



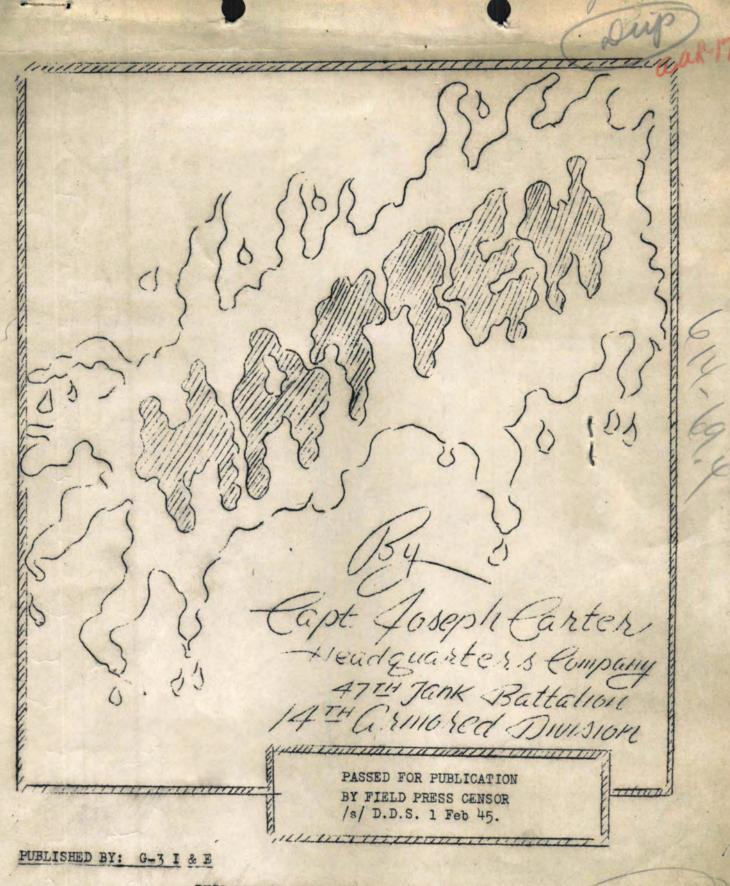
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Sixteen miles due north of Strassbourg-on-the-Rhine lies Hageunau and above Haguenau lies the forest. Now, in the winter, the woods stand black and always wet with cold; and on the north edge of the Haguenau Forest, ten miles northeast of the city, stands the village of Hatten. Or what is left of bloody Hatten,

Anzio was longer than Hatten, the infantrymen will tell you who dug in on that miserable beachhead for week after shell-shocked week; but for sheer bloody vicious tenseness, hour after hour and day after day. Hatten was the worst.

The Kraut was in the house next door, and the Kraut was in the houses across the street (more than once he was in the cellar while you were upstairs) and the Kraut was on the hills north of the town.

When you moved he fired with burp guns; and if you moved again he fired a bazooka; and if you still could move he called in corps artillery and registered in on you from the hills. It made no difference. If you were a lone man he'd open up with mortars; and if you moved a tank he called in bazookas by the squad, mortars; tanks, and anti-tank guns -- and the artillery.

If you were an infantryman you laid against the wall in a gellar, hoping to God no high explosive would land directly on the house; and you went out to attack, and to fight off the vicious counter-attacks again and again. You fought with mortar and machine-guns and grenade and rifle and bayonet, and called in your own artillery -- all to take one miserable house. And then the Kraut counterattacked.

If you were a tanker, you sat with your eye glued to your telescopic sight and your foot on the firing trigger -- because if you looked away you didn't have time to get your eye back before the bazookas or the anti-tank guns were on you.

When it was over, it was hard to tell which were the streets and which the houses, the artillery had blasted so much. Hardly a house had a roof left and hardly a house a wall. And the dead were lying on the streets and on the ground and in the cellars and in the rubbish. Kraut soldiers and American soldiers. Civilians. The girl who tried to run out of her cellar, and got fifteen steps.

A farming village lying on a gentle slope; two hundred houses, perhaps, and with two main streets. Three hundred yards long and a couple of hundred deep.

Hatten.

The Kraut was stopped at Hatten. Paratroops he had in there, cocky from a long rest behind the lines; and SS troops dead in their neat black uniforms; and crack tankers from more than one Panzer Division that had rolled over Europe, long ago. And infantry. Infantry and infantry and infantry. And he had intended to break through at Hatten and through the Forest to Haguenau, and then on to the wide plain at Strassbourg.

We moved up the night of January the 12th.

A tank battalion.

A tank battalion of the 14th Armored Division (commanded by Lt. Col. James W. Lann of Amory, Mississippi, promoted on the field of battle), minus Company B, still fighting in another engagement near Drussenheim.

About 25 medium tanks, thirty tons of armor plate apiece; more than 15 light tanks, sixteen tons each; assault tanks and tanks, vehicle recovery; mortars; kitchen trucks and gas trucks and ammo trucks; half-tracks and trailers; maintenance vehicles and wreckers and welders and peeps. Company A and Company C. Company D. Headquarters Company and Service Company. Battalion maintenance and battalion medics. Tank battalion minus.

Blackout.

If you were a driver, you saw nothing except the vagueness of the fields alongside, the dark strip of the road a few feet ahead, the deeper black of the woods. All the light in the world was the twin red blackout: tail-lights of the vehicle in front and the indirect glow of the dials on the instrument panel. If you were a vehicle commander you stood up every now and then to check your column — it was too cold to stay standing. You could see the long line of tanks and half-tracks behind you, creeping ominously along through the blackness, blackout lights just barely visible. Every now and then you heard the angry howl of a 500-horse tank engine as the driver shifted for a bad stretch of road.

The bivouac party under Lt. Tom Anderberg, of Hudson, South Dakota, had gone ahead. It had found a big house for the battalion C.P. and had gone down the streets, knocking at each door and asking for rooms (Soldaten schlaffen herein? Americanische soldaten?) and he found places for all the men to sleep in the Alsatian homes, and courtyards in which to park the tanks.

We moved in before dawn, the sky a faint gray instead of black and the stucco-and-timber farm houses of the village huddled together like gray stone sheep with slanted red tile roofs, just under a ridge of land and around a bend in the road.

The bivouac party was waiting for us to show us the battalion C.P. and the houses where we were to live; but the tanks stayed on the streets because we were to start the attack at 0530. The crews checked them over.

In the dim darkness you could hear a driver rev up his engine, and nearby the artillery was firing, the sharp cracks of the 105's sounding as if they were in the next street. And you could hear the whine and the empty whooom of incoming mail somewhere close enough.

It was simple. To defend, we were to attack Hatten with the infantry and drive the enemy out. The infantry would pass through us and take up defensive positions on the high ground beyond the town.

In the C.P., Col. Lann was bending over the situation map with Maj. Alton S. Kircher of Gladstone, Michigan, the exec. Lt. Paul C. Willis, the communications officer, of Canton, North Carolina, was checking his radios and Capt. Solly A. Spivek of Chicago, Illinois, was setting up his map.

Hatten was due east-of-us\_then.

A single track French railway ran east and west, passed a few hundred yards south of Hatten and continued on east. Halfway between us and Hatten, also north of the railroad, lay the town of Rittershoffen. Another unit was to clean out Rittershoffen.

This, then, was the situation:

We were to pass to the south of Rittershoffen, along the railroad; we were to swing north and drive into Hatten. An infantry battalion was to be with us; the infantry was to be to the south of the railroad, and we to the north.

The Kraut could see us from the high ground north of Hatten. For the land slopes gently up from the north edge of the Haguenau Forest to the crest above the Seltzbach River, and it was on that crest that the Kraut had set up his observation posts. Hatten is about half way up that gentle slope.

From the east end of Rittershoffen, too, you could see into Hatten, and you could fire into Hatten. And the Kraut held the east end of Rittershoffen with infantry and two captured American 57mm anti-tank guns.

Capt. Harold D. Persky of St. Paul, Minnesota, commanded Company C. At least, he did command it — he commanded it that morning. He was to be the attack company; and one of his platoons, commanded by Lt. Seth Sprague of Hingham, Massachusetts, was to be attached to the infantry battalion moving south of the railroad. At least, Lt. Sprague was in command of the platoon that morning. Or what was then the platoon.

Company A, Commanded by Capt. Richard A. Tharpe, of Macon, Georgia, was in support. So were the assault guns commanded by Lt. Robert C. Harper of Auburn, Nebraska. In reserve was Company D, commanded by Capt. Henry P. Tilden of Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Let us follow Lt. Sprague.

