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## FOREWORD

I take this final occasion to thank you Officers and Men of the 14th Armored Division for the loyal and effective support given me during the period in which I have been in command.

General Prichard commanded the division at its activation and during its formative training period. His personality and character have left a deep imprint on all of us.

Your success as a division in battle, and you have only to review your accomplishments to know that you have been successful, was due in no small measure to the soundness of your basic training.

I watched you develop from an untrained group of selectees to a highly skilled fighting machine and I am proud of any small part that I may have played in this transformation, but I am prouder still of the way you took each obstacle in stride.

I can truthfully say that you have never let me or your commanders down.

I will follow your return to civil life with the sincere belief that each of you will have benefitted, to some extent, greater than you now think, from our mutual association as a division.

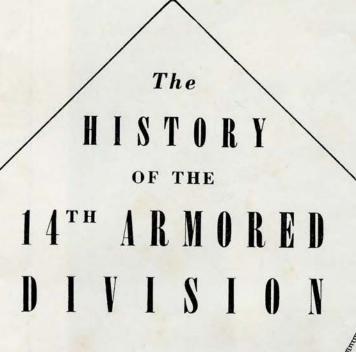
My best wishes go with you all.

Sincerely,

A. C. SMITH

Major General, USA,

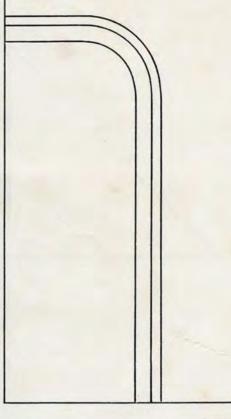
Commanding.



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COMBAT COMMAND A





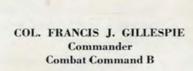
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COL. DANIEL H. HUDELS
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COL. JAMES D. HILL Chief of Staff





COL. DALE V. SWANSON Division Trains Commander



COL. MAURICE K. KURTZ Division Artillery Commander

## ACTIVATION

October 2 - December 28, 1942

ONE PLACE to begin is with a piece of paper—a piece of paper with three short paragraphs of official wording: "In accordance with General Orders, Headquarters, Armored Force, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1942, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Army War College, Washington, D. C., dated August 28, 1942, the 14th Armored Division is activated this date at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

"Headquarters, 14th Armored Division, is opened at this station at 0001, November 15, 1942.

"Under provisions of AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 14th Armored Division. (Signed) V. E. Prichard, Major General, U.S.A., Commanding."

This is the formal, official way in which the 14th Armored began its history; but like so many short groups of words ("... take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife ..."), it had enormous implications for great numbers of men and women.

A division does not exist as eighty-five words on a piece of rag paper; it exists by virtue of the integrity of tens of thousands of men and women; you could follow the implications (if you wanted) back to the seventeen-year-old girl working, part time, in a plant making shoe laces for Army boots.

We shall go back only to some men immediately concerned:

In September, 1942, Chaplain John W. Hollister was at Camp Polk, Louisiana, assistant division chaplain for the 7th Armored Division. Lieut. Col. James P. Hill was at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, attending Command and General Staff School. Lieut. Col. Sidney R. Stone was attending Command and General Staff School. Capt. Clyde W. Gibson was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, assistant provost marshal. T/Sgt. George Munjas was working in the G-3 office of the 8th Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Tec/4 Alvin C. Barton was in the same office. Pvt. Edward B. Howard was at the Armored Force Radio School. Tec/4 Curtis D.

Goza was in the Inspector General's office of the 8th Armored.

There were hundreds of others (later, there were thousands of others, men now at this moment in a school, or a garage, in a bank, on a farm, not now dreaming of the 14th Armored Division), and with the men named above they all received six copies of an order:

"Following named Off and EM are held fr asgmt to orgns indicated and asgd to Hq, 14th Armd Div, Camp Chaffee, Ark. WP fr this sta w/o delay . . ."

Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, lies south of the Arkansas River and a few miles east-south east of the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, population 31,149 (Rand McNally, 1936). Fort Smith is on the western border of the state, and lies just across the Arkansas River from Oklahoma.

Camp Chaffee was built in 1941, named for Maj. Gen. Ada R. Chaffee, called father of the Armored Force, who died that year.

The camp was built on rolling sub-marginal land, of rocky hills and thin woods of small birch and pine, barren brush fields.

Of all the present professions of man, good and evil, the one in which continual change is most constant is the profession of arms. All soldiers are familiar with it. Be stationed at a post, accustomed to the familiar faces, the normal duties, the well-known place—then always move away. There is a reluctance in going.

In September and October of 1942, the first officers and men of the 14th began to leave their then-assignments to travel to Camp Chaffee.

They came by train, individually or in groups, in the warcrowded coaches, hot in the Arkansas autumn, sitting by the windows and fixedly watching the dull green-and-brown landscape roll by, suitcases in the rack overhead, sleeping across the seats.

They travelled by automobile, out Route 22 from Little Rock, along the Arkansas River, watching for the road signs



"Camp Chaffee" "Camp Entrance—1000 yards" "Camp Entrance—Slow Down."

They converged on Camp Chaffee, in their hearts their questions, hopes, forebodings.

Almost four hundred officers and ten times that many enlisted men arrived at Camp Chaffee in October and November. General Prichard arrived October 2. Ninety-five men came October 10. Second Lieutenants came—almost all just from officer candidate school. The number of the Division was announced October 12. Lieut. William L. Jarvis, Jr., began to set up his seventeen-man Finance Section, prior to the arrival of Finance Officer Capt. Alwyn V. Larkin. Officers made up the beds for the enlisted men to come.

The weather was warm.

Those men, arrived during those first two months, were the cadre, men already in the Army for varying lengths of time, trained in greater or lesser degree for the jobs they were to do. They were the skeleton of the Division, the vital organs; they were to be joined—through December—by ten thousand more officers and enlisted men, most of them just enlisted or drafted from civilian life, who were to fill the Division out, to bring it up to full strength, give it flesh and muscle.

You might say this 14th Armored Division was typical of America.

It had no First World War history; it did not exist then; it was born of a younger generation; and was born of an America that had been attacked by the Fascist states, born of a nation girding itself to beat off an armed aggressor.

The 14th was an armored division, made of the terrible new weapons of war, one of the most powerful striking forces (its only equals its brother armored divisions) of any army, any age.

It was manned by men from every state in the Union. It was not a New York division, nor a California division, nor a Texas division. Most of its officers and men were reserve soldiers, or men who had enlisted, men who had been drafted. Civilian soldiers.

It was the men of America, again arming themselves for war; and by their actions—if, again, you will have implications—by their future, you might judge the physical condition of America.

America had been divided about the war; her enemies had ranted she was weak, dissolute, that democracy as a concept





of government was an anachronism in the brave new world of Nazism and hate.

By the 14th Armored you might test that.

Would the ten-thousand-odd men of the 14th come to gether, train, learn for the grimmest business on the face of the earth, work till they were a competent whole? Then you might say America's heart was strong.

If the enemy were powerful and the Division, in battle, were overmatched, smashed and smashed again by superior forces—would the men fight and fight still? Then you might say American courage was still dauntless.

And would the 14th Armored win? Then America would be victorious.

This is the story of how the 14th Armored was activated, and trained, fought and was over-powered—and won.

For the new officers and men arriving at the 14th in October and November, the first job was to prepare to receive and train the men who would be coming later.

(Life in the Army consists principally of training other men, or being trained yourself. Since there was no one to Train, the cadre was being trained.)

To train this cadre that was to do the training, General Prichard—who, during his twenty months in command of the 14th never forgot nor allowed anyone else to forget that the job of the Division was to prepare for combat—ordered the first cadre school to be established on October 19.

It is hard to recapture in words the essence of life in the first days in the new pine buildings of Chaffee, in the warm Arkansas autumn. The work went not so quickly at first, then faster and faster.

There were the personal questions, as many questions as there were men multiplied by minutes. Quarters, on the post or in Fort Smith. Finding an apartment (generally; the 6th Armored was the only armored division to train at Chaffee before the 14th, and the 6th was moving out. As it shipped from the post, block by block of buildings, the 14th took over; as its officers and men moved out of Fort Smith, apartment by apartment, the 14th moved in. Sometimes there was a little overlapping) and moving in. An early order said:

BRIG. GEN. A. C. SMITH
MAJ. GEN. V. E. PRICHARD
Commanding General
BRIG. GEN. E. W. PIBURN

Maj. Gen. Prichard commanded the Division. Brig. Gen. A. C. Smith had Combat Command A; Brig. Gen. E. W. Piburn had Combat Command B; Col. E. L. Harrison commanded the 47th Armored Regiment and Col. F. J. Gillespie the 48th Armored Regiment. Col. C. H. Karlstad had the 62nd Armored Infantry Regiment.

Division Artillery was commanded by Col. C. A. Pyle; Lieut, Col. C. F. Clayton had the 499th, Maj. Dale V. Swanson the 500th, and Lieut. Col. Charles P. Westpheling the 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Col. Robert Wallace had Division Trains, Lieut. Col. Andrew Foster was Division Signal Officer.

Lieut. Col. George Coolidge had the 94th Calvary Reconnaissance Battalion, Maj. Herbert H. Kerr the 84th Armored Medical Battalion; Maj. Dean E. Swift the 125th Armored Engineer Battalion and Capt. David R. Corson the 154th Armored Signal Company.

Of all the units of the Division, the only one complete in those days was the 136th Ordnance Battalion.

The 136th had been activated September 22, 1942, at the Ordnance Unit Training Center, Camp Perry, Ohio, under command of Lieut. Col. J. H. Hinrichs, and had been designated "Maintenance Battalion, 14th Armored Division."

It had been made up of experienced ordnance soldiers—its own cadre—principally from the 8th and 13th Armored Divisions, and from transferred, enlisted, and drafted personnel. Also, a great number of its men had come directly from civilian life. Col. Hinrichs and members of his staff had gone to west coast regional ordnance offices to interview civilian volunteers, and men most qualified to do armored ordnance work had been picked.

Personnel had been obtained for Headquarters Company of the 136th in the Los Angeles area; for Company A at San Francisco; for Company B at Portland; and for Company C in Seattle.

