 4 Samuel E McKinney, 80 Hillside Ave., Bradford	May, 1942

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Pfc Michael Midlick, Jr., 17 Laurel Hill, Hazleton Major Josiah B Miller, 4926 Osage Ave., Philadelphia Pfc John B Myers, Gallitzin, RD Pfc Bernard T O'Neill, 1924 E Pike St., Philadelphia Tec 5 Joseph F Perry, 512 Cleveland St., Gallitzin Pfc John L Pesta, 114 Grove St., Exeter Tec 4 Anthony S Polcheck, 561 Hayes St., Hazleton Cpl William G Randol, 182 39th St., Pittsburgh Pvt James L Reiser, Box 338, Chestnut St., Stoneboro Sgt Stanley Rihely, Route 1, Beaver Falls 1st Lt Carl A Roman, Wilkes Barre Pfc John A Sabelli, 904 St Joseph St., Gallitzin Cpl Joseph Richard Santarcangelo, 136 Meadow St., Pittburgh Pfc Alvin E Scheidler, 1331 N Water St., Philadelphia Pfc Russel W Semelsberger, Spangler St., Hastings Pfc Charles Shay, Johnstown Tec 4 Stephen D Sipos, 634 W Diamond St., Philadelphia Pfc William G Strohmeyer, 1011 East 28 St., Erie Tec 5 Aloysius Stupak, 203 Baldwin St., Philadelphia Tec 4 Clyde Sweeley, Smethport Pfc Glenn Waid, Jackson Center Cpl Wilbur Walk, Blandburg S/Sgt Bernard J Wienand, 208 Lincoln Ave., E Pittsburgh Tec 5 Ernest W Williams, 42 Woodburg St., Wilkes Barre Pfc Paul A Williams, Lilly Cpl Omizar Williams, Grove City Pvt John Winowitch, 2830 Larkins Way, Pittsburgh

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Pfc Peter S Ricci, 448 Admiral St., Providence Major Howard F Williams, 15 Brookside Drive, Cranston

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Pfc Arthur L Barnes, Wilson Pfc George C Chambers, Buffalo 1st Lt Earl A Craig, Jr., 3129 Duncan St., Columbia Cpl William M Nivens, Route 1, Clover Tec 4 William D Oglesby, Allendale Pfc William C Petty, 208 Oakland Ave., Gaffney Pfc James W Redman % W B Wilson, Route 2, Salem Pfc Voight W Roof, Route 1, West Columbia

SOUTH DAKOTA

Cpl Willard J McGee, Letcher

TENNESSEE

Tec 5 Milton H Bluestein, 941 No Parkway, Memphis April, 1942 Tec 5 Joe G Brooks, NR 2, Hannogote February, 1942 Pfc George A Brotherton, Route 3, Bulls Gap April, 1943 Pvt James W Carroll, RD 1, Fordtown December, 1942 Pfc Amos F Davis, Route 1, Lake City April, 1943 Pvt James R Davis, 1107 Arney St., Elizabethton January, 1944 Tec 5 Luther T Farris, Route 1, Bolivar May, 1942 Pfc Chester W Flower, Decaturville May, 1942 Pfc Woodrow T Gann, Route 1, Hixson May, 1942 Pfc James Ganus, Crump May, 1942 Pfc Ewing A Garrett, Route 1, Dickson May, 1942 Pfc James A Griffin, Gen Del, Blanche May, 1942 Pfc Oscar Grizzard, Route 2, Indian Mound May, 1942 Pfc Joe C Grooms, McKenzie Killed Pfc Woodrow W Guy, RFD 2, Bradford May, 1942 Pfc Auburn K Hamm, Oakland April, 1942 Capt Joe L Hudgins, 919 Exchange St., Union City November, 1942 Pvt Kenneth W Kaiser, Route 1, Box 328, Strawberry Plains January, 1945