As the eastern sky turns from gray to lighter gray, directly shead of him, his tanks are standing on the narrow frozen street of a small Alsatian town. Beside him rise the steep-roofed, plaster and timber houses, black in the early morning. The engine of his tank is idling easily and he is standing in the turret, hatch open, muffled in his combat suit and scarf. It is cold.

His radio is crackling softly and then the yellow warning light flashes on and he hears his call word crackling.

"Move out. Move out."

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"Wilco," he says, and switches to interphone. "Move out," he says to the driver. "Move out."

The tank engine roars suddenly in his ears and he does not hear the driven shift into gear. The tank lurches a little and pulls ahead. He feels its familiar grating progress as the steel tracks claw at the ice-hard roads. The engine roars again and the driver shifts to third. Sprague's head is even with the windows of the houses and he can see the road better before him.

Presently he is but of town and following the road by the ghistly white fields. On both sides of the road are lines of trees, poplar and sycamore, as there always are in this country. Now he is watching for the cross road, his line of departure. There is a frosty mist in the air. Visibility is poor.

. He finds the cross road. It is 0803.

"Crossed line one," he says, and a voice answers: "Roger."

He continues on, slowly. It will be a gray, cold, miserable day. The mist is falling on the fields, freezing on the ground. It is turning the trees of the blackwoods to his south a perfect white.

By 0850 he has moved 800 yards. Passed phase line two.

At 0913.

"Heavy enemy artillery fire," he says. "Heavy enemy artillery fire."

"Where is it?"

"Don't know," he says. "Can't see. Visibility poor. All I know is it's comina in."

The enemy is on the high ground to his left; they are behind him now, in Rittershoffen. He is in his tank, the engine roaring hot behind him, creaking and jolting over the frozen ground. His turret hatch is closed now. He cannot see the infantry, but he can hear the high-pitched scream of the artillery, right on him; and he can see the craters suddenly appear in the frozen ground ahead of him. He can feel the lift of the tanks sometimes as one hits close, and he can hear the shrapnel smash angrily at the armor sides.

He is headed northeast, directly toward Hatten. He is within antitank gun range, but he cannot see any anti-tank guns. He can make out the houses in Hatten, the slanted roofs white from mist — a small farming village lying on the slope above him.

At 0930.

Capt. Persky is on the air.

"Can't contact Sprague," he says. "I've lost two tanks out of his plateon." Later it turns out to be three, and fourteen men.

Lt. Francis E. Marshall of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, Company A., is dispatched to go into town to assist the infantry. He goes east, then north. All this while the bitter fighting is going on. By now it is plain where the auti-tank guns are firing from: from the south edge of Hatten, and from much farther east, so that when Marshall turns north these anti-tank guns are on his right flank.

The American artillery is not quiet. As Marshall reports the locations of the guns, battalion after battalion sends out its rearing, volleys from far back. Marshall can see the bursts of their hits. Again and again it seems the guns are knocked out; but either the Germans send up new crews, or they send up new guns, for presently the anti-tank guns start firing again.

And all along to the east the burp guns are firing on the infantry; and the Kraut artillery comes in again and again; and the mortars fall almost without stopping; and men are hit, and men are blown apart, and men lie on the frozen ground in helpless far and hear the mortars coming. And half laugh when they miss.

So it is not enough to tay that Lt. Marshall got three of his tanks into the western edge of Hatten, that he went too far east and had to come back, that he took up a firing position.

It took him all afternoon. And all afternoon there was fighting; and all day there was dying; and it is not possible to tell everything that happened. There was a battalion of infantry in there, to mention just one unit; and each of the men of that battalion could tell you his own story—and a different one—and each man was afraid in his own way, and brave in his own way, or cowardly in his own way.

Lt. Marshall got to the west edge of the town with three tanks and took up firing positions.

Meanwhile, the rest of Company A, two plateons of medium tanks, had gotten to Hatten, one to the west, and one to the south, to help out the infantry in the west end of town. The infantry had decided they could hold the town, and the tanks had gone back and brought up more infantry on the back decks.

Three tanks were left in town for the night, and six had been knocked out.

The first night in bloody Hatten had begun.

The second day came the order: "The attack will be continued. The infantry in the west end of town will drive to the east and clear the enemy from the town. The tanks will support."

There were the Kraut paratropers, and the panzers; the SS and the infantry; and there were the nortars and the artillery, with the observers on the hills.

Then began the bloody day battle in the town.

The American artillery laid down preparation, an endless thundering madhouse of shells landing in Hatten. And the American infantry came out.

They tried to fight their way in the smoking, smoldering rubble; and the minute they appeared the German artillery came in. The German mortars lobbed into the streets; and the German burp guns opened up. In the bitter cold they tried to run and come to grips; and the guns cut the streets and the mortars exploded.

A German tank would move up a wreck-strewn street, climbing over the piles of rock and timbers; and an American tank would move to meet it. The German tank would stop just short of a curve and the American tank would wait, just around the corner. And so they would sit. They would try to-move to get a shot without being hit — blow holes with HE through the walls of houses to fire through. And then the other would maneuver out of the way.

The two armies ground against each other.

The plation commanders would wait for a barrage to end, duck out of their tanks, run to the infantry C.P. in the cellar of a building. Lt. Charles B. Wallace of Cincinnati, Ohio, would run with the others.

Lieutenant, the infantry commander would say, "move your tank up here, and fire on this house. Germans in there holding us up."

And Lt. Wallace would run back to his tank.

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"Move up," he would say to his driver, and he would move into a position to fire. The German bazookas would open up, and the artillery start to fire again; and Wallace would fire into the house and move back from the bazookas. And the Germans in the next house would hold up the advance.

But the Germans could not move either. And the dead piled up in the streets. The dead in gray, and the dead in khaki. And the civilians, caucht in the town by the fighting, killed when they tried to run down the streets.

The most vicious German counterattack came that night, just at dusk. First -- as always -- the artillery. Then the quick gray shapes of the men running; and the infantry called for artillery and the machine-guns chattered endlessly through the night. The flames of the guns streaked till the town was a living hell; and then the artillery began to land.

You could hear the shouts and the screams through the gun fire, and the screams of women trapped in the cellar of a burning house, set afire by white phosphorous.

Up to the town in the day had come a platoon of Company A, led by Lt. Sol Rael of Brooklyn, New York, and Rael had gone back. Now into this inferno, at the worst time of night, came Company C tanks, led by Capt. Persky, and you could hear his voice over the radio.

"Can't see anything. Can't see anything," he said. "Smoke is too bad. Smoke is too bad." Then, as he got through the smoke and into the fire: "Christ, there are millions of them up here. They're everywhere, they're all over the place -- Johnny, John, there's one now, get him, get him.....!" And his voice went off into abrupt silence.

Three C Company tanks were knocked out.

The German infantry did not get through. The counterattacks had been stopped. The infantry settled down to stopping the minor counterattacks that came all night to test us; and the tanks stayed to help them.

Earlier, supplies had been taken up by half-tracks, mortar half-tracks under the command of Lt. Willis E. Harding of Lincoln, Nebraska. But now the mortars were firing all day and doing guard all night; and it was too dangerous for half-tracks anyway.

Capt. Robert C. Potts of Columbia, Ohio, sent up his supplies by light tanks.

The battalion medics -- 18 men and two officers to care for 700 odd men -- went onto the battlefield in peeps to carry out the wounded, and the peeps came back with bullet holes in the windshields; and the wounded came back in half-tracks and on tanks to the Aid Station where Capt. William R. Eaton of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, was working.

The morning of January 15, the objective was a limited attack. We were being hurt, but so was the Kraut. We were losing tanks and men; but so was he. A prisoner of war stated that more than a hundred men in his unit were killed in a single day.

The tenseness and the fighting went on. The artillery still came in its endless scream and who comp! And the small arms chattered endlessly; and the Krauts were in the next houses.

You would be on one side of a wall and the Krauts on the other; and you would try to lob hand grenades over to get them; and the infantry would set up a mortar and take off all the increments except one and try to lob shells over one house and onto the next. And the dead lying in the streets began to get on your nerves; and the tenseness of always looking down the sights, always waiting; and the artillery was always coming and you knew it was only a question of time before one landed on the house you were in. The fighting had reached such a vicious pitch that they tried to range in eight-inch howitzers on a single house, which is something like trying to hit a fly with a shotgun.

The fighting went on and on. That day and the next day and the next day and the next day and the next.

"Counterattacks in the Hatten area were beaten off today," was the way the news dispatches read. But that did not tell of the artillery fire, and what a counterattack was. That did not tell you of the infantry staff sergeant (best damned platoon leader in the Army) in combat for months, seheduled to get to the rear at 1930 to take a physical to become a second lieutenant, and how he was killed at 1530. That did not tell you of the death and screaming, the sweating in that ice cold air and the suffering.