The 136th, still the "Maintenance Battalion, 14th Armored Division," moved to Camp Chaffee at full strength during the second week of November, 1942. Its men were the first men of the Division to have shoulder patches when everyone else, slipping over to the Post Exchange for a Coca-Cola, was still asking the sales girl when the patches would be in.

Work went on; work increased. General Prichard called the cadre together, told them his vision of the Division's job, told them their role in that job. He talked of team work.

"This is the 14th Armored Division," he said. "It's going into combat as the 14th Armored Division—not as tank regiments or infantry regiments or artillery battalions. You have to know the other fellow's job, his business, and what he's going to expect from you."

Later, he was to have tank officers serve in the artillery and infantry officers in the tanks, to knit the Division closer together.

On November 3, General Prichard announced that a formal activation ceremony would be held on November 15. (The Army well knows the value of symbolizing, tangibly, events even as abstract and administrative as the activation of a new division.)

November 15, was a Sunday, a perfect day, bright and sunny. Hot, however, as the men who had spent Saturday night in Ft. Smith were willing to testify.

















"All officers will feel free to take off as much time as is necessary during the coming week for the purpose of situating their families."

The War Department announced the invasion of North Africa on November 7, but there was only a momentary excitement.

Working on the post during the day, coming home through the early twilight of Fall to move furniture. ("Sofa over there, dear.") Finding the bank, the post office, the commissary, the grocery. Smoke of the burning leaves in your nostrils.

There was talk, the endless talk of what was coming, during the bright days then. (The first man to say: "This Division is never going overseas. Why, look—" was an unidentified captain having a beer in the Officer's Club, 1813 hours, October 28, 1942.) The Hard-scrabble Country Club, with special rates for officers, that went up when the tennis courts opened.

During working hours, officers went to talk to their counterparts of the 6th Armored Division, drove over the post, map in hand, to learn the lay of the land. They had the thousand-and-one problems of the Army. The coal boxes that wouldn't hold coal. The mess halls that had roaches. The endless, eternal little problems.

The G-1 and Adjutant General sections (under Maj. Roy Berkenfield and Maj. Joe C. Lambert, respectively) were faced with the simple problem of administering the lives of four hundred officers and thirty-five hundred enlisted men, and with preparing to receive, to classify, to assign three hundred more officers and twelve thousand more enlisted men who would be arriving in a few weeks.

The G-3 Section, commanded by Lieut. Col. W. J. Reardon, was planning schools for the cadre, and in addition going through the Mobilization Training Program (called the MTP, the War Department's over-all plan for training the men of the Division from their first day till they were ready for combat) that was designed to go into operation as soon as the Division reached full strength.

G-4 (Lieut. Col. Richard Wetherill) was in the process of receiving buildings from the Post Quartermaster, other post, camp and station property, and planning to carry out the regular functions of G-4 as soon as the Division was operating.

In addition, G-4 was already looking for training aids and equipment, and was having a little trouble with transportation. There were a few peeps (in this volume a four-by four quarter-ton truck, commonly called a "jeep" by other branches of the Army, will be called a "peep" in accord with Armored Force tradition), and one hundred and fifty-four trucks, ton-and-a-half four-by-fours that had seen service with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

G-2 (Major F. C. McKenna) was beginning operations, not yet in full stride; and the entire staff operation was being overseen by the Chief of Staff, Lieut. Col. James P. Hill.

The outline of the Division, the skeleton, had been blocked in. You could see the Tables of Organization, as printed on paper, coming to life in the existence of the men taking over the positions. This was the old heavy armored division organization, two Combat Commands, two Armored Regiments, one Infantry Regiment.



MAJ. GEN. V. E. PRICHARD



GENERAL AND SPECIAL STAFF 14th Armored Division

The parade ground was dusty from the hard ground, the grass patchy and dry, but the air was clear. The barracks were white through the bare trees, and the bare trees rose, on the slightly lifting ground, to a cloudless sky. The ceremony had been made public; the Class A uniforms (blouses and overseas caps, pinks for officers) contrasted with the civilian clothing, bright dresses and coats of the girls, gray suits of the men.

Gen. Smith was commander of Troops; taking the review were Gen. Prichard, Gen. Piburn, and civilian guests.

The Regiments were drawn up in formation, straight lines of men in olive drab; colors were to be presented, national and regimental colors, down to the green and white guidons for the companies.

The 86th Division band was there, brought for the occasion from Camp Gruber, Oklahoma (the 14th's band not yet in operation), the brasses flashed brightly in the sun, the music was loudly sounding metal.

Col. Hill read the activation order; when the commanders moved forward, General Prichard presented the colors. General Piburn was presented with the Order of the British Empire for his work as an observer with the British forces in Africa.

The troops passed in review, new colors sparkling bravely.

Afterward, the troops were formed again; there was the invocation and General Prichard addressed the men.

"We are assembled today to create officially a new Armored Division. It is another evidence of American determination that America will do her part in combating the forces of oppression and hatred which threaten her and other freedom loving peoples. You members of the 14th Armored Division are preparing yourselves for the supreme test. You are not only working faithfully to improve yourselves, but within a very short time, yours will be the responsibility of training thousands of other citizens for battle. Nothing can prevent you from being the best armored division to engage the enemy—which means the best on earth. Our cause is

just and with God's help we will be prepared and will defeat our enemies. We will not be denied."

The Hon. John G. Pipkin, Director of Public Welfare of the state of Arkansas, welcomed the Division to Arkansas.

Afterward, there was a demonstration.

The 499th Field Artillery had some towed 105 mm. howitzers, behind half tracks, borrowed from the 69th Field Artillery. There was a sham battle, in which medium tanks (running heavily to the old side-winding M-3's) and light tanks, supported by infantry, attacked an objective. The engineers set up small dynamite charges, set off to give realism to the "battle." The tanks ran over some ancient automobiles, and the engineers spanned a small creek.

There was an exhibition of all sorts of equipment—from medical to ordnance—used by the Division, and coffee and doughnuts were served, and there were tank rides and peep rides for the visitors.

It was a fine, glittery, shiny, exciting day, and everyone felt that now there really was a 14th Armored Division.

By activation day, most of the officers and men of the cadre had arrived. A few continued to come, but there were no new men—"fillers"—arrived yet, nor any word as to when they would come.

Said General Prichard:

"There may be a considerable delay in the receipt of fillers. I want all staff officers and commanders to organize their cadres for field training.

"No better training can be had than to go into the field and go through the various problems that the trainees will go through. It will give the cadre an appreciation of the terrain and an understanding of the training."

The character of the commanding general was beginning to emerge. He was becoming the man who would train upwards of ten thousand men for battle—more than the line in the Tables of Organization that said: "Commanding Officer, Major General."

"The commanding general will not tolerate drunkenness.
"Hitch-hiking will be prohibited in the 14th Armored

"I want you to encourage the new men to ask questions. "Be a stickler for detail.

"Uniforms will be kept up and blouses worn to the evening meal.

"I don't want men in the guard-house.

Division.

"A sense of cordiality between officers of all grades is essential.

"Fillers will not be used for fatique more than is absolutely necessary. They must be trained. Use your own judgment on inclement weather, but if training is sufficiently important, do not substitute an indoor exercise for it.

"This is going to be the best division in the Army."

The character of the commanding general was emerging. A forceful, vital man, once an outstanding West Point athlete, dark-eyed, not loud nor harsh, fully understanding his job and with full energy to see that it was done.

Divisional and Regimental schools were begun.

Gunnery, maintenance, chemical warfare, demolitions. School for mess sergeants, school for cooks, and school for meat cutters.

The Division commander said he wanted the special talents of all men encouraged—musicians to go to the band, actors to put on sketches. (Entertainment for the men is the responsibility of the commander.)

Do you see the Division slowly taking shape, through the thousand things being done and spoken and thought by its four hundred officers and thirty-five hundred men every day? How it was beginning to mold, so that it could shape its thousands of men into trained and competent soldiers, able to fight as a unit?

A cadre alert plan was established: "to meet emergencies arising from air attack, ground attack, acts of sabotage or disturbances in Camp Chaffee and vicinity." (This was November 21, 1942, and the war was less than one year old.)

Demonstration crews were set up for vehicles and weapons, ranges were listed (Army firing ranges have good names—Spreading Hill Range, Central Road Range, 25th Street Anti-Tank Gun Range).

It was on December 3 that the first of the new men ar-



rived; men straight from the reception centers, six days in the Army, new uniforms that fitted as well as could be expected, arms just finished hurting from shots.

Now, you may take the point of view of a high-ranking staff officer, familiar with the Army and cognizant of what is to be done, how it is to be done—or the point of view of a newly-inducted young man, fresh from civilian life and looking on the Army as a vast, confusing collection of men and rules, not happy.

The Division's battles were going to be fought, in large part, with these now-new young men.

Look at them as they tumble off the train onto the platform at Camp Chaffee in December, 1942, tired, wrinkled, shivering in the cold, curious. Men from every state, smart men and fools, rich men and poor, brave men and cowards, honest men and thieves, well-educated men and men who had never learned to read nor write, bank clerks, musicians, athletes, students, ranchers, salesmen, fathers, sons, brothers, husbands, men.

Pvt. Francis K. Darr (according to Army nomenclature; at home, in Centralia, Kansas, where he worked in a bank, he was called Keith) had been inducted into the Army at Fort Leavenworth, given his uniform, shots, a short lecture on the articles of war, military courtesy and sex hygiene, and a week's leave. He had gone home, returned to Fort Leavenworth, and been assigned to the 14th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee.

14th Armored? Never heard of it. As a matter of fact, he'd never heard of Camp Chaffee, and what he knew of an armored division was that it presumably had tanks. As for tanks, he thought he'd like them. Were not tanks the irresistable weapons of terror, were not tank troops the elite? Had a red, yellow and blue shoulder patch, and wore their hats on the other sides of their heads from everyone else. Besides, everybody knew that every man in the tanks rode everywhere, instead of walking. (Later, that opinion was changed.)

Darr rode the troop train all night; when he woke next morning the sun was shining and the train was clacking



through a land of scrub pine trees, slightly rolling fields, tangled brush, barren and rocky hillsides.

"We all thought we were in the middle of nowhere," he said, "and then the train stopped.

"It was warm, warm for December, the sun was shining and they had the band down to meet us. The band was playing as we rolled in.