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TEXAS

Cpl Jim Acosta, 624 Padernales St., Austin Pfc Gilberto M Costillo, 2608 Cedar Springs, Dallas 2nd Lt Dennis F Coates, Jr., Ozona Pfc Guadalupe Corpus, Route 1, Box 12, Mission Cpl Elmer D Evetts, Box 4383 Ruth St., Houston Pvt Dan A Holliman, 1715 South Fifth St., Austin Tec 4 Martin Howard, Box 474, Quanah Cpl William L Prosise, Box 274, Eden Pfc William A Richardson, Henrietta Cpl Waldemar H Schramm, Route 3, Fayetteville Tec 5 Robert L Shimpock, Route 1, Annona Cpl Thomas R Stewart, RFD 2, Hughes Springs Pfc Eugene O Stiles, Route 1, Copperas Cove 2nd Lt Joe C Stokes, Winnsboro Pfc Joseph P Teichman, Scotland Pvt Felix M Torres, 2223 Laredo Ave., Corpus Christi Pfc Andy Williams, Charleston

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Pfc Max M New, Ogden

VIRGINIA

Pfc Charles W Bowers, 1708 N 22nd St., Richmond Cpl Joe E Brown, 2872 Shelter Rd., Norfolk Pfc Walter B Dawson, Cana Tec 5 Linwood E Luke, Jr., 11 Sampson Place, Portsmouth Pfc David F Miller, Route 1, Rural Retreat Pvt Thomas L Salmon, Jr., 114 Chesnut St., Soffolk Pfc Preston P Satterwhite, Beaver Dam S/Sgt Earnst E Sawyer, 902 Elizabeth St., Norfolk Pfc Isaac V See, Mutthias Pfc Herbert Sheets, Rugby Cpl Samuel B Sheffield, Jr., Waverly Pfc Ernest Shelton, Route 2, 40–1, Fredericksburg December, 1942 December, 1942 November, 1941 December, 1942 December, 1942 Transferred December, 1942 December, 1942 Wounded January, 1943 December, 1943

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Tec 5 James O Shepherd, Fork Union Pfc Claiborne J Shields, Route 1, Kenbridge Tec 4 John F Skillman 303 Highland Ave., Suffolk 1st Lt Charles M Spencer, Buckingham Pfc Ernest C Stanley, Route 3, Beaverdam Pfc Curtis C Stapleton, Keokee Pfc William W Thomas, Dryden Pvt Carlton P Thompson, RFD 2, Victoria Pfc Clarence S Tiller, Route 1, Rockville Pfc Paul A Tobin, Harrisonburg Pvt Henry H Turner, RFD 2, Elkton Pfc James E Tyler, Hanover Tec 5 Charles M Vernon, 214 Mt Vernon Ave., Danville Pfc Cleveland George Wagstaff, Jr., Route 1, Chase City Pfc James C Wallace, Star Route, Kenbridge Cpl Russell M Ward, Jr., 56 Elm Ave., Warwick on the James Newport News Pfq Emmitt B Willis, Route 1, Big Stone Gap Pfc Herbert Wilson, Route 1, Grundy Pfc Lewis C Wingfield, RFD 2, Box 4, Ashland T/Sgt Dean M Wise, 505 Dakar Drive, Sandston

VERMONT

Cpl Chandler M Hewitt, North Pomfret

WASHINGTON

Pvt Angus G Beaton, Route 1, Box 123, Redmond Pfc Kenneth L Hinds, Route 3, Box 327, Chehalis Pfc Howard J Rowe, 818 Martin St., Aberdeen

WEST VIRGINIA

Cpl William H Bragg, Putney Pvt Herman C Jones, Vicors Pvt Melvin L Redden, Laurel Creek Tec 5 Robert L Sanders, Farmington Pfc John E Sarver, Bluefield December, 1942 December, 1942 January, 1943 August, 1943 December, 1942 December, 1942 December, 1942 Wounded January 1940 December, 1942 Wounded December, 1942 June, 1942 December, 1942 Transferred

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WISCONSIN

Tec 5 Earl J Holland, Gratiot Cpl Alton F Jochum, 211 Vine St., Eau Claire Tec 5 Daniel F Kruegel, 5603 Branble Court, Greendale Tec 5 Louis P Page, North Freedom Sgt Robert W Partridge, Box 501, Brodhead Cpl Russell C Stewart, Siren