It did not tell of the hours on hours of endless waiting while nothing happens — hours two hundred minutes long, and days and mights two hundred hours, waiting, waiting, till finally you wanted something to happen.

These men could tell you -- or let the official words of their citations tell you:

"Sgt. William T. Summers of Schenectady, New York, Company C, on the 18th of January at Hatten, France, at about 1400 was maneuvering his tank to get out of range of an anti-tank gun. While so engaged he saw a light tank get hit and start to burn. Summers at once went to the light tank's aid. Upon arriving he dismounted and helped evacuate the crew. The driver of the burning tank was hurt and needed first aid. Summers gave him the necessary treatment, mounted the wounded men on the back deck of his tank and rode away with him. During this entire time Sgt. Summers was entirely exposed to small arms and mortar fire falling in heavy concentrations."

"On the night of the 13th of January at Hatten, France, plat on leader, Lieutenant was wounded. S/Sgt. Pennington P. Smith of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Pfc. James Barbera of Brooklyn, New York, both of Company A, dismounted from their tank into intense enemy fire and shielded the bidy of the Lieutenant with their own bodies while S/Sgt. Smith administered first aid. When it was necessary for someone to ride the rear deck of the tank to give the officer protection and keep him from falling off, Pfc. Barbera volunteered. Pfc. Earbera not only kept up the first aid necessary on the trip, but shielded the officer with his own body against intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire; and the Lieutenant was successfully evacuated. S/Sgt. Smith returned to his plation and assumed command, reorganized it and made a personal foot reconaissance to discover the best route for his tanks. In the course of this reconnaissance he directed the evacuation of an infantry plat on sergeant. All this was accomplished under intense small arms and morter fire. The success of the mission was largely due to the cool leadership of S/Sgt. Smith."

"On the 17th of January, at Hatten, France, Tec 4 John Fitcher of Altions, Pennsylvania, and Pfc. Richard L. Duvall of McBain, Michigan, both of Company D, were members of the crew of a light tank that was hit by an 88 mm gun. The tank burst into flames. Under small arms fire, Tec 4 Pitcher and Pfc. Duvall had dismounted from the flaming vehicle. When they saw their other two members of the crew did not come out, the two men returned to the

tank and pulled the wounded gunner, who was aflame, from the tank. Pfc. Duvall rolled the burning body on the ground and laid on the blazing clothes to extinguish the flames. They could not evacuate the fourth man. Successful in putting out the fire, the men hailed a passing medium tank and placed the gunner on the rear deck and then laid with him under small arms fire until the safety of an aid station was reached. The gunner has a fifty-fifty chance to live as a result of their action. These men showed unusual courage in the face of great personal danger in helping their comrades in arms.

These are the stories of three men. But they are not enough. Lt. Earl A. Allgrim of Buffalo, New York, and S/Sgt. William R. Fadda of San Leandre, California, both of Headquarters Company, could tell you how they went out onto the battlefield under artillery and small arms fire to evacuate a tank.

Sgt. Stephen B. Ratchuck Jr., of Buffalo, New York, and Tec 4 Edgar Mongo, of Utica, New York, both of Company B, could tell you how they walked on foot through artillery fire again and again to fix tank gadios.

Lt. Eugene W. Marsack of Grosspoint, Michigan, and Pvt. Henry J. Erickson of Brookly, New York, both of Company D, could tell you how, on the night of the 17th of January, the Krauts hit a half-track loaded with wounded men, and how they dismounted from their tank in all that fire and hitched the half-track to the tank and towed it to safety.

Those are the stories of six more men. But the story is not told. There are a thousand stories. A story for every man. And some of the men are living. And many of them are dead. And perhaps not even all those stories would tell the story of Hatten.

The battle went on.

That day and the next day and the next day and the next day and the next.

Company 3 came up from Drusenheim, short of tanks from its last fight, Capt. Thomas C. Beaty of Wichita Falls, Texas, in command. This was on the 15th; and that night Lt. John L. Perkins of Amsterdam, New York, was killed outside his tank at Hatten. We found a letter he had written to his wife, in pencil, and not mailed. So we stamped it and sent it out.

Lt. Cullis V. Sears of Lumber City, Georgia, went up into that town that night.

By the 17th, Company A was sent back to Durrenbach. Capt. Tharped had been wounded; and Lt. Rael was back in the hospital. Company B, low on tanks to start, had lost Lt. Perkins.

Company C was low on tanks. Capt. Persky, wounded; Lt. Hilbert C. Jones of Elcho, Wisconsin, wounded. Lt. Sprague, missing. Lt. Sidney Hack of Brooklyn, New York, wounded. Company C had one officer left.

The Germans were still held in Hatten, though.

If you went up to the gentle rolling field south of Hatten, you could see the burned out hulls of American tanks scattered there. You could see the German tanks there, two; and if you wanted to fight your way into the streets of Hatten, you could see more burned out wrecks there. American -- and German.

The Seventh Army decided to pull back: It was only a short distance. but the papers told how the Seventh Army had out-foxed von Rundstedt; how it had fought and fought and fought his counterattacks until the very last sec and; and then when he put all his weight behind his final punch -- the Seventh had pulled back, and he was swinging at air, and the Seventh was waiting for him again as he stumbled off his balance.

We moved out on the 20th.

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We moved back, to the south and the west, and left Hatten behind us. We moved out in the night, and the tanks stayed to cover the infentry: grand the line of the battalion -- not as long, now crawled slowly down the black roads.

Behind was Hatten, and behind was the fighting. Behind were the endless artillery barrages and the waiting. Behind were the fires and the dead. Behind was the broken German offensive.

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## I. GENERAL.

A. Purpose — To provide a simple method to cover those features of ations which lend themselves to a definite or standardized procedure with at loss of effectiveness, to save time in the preparation and issuance of or ers; and, to minimize the chance for confusion and errors when under stress of combat.

# B. Use. -

- 1. This procedure will overn the operation of this Division, except as changed by orders for a particular operation.
- 2. There is no absolute routine in combat. Break any coaching rule to succeed.

# II. ORGANIZATION

A. This Division will be organized under subordinate commanders as the situation requires. It will normally be or anized under the two Combat Commanders, the Reserve Commander, and the Trains Commander, with the 94th and 125th (-) operating directly under this Headquarters.

B. 1. a. The following attachments will be effective, without further orders from this Headquarters, unless orders for a specific operation direct otherwise:

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b. This Headquarters, and others responsible at the time for assignment of bivouac areas will locate the following units in adjacent areas, so as to facilitate attachments prescribed above.

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2. When orders for command comportion issue the following will govern, unless exceptions are directed:

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# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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- 3. No messages will be transmitted in clear text unless authendicated for such transmission by the originator.
- 4. Provisions will be the by units for alternate means of communication by messenger, pyrotechnics, panel, wire, as available, and Officer courier.
- 5. Commands operating under direct control of this Headquarters will maintain a radio in the Division Command Not at all times.
- 6. Units assigned to a command for or during an operation with a diately report a radio into the command net of the command conclused a single S. S. I.).
- 7. Command Posts will be located upon the faxis prescribed by the 10.0 higher headquarters. Command Post locations will be reported by all units 10 the next higher headquarters. Upon movement of Command Post a juide will be posted to direct messengers to the new location.
- 8. Each command to include battalions will maintain a motor messenger at the message center of the next higher tactical headquarters at all times.
- 9. Where the situation permits, messenger service will be scheduled from Division Headquarters H/C to the H/C of the commands operating directly under this Headquarters.
- 10. Important communications will be transmitted by dual means. If a message is cryptographed to be transmitted by one means it must be cryptographed in the same system to be sent by an alternate means.
- 11. Wire will be baid between the For and Echelon and the Rear Echelon, between the Forward Echelon and Combat Communics, and between the Forward Echelon and Reserve Command in cases where the will permit. Administrative communications will be transmitted by wire whenever practicable.

#### B. Liaison.

- l. Officer limison will be maintained laterally R to L, and from lower to hi her command echelons. Units to include buttalians will provide their limison officers with appropriate means of the prompt transmission of information.
  - 2. Situation liaison officers from lower units will be sent to next higher command echelon on call or necording to announced schedule.
  - 3. Liaison officers (except Trains, with G-4) detailed to Division Headquarters will be attached to G-3 Section and rationed with Headquarters Company.

## V. INTELLIGENCE.

## n. Combat Intelligence.

- 1. all reports will include:
  - a. Who, what, when, where observed.
  - b. Unit which obtained information.