"It was nice, but—you know how it is. You're strange and all you do is look around and wonder what's going to happen."

(At night, trying to sleep in the troop train, many a young man had thought of more than that, with the limitless, bitter loneliness of young men really away from home for the first time, plunged into the hard, restricted, relentless life of the Army, to be trained for the purpose of fighting a war. In the morning's sun those thoughts had disappeared to be replaced—as Darr said—by the continuing wonder as to what would happen.)

"They loaded us into trucks," Darr continued (the fourby-fours from the Civilian Conservation Corps), "and took us down to the barracks. We sat around there, asking each other our names and where we came from, and wondering what we would do in the Army, and then they came and took us to the Field House, where they had set up the classification office."

(To the men then, "they" were the mysterious powers of Division Headquarters, as to Divisions Headquarters "they" are the hidden beings of Army, and so on to the angels.)

"They asked us what we did in civilian life, and gave us tests for aptitude, and we counted blocks, and they gave us pieces of paper with numbers on them. We all thought those numbers meant what we would do, but they didn't. They were our units."

All through December the new men arrived. For over two weeks the Field House was endlessly throughd with men as ten thousand new soldiers passed through, and the whole AG Section, and G-1, were swamped with work. Lieut. John P. Campana's classification section worked eighteen hours a day.

There were more physical inspections, and the men went down to the units, and the units took on shape. Still not formed, not fully developed; but you could see what the shape would be like.













The new men slept in the long, two-story pine barracks (some of them sleeping with forty other men for the first time, some of them poised and some loud, some going through all the fine tortures of embarrassment for having to use an open toilet for the first time), and gradually became accustomed to their new lives.

They learned to make beds the way the Army (in the person of a three-striper) wanted them; and what KP was really like; they learned to fall out; they had fire drill; they heard the second (the second of ten thousand) lectures on military courtesy; they talked of how they got into the Army, and why, and how long the war would last. The twenty-year old student who had volunteered, and the thirtyeight-year old real estate salesman who had been drafted and would have closed a thirty-thousand dollar deal if the Army had only waited two weeks more. The young man just married, longing for his bride, and the man secretly a little relieved to be away. The private from Tennessee, remembering clearly his mother and father in the cabin on the rocky hillside above the stream, who rarely spoke, and the ex-master of ceremonies from the New York nightclub who convulsed the boys every night.

General Prichard warned to have the buildings heated and beds ready for incoming men, even if they were not expected. The new men were not to go to town. The master schedule had not yet been handed down by Division, the men were being trained by units. They were being assimilated as they arrived, oriented, given physical conditioning (calisthenics in the cold air of the early morning), close order drill in the sun and five mile marches in the rain. They learned you don't always ride in an armored division.

Lieut. Col. Daniel H. Hudelson took his cadre of the 1st Battalion of the 62nd on a seven mile march in fifty-seven minutes, breaking the American Rangers record for seven and two tenths miles in seventy-two minutes.

General Smith and General Piburn entered into an agreement about their respective walking abilities, and made a five dollar bet on who could get to the top of Potato Hill first, General Piburn started off at a brisk pace, but after a short time General Smith found an excellent vantage point and stopped. "It's worth five dollars to watch," he said, and General Piburn was not pleased.



The Division Public relations office began to send out stories on the new men—Pvt. Dean H. Crowell of Dallas, Texas, is the son of the Poetess, Grace Noll Crowell. Pvt. Jesse H. Martin, Sr., and Pvt. Jesse N. Martin, Jr., are father and son. Pvt. Lloyd R. Strachan played with Gus Arnheim's band. Pvt. Joey Mattis was a middleweight boxer. Pvt. Roy Floyd Billington and Pvt. Ray Lloyd Billington are twin brothers.

Every new man was taken for a tank ride.

The day of that first ride was another to be remembered. The tank up close, was an enormous, impervious bulk of steel, strange and formidable, inside was steel, painted white and smelling of cordite and grease and heavy duty oil, a strange and quickening smell. It was a maze of gadgets, tubing, controls, dials. The words painted inside spoke succintly, grimly, of the business to come—".30 calibre ammunition," "spare periscopes," "hand grenades."

The engine started, an incredible screaming, roaring in the ears, the tank ground ahead. It moved ponderously, heavily, grinding, rearing, the heavy treads turning relentlessly on. It jolted, just riding you could be thrown against a pistol port handle, a machine gun cradle, the steel armor plate. The tank ate obstacles, trees rolled down before it. It was to become familiar, now it was exciting.

The life went on, Reveille and first call. Column left and by the right flank. Chow and fatigue. Tent pitching. Straddle trenches. The ground was bare. It rained. Writing letters on a bunk and drinking 3.2 beer in a crowded PX. Colds. Everyone had a cold that Winter in Chaffee, it rained and was miserable and the field artillery battalions had a formal dance with girls from the USO. The Community Chest was given \$5,601.31.

Christmas approached. The first Christmas away from home for eighty per cent of the men—the second or third for some. The Service Club was decorated, and a schedule was published, an Army schedule.

December 24. Prepare weapons and vehicles for command inspection.

December 25 (morning). Road march or mass athletics. (Cooks excused.)

December 26. Command inspection.

December 31. All day schedule.

January 1. All day road march and bivouac.

You were in the Army, and the Army was preparing for war.

It wasn't that bad.

On December 23 the last of the new men arrived. The Division was up to strength, plus overage—706 officers and 15,490 enlisted men.

On December 24 there was a Division formation (in overcoats—it was clear, but cold. It snowed a little Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) at which General Prichard spoke to it as a whole for the first time.

"We are together," General Prichard said, "as we shall be, barring inevitable changes, through our existence. You men here before me, new and old, are going into battle as the 14th Armored Division. Our trials will be bitter then; but even before that time, from now on, though all our training we shall have a hard and difficult time.

"You may look around and see the size and strength of the



division. Activation was only six weeks ago. Very near this Birth of Christ; with God's help the 14th Armored will play its part into the struggle against the evil forces abroad in the world today."

General Prichard gave the Season's greetings, and a quartette from the 62nd sang "Silent Night." The 47th and 48th bands played.

There were midnight church services, and carol singing, and parties. Presents and hot buttered rums. "The First Noel" and a dance at the NCO club. A Christmas party for officers and men, sponsored by the USO.

Next morning there was a dismounted march.

candy and coffee.

A march on Christmas Day (cooks excused) and a dinner. Dinner: fruit cup, cream of celery soup, roast turkey with dressing and gravy, cranberry and orange relish, celery, olives, pickles, radishes, potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, corn pudding, hearts of lettuce with Russian dressing, hot rolls and butter, mince and pumpkin pie, ice cream and spice cake, grapes, oranges and apples, nuts, mints, hard

The good mothers and fathers of Fort Smith, Paris, Van Buren, all the surrounding towns, had many of the new men out to their homes for Christmas.

That night there was a dance for the men at the Service Club—a thousand girls were invited and two orchestras played. Biggest dance ever given at the camp. There was a melodrama, "The Dead Sister's Secret," put on by Special Service. Pvt. Robert Hayes, S/Sgt. Max Rosen, Cpl. Tommy Montayne and Pvt. Gordon Myers put on individual acts.

Christmas was a success, a happy and easy day in 1942 for the 14th, and the Mobilization Training Program was to go into effect Monday, December 28.

## Chapter II

## TRAINING, AND THE FLOOD

December 28, 1942 - May 29, 1943

Training had now become the sole occupation of the 14th Armored Division, and was to remain so for nearly two years. There was no hesitancy in the manner in which the 14th entered upon its duty. It knew what lay before it.

To fight, a man must know a variety of things; and those things have been definitely established through the long years of the Army's existence. He must know his weapon, because it is with his weapon that he will achieve the Army's objective. He must be trained to march ten, twenty, thirty miles, carrying on his back all that he needs to live and to fight. He must know map reading, compass reading, defense against chemical attack, aircraft recognition. He must know field and personal sanitation. He must know how to drill—the efficient method of moving a body of men—and military courtesy and discipline, for an army, to operate as a single striking force, to achieve a single end, must learn to carry out the will of one man.

In an armored unit, he must know his vehicle, how to drive it and how to maintain it. (Man has reached his present elevation partly through his ability to use tools, and he is fascinated by them almost to worship.) Teaching the new men of the division to drive army vehicles was a large, but not too difficult, problem (for a tank is primarily a weapon for death; and if you increase man's interest in death geometrically by his interest in machinery, you get some idea of the average new man's interest in the vehicles of the 14th); maintenance was an unending chore; on V-E Day, it would still be going on.

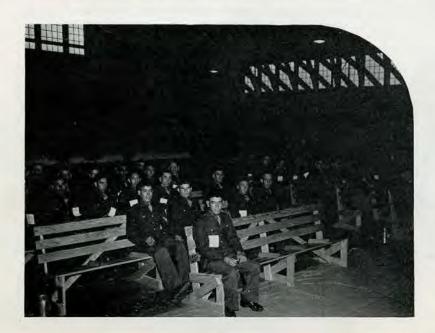
Armored vehicles must move, for on their correct functioning is built the tactics of armored combat.

There is a great deal that can be said against the Army (and most of it has been, and not all of it by privates of the guard on Christmas Eve) but there is a logic behind its practices. Even the business of making beds alike—they can be checked more quickly.

Through the long years before the war, by practice and invention and observation of other armies, the American Army had not only determined exactly these subjects to be taught the American soldierit had determined the amount of time necessary to teach the average man what he must know.

It is not necessary, for example, to teach each private everything there is to know about map reading. He does not need to know the comparative merits of the vectograph and the anaglyph; enough that he knows how to determine his location on a map, how to get where he wants to go, how to tell a hill on a map from a depression, how to pick out the good roads, the poor roads, the woods and swamps. For that: twenty-two hours of instruction.









(But not all at once, so that he loses interest; two hours this afternoon and four hours morning after tomorrow. And a practical field problem next week, to make sure he has the know-how, and won't forget.) And after all that, after he has learned, judicious repetition at intervals, so that he does not forget. (Perhaps he says: "Hell, we had this last Summer," but he doesn't forget.)