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NETHERLANDS

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ALLIED VOLUNTEERS

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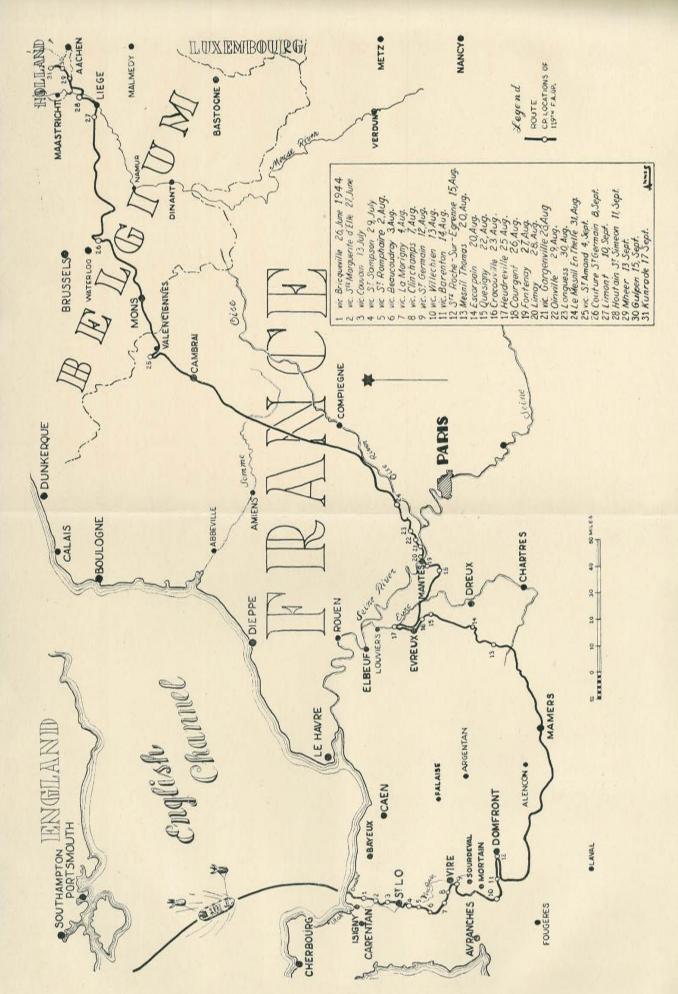
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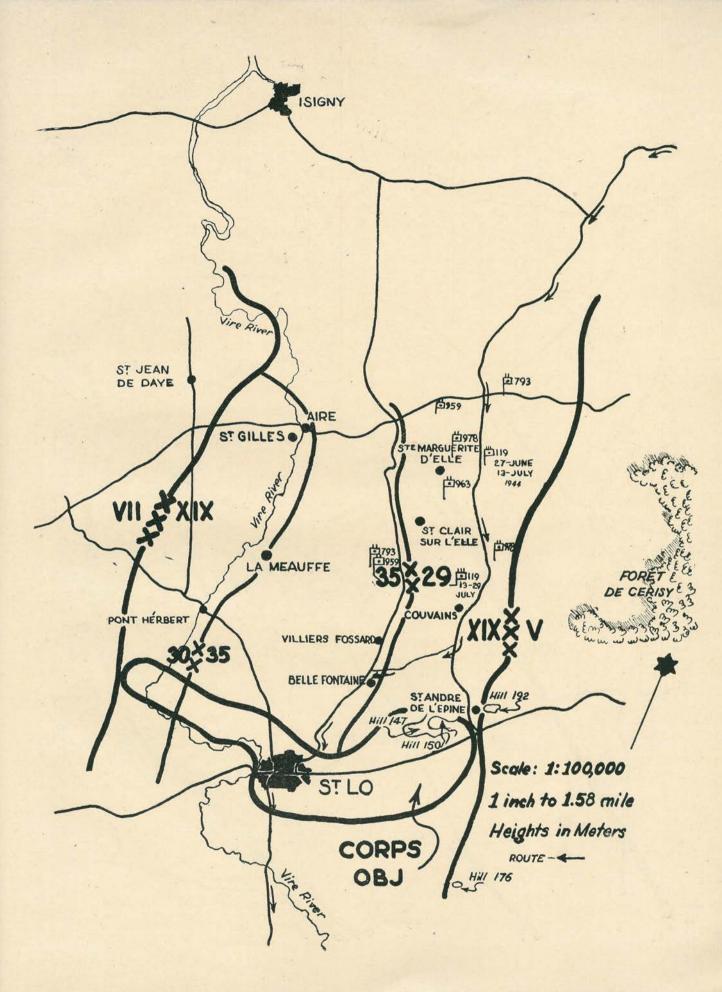
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1944	France		
27 June	Cartigny l'Epignay	3,773	17
8 July	La Baillolliere	6,894	7
20 July	Villiers Fossard	1,553	2
29 July	Le Jardin	890	8
2 August	Le Mesnil Herman Mande	25	5
3 August	Montabout	4	7
4 August	La Rabelliere	1,274	8
7 August	La Mouinerie	-1,696	4
10 August	La Clartiere	1,244	6
13 August	La Villechien	. 186	26
14 August	St Curo du Bailleul	6	12
15 August	St Mars d'Egrenne	94	5
16 August	Domfront	90	3
19 August	Escorpian	0	161
22 August	Faverolles and Quesigny	113	18
23 August	Vrieil Evreux	0	7
25 August	Boos	0	11
26 August	Les Bilheux	0	34
27 August	Jouy Mauvoisin	283	7
28 August	Porcheville and Fannencourt	639	10
29 August	Les Noquets	545	4
30 August	Longuesse	70	7
31 August	Morangles	0	23
4 September	Valenciennes Belgium	0	113
8 September	Genappe	0	58
10 September	Lantremange	44	51
11 September	Houtain St Simeon	108	18