## FORMATION "B"

CCA 47, 48, 62 and 499 CCB 19, 68 and 500 RES 25 and 501

## FORMATION "C"

CCA 47 and 48 CCB 62, 68 and 125 RES 19, 25, 499, 500, and 501.

NOTE: If Formation "C" the attachments to a sinceions prescribed in paragraph B l a, above, do not apply.

## III. COMMAND AND STAFF.

#### A. Orders.

- 1. The use of Warning Orders will be nabitual.
- 2. Fragmentary Orders in the form of messages (radio or messenger), sketches, marked maps, or oral instructions will be normal.
- 3. Orders will normally be issued to Liaison Officers.
- 4. At the beginning of an operation, when practicable, orders will be issued directly to assembled commanders. Commanders will not be assembled after an operation has been undertaken, except in cases of extreme emergency.
- 5. Formal written Field Orders may be published either for the information of the command as a whole, to confirm Fragmentary Orders previously issued, or to cover a special operation, the preparation for which requires a considerable time.

#### B. <u>Division Headquarters</u>.

- 1. Division Headquarters will operate in subdivisions as follows:
  - a. A Forward Echelon consisting of personnel and equipment as shown in current T/O & E.
  - b. A Rear Echelon consisting of the remainder of Headquarters 14th Armored Division and Administrative Center.

# IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND LIAISON.

#### A. Communications.

- 1. Current S. O. I. will govern.
- 2. FM and /M radio will be the primary means of communication.
  - a. AM radio sets will be operated on CW.
- b. In clear text messages, commanders and staff officers will be referred to by their FM radio call words or No's., & not by rank or title.

Location of observer. The following will be reported by fastest available means to G-2. Units most endangered will also be notified simultaneously. Combat or reconnaissance aviation. Parachutists. b. Airborne Troops. Armored or mechanized forces. Use of chemicals by enemy. The following items will be reported immediately to G-2. a. Appearance of histile troops. First contact. b Details of enemy forces engaged or encountered: Strength, composition, lisposition, location of flanks, direction of movement. Caliber, intensity, di action and impact area of cannon and small arms fire. (3) Changes in, reinforcer ats to, or withdrawal of energy troops oncased. (4) New identifications. Number, type, altitude, dir ction of flight of hostile aircraft. Location, character, extent and means of avoiding obstacles mines, contaminated areas. Type and condition of bridges and roads. Terrain conditions. Suitability for armor. Location, type, size, and condition of landing fields. Location, type, size, and condition of captured supplies and i resourceit. j. Location, condition, capacit of utilities.

k. Location and identity of previously unreported friendly troops.

information (lesired, area to be covered, time and place of reports)

Directions to reconnaissance agencies will be specific as to



- 5. Priseners of Apr. captured documents and material:
  - a. Prisoner of War Interrepting Teams will be responsible for interrogation of prisoners. Division G-2 will prescribe information to be obtained by such teams.
  - b. Combat troops will disarm, separate and evacuate prisoners to the Military Police Platocn.
  - c. CIC PWIT will report to G-2 all information obtained from enemy documents and interrogation.
- 6. Maps: North supply -- automatic. Supplementary supply and aerial photos by request to G-2.

# B. C.unterintelligence:

- 1. Secret and confidential documents will not be taken on combat missions or on reconnaissance. It case of danger of capture information of value to the enemy will be destroyed. A positive means of destroying confidential information will be kept on hand.
- 2. Signal communications wire leading into enemy territory will be disrupted.
- 3. Personnel will be instructed to reveal name, rank, and number, if captured; to enjage in no conversations on military subjects even with other prisoners. This instruction will be given prior to each activity involving contact with the enemy.
- 4. In forward combat areas during hours of darkness no lights, striking of matches or lighters will be permitted. Noise will be kept to a minimum. Conversations will be reduced to whispers.
- 5. Vehicles will be dispersed and carbuflaged prior to daybreak. Unit cormanders will check twice daily at irregular times on cambuflage discipline. When possible, planes will be used for this purpose.
- 6. Countersign will be published smally to limison officers prior to 1200 each day and will be valid from 1800 1759.

#### VI. SECURITY.

## A. General.

- 1. Units responsible for own local air, ground, and gas security. Trains Commander coordinate Rear Lebelon and Division Trains.
- 2. a. Signal for him attack is three blasts on either horn or whistle or siren; or the single word "AIR" on radio nets, either open or silenced.
  - b. Signal for around attack is two blasts on either horn, whistle or siren.
  - c. "All Clear" will be indicated by one long blast on horn, whistle or siren, or the single word "CLEAR" on the radio.

3. Quickly repeated blows on any metal object will be signal for gas. There will be no all clear sounded. Each man will test individually for gas before removing mask.

# B. On March.

- 1. A weapons manned, air quards ale bed.
- 2. Air attack all available weapons fire, controlled by company or battalion. All combat vehicles continue march; non-combat vehicles scatter, halt and personnel dismount.

# C. At Halt.

- 1. We weapons manned, hir guards alert and dismounted flank guards posted on commanding terrain.
- 2. No firing on enemy planes unless plane commits hostile act.
- 3. In case of clara all weapons will be manned.

#### VII. MOVEMENTS.

#### . A. General.

- 1. The Division normally will march in multiple columns, each column in a designated zone. Control within zones will be by designation of IP's, check points, phase lines, and march objectives.
- 2. Each driver will be instructed as to where he is going and what to do in case he becomes separated from his organization. Overlay or sketch of route will be furnished drivers operating alone.
- 3. Vehicles carrying gasoline in containers will refuel without furthor orders at all halts.

#### B. Marches.

- 1. The company, troop, or battery, is the march unit; the battalion is the march serial. Composite socials are divided into similar march units.
- 2. March rates and distances will be coverned by the following: Rate of march for columns containing medium tanks:

Other columns:

Maximum Speeds:

Blackout - 15 mph
Daylight ) - Messenger, staff and
or at night) control cars -- 40 mph
w/lights ) -- Other vehicles (except track
laying) -- 35 mph
Track laying vehicles - 25 mph

Distances between vehicles:

Day — 70 yds. Extended distances — 100 yds.
Night — 50 yds. with lights, except tactical lights,
35 yds. w/o l hts.

1-ton cars will occupy space between other vehicles, full wing vehicles ahead it 20 to 25 yds. The between march units — 1 min. Time between scripts — 2 min. All marches will be tactical. Use of juides, officer control posts, and HP's will be habitual.

# 3. Halts.

- a. First halt 20 minutes ending on the hour, after head of column has marched at least one hour. Time of first halt to be specified in orders of me of column commander.
- b. Thereafter halt of 20 minutes every two hours, ending on the hour. Column commanders may increase length of halt for gassing by advance notification.
- c. After a march of 5 or 6 hours troops will halt for at least 3 hours.
- d. During all halts, either scheduled or unscheduled, troops and units will move off the religible such cover as is available in the vicinity and ustablish local security. Track vehicles will move farthest off the read.
- 4. A representative from each unit will report to the bivouac of the proceeding unit or IP and cheef the clearance of the preceding unit, assuring that his organization marches in its proper place and at the correct time.

# C. Traffic.

- 1. Priority on routes will be announced.
- 2. Movements at night will be w/o lights (except tactical), unless otherwise ordered.
- 3. Central will be by AP's, the use of central posts, and by designation of rautes for various elements of the Division.

# VIII. BIVOUAC PROCEDURE.

A. Orders.

1. Division orders will prescribe the jeneral area, route, and time of closing for the major units, axis of communication of Division Command Post, rendezvous and rendzvous time for major

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unit bivouac officers.

- 2. Combat Command (including Reser and Trains) orders will prescribe general Battalion areas, rendezvous, rendezvous time, meeting point (if common to all Battalions), straggler post, decontamination area (which is also the alternate rally area), axis of communication, and Command Post.
- 3. Battalion and separate company orders will prescribe place and time of meeting.

# B. Duties of Bivouac Officer.

- 1. Combat Command (including Reserve and Trains).
  - a. Goes to bivounc with his own uides.
  - b. Allots areas and selets CP 1 cation.
  - c. Selects entrances and exits.
  - d. Select straggler post.
  - e. Designates decontamination a ea.
  - f. Meets battalian bivouac off ers at rendezvous and gives then all necessary information.
  - g. Secures meeting points from battalion bivouac officers for troops and supply.
  - h. Sends messengers with overla or marked map for:
    - (1) CC Hq, showing breakdow of area and meeting point.
    - (2) CC Train commander showing battalian areas, meeting point for trains, administrative restrictions and order of march.
  - i. Provides guides for gassed vehicles.
  - j. Supervises bivouse procedure.
  - k. Sends messenger to Division CP when CC has closed in bivouac area.
- 2. Battalion Bivouac Officer:
  - ,a. Receives rendezvous and time from Battalion Commander.
  - b. Goes with battalion bivouac arty to rendezvous to secure all necessary information.
  - c. Reconnoiters area; allots co pany areas; locates battalion CP, meeting points for troop and supply.
  - d. Goes to meet CC bivouac officer and furnishes information of 1 cation of Battalion CP and meeting points for troops and supply.