Thirty-six hours time is sufficient to teach a man how to disassemble and reassemble a sub-machine gun, to know the sear notch and the trigger spring, to know how to fire—and to have had a certain amount of practice in firing. It does not make an ordnance man of him—he is not expected to rebuild the gun, to test the diameter of the bore for allowable variation.

So many hours to teach military courtesy, so many hours to teach defense against chemical attack.

All these totals of hours have been carefully figured out, changed, checked in practice, changed again.

Says the MTP:

There will be three hours given each man on military courtesy during his first thirteen weeks of training, one hour during each of the first three weeks. Four hours of pitching shelter tents, two hours in each of the first two weeks. Six hours of interior guard duty, two hours in each of the first three weeks. Fifty hours of weapons training, ten hours in

the fifth week, twelve in the sixth week, and fourteen in each the seventh and eighth weeks.

In addition, there are innumerable variations. Infantrymen must have bayonet training—and medical corpsmen need training in the stopping of bleeding. Signalmen need time in splicing and the operation of message center.

Having at great length determined what it must teach, and how long it must spend teaching it, the Army also determined exactly what infinite details were to be taught.

Backbone of the Army's system of teaching is its file of field manuals, technical manuals, technical bulletins—all War Department Training Publications. It was not enough, for the Army, to say that an infantryman would be given forty hours instruction on the .30 caliber machine gun; it must assure itself that every infantryman was being taught the same amount of the same material, and in the same manner. Turn to the field manual:

"The Browning machine gun, caliber .30, M1917, is recoiloperated, belt-fed, and water cooled . . .

"General data: Weight of gun and pintle, without water (pounds)—33.50; weight of gun and pintle, with water (pounds)—40.75; weight of belt, empty (ounce)—7.5; weight of belt, filled, 250 rounds in chest (pounds)—20.50; length of barrel (inches)—24.00; sight graduation (yards)—3400; rate of fire (shots per minute)—400-525; muzzle velocity, approximate (feet per second)—2700; weight of tripod, M1917A1 (pounds)—51.00...







"Front sight—The front sight consists of a front sight blade and the front sight base. The blade is dovetailed into the base so as to allow lateral adjustment and is held in place by the front sight screw. The base screws fasten the base to the end cap. They are screwed in place and then filed flush with the base . . ."

Field Manual 23-55 (Browning Machine Gun, Caliber .30, M1917) goes on like that in extremely small type, copiously illustrated, for 316 pages, not counting the index and appendix. It is not thrilling reading, but it gives a comprehensive idea of the water-cooled Browning.

So the Mobilization Training Program does not merely state that there shall be ten hours of weapons instruction in the fifth week of each man's training; as reference, it quotes FM 23-55 (and half a dozen others)—and the exact paragraphs to be covered each week.

There is an Army field manual for every subject the Army teaches, and an Army Technical manual for every heavy gun vehicle and major piece of equipment the Army has.

There is an Army Field Manual of several hundred pages devoted to nothing but listing publications for training.

There is a manual devoted entirely to teaching methods—FM 21-5, Military Training. "This manual contains the basic instructions for the training of the Army of the United States... The ultimate purpose of all military training is

the assurance of victory in event of war... The only means by which human beings impart ideas to one another are the physical senses...

In addition to this vast ocean of written material are innumerable training aids. There are teacher schools and teacher instructor schools.

The program is big—big enough to train eight million men—but it goes into detail so fine that each private, in each infantry or tank company in the Army, studies the same words about the same subject in the same paragraph in the same field manual at the same point in his military career.

There can be found a number of exceptions to that statement (as there would be if there were only eight human men involved, instead of eight million), but it works. We may see how well in the case of the 14th Armored Division.

Fifteen thousand men to be taught soldiering. Look at it from the top, down to the last men in the rear rank of an infantry company. That man is to get fifty hours instruction in weapons, for a start, and it is the Army's responsibility to see that he gets it. Yet the Army cannot follow any one man through his military career, hour for hour and day by day, not with fifteen thousand minus one. You may look at one man for one day:

First call, 0545:

"Okay, let's go! Rise and shine, boys, it's a lovely day!"

The grumbling early-morning cacophony of forty-odd men awakening and miserably swinging out of bed at the same time; it is drizzling a little outside, and the sky is still dark. Inside, the unshaded lights are glaring and it's cold from the windows open all night, three inches from the top on one side and three inches from the bottom on the other (Training Memorandum No. 23). At least every other man has a cold, and there is coughing, retching, sneezing. The latrine is jammed, and the vapor from the hot water faucets clouds the polished steel mirrors, that don't need much clouding. Someone in unaccountably good spirits is singing "...oh, how I hate to get up in the morning..." badly off-tune, and the sergeant is loudly and thoroughly cursing someone who didn't get up.

"Outside, you guys, let's go, outside!"











"It's raining."

"Christ, it's always raining."

Outside it's raining and cold. Reveille and report. Calisthenics ("Next exercise will be the side straddle hop!"). Fall out and the mad scramble to get back into the barracks. Police. Make up the bunk, finish dressing correctly, and police.

Chow, the jambled jumble of the mess hall in the early morning, the rising roar of voices.

Eggs, fresh eggs, and the cook's conception of fried bacon, bread and butter, coffee, prunes.

The day's program:

Map reading in the day room. A hundred men in the plain pine one-story day room, open-beamed, lined with windows on each side. Hot near the army heater, cold everywhere else. A pin-up of Jane Russell and a poster showing a model envelope ("This is now your correct address") on the bulletin board, and a news map of Europe with the African invasion. Coughs and sneezes.

"This morning we're going to take up azimuths and back azimuths. Now, don't let yourself be thrown by these new words. You'll hear the word azimuth often enough, and it's nothing to worry about. Azimuth means direction. Direction, measured in degrees, clockwise from the north. F'rinstance, now, I have a drawing of a compass on the blackboard . . ."

Two hours on azimuths and back azimuths in the day room, half an hour on the obstacle course, half an hour's dismounted drill, an hour's lecture on first aid. "To stop bleeding..." Perhaps azimuths weren't exciting, a man thought about his best girl in Chicago, or his next-best girl in Fort Smith, but two years later he could hear: "Azimuth 50













degrees, range two thousand yards . . ." and he would know what it meant. Osmosis, perhaps. A man would be hit in the tank, bleed badly from the let, and he would know what to do.

Dinner, and the mess hall again, pork chops, heavy Army food, and a march that afternoon. Rushing back to the barracks to get ready. Musette bag and pistol belts. Weapons and gas marks. Out on the paved road, past the rows of barracks, the winding gravel roads lifting through the thin black woods of Winter, dripping with wet. Up hill and down. Potato Hill. Air alarms and gas alarms. The gas mask on for fifteen minutes, breathing in its steaming, rubberized confinement. Not much, just walking and seeing the back of the man in front of you and a segment of woods out of the corner of your eye, and hearing the minor key refrain of marching men, the rustle of raincoats and the endless crunch of boots pounding the wet gravel, breathing near you, a couple of mumbled words and a half laugh. Another dull day in training, a little more used to marching, a little more familiar with how to clear the road in an air attack, a little quicker with the gas mask.

Barracks again, and a foot inspection (it is a company commander's responsibility to see that his men are in perfect physical condition) and supper. A quick check of the bulletin board.

"KP's . . . " "Men with any theatre experience desiring . . . " "In case of fire, the following . . ." All the endless notices of the bulletin board. Supper in the mess hall, and the day is done. (Provided the barracks didn't have to be GI'ed, there was no night problem, no make-up class, no detail.) A shower, now that the shower room wasn't jammed, and a shave. What's at the show tonight? Or a trip to the PX for a tube of shaving cream and some letter paper, and a beer in the warm, crowded, sweating room. A letter written on a bunk: "Dear mother . . ." Lights out. Lying still, listening to forty other men moving, turning. Another day. How long, oh Lord . . .

Yes, you might follow one man through the day; but at the same time you couldn't follow the others.

The 3 section of a Division General Staff is charged with plans and training; its plans are schedules (made up in accord with the MTP and a hundred War Department letters, directives and orders) are for the Division as a whole. You don't get

Under the G-3 Section are the S-3 sections of the regiments and the battalions, to







make the plans and schedules for their units.

G-3 says:

"During the first four weeks of MTP training, weapons training, including familiarization or recruit firing, will be conducted as prescribed in unit MTP's, Section II, Page 4, Item 5a. Familiarization firing will be conducted for all personnel, including officers and cadre, in each of the following weapons, as provided for below.

"The necessary preparatory instruction will be completed before any familiarization firing is undertaken.

"The purpose of this firing is to gain the maximum amount of training for the individuals concerned. The following points will be observed: . . ."

The G-3 will have had a meeting of Regimental and Battalion S-3's, the S-3's go back, and the company commanders are called in. This week, according to the MTP, there must be eight hours of weapons instruction, with familiarization firing, and four hours instruction in defense against chemical attack, including the gas chamber. (Have to arrange for the gas chamber, stagger the hours between the companies so they won't all arrive at once.) Four hours of map reading; four hours of scouting and patrolling; two hours identification of aircraft. Four hours of this and an hour of that. In addition, at the S-3 meeting, the company commanders find there must be a two-hour lecture on malaria control and the use of atabrine (not on the MTP) and an evening class of two hours on the care of pneumatic tires (also not on the MTP but inspired as a result of an inspection by the Commanding General during which too many-three-tires were found to be five pounds under-pressured. This is one way of correcting that). Headquarters Company will have the firing range Monday, Company A Tuesday, Company B Wednesday. S-4 will obtain ammunition. The men of Headquarters Company on duty out of the company (half the company strength) who miss firing Monday will fire with Company A sometime Tuesday. The gas chamber will be available as follows:... The atabrine lecture will be held Tuesday night by the surgeon. There will be ... on and on.

The company commanders return to the orderly rooms, prepare the schedules (or their trusted lieutenants), turn them in. The day, the hour, the subject, the reference, the instructor, the place, the training aids. The S-3's check the schedule.

Now the function of the company officer and the non-coms (the old cadre) is to do the instructing. And the function of the commanders and the staffs is to check.

General Prichard inspected training. General Smith inspected training. General Piburn and Colonel Hill inspected training. The General Staff inspected training.