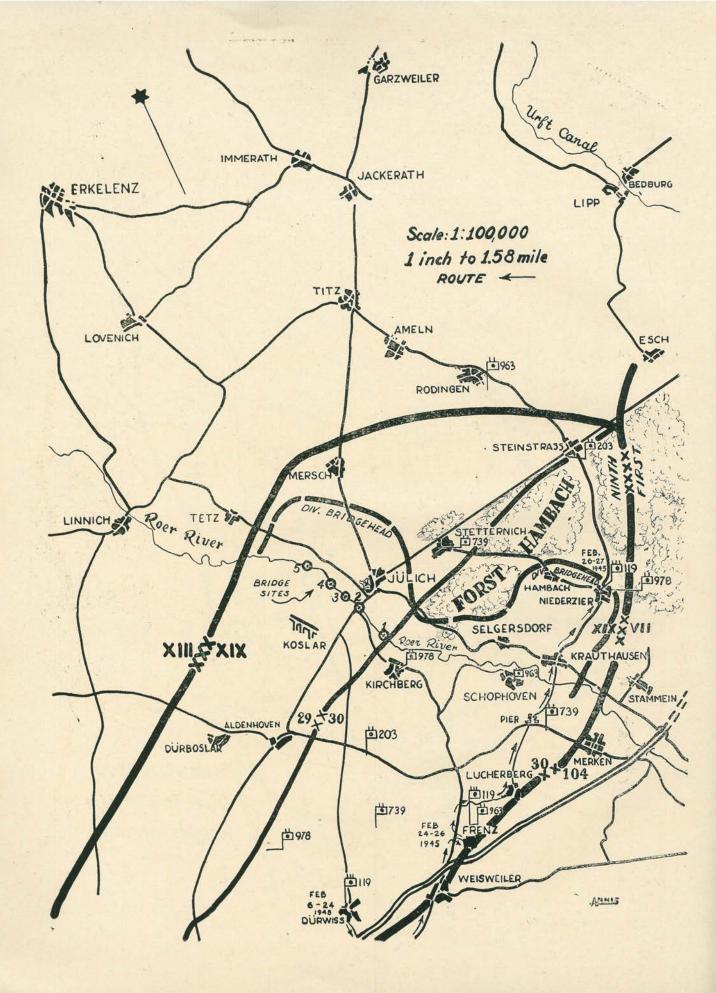
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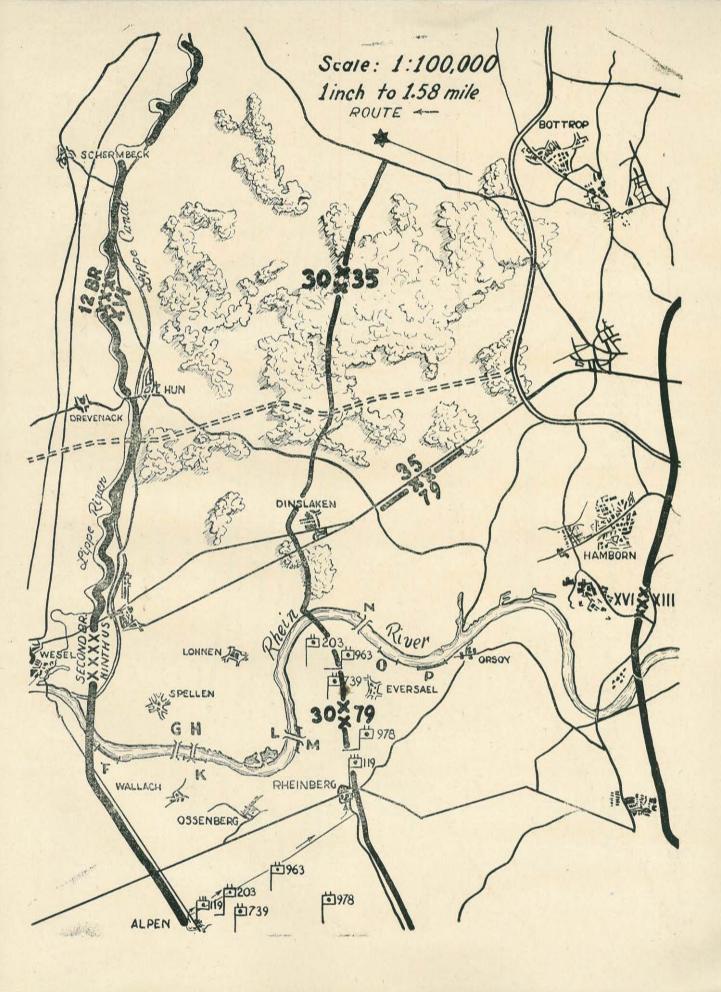
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	Belgium		
13 September	Fouron le Comte Holland	85	12
15 September	Schoelder	63	9
18 September	Ubachsberg	176	7
19 September	Streythagen	7,235	6
9 October	Chevremont, Kerkrade	12,056	5
	Germany		