- / e. Returns to buttulion area and completes recommaissance.
  - f. Sends will to recting point and places necessary battalion wides who will the obtas rend quards.
  - G. Supervises bivente pr codura.
  - h. Sends wides to assed vehicles.
  - i. Reports by messen or when his battalion has elosed in bivouce.
- 3. Company Bivoune Officer.
  - a. Gous with Pattalion Bivounc Officer.
  - b. Reconstators company area, beates entrances and exits, and lighted plateon areas.
  - c. Neets company at meeting point and directs troops into area.
  - d. Supervises bivounc procedure.
  - e. Heets supply echelon and directs then into area.

#### IX. COMBAT.

#### ... General.

- 1. The reinforced bottelien will be the basis combat unit.
- 2. a. Units reporting own situation will state location and time, and will include: Location of most advanced elements, nature of opposition, status of reserves, fuel and argumition, estimated combat officiency, situation on right, and left, and prosent industriens.
  - b. Unit reports will follow Form 19, page 120, FI 101-5. Periods covered by reports and time of submission to Division Head-quarters will be prescribed from time to time.
- 3. Artillary will normally function as a battalian.

# X . SUPPLY AND EV..CU.TION .

# A. Class I.

- 1. Pation cycle begins with supper.
- 2. Railhead distribution will be remal.
- 3. Strongth to 1G chily by 0700.
- 4. Each vehicle will carry Type "C" ratichs for driver and rejularly assimed passengers or crows.

# B. Class II.

Vehicular and arrament lesses to G-4 daily by 0700.

# C. Class III.

- 1. Consumption reports to G-4 daily by 0700.
- 2. Full vehicular fuel tanks and T/E Fuel and Lubricant truck loads will be maintained within units.

# D. Class V.

1. Expenditures to G-4 by 0700 daily.

# E. Water.

- 1. The Division Engineer prepare and report locations of water points.
- 2. Water obtained from sources other than established Engineer water points will be chlorinated by the Engineers prior to issue. Every company will carry capsule's for this purpose.

# PERSONNEL EVACUATION

# F. Casualties.

- 1. Losses: Total losses to G-1 daily by 0700.
- 2. The Division will prescribe axis of evacuation.
- 3. The Division Surgeon will recommend the location of all medical installations. Normally one company of the 84th will support each CC and one will remain in reserve with Div Tns. The Division Surgeon will maintain contact with Army (Corps) establishments.

# G. Prisoners.

Special instructions will be issued for evacuation and disposition of prisoners.

# XI. TR.INS.

# A. Composition.

- 1. Division Trains.
  - a. The Hq & Hq Co, Medical Battalion, Ordnance Maintenance Battalion. Military Police Platoon and Band attached for mess, administration, supply, marches, and bivouacs.

# 2. Unit Trains.

- All Service Companies, (less M intenance Platoen, Medical Det., and water trucks.
- b. All Service Betteries less a unition, maintenance platoons, Medical Detachments, and water trucks.
- c. Recommaissance Squadron and adjineers and Separate Companies retain all vehicles unless otherwise ordered.

- B. 1. Unit Trains will normally be under unit control for marches and bivouse.
  - 2. Combat Command S-4's will form unit train columns to conform with tactical disposition of call at elements.

## XII. .DMINISTR.TIVE CENTER.

# A. Composition.

Division Headquarters (RE), Battalian Personnel Sections, Company clerks of separate companies, and Signal Company RE Message Center with SCR 299.

## B. Commander.

Trains Commander.

# C. Mess, Supply, and Transportation.

- 1. The Hq Co will provide:
  - a. Necessary personnel and equipment for mess and supply.
  - b. Transportation for Division Headquarters (RE).
- 2. Battaliens will provide transportation for their respective personnel sections.
- 3. Signal Company will provide transportation for RE Hossage Center.

## D. Security.

- 1. Internal by personnel of the ad inistrative Center.
- 2. Exterior by Trains Commander.

#### XIII. MAINTEN NCE.

- A. The Division desi notes axis of maintenance.
- B. One maintenance company normally supports each Combat Command, setting up Service Parks and establishing liaison with maintenance units of supported tactical group.
- C. 1. If unit maintenance cannot make rapid repair of a disabled vehicle either the vehicle will be tawed to axis or a guide from vehicle will be posted on the axis.
  - 2. Unless needed for ismediate battle replacement, at least two crew members including a driver will remain with vehicle.
  - 3. Casual vahieles will be serviced to nearest maintenance facility.

By command of Brigadier General SMITH:

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1. In compliance with Memorandum, Hq, 14th Armd Div, APO 446, U. S. Army, dtd, & January 1945, the History of this organization for period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 is hereby submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

THOMAS A. ANDERBERG, let Lt., 47th Tank Battalion, Adjutant.

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#### In Staff

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MAJ HENRY W. BRINTIA, 843.
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CAPT RILLIAN C. MIER, 8-3 ALF.
CAPT SCALT A. SPITHE, S-2.
Let Lt THOMAS A. ANDERBRIO, Adj.
2nd Lt PAUL G. WILLIS, Com. O.

Bn Mouleal Officer
CAPT WILLIAM H. MATUN

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Company Commanders
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CAPT ERIC A JOHNSON, SY CO
CAPT RICHARU A. THARPS, A Co
CAPT THURS C. BEATY, B Co
CAPT HAROLD D. PERSKY, C Co
CAPT HERRY P. TILDEN JR. D Co

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#### Officers

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#### inlisted Hen

Sgt Floyd L. Jackson, 38133136, 2736, Co B to S/Sgt, 2736
Pfc Duford Reavis, 38072735, 2736, Co C to Cpl, 2736
Pvt Richard D. Horton, 16108636, 2736, Co C to Tec 5, 2736
Pfc Albert Mastrobattists, 42006443, 931, Hq Co to Tec 5, 931
Pfc Leon E. Vojnik, 32776593, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pvt Dals Shoup, 35571562, 2736, Co B to Sgt, 2736
Pvt Milliam M. Thompson, 35518927, 2736, Co B to Cpl, 405
Pfc Malph L. Piccinine, 32584517, 803, Sv Co to Tec 5, 345
Sgt Marl Hocks, 34168235, 2736, Co B to S/Sgt, 2736
Pvt Thomas F. Munes, 16156673, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
Cpl Harold H. Kiehne, 36627083, 2736, Co A to Sgt, 2736
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#### Troop List

At Reginning of Periods
Unlisted Men 667
Officers 39
Nervent Officers 3

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Officers 33
Administrations 3

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#### Campaions

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to
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#### Commanding Officer

JAMAS ... LANN, LT CUL

#### Losses In action

In German Campaign
Alien, Morris O. Pfe, 18185022, KIA 7 Jan
Geiger, Kenneth C. Sgt, 35121838, KIA 16 Jan
Meterg, John F. Sgt, 31236743, KIA 13 Jan
PARTIES, JOHN L. 137 17, 01015339, KIA 17 Jan
Hedman, Harvey L. Pfe, 3258548, EIA 14 Jan
Yetn, Garl M. Cpl, 35617022, KIA 7 Jan
Ryan, James K. Pvt, 39210403, KIA 3 Jan

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PRINTING C. PRINTE, 02006387, appointed from S/Sgt

PRINTING P. SMITH, 02006386, appointed from S/Sgt

RIMARD S. PIDGHON, 02006368, appointed from S/Sgt

EVILLA A. SIMPSON, 02006366, appointed from Sgt

MINIST J. PANKO, 02000766, appointed from S/Sgt

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Pfe Walter D. Youngs, 32555080, 2736, Co A, to Tec 5, 2736
Pvt Leo P. Camilloni, 32672007, 2736, Co A, to Cpl, 2736
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Pfe John H. Sweet, 15382451, 1736, Co D to Tec 5, 1736
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#### Awards and Decorations

Mog, Fred A. Sgt, 36287280, Co C - Silver Star
McGauley, James R. S/Sgt, 12077337, Co C - Bronge Star
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Fultz, Russel L. Cpl, 35688512, Co A - "
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THARPE, RICHARD A. CAPT, 0454468, Co A - "
Wheeler, Harbert R. Tec 4, 39404861, Co B - "
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For the Commanding officer:

THOMAS A. Abstract,
1st Lt., 47th Tank Battalion,
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Activities of the companies were confined to the performance of guard duty, re-equipment & supply, care and cleaning of equipment and receiving many reinforcements, and training of reinforcements.