Said General Prichard:

"I've noticed that young officers and NCO's need help in their methods of training. In particular, they try to handle too many men at once. If smaller units need help in this matter, contact G-3. There is a good deal of emphasis coming down on chemical warfare training. This may mean that chemicals will be introduced into the war. Have your S-3's dig out everything they can on this. The new men can go to town after January 9. We have seven hundred men in the













hospitals with colds; they are losing training time. If men get wet, bring them inside; while they are training outside see that they get enough exercise to keep warm. Watch ventilation. A stiff new circular on physical training has come down. Modify it till the new men can get up to it. Basic instruction must be sound. Don't hurry it. On the range, get good groupings of shots."

Familiarization firing. Dry runs. Record firing. Firing, firing, firing, till every one of fifteen thousand men has fired, and qualified with his weapon.

And records. Records, by name, of every man. The instruction he received. When he fired. What he scored. (The company commander again.) Did he go through the gas chamber? Did he see "Prelude to War"? Did he fire the M-1? When was the last time he heard the Articles of War? All on the records. If he missed it once—makeup. Makeup at night, Saturday afternoon, Sunday. Makeup.

Training of the officers and men doing the training continued.

There were night schools on maps for S-2's; a school on Field Expedients by the Division Engineer (attendance—one officer from each company in the Division); schools for medical officers, and schools for armorers; schools on radio maintenance and schools on the operation of wreckers; schools on lubrication and sanitation.

On New Year's Day, 1943, there was a hike for every unit in the Division. The first hike on the MTP. It was a clear cold day and everyone had a cold. Listening to the coughing and sneezing, you would not think that a month in the future these men would be sleeping outdoors in the best of health.

Colds cut into the training so badly that an extra week was granted to make up the requirements of the first four week's training. Health was a major training obstacle, that first Winter, health and the weather, that had become generally miserable and stayed generally miserable, the hardest sort of weather in which to stay well—a few clear days, fairly warm (not enough sharpness in the air) and endless days of wet, miserable, cold rain.

(High in the Rockies, where the Arkansas River starts, snow was deep on the peaks, on the flatlands of Kansas the rain pelted endlessly.)

The new men were allowed to go into town (General Prichard addressed the good mothers and daughters of Fort Smith, and asked their help in making feel at home the thousands of new soldiers) and life fell into the swing of training, full wartime training of crowded days and rain and marching and waiting on the ranges (the first crack of an M-1, and the full-shouldered recoil) and drill of the piece for artillerymen and crew drill for the tankers, extended order drill for the infantrymen, and conflicts in range schedules, and trucks that were late, and everything that went wrong. (And the new men learned to say: "The old Army game—hurry up and wait" and "Snafu again.")

Private lives went on, Saturday night in Fort Smith, the New Cafe and Playland, Pearl Harbor and the Hollywood, the Ward Hotel and the Southern and Goodman, and Fayetteville (containing the University of Arkansas, a coeducational institution) 75 miles away on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Automobiles and no gas rationing and girls. (Men of the 14th must have, eventually, married half the girls in Fort Smith. Now they were just meeting them.)













The old jokes. The one about—the new private on guard who stopped the officer of the Day at the 48th with: "Look who's here:" and then thoroughly tied up in his own tongue, ordered: "Advance to be noticed."

On January 16, General Prichard reviewed the 47th Armored Regiment, first review held by the unit, Majors William E. Maulsby, Jr., Dean E. Swift and Dale V. Swanson were promoted to lieutenant colonel; Capts. James E. Babb, Edward S. Brewster, Clyde W. Gibson, John W. Hollister, Alwyn V. Larkin and Harold E. Miller were promoted to major; 1st Lieuts. Daniel R. Ianella, Lloyd W. Lyster, Harry F. Woodward, John G. Montgomery, Richard W. Holdeman and Rivers E. Booth were promoted to Captain; and 2nd Lieuts. Quinto G. Chelli, Leland J. Whipple, Andrew W. Winiarczyk and Daniel R. Gentry were made 1st Lieuts.

A Boxing Tournament, to start early in February, was announced, a basketball tournament.

Twenty-four-year-old Ted Ashley, eight months in the Army, was made first sergeant for C Troop, 94th Cavalry.

Newly-promoted Lieut. Col. Joe C. Lambert swore in twelve new warrant officers junior grade—M/Sgts. Walter R. Oglesby, William F. Culpepper, Dorrance R. Ward and John A. Fuzy; 1st Sgts. Daniel R. Ansley and Amos E. Simmons; T/Sgts. Frank A. Lally, Stephen J. Myer, Walter G. Miller and Fred L. Briley; Tec 3 Phillip Modisett and Tec 5 Morton D. Handler.

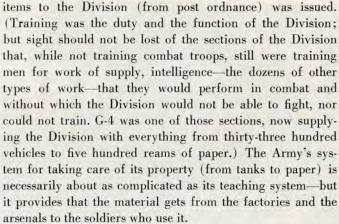
On January 8 a training memorandum signed by Col. Hill announced that during the first three days of February the units of the Division would be tested under the supervision of General Smith, on the subjects covered in the first four weeks of training.

Attention is called to War Department Training Circular No. 99, reference, Safeguarding Military Information.

Division Gunnery School will continue through March 9.

Attention is called to Armored Force Training Memorandum No. 47, Use of Booby Traps and Tire Destroying Devices by the Enemy.

A Standard Operating Procedure for the issuance of ordnance

















On January 18 a 41-page training memorandum on weapons training was issued; it will do well enough to show, in a general way, how training was progressing, moving onward from the simplest teachings, the introductions to military subjects, to the next higher stage.

"During the fifth to thirteenth weeks of MTP training," the memorandum stated, "units will conduct the firing courses for qualifications of arms as provided for in their respective MTP's. Courses are to be fired as prescribed in detail below."

The men had been introduced to their weapons, the rifle, the carbine, the sub-machine gun; they had had familiarization firing; now the Division was to satisfy itself not only that every man could fire his weapon but that he could hit something with it. Minimum score for qualifications—198.

This—weapons firing and tent pitching and foxhole digging and map reading—was training in the technique of war. There were no tactics—or very little of tactics—yet. First, the men had to be taught the primitive military skills that would have to become part of their natures, acquired reflexes (in combat an infantryman does not have time to think whether the safety is on when it's forward or back, a tank driver can not test whether reverse is all the way back or all the way forward) before they could be taught how to fight, even the simplest theory of how to fight.

Said General Prichard:

"The Division has thirty-three hundred vehicles; three

hundred ninety tanks, seven hundred and six half tracks, five hundred and fifty-one peeps, eight hundred and eighty-three two-and-a-half ton trucks. It has one hundred and ninety-four anti-tank guns, twenty-one hundred sub-machine guns, fifty six hundred carbines, forty-one hundred pistols and sixteen hundred rifles. It uses one thousand gallons of gas to go a mile, fifty-seven gallons of oil, eighteen gallons of lubrication, and twenty-five gallons of grease. If that oil, lubrication and grease isn't replaced to the vehicles that burn it, these vehicles don't run. That's why we're going to have first echelon maintenance. If we rolled all these vehicles out of a motor park at ten miles an hour, it would take us nine hours to clear the park. Our column is ninety miles long, with an interval of seventy yards between vehicles. If we prescribe a seventy yard interval and your drivers are one hundred vards apart, our column becomes one hundred and twentyeight miles long. That's why we're going to have column control. We have over one thousand radios, and we're going to have radio communication. We have fifty-four 105mm. howitzers, two hundred and thirty-seven 75mm. guns in our tanks, and forty-two 75mm. howitzers for assault guns. That is over eleven regiments of field artillery; an infantry division has two regiments of artillery. We're going to know how to use this firepower."

On January 23 the first full Division review was held, with General Smith as commander of troops. The skies were angry and tarnished lead, dimly illumined by a fitful sun, and the ground underfoot was sodden—a sodden, slick clay that, when the first battalion passed became slippery as grease so the men in the ranks tried to walk with quick, short steps to keep their balance, and flicked their eyes quickly to the ground to watch the footing.

(It was raining in Arkansas and Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado, where the Arkansas River flows.)















"With God's help," said General Prichard, "we'll have a Division that the whole nation will be proud of, and you'll always delight in saying that you were a member of it."

On January 27 the first CPX ("Command Post Exercise"). The staffs of the Division fought a theoretical battle, on paper, without troops, to gain practice in operations.

"Special situation (Blue):

"As of 2200, 26 Jan. 43 (See overlay No. 1) the 14th Armd Div marched from Little Rock and closed in the indicated bivouac area at 0500, 26 Jan. 43, where it was attached to the Blue I Corps. Major General Prichard has been informed by corps that the Division will be used in event of a breakthrough by Red, to prevent exploitation, and will be re-grouped accordingly."

G-3 issued a memorandum for tank and anti-tank gunners for laying off leads when firing on a moving vehicle. (Leads to be measured from the center of the target—experience of the 1st Armored Division, fighting in Africa, distilling back.)

Demolition and homelite schools were established.

A marching schedule, to prepare the men gradually for the twenty-five mile road march. (Men will not be allowed to fall out because of shin splints.)

A school in Chrysler multi-bank engines.

A school for S-4's on supply and evacuation.

The second CPX.

Cooks and bakers school.

A second division review, February 27. Under cloudless skies, the Division poured past the Commanding General for forty minutes.

The training film "Next of Kin" (TF 30-950) will be shown to all personnel of the 14th Armored Division on the following schedule.

The long-remembered DOTS—Division Officers Training School—was established February 10. All newly commissioned officers spent one week at medium tank school, one week at light tank schools, one at each artillery, engineer and infantry school. One night each week they went to a field class; two nights each for classroom work. Washing tanks and greasing bogies for the officers.

The 48th Armored Regiment had a Field Day and "Snow-ball" came to the regiment—a pint-sized black pup smuggled from Cheyenne (contrary to railroad regulations) by Pvt. Dick Kearns. She joined the nine thousand other dogs (including "Midnight," the coal black Great Dane belonging to T/Sgt John Rodrigues of Headquarters Company) that swarmed around Chaffee, as around all Army posts, helping in the training by cutting through the ranks at dismounted drill, tipping over the garbage cans outside the mess halls for the KP's, and taking reviews with the commanding general on the parade ground.