19 November	Alsdorf	3,018	5
28 November	Fronhoven	2,910	7
22 December	Rotgen	4,837	22
1 February194	15 Lammersdorf	1,446	6
6 February	Frenz	2,549	28
24 February	Shophoven	2,656	3
26 February	Steinstrass	2,218	7
27 February	Hollen	683	2
1 March	Elsen	420	15
4 March	Ossum	593	28
16 March	Bauern	3,699	27
25 March	Kettgesho	33	8
4 April	Vorhelm	0	81
7 April	Lippborg	1,567	9
8 April	Reine	0	69
9 April	Eime	0	32
11 April	Ufingen	127	38
12 April	Dettum	0	14
13 April	Oster-Weddingen	1.719	58
19 April	Magdeburg	200	6
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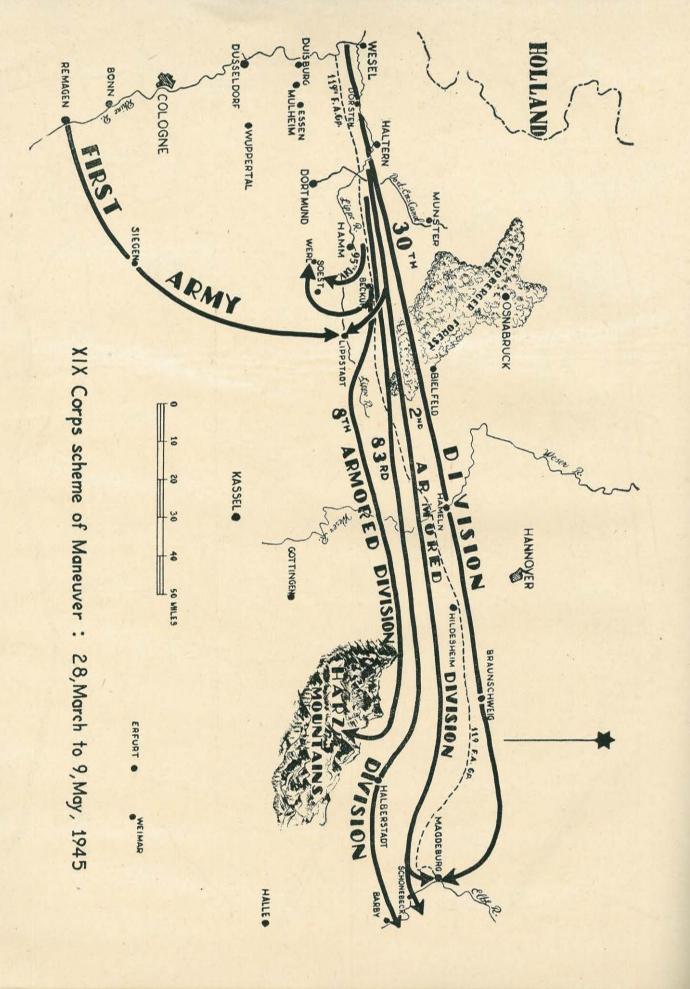
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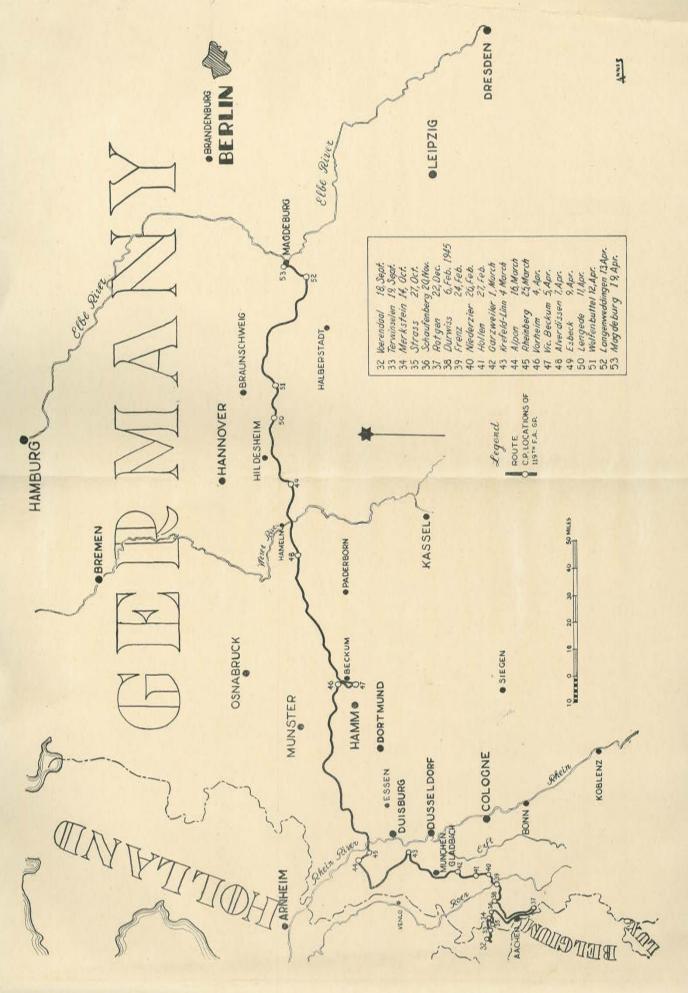


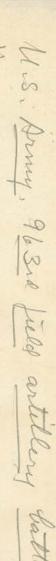












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