On the 5th of February the 2nd Plt of D Company was relieved from the 79th Infertry Division and attached to the 101st Airborne Division this date and moved its CP to HAGUENAU where its duties were to be performed. Company A was also attached to the 101st Airborne Division this date and moved its CP to HAGUELAU where its duties were to be performed. These duties continued until the 14th of February when Company B relieved Company A which moved to KNOERSHEIM. On the 12th of February the Plt of Company D which was on outpost duty at the 1/th Armored Division was relieved by Company D of the 18th Tank Battalion. Company C moved from MESTHOUSE to ALTENHEIM on the 15th.

Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company, whose CP's were located at KLEINGOEFT moved to FRIEDOLSHEIM on the 21st of February accompanied by Company A. During the month of February the CP's of Service and D Companies remained in the town of WESTHOUSE.

While not engaged in guard activities the battalion continued an extensive training program so that each man with each company would be more than adequately prepared to perform his duties in the organizations next engagement. Through the program, reinforcements are given refresher and adoanced training in order that they might neet the armys. "best trained soldier," Standards.

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The modifications described with the 47th Tank Battalian occupied in a gretomatic schedule of training. The battalian was located in the towns of FRINCLEMEN, ALTUNEAU, CLAIMOUT and MESTHOUSE, FRANCE under donored of Gashet General Reserve. The battalian reported to GCA control on the Athles March at C600. On the Athles Merch "P" Company seven from Kleingooft to FURCHHARMS, "D" Company seven from Company seven for the Section of these companies was the Athles and the Section March Company seven for the Section of these companies was the Athles and the Section of these companies was the Athles and the Section of the Section of the battalian benefit to CCA control. The battalian benefit to CCA control.

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The bettalion remained under control of UCR until the 18th of March at which time it reverted to CCB control and was alorted to move to an assembly area vicinity AITTERSEDIE, FEARUS and to receive normal attachments, (Attints to bettalion -  $\lambda$ -19 AID; 38 94th design 28 125th Angre; Det Sith Med; MP Det and PO's from 499th AFG.)

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shandoned \$8 AT can and the battalion suffered a sotal of 9 casualties in the attack on RECLEMENT, GERMANY. The town was cleared at about 232030 March and the battalion moved forward to an assembly area vicinity of RULZHETH, GERMANY. From this point launched an attack on the town of GERMANY with a rear CF remaining in the vicinity of Piliffilm. The attack on GERMANY man with light resistance. MAN, NBN and NDN Companies entered from of GERMANY with light resistance. MAN, NBN and NDN Companies entered from of GERMANY with light resistance. MAN, NBN and NDN Companies entered from of GERMANY with light resistance. MAN, NBN and NDN Companies entered from of GERMANY with light resistance. MAN, NBN and NDN Companies in the battalion with the term of GERMANY with their recainder of the battalion moved into the term of GERMANY WILLIAMS. Day was occupied with continued classing of the term and setting up of town defense for night security. Town was cleared with total enemy vericles destroyed (24-25 March) 8-AI's (6-30's, 1-76, 1-77), 4-Tanks (MA), 1-DP Cal, unknown, 16-Flak Magons (20MI) and 670 Pin's for the period.

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#### Promotions

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MERCHT C. HARPER, Inf - 15T IT to CAPT SIMENT O. HACK, Inf - 2ND LT to 15T LT FRANCIS E. MARSHALL Inf - 2ND IT to 15T LT HARDING, LAWRENCE R. 02011597, appointed from Set ARTHER S. JACKSON, 02011598, appointed from 1/5gt PRIME J. BERGER, 02011596, appointed from 1st/5gt

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#### Awards and Ecorations

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For the Commanding Officer:

Int it., 47th Date Battalion,

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HISTORY 47TH TANK BATTALION, PERIOD 1 APR '45 to 30 AFR '45

## Troop List

At Beginning of Period: Enlisted Men 650 Officers 40 Warrant Officers 5

Not Increase for Periods
Enlisted Mon Nille
Officers Name
Warrant Officers None

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At End of Period:

Ralisted Mon 593 Officers 31 Warrant Officers 3

#### Station

AFO 446, U. S. Army No change for period

## Campaigas

German Campaign
Duration: 14 September 1944 to
Auth: War Department, U. S. Army

## Commanding Officer

JAMES W. LANN, LT COL

## Losses In Action

Alfieri, Damiel J. Cpl 32588449, WIA 4 Apr BERGER, PMIER J. 2ND UT 02011596, WIA 6 Apr BEATY, THOMAS C. CAPT 01013328, WIA 3 Apr Byers, Calvine Pic 36971423, WIA 14 Apr Bardwell, Virgil B. Sat 39236782 WIA 4 Apr Barcus, Lealie M. Jr. Pvt 35074377 KIA 4 Apr Burnett, Lleyd D. T/5 35570882 WIA 4 Apr Clute, Lyle E. T/4 35570933 WIA 2 Apr Corries, Alfred Pic 31235680 WIA 6 Apr Calkins, Vilo C. T/5 37447137 WIA 6 Apr Buffett, Willie G. S/Sgt 658996, KIA 3 Apr
Rgam, Patrick A. T/5 32671370, WIA 3 Apr
Evams, Lewis E. Pvt 36985590, WIA 10 Apr
Espinosa, Addi (SMI) 37347583, WIA 15 Apr
Pidler, Station R. Pvt 3698197, WIA 15 Apr
Gorham, Espain F. Pvt 3698197, WIA 3 Apr
Imman, Alvin H. Pvt 35905836, WIA 3 Apr
Howard Final S. Pfc 39205279, LIA 7 Apr
Hodge, Sphert L. Pvt 39981883, WIA 3 Apr
Jones, Sebert J. Pvt 4298882, WIA 4 Apr
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Krethekmil, Earl A. Fite Machill, WIA 5 Apr
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Lulm, Lee R. T/4 Sphermich, WIA 15 Apr
Hiller, John R. Fite Machill, WIA 9 Apr
Heller, John R. Fite Machille, WIA 9 Apr
Heller, Seven (SMI) Rice Paze4146, SWA 14 Apr Duffett, Willie G. S/Sgt 658996, KIA 3 Apr Hotel Seved (BHI) pro \$4264146, SWA 14 Apr Hiller, Lyman 7. Pvo 42178365, WIA 6 Apr telegrat, Rosald G. Sgt 31390725, WIA 3 Apr MANUHAL, FRANCIS F. 1ST LT 0532691, WIA 3 Apr Tome, Raymond (NMI) T/4 36575445, WIA 3 Apr Metrich, Walter C. Cpl 32872501, WIA 4 Apr Phillips, Paul H. Pvt 37596696, WIA 5 Apr Pfab, Gerald L. Cpl 33399818, WIA 4 Apr PRIEUR, FELIX G. 2MD LZ 02005387. KIA 3 APP PARKO, MENHX J. 2MD LZ 02000766, WIA 3 APP Page, John H. Pvt 34858306, WIA 4 Apr , JOHN T. 1ST LT 01016302, KIA 3 Apr Russiak, Mike S. Jr. T/4 33395720, KIA 14 Apr Maith, Robert C. 8/86t 35616995, SWA 14 Apr Sexton, Gerard B. Cpl 35571529 WIA 2 Apr Starr, Ambrose T. S/Sgt 20800702, WIA 3 Apr Shelstad, Harold L. Sgt 37124331, WIA Same, Hack E. Pvt 34996887, KIA 3 Apr WIA 5 Apr SPIVER, SOLLY A. CAPT 01013838, LIA 6 Apr Thompson, Eddie W. Pvt 34858838, WIA 3 Apr Tucci, Francesco F. Cpl 32584791, KIA 5 Apr Taimajer, Lee W. Pfc 31470950, LIA 2 Apr Wasshaussen, Russell N. Pfc 20617674, LIA 9 Apr Wellam, Carl G. Pvs 19202962, LWA 14 Apr Zymda, Emil J. T/4 32671536, WIA 2 Apr Freaklin, Henry S. S/Sgt 32587879, LIA 24 Apr PERSKY, HAROLD D. CAPT 0450102, WIA 26 Apr Armella, Jack A. Pvv 32669784, LIA 19 Apr Hall, William H. Cpl 32589060, WIA 23 Apr Cain, Frank C. Cpl 35571362, WIA 20 Apr Tillman, Joseph A. Pfc 37402715, LWA 20 Apr Beeley, John M. Jr. 32587909 Pre SWA 19 Apr Winiager, Ivan R. Pfc 35688494, LIA 21 Apr Rigall, Domald E. Pfc 39697802, LIA 20 Apr Hooks, Earl (NMI) 8/Sgt 34168235, KIA 19 Apr MARSACK, EUGENE W. 18T LT OLOLA591, LWA 19 Apr Mauser, Oscar T. T/4 35688994, LWA 19 Apr