The 62nd's Third Battalion held off an air, tank and gas attack on the high ground between Highway 22 and Highway 96, and General Prichard watched a wrecker crew from the 48th (one of the "demonstration crews" trained by Division and sent back to train their units in turn) haul an M-3 light tank out of four feet of mud in twenty minutes.

Sgt. Alfred J. Carroll and six privates—Clark Butler, George Strilka, Frank Nichols, Edward Brahms, John Abreau and Arthur Owens, were commended by the president of the Charleston Commercial Club for their help in fighting a fire in Charleston; and Major W. Gibson, Division Provost Marshal, received a letter thanking him and his men for the work of the military police at the Milner Hotel fire in Fort Smith.

The 501st Field Artillery had a Wednesday dance at the Service Club, attended by a number of girls from the Catholic USO of Fort Smith and Van Buren.

The Division's play, "War in Libya," written by S/Sgt. Howard Wierum at the suggestion of General Prichard (and heavily documented by General Piburn's 15 months' experience in Africa) was put on for Major General Willis Grittenberger, commanding Third Armored Corps.

The weather had begun to improve (snow had hardly begun to melt in the Rockies), and the first of the softball games were played. The basketball team of Headquarters Company, 125th Engineers, won the basketball championship of Camp Chaffee over eighty-three opponents by defeating the team of Headquarters Battery, 59th Field Artillery, 37 to 30. General Prichard presented the trophies.

In tank gunnery instruction at the 48th (Under Major E. D. Lucas and guided by Colonel C. A. Pyle) terrain models and electrically recorded firing commands (played back to the men) were being used.

Map exercises for staff officers and pre-dawn marches to the firing ranges.

"The War Department Film 'The Nazis Strike' will be shown to all personnel of the 14th Armored Division as scheduled below..."

There was a St. Patrick's Day dance at the NCO club; and the radio program "Voices for Victory" came to the 14th and recorded the voices of one hundred and seventy-five men. M/Sgt. Roy C. Fite and 1st Sgt. Floyd Six, after twenty years service, retired from the Army, and were given a review by the 48th.

March 6:

"The basis for all future tactical training is the proficiency of the individual and small units. In the time allotted, certain exercises must be thoroughly executed to permit the intelligent training of combined arms. There are definite types of maneuvers of small units, which can be adopted readily to varied terrain and situations, which should be practiced by all combat squads and known by all commanders.

"During the period March 15 to April 3, all combat squads, sections and platoons will be trained in the following exercises. The situation will include conditions requiring:"

The 84th Medical Battalion, under a program set up by Capt. James Kanski, began to practice the evacuation of wounded from tanks, from a mock tank built by the NYA of Mena, Arkansas.

A school in unarmed combat.

"Steel track vehicles will not use Access Road between the end of concrete paving east of 1st Ave. and the road south from Central."

Training Memorandum No. 34: Camouflage.

"During the dates April 3 to 7, inclusive, training tests will be conducted under the supervision of General Piburn, on all work covered in the first thirteen weeks of training."

A course in tire maintenance. An armorers' school.

A school for men who could not read nor write.

A Tactical Training Team from the Armored Force School, travelling to Armored units all over the country, reached Chaffee to give a three day's course of instruction.

A training memorandum directed that each infantry platoon would practice working with a tank section; each

















tank platoon with an infantry squad; each reconnaissance platoon with an engineer squad.

The training in technique was not over—it would never be over, even during lulls in combat (for a man may know how to fire a rifle, but remains a marksman only as long as he continues to shoot), but training in small tactics was beginning.

A team of officers from the Command and General Staff School come to give a four day's course of instruction.

A school for communications officers.

CW radio training nets will be operated.

On April 11, Lieutenant General Jacob L. Devers, chief of Armored Forces and just back from a trip to Africa, flew in to visit the 14th. General Devers spent three days with the Division, watched demonstrations designed to indicate the Division's state of training, from evacuation of casualties by the medics, through tank firing and infantry close combat course, to tank platoon problems; and he was well satisfied.

On April 19 the men of the Division wore sun-tans. Gone, by then, were the endless rains and cold winter, and warning of the terrific heat of the Summer to come were in the first hot, humid, breathless days.

(The snow melted in the Rockies, and Big Beaver Creek and the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River poured their rising waters into the Arkansas; and the Cimarron boiled in at Keystone.)

On April 24 the third Division review was held, the first in sun-tans.

The men evenings, began to build PX gardens—the one at the 47th, back of PX 7, running heavily to rustic furniture.

Men of the Division were putting on "Camp Chaffee Capers" at Station KFPW in Fort Smith; and practically every outfit had its own little mimeographed paper.

One of the practice messages on the CW radio training nets was taken seriously, and the 125th Engineers set out to build a bridge—ready to go in ten minutes; there was a contest for "Miss Armorette."

For Easter—which fell on the 25th—the chaplains of the Division held church services so that every man of the Division could attend church on Good Friday and on Easter.

The Division arose at 0400 on Easter morning and marched to the "Bowl"—a multi-acred field hollowed like a saucer, lying near Division headquarters—to hold sunrise services.





It was almost full summer, by Arkansas calendar, and the damp fields and green woods of the dawn were lush with growth; and the sun rose in the crimson-streaked sky of dawn, and it would be a hot day.

Chaplain G. A. Karpinsky gave the invocation, and Sgt. L. T. Smith led the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross"; Chaplain F. Derk led the Easter lesson (Mark: 16) and Cpl. N. C. Wooden sang "Hosanna," his voice rolling clear over those thousands of men massed in the early morning; Chaplain W. B. Hill gave the prayer and General Prichard spoke briefly; Division Chaplain Hollister led the meditation and Sgt. Smith led "Onward Christian Soldiers"; and Chaplain W. W. O'Brien gave the benediction. A solemn high field Mass was sung immediately afterward, celebrated by the assistant Division Chaplain, Farther S. P. Crane. The "Services to Soldiers" committee of the Central Presbyterian

Church of Fort Smith sent thirty dozen easter eggs.

Major General Levin Campbell, chief of Army Ordnance, visited the Camp on April 26; and the Victory Gardens were doing well.

The Chaffee baseball leagues—American and National—opened their schedules May 2. Opening day, the 94th scraped by the Division Maintenance Battalion (General Prichard threw out the first ball) 11 to 10 in the American League and the 125th Engineers walloped the 84th Medics by the football score of 19 to 0. Chick Sanchez whipped Casmer Smetowski in the Chaffee Golden Gloves and Rudy Ayon knocked out Joe Masciulli.

There had been a tornado in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Camp Chaffee celebrated its second birthday; Mothers' Day was celebrated.



























FLOOD STACE AT FORT SMITH is 22 feet. The Arkansas River rises high in the Rockies, north of Leadsville, barely east of the Continental Divide, near Tennessee Pass, near Mount Massive, drops south through Salida. It turns east in Fremont County and heads for the Mississippi, some fourteen hundred winding, twisting miles away. Pueblo and Las Animas, where Purgatory River flows in; into Kansas and past Cimarron and Dodge City and Great Bend, about where the Rattlesnake River pours in and the Arkansas turns southeast; past Wichita and into Oklahoma; the Cimarron River and the Neosho and the Canadian; and to Arkansas and Fort Smith.

In late summer the wide Arkansas River bed, winding torturously through the clay flatlands of Kansas and Arkansas, is an ill-watered maze of sand bars and dry shoals, muddy backwaters and slow disjointed channel of water.

In this early Summer, the Spring waters of the mighty headlands the river drains, that vast area of land between



the Missouri and the Red Rivers, the largest part of the four great states through which it flows, the snows and rains, combined to turn the Arkansas into a raging flood anywhere from a mile to fifty miles wide.

People who rode the train across the Arkansas at Fort Smith in August and saw a fourteen-hundred-foot bridge spanning a fifty-foot creek, might have their smiles answered now.

An angry, oily, dirty sea of water rushing madly towards the Mississippi, its endless volume swirling into every low-land, rushing greedily over the land, appearing, miles away, as if by magic in the lowlands so that overnight a foot of water would be standing in a pasture that had been dry the day before, its banks entirely disappeared, throwing its roaring dirty brown bulk against bridge piers and causeways in breaking white fiumes of water, battering them with all the trees, logs and timbers and broken boats and walls of houses and chicken coops it could pick up in scavenging over a million acres.

The flood reached Fort Smith. It had been a long time coming, but no one dreamed how bad it would be.

By the first week of May, the water had passed twenty-two feet—flood stage—and was rising rapidly. It passed thirty-



two feet and did not slow. It went to forty feet, and still was rising.

On May 12, 1943, the high water mark at Fort Smith was forty-one and seven-tenths feet, and a one-hundred-year old mark had been broken. Fort Smith was having the worst flood it had ever known.

Between Fort Smith and Van Buren was nothing but a rolling murky expanse of water pouring down toward Little Rock.

Cellars were flooded, fields had disappeared, highways were covered eight feet deep. Houses, buildings, bridges, all the works of man had been gnawed at by the water, gulped and swallowed by the flood.

General Prichard called out the Division.

At first, it was the rescuing of marooned farmers and householders, isolated and bedraggled men, women and children huddled in the top floor windows of houses, on roofs, on high patches of ground.

The Division, at that time, was equipped with seeps—amphibious peeps—and they were pressed into service, along









with all other water-going vehicles and almost all the wheeled vehicles in the Division.

Major James A. Babb, Division motor officer, took a fleet of seeps, gathered from the tank regiments, to Little Rock, for rescue work.

1st Lieut. Lawrence McKinney's Company E of the 125th Engineers (the Bridge Company) put two power boats into the river, and six pontoons equipped with outboard motors. They could just beat upstream against the current.

1st Lieut. Robert R. Knight and his men of E Company worked their boats over the river and its vast backwaters from Fort Smith to Spiro; 1st Lieut. John J. Varney and his men worked from Van Buren south.

Company E was on a twenty-four day.

Men of the 47th and 48th, the 62nd and the 136th, the 94th and the 84th, the MP's of almost every unit in the















Division together with men from the other units at Camp Chaffee, post complement men, all were at work.

They rescued families and pet dogs; they salvaged household goods; they began their feverish unbroken siege of work of sandbagging bridges, highways, railroads. Their power boats followed down the highway signs—"U.S. 22, Ark."—and took kittens out of high tree crotches.

For forty miles around Chaffee peeps, bridge trucks, air compressors, derricks, trucks roared down the still navigable roads.