Hegyl, Frank W. Pyt 33830105, LWA 19 Apr
Pfeiter, Richard J. Pfc 37597448, LWA 20 Apr
Nox, Daniel (PMX) Egt 32121004, LWA 20 Apr
Hudson, Robert W. Pyt 35239199, LWA 20 Apr
Clark, Raymond J. Cpl 13146385, LWA 20 Apr
Clark, Raymond L. Pyt 35641506, LWA 20 Apr
Beverly, Thomas L. Pyt 35641506, LWA 20 Apr
Carlaon, Lewell Dean 56716386, S/Sgt, MIA 19 Apr
Manley, Thomas K. Egt 36626560, MIA 19 Apr
Gavurnik, Stophan (PMX) T/5 32569381, MIA 19 Apr
Hauser, Kirty R. Pfc 36627048, MIA 19 Apr
Stophans, Edna K. Pfc 37510486, MIA 19 Apr
Gastongia, Kara F. Pyt 3774513, MIA 19 Apr
Powell, Rest R. Pyt 3774513, MIA 19 Apr
Schulz, Rouard W. Pfc 36838484, MIA 19 Apr
Pathetia, John T. Sgt 36626846, LWA 19 Apr
Rutske, Resard A. T/5 36285006, LWA 19 Apr
Blankenshia, William R. Pfc 36696153, LWA 19 Apr
March, Nod C. Ffc 15121693, KIA 20 Apr
Padda, Miliam R. S/Sgt 39033955, LWA 20 Apr
Sherman, Walter A. Pfc 35616622, LWA 20 Apr
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## Prisoners of War during Period

4,525

### Roster of May Fersonnel

Bu Staff

MAG ALTON S. KIRCHER, EX. O.
O LOT HENRY P. TILDEN JR. S-3 (TD DIV HQ, G-3 SEC)
SUJG ROMALD C. GRAYS, S-4
LET LT PAUL C. WILLIS, COMM. O.
CAST SOLLY A. SPIVEK, S-2
LET LT THOMAS A. ANDREBURG, ADJ.
ZED LT LAWRENCE R. HARDING, LN. O. (VOCO)
ZND LT KENNETH H. CLAPPER (DUTIES WITH S-2 SEC)

Do Nedical Officer C OFF WILLIAM R. BATON

Bo Maintenance Officer
Caff Clare NCE J. Byan

Company Commanders

CAPT WINGLISH C. FUIE, HQ CO
CAPT EATE A. OKSINI, SV CO
LET LT JAMES R. DEVENEY, A CO
LET LT TRAVIS COXE, B CO
LET LT SIDNEX HACK, C CO
LET LT DAVID J. MCRAN. D CO

## Promotions

Officers

RALEIGH A. DARRISON D2011781, appointed from 8/8gt

Col Thomas & Climan West 5133 2735 Co A to Sgt 2736
Col Security Manuel English 2736 Co C to Sgt 2736
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Col Rebert T Mestin & Manuel 2736 Co C to Col 2736
Fvt John & Funkar 3751681 2736 Co C to Col 2736
Pvt William & Miller Epolizes 2736 Co C to Col 2736
Sgt Lewelldern & Carlson 36716386 1736 Co D to S/Sgt 1736
Sgt Richard I Kerr 34170214 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Fit Aschur C Hillwick 39211000 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Pvt Martin J Hollander 37477778 1736 Co D to Sgt 1736
Fvt Martin J Kamper 35760345 405 Sv Co to Tee 4 465 Kalisted Man PVE Envey J Duncan Jr 19200764 1736 Co D to Sgt 175 See Martin J Kamper 36760345 405 Sv Co to Tec 4 44 See Fenry J Erickson 32992755 1736 Co D to Tec 5 175 Trederick T Horton 34821838 1736 Co D to Tec 5 Rederick T Horton 34821838 1736 Co D to Tee 5 Fig. Thomas S.Pisher 38175322 521 Hq Co to Ted 5 951

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Pre John E Landy 33394944 745 Hq Co to Ted 5 951

Pre Eleanor R Peak 38372335 1736 Ce D to Hgt 1736

Tec 5 Arthur W Johnson 3568623 060 Ce D to Tee 5 1736

Pre Edward Grattum 33686626 1736 Ce D to Tee 5 060

Fre George J Pinto 3568633 060 Ce D to Tee 5 060

Set William Schmeidmiller 39389727 2736 Ce B to N/8gt

Fut Albert R Kasary 32570742 1736 Ce D to Set 1736 100 4 William L Sortore 35718524 824 Ce D Te 8/8gt 824 Ovt James G Smith 35149082 055 Sv Ce to Tec 5 055 Evt Irvin E Browne 33837406 660 Sv Ce to Tec 5 660 Cpl Frank A Alianiello 31245424 2736 Co B to Sgt 2736 Tec 5 Howard P Dew 37542504 2736 Co B to Tec 4 Pvt Bernard J Sieckert 37597069 2736 Co B to Tec 5
Pvt Charles E Smith 35903822 2736 Co B to Tec 5 2736
Tec 4 Melvin T Wells 34463423 2736 Co B to Bgt 2736
Cpl Bently # Jenkins 33744392 2736 Co B to Sgt 2736
Tec 5 Frank R Kaplan 36625514 2736 Co B to Sgt 2736
Pfc Benjamin H Rukowski 37542690 2736 Co B to Tec 4 Pic Verme S Stevenson 37534028 2736 Co B to Cpl 2736

Pvt James S Stanton 39582505 2736 Co B to Cpl 2736

Pvt John L Hense 31424877 521 Co B to Cpl 2736 bgt Rebert D. Deauth 17153557 2736 Co B to 6/8gt 2736 66t wellace Mochuen 32993416 2736 Co B to 8/8gt 821 Egt Burton E Miller 11104294 2736 Co B to S/8gt 2736 Sgt Thomas F Numer 16156673 2736 Co A to S/Sgt 2736 Cpl Edward F Miller 32588994 761 Co A to 8gt 2736

Tec 5 Stunley H Pero 6701061 060 Hq Co to Tec 4 060 Tec 5 George A Werner 32527980 060 Hq Co to Tec 4 060 Pfc Bernard D Muir 35229373 521 Hq Co to Tec 5 060 Pfc John T Flodsym 32958178 521 Hq Co to Tec 5 060

Sgt Frank J Motyka 32539148 2736 Co C to 8/8gt 2736
Tec 5 Albert Mastrobattista 42006443 931 Hq Co to Sgt
Pfc John R Tallman 37466849 345 Hq Co to Cpl 761
Pfc Arthur F De Paepe 37597218 607 Hq Co to Tec 5 931
Pvt Jack A Armella 32669734 976 Bm Hq to Tec 5 076

## America and Decorations

Albert Razury, Cpl 32570742 D Co - Broaze Star Owen Roberts, Fie 12204957 Ho Co - Broaze Star Henneth H. Clapper, Red Le 0547650 Ba Hq - Broase Star

THOMAS A. ANDERBURG, let Lt. Includer, Adjustman.

## HARRATIVE EXETORY OF 47TH TANK BATTALION PERIOD APR TO 30 APR '45

The menth of April opened with the Battalian elected for movement merth from EAPPELLEN, CERMANY to make a river creasing over the Heise. The Battalion began movement north from EAPPELLEN at 010642. April and present the Maine of 011535 April and presented northeast to the vicinity of ELETE-ELEGERY where reorganization and preparation for movement to the simplessy book place.

The Rattalian sixed sometheast from KLEIN-SIRVERS at 0345 eressing the river Main and passing through the Third Division Zone to the vicinity of LONG, dimensi where stubborn enemy resistance was not.

Here "D" company supported the attack of the 19th AIB on LONG knowling out three (3) enemy self-propelled guns and three (3) enemy herse-drawn 75's. In the attack the battalion lost three (3) medium tanks. The battalian continued the attack on LONG on the 3rd of April supporting the 19th clearing the town and with "D" company advancing to SACKENBACE, "B" company to MAUTENBACH. The attack continued on the 4th of April driving theoremy from MEMENDORF, LANGENFROZELTEN and into GEMUNDEN! The attack was supported by air missions throughout the day with the setting up of defences in LANGENFROZELTEN for the night. Attack continued to the northeast the following day clearing the town of GEMUNDEN and capturing thirty (30) PW's.