It was a break from the normal training routine; but it was training in itself; training for the endless work of war.

Civil air patrol planes flew the floodlands, looking for marooned families; they sent word back to the Red Cross, the Red Cross called the 14th, by short wave, the 14th called its seeps and its power boats, and the rescues were made.

Soldiers of the 14th were stranded themselves by the surging, foaming waters. Food, blankets and clothing were flown to them by artillery liaison planes. Lieut. J. A. Roming of the Sixth Artillery Group, flew Sgt. Woody Parish to Van Buren to prepare hot food for men marooned in Van Buren.

A seventy-eight-year-old grandmother living twelve miles east of Paris told engineers: "I've lived here since 1868, and I reckon to stay." The grinning engineers said: "Yes, mother," and carried her to their seep.

A group of engineers commanded by Major E. E. Moyers were cut off at Spiro, where they had been sandbagging railroad tracks, and clearing debris from bridges, when the river rose behind them.









Men of the 47th and 48th were in Little Rock, red-eyed and weary.

Much of Chaffee itself was under water. The 62nd's training area was under four feet of water.

The main, twenty-seven-inch water line to Fort Smith and Camp Chaffee snapped.

At Van Buren, the river runs just south of the town under a twelve-hundred foot bridge; south of the river is a wide stretch—twelve hundred to fifteen hundred feet—of lowland and through this lowland the highway runs on a built up ridge; south of that the land rises slightly, and on that land Chaffee is built. Along the bridge and the built-up highway, runs the water main. The channel of the river, wide as it is itself south of Van buren, was not wide enough for the vast sea of water rushing east, and the river now, cut itself a new channel along the lowland. It did not wash out the bridge, but it did wash out the highway in two places, and with it washed out the water main.

Engineers set up water purification points in camp and a precautionary rationing of water was ordered. Local reservoirs were full.

The men worked, in sun tans and leggins, through the bright sunny days of the late Spring, and through the nights. They slept, in brief snatches, where they were, in their clothes in the waiting rooms of railroad stations, in pup tents set up on the high ground, in buildings.

They are and drank coffee and beer in the little cafes and roadside stands of Arkansas, Van Buren and the other little town.

Civilian agencies and the men and women of Fort Smith and Van Buren, volunteering for duty, worked by their side.

General Prichard, General Smith, General Piburn, Colonel Hill, Lieutenant Colonel Swift, the other officers were out night and day.

Norman Durfee, Red Cross Regional Director, said: "Scores of lives would have been lost without Army help."

The men of the 125th put in a ten hundred and sixty-five foot pontoon bridge across the waters of the new cut from Chaffee to Van Buren, not for the purpose of opening traffic,















but to carry water mains to renew the water supply to Fort Smith and the Camp. Risking their lives in the roaring waters, the men floated the pontoons into position, anchored them, and the heavy treadway bridge trucks lowered their steel spans section by section.

The bridge was finished by May 15.

The span was anchored against the rushing flood waters by three-quarter inch steel cables; and over it three eightinch water mains (the laying supervised by 1st Lieut, Frank J. McCourt) has been laid.

The men of the Division were put on a quota of two gallons of water per man per day, for all purposes; gas for military vehicles was rationed—no gas could be gotten except for essential work. Units out on bivouac stayed out on bivouac.

The big threat was over. The river level dropped. On May 17 General Prichard issued a General Order commending the officers and men of the Division for the job they had done.

Across the flooded waters of the Arkansas, yielding and riding in the racing flood, was the ten hundred and sixtyfive foot steel and rubber span, anchored by three-quarter inch cables, with a perpetual guard to fend off the debris constantly crashing against it.

On May 21 the Division was warned to stand by for a new flood crest.

General Prichard wired to Headquarters, Armored Force, for aid.

Three officers and eighty-one men arrived from 11th Armored Division, at Camp Polk, with pontoon bridge equipment.

In addition to the men already on duty at the bridge, at General Prichard's direction, Lieut. Col. Hudelson brought the eight hundred men of his 1st Battalion, 62nd Armored Infantry Regiment, to the bridge; and the men began to work through the days and the nights to fill sandbags and lay them to block washouts.

The guard on the bridge was increased as the river pounded its twenty-mile-an-hour current steadily at it. Logs and timbers crashed against the guy wires, the anchor ropes. Fifty thousand sandbags were laid and the current ate out the banks at a rate of two feet an hour.

At 0200, early in the morning of May 22, the pontoon bridge snapped.

Lieut. Knight, Lieut. John M. O'Neal and a score of enlisted men were standing on the bridge; they heard an anchor line snap, a guy wire, then another, and the bridge weaved dangerously. They ran for shore. Suddenly, under the implacable surge of the rising, resistless water (the new crest had hit thirty-eight and six-tenths feet) the three quarter inch steel cable snapped like a rifle shot at the Van Buren end, the bridge gave and slowly floated downstream in a great five-hundred foot arc. By a miracle, no one was hurt (the only man ever lost on the bridge was lost long after, when the bridge was being taken out).

They thought at first they had lost all the bridge—they hadn't (they'd lost almost five hundred feet of it) but they'd be looking for pontoons and pieces of treadway, and offering rewards, and finding pieces for months afterward. Pontoons from that bridge passed New Orleans, headed south.

The great arc of the bridge swung in the waters of the river, and the water mains had been broken. Control valves shut off the rushing flow of water.

Savagely, the engineers began to work against the river to save what they could. They lashed the loose end of the bridge with cable to prevent it being washed away entirely, and tried frantically to save what equipment they could.

Lieut. Joseph H. Hensley began a two-hundred-mile truck ride, one way, to get the engineers marooned in Van Buren, four-hundred yards away.

Water was out again, to the Camp and Fort Smith, they were again dependent on the reservoirs and water points, and water rationing went into effect again.

Training areas—and Highway 22—were under water again. There was no immediate prospect of rebuilding the bridge immediately.

By May 26, however, the river had dropped enough to allow the engineers to prepare a new bridge—an eleven hundred and eighty-five-foot span. Major General Eugene Reynold, Chief of Army Engineers, flew to Fort Smith to see the work that was being done. 1st Lieut. Martin J. Cullen of D Company, 125th, was driving a hundred and fifty to two hundred miles a day to get more eight-inch pipe, to be laid under the supervision of Lieut. Eugene E. Hancock of E Company.

Lieut. Edwin K. Block, Division Postal Officer, was running an Army truck two hundred miles (on a journey that usually took ten minutes) to carry Army and civilian mail from Fort Smith to Van Buren and back, One item: Five hundred baby chicks.

Seeps continued to rescue the sick and the stranded; and the men continued to work without rest.

Four seeps travelled over twenty miles of land and water to Muldrow, Oklahoma, to rescue an expectant mother. Under direction of Lieut. William Henn of Company B, 125th, a peep was improvised from the seep life preserves, and the mother—Mrs. Lillian Smith—was carried to St. Edwards Mercy Hospital at Fort Smith. (A five pound boy was born.)

Seventy-five vehicles from the 8th Armored Division rolled four hundred miles to Camp Chaffee, carrying men and equipment and pontoons, plywood saddles and one hundred and fifty fifteen-foot sections of treadway for use in building the new bridge; and on May 29, with men and equipment from three armored divisions employed in its building, the second pontoon bridge was completed and water was running through the new mains.

For the second time, the Arkansas had been overcome, and this time it stayed overcome.



#### Chapter III

# TRAINING, REORGANIZATION AND MANEUVERS

May 29, 1943 - January 13, 1944

A FTER its labors in the flood the 14th Division resumed its regular training routine.

(In Africa, the Anglo-American campaign had come to its successful close; the Germans had been driven from the continent, and there was the pause that awaited the opening of the next movement.)

Training had progressed past the introductions to a mixture of technique and tactics. The first thirteen weeks were over, the combined arms training was begun.

Men of the 62nd went to the house fighting course at Hitlerburg.

Hitlerburg was built in a hollow of the bare, scraggle-pine hills, eleven miles east of the Division area, of the deserted homes of the families that had moved out when the Army took over the Chaffee area. In the houses, and in the alleys between them, a complicated series of trip targets had been installed. As the infantrymen advanced, rifles at port and grenades at hand, anxiously watching all directions at once, a target would suddenly snap in sight for a few seconds, then swing back. By the time it swung back, it was to be filled with holes. Lieut. George K. Beine of Company E ran the course.

By now, the men had advanced far enough so that a rifle was no longer a strange and almost fearful weapon. The corrugations of the metal butt plate were familiar in the palm of the hand, the fingers curved naturally to the smooth wood stock; stripping it had become a reflex gesture and the crack of a round being fired was familiar.

Now the men were fighting a simulated enemy, able to handle their weapons without danger of gunning down their own squad mates—an important enough consideration.

On May 30 the 2nd Battalion of the 62nd took part in the Memorial Day parade in Fort Smith (far away from the war of 1861, far away from the war of Europe). A brilliant hot day, and the troops in sun-tans, almost heroes, marched along the streets of the city, past the five-and-ten cent stores

and the drug stores, past the lines of men in shirt sleeves and the glittering parked cars and the women in Summer dresses, and the small boys swinging from their fathers' hands.

Capt. John Marsh of the 2nd British Tank Corps had visited the Camp and addressed the men of the 47th; and Maj. Gen. William E. Shedd had come from his post in the Canal Zone to attend the marriage of his son, Capt. William E. Shedd, III (company commander in the 47th), to Miss Catharine Hagnauer of Fort Smith; Leonard E. Joseph was appointed chief warrant officer for the Division.

"We are going to do everything we can to prepare the Division for battle," said General Prichard, speaking to the unit commanders then, "I want you to take advantage of all firing. Fire as much as possible over the heads of the troops. Use impact areas as close to them as is consistent with their safety. I want them to hear and see shells explode so they will know the difference between the noises created by shells going out and shells coming in. They will learn that shells falling some distance away are harmless and will learn to recognize safe distances. Tell your men that troops in battle have made mistakes because they did not take their training seriously enough, and they suffered for it. Battle reports indicate that most of the mistakes made by our troops in battle are those we permit to occur in daily training and maneuvers. If your basic training is not thorough, you will never be right. Keep such questions as these before you:

"Does every man in the vehicle know how to drive it?