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From the town of GEMUNDEN the b ttalion launched an attack to the northeast with the mission of securing Military Camp located in the vicinity south of HAMMELBURG, GREMANY. The attack was held up somewhat by enemy epposition which was repulsed. The mission was accomplished 061345 April in the liberating of approximately 5,000 Allied PW's. Three (3) artillery pieces, two (2) self-propelled guns were knocked out and thirty-five (35) PW's taken. From this point the attack continued to the sortheast securing BAD-KIRSINGEN. The battalion met

with light enemy resistance and continued the retack to the town of MUNNERSTADT, MUNNERSTADT was taken with the loss of one (1) medium tank and the capturing of sixty-four (64) FW's.

From the town of MINNERSTADE an attent was launched to the south east with the disting of security MARGON Adventing to REICHNANNSHAUST when Higher Readgas the halted our edvance. In the advance to REICH. MAINGHAUERS one herared and three (103) 1813 were captured, twentythree (25) heree-draws curto- see (1) heree-draws Af gum destroyed five (5) and trucks, two (2) meterorates and one (1) helf-track destroyed The battalign performed maintenance of vehicles and weapons, sent out reconsaisments and compat patrols during the period 10th April to 15th April while in the town of REICHMANNSHAUSHN. From here the battelion noved forwing to OBERLI SEELD keeping continuous contact with the 19th AIB. 499th and CCS. Fouls recomminance was made to the southeast to Wilder The battalion jumped off to the southeast at 1/0850 April meeting with alight energy resistance, knocking out three (5) enemy tanks and capturing tscaty-nine (29) Pris. The attack continued through the night with the bettalion closing in an asmebly area in the vicinity of ALTENTHANN at 190635 April. The assembly area was outposted and route and bridge reconnaissance was made to the south. Continuous comtact was kept with the 19th AIB and CCB, A ratrol was sent out to, the south contacting the 106th Cavalry. While this organization was in effect the remainder of the bettalion was regulating a counteratteck which came from the southeast and southwest at 0500 from the town of BURGTHANK. The enemy also infiltrated back into the towns of OCHEM-BRUCK and CHRRYEDRIEDER. During the day energy artillery was active falling in the town of AMENIHAMM, both flet trajectory and heavy up to 155. The bettalion protected the buidge sight in the vicinity of BURGE LAND. Had to withdraw from BURGTHANN to the town of PAFFERROFER

given the battaling throughout the day. The following day the energy attempted to defend Paffenhoven and Burgheam and considerable small arms fire was resolved from GREMENTS and energy artillery fell in the town of ALTENTHAMS for the supposed for, the these Force occupied the town of HUMBELSEED while the possining tree cleared the woods west of ALTENTHAMS and seek BURGHEAMS. The battalism was forced to give up positions on our tropps were ordered to other locations in the Division area. The division was supported by air missions on the towns of SCHMARSEMENDOK and OCHERBERGK! Took twenty-nine (29) FF's On the Plat of April the battalion resumed the attack to the south and southwest distring the towns of OCHERBERCK and BURGHEAM, The battalion reverted to OGR control at 211240 April and moved from ALTENTHAMS to the town of FEUCHT.

Under control of CCR the bastalion launched a continued attack to the southeast from FEUCHT at 220700 with the receiving of heavy artillery enrouse to JAHREDORF. The enemy kept the autobaha under fire from the vicinity of ALTESPHANE to GOGGELBUCH. Advance continued to PYRAS where enemy mine fields were encountered and cleared and attack comtinued to EYBOLDES where the advance was again held up by mines. towns of JAHRSDORF and EYSOLDEN were outposted for the might. On the 23rd of April the attack continued to the south clearing the towns of STEINDL and ALFERSHAUSEN with the advance being held up somewhat by small arms, nortar, artillary and flak wagon fire. Enocked out one (1) Mark IV and one (1) Mark V enemy tank and captured fourty-two (42) FE 4. The 24th of April opened with the attack continuing to the southeast and meeting with little energy resistance and taking minety-two (92) 1876 and clearing a road block. The enemy continued their withdrawl to successive towns. Our screening reconnsistance unit met small arms firest GUNGOLDING and found bridge blown over the Altmid River.

participated in maintainnee of vehicles and weapons. Hoon completion of the bridge over the Althauhl river the attack continued southeast clearing SCHAMBACH, SCHETIDDRY, STARBACH, KOCHING, and MEMRING. Light enemy registance in the vicinity STAMBACH was repulsed with the enemy still continuing delaying tactics in retiring to successive towns or strong points and with the blowing of two bridges on the Danabe River.

Our fast advance was again held up at ROSHING and maintenance of vehicles and weapons prevailed. One hundred and thirteen (113) PW's were taken, eight; (30) milles destroyed also 34 field pieces and a large supply of amountaion and four (4) bezookes. The battallou reverted to CCA control and an exchange of attenments took place. The battailor under corarel of 00% moved forward enoughing the samula river at a81150 April and continued acatheaut with the mission of solute; giver crossing on the ISAR River. Contured coverby-two (72) Fa's in the cown of a wir Maach and liberated five hundred and fifty seven (587) File consisting of (208 accomes m - 293 British - 50 French). Accedved small arms and mortal fire to the vicinity of GPASTENDORG and continued to GUINRENG where an in hundred and fifty-direc (753) Fils were liberated (American, British) and captured one hundred and twenty (120) FM's then continuing to MUMRN. For the day the battalian took a total of one thousand one thirteen (1013) Will and liberated one thousand and sixty ddied to's. On the 20th of April the bettellon abtacked in two columns on MODBUMA mostily with little enemy register of and belying the town liberating approximately thirty one thousand (31,000) IV's and capturing two thousand and minetoen (211)) Infa. In taking the town of TOSESER, LADIDER DESCRIPT once ugain become a resility. The bestration remined in 4000EUNC clearing the town of althoughter 1913 and enous emignent thus ending the mostle of Lord.





15 June 1945

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(4) Service Unit History.

10 : Commanding Officer, h7th Tank Pattalion.

- 1. Unit History, your organization, is returned herewith since higher headquarters has recently advised that the submission thereof is no longer necessary.
- 2. It is recommended that you retain cossession of the copy in your files to meet any future request which may be forthcoming.

PAUL P. CARDIDAL Captain (INF.)
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May 4 =

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## PARATTYPE RESPONDED OF THE TANK PARTALICUS, PROTOD 1 NA NO 31 WAY 1945

The month of May opened with the forward elements of the battalien located at HEMMSTOINT, GHMANT. If you would have entered our Battalien Command Post on the morning of the 1st of May 1945, the Command Post Guard would have requested that you knock the snew off your feet before entering the Palacial Hall of the Command Post. (Formerly the mayors! home.

May

The Command Post opened in ENERSPOINT at about 312000 April. The Battalien Commander sent a Task Force out that night to continue the attack to the south east on the objective with the remainder of the battalien following the merning of the 1st of May. The advance of the Battalian not with light enemy registance but as we entered MUNLDORF we could see the bridge over the INN EIVER go up in smoke. Had Jorry been five minutes later in planning, our forward tanks would have crossed the bridge before it could have been blown.

The Battalien closed in MUNLDORF with the capturing of everything imaginable to the human mind - airfields, planes, Generals and what have you, The Command Post was opened in the former Magi Meadquarters and since them we have made it a very convenient place for a GP. Taking over the city of MUNLDORF unvailed many of the atrocities which the Magi Regime brought upon innocent people, a people who could or did not see their (Nazi) memorisms and ways of running a nation. It was also in MUNLDORF that Capt Joseph Carters, story, "The Beath of A State", became a reality.

From the 1st of May until the 31st the Battalien was totally occupied in embresting its respective areas and the erganization of Displaced Persons. Sight seeing tours were made weekly to BERCHTESGADEN and the ALPS. Precentation of Awards (Bronze and Silver Stars) was made by the Germanding General of the 14th Amerod Division on the 28th day of May. The Battalien held two Retreat Parades during the month. The Battalien also participated in sending men and efficers on pass to United Kingdon, Riviera, Paris and to the Twestieth Corps Rast Center.

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# Seminating Officer

JAMES W. LAWY, LT COL

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## Prisoners of Nav Aurine Pariod

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CAPT CLARENCE J. EYAN, 8-3
WAJS ROMALD C. GRAYS, 8-4
GAPT EMBEY P. TILDEN, R. COMM. O. (TO BIV EQ. G-3 SEC)
GAPT SCALI A. SPIVE, 8-2
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LEF LT PAUL C. KILLIS, LE. O.

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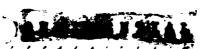
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