"Can every man in the vehicle operate every weapon in it?

"Can the gunner estimate range accurately?
"When were the men last tested in First Aid?

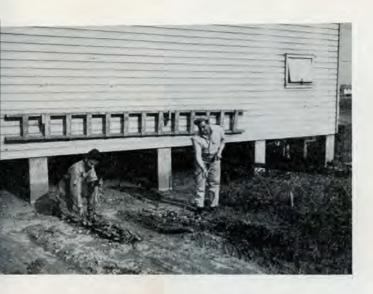
"What have you done to foster an aggressive spirit?

"Do your men drive too fast, or do they know they must conserve this expensive equipment? Do you insist on first echelon maintenance?

"Do your men understand fire and movement? Do they







look out for each other? Do they know why they disperse?

"I want you to use every situation. You are marching out to the demolition area. Give your men an air raid signal. The first pass by the plane will probably be a bombing attack down the middle of the road; this may be followed by a machine-gunning of the ditches. How well are your men dispersed? When did they simulate opening fire on the plane?

"You are teaching your men how to bivouac; they are almost bedded down. Load up and move out."

As the days moved on, the tempo of the training moved more and more smoothly. There were less mistakes (there were still mistakes); the men were not recruits, they were beginning to learn the Army, they knew what to do.

The Engineers were being trained, the Medics, the Recon men, the Signal men, Ordnance, Artillery, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, IG, AG—all. There was training for the special jobs. G-3 ordered a maintenance and parts clerks course. The mine and booby trap schools were still going, but the classes were more complicated. Supply and records school, lubrication school, classification school, carburation and ignition school.

"By July 1, 1943, the Division should be perfected in the following: rally formations; bivouac formations; attack from a column; withdrawal following the breaking of an engagement; and supply, evacuation and maintenance technique by day and night," said General Prichard.

Units of the Division were going into the field and bivouacing for their problems through May and June, through the long hot days of the Summer and the long cool dusks; and besides Hitlerburg, an Infantry Assault Course had been set up in Area 13, and Infiltration Cource G and H, and Close Combat Course I, J, K, L, M, and N. Ambulances from the 84th were detailed to the courses.

Every man in the Division had to go through, kneeling in the bare, worn clay starting ditch and crawling over the gritty smooth embankment (rounded by hundreds of knees crawling), inching down the rough, pock-marked course (tiring surprisingly quickly, elbows and knees sore) the explosions close at ear, TNT in the log and barbed wire pits rocking the head, the sharp, ear-splitting endless stutter of the machine guns a few feet away like a string of exploding firecrackers being drawn across the brain, and just overhead the live ammunition was spitting. Crawling, lifting the rifle move by move, lifting the head carefully, turning it, resting, moving ahead, dropping into the safety ditch at the end. Made it. Not dangerous, exactly, yet—(what when the machine gun was not locked into place, what when the machine gunner is aiming at you, carefully, carefully for one burst?)

The sixth Division CPX, most elaborate in that continuing series, was held early in June; communitions were actual. "The Blue 14th Armored Division, reinforced, as part of the Blue First Army, has been assembled secretly at Rock Island (S95-45). During the night June 1-2 . . . "

Engineer lake was in full swing, with men from every unit in the Division being trucked out there, and a program was begun to teach every man in the Division to swim, and to teach life saving.

An umpire school was set up.

Tec 5 James Harwood of the 125th Engineers finished his murals at the Service Club; Sgt. Thurman Leonard, Company A, 48th Armored Regiment, woke up on bivouac to find a four-and-a-half foot copperhead snake in bed with him. Leonard got out of bed successfully. A son had been born to Maj. Claude W. White, acting Division G-1.

The S-2's of the Division put on an "intelligence" play, written by Lieut. Col. J. F. McKenna, Division G-2.

Issued: Insect repellant and salt tablets.

A man in the 501st was killed by a bus in Fort Smith.

Chaplain Horman C. Johnson arrived at the 14th and was assigned to the 94th.

Booby trap training had become so elaborate that a whole town—along the line of Hitlerburg—was set up.

A son was born to Pvt. Rocci Cuppari of Division Headquarters.

Ralph Cosentino and George Murray won the lightweight and middleweight titles in the Golden Gloves.

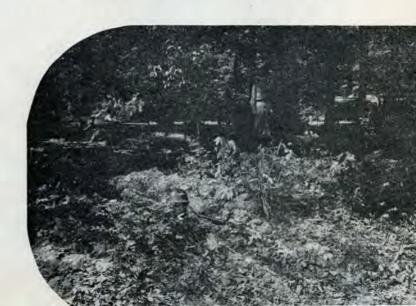
Chaplain K. W. Schalk married Lieut. Fred J. Phares of the 62nd to Lieut. Nancye V. Johnson (Army Nurse Corps).

Five hundred men, and their guests, opened the 48th's outdoor beer garden; Col. Francis J. Gillespie was guest of honor.

A little trouble was occasioned at the 48th motor park when tank driver E. R. Burson found that, somehow or other, a skunk had gotten into the driving compartment.

Maj. Gen. Allen C. Gillam, new chief of the Armored Force, visited Camp Chaffee, inspected the Division, commended the men for their work on the flood.

The hard work of training went on through that hot, dry,





dusty, sweaty Summer. No vehicle on God's earth can raise the dust a medium tank can; one of them can follow another across a green grass field and the second will raise a trail of dust it takes fifteen minutes to settle. And the dust at Chaffee was a fine powder, soft as baby powder and six inches deep, a reddish, brownish, whitish, greenish dust that raised thick in the air so you could taste it, and it got in your nose and throat and mouth, in your clothes, and the drivers in the tank columns worked and lived and ate that dust; even the lead tank got dust, the ones that followed it existed in a world of dust till all existence was dust, it got in your eyes despite the goggles and streaked your face, plastered your face, sifted to your body through your clothes and clogged your lungs.

The Island of Sicily was invaded July 9, and the 2nd Armored Division was in action.

There were thunderstorms, the quick Arkansas thunderstorms, claps of noise and the snapping streaks of lightning, and there were rainstorms and cloudy days. But by and large it was hot that Summer, hot and hotter and hottest, and little relief till late at night, and your clothes were wrinkled and shapeless at the end of day, and plastered with sweat. And on the dirt roads, and the driving ranges and in the fields

the tanks moved day after day, out to fire and out to problems.

On the firing ranges the men lay prone under the burning heat, and the sweat rolled down their faces as they squinted their eyes to the sights of the machine guns and the targets jumped and blurred before them, and their cheeks could feel the heat as they laid them against the burning corrugated metal of the pistol grips.

Tanks began to work under time fire—rounds of high explosive timed to explode in the air a few feet over the turrets, spraying the steel bulks harmlessly with steel, but slashing the ground around, the hot steel seeking infantrymen; and the infantry began to work closer and closer to the bursts of their supporting fire.

A muddy, wooded bottom land was the site of a new firing course on which the men were being taught night firing and close combat teamwork.

The 84th medics went on a six-day Battalion Specialized Training Program.

A division vehicle inspection team—headed by Warrant Officers James T. Neal and Robert Beatty—began to roam the roads, checking first echelon maintenance on the vehicles.



The name of the Armored Force was changed to Armored Command.

Battalion problems were being run over the hot, dusty fields, the tanks rolling across them, radios crackling, mistakes and mistakes and mistakes. First, the individual soldier was taught the elements of fighting; then he learned to fight with his squad, as a member of his squad; then the squads worked together to make a platoon, the platoons operated side by side to become companies. Now the companies had been joined together ("This battalion will attack . . . Company A on the left and Company B on the right . . . C Company will initially be in reserve . . . I will be . . .") to make the battalion.

The problems were run over and over.

During the middle of July, an inventory and inspection of all equipment was ordered.

Accessories and equipment, as issued by branch or service, were laid out and physically counted.

Army Air Force equipment, chemical warfare, engineer, medical, ordnance (pages of single-spaced SNL's—Standard Nomenclature Lists—listing, alphabetically and by stock number, every part of every piece of equipment, down to the last nut on the last bolt on a medium tank, twenty-five pounds of books, ten feet of shelf space for single spaced books on ordnance equipment in one tank battalion), quartermaster, signal corps.

Training memorandum No. 98-"Future Training-

"The following will be stressed during this period: gunnery and combat firing, work in fortified area; communications training; make-up in all instruction missed by absentees; air-ground training; maintenance."

An Air-Ground Training School. A short course in aerial photo interpretation, under supervision of G-2. A school (the first) in military censorship.

CPX No. 7 was announced, still longer than any of the others, still harder, still more complicated (10 pages of instructions, now, including overlays).

So July ground to its hot and weary close; another month passed.

The command inspection—the first, also—was held August 7, the tanks and half tracks and trucks and peeps and wreckers in neat rows, the men lined up before them in the hot August sun, waiting for General Prichard's peep. One Combat Command stood the inspection on the parade ground and one in the field across from Rainey Field. General Smith, General Piburn, Col. Hill and staffs of the Division and Combat Commands assisted in the inspection. And after the equipment had been laid out, the men dusted their shoes and equipment for the last time, and brushed at their clothes, and the dust settled again. The inspectors asked the men:

"What's the effective range of this mortar?"

"How many men in your squad?"

"What's the horsepower of this engine?"

"How often should you inspect your air cleaner in this dusty climate?"

"How do you determine correct headspace on this gun?"

Lloyd B. Grider of the 499th was promoted to warrant officer. Tec 4 Dave Cohen of the 47th and Tommy Montayne of Division Trains formed a musical team "The Singing Soldiers," playing at the Service Club.

Construction of a Red Cross building was begun.

At Rainey Field, Camp Chaffee's airport, four of the Division's eight authorized artillery liaison planes had arrived and were being manned by the Division air officer, Lieut. R. H. Cloud; Lieut. W. D. Bratton of the 501st; S/Sgt. E. S. Hawkins of the 501st; and S/Sgt. R. D. Sandburg of Division Headquarters.

Division chaplain John W. Hollister revealed that the chaplain's office had given 7212 interviews since the first of the year; church attendance had been 174,778; had made 1204 visits to the hospital to 12,057 patients; there had been 167 weddings and 35 baptisms. Chaplain Matthew J. Casey arrived to be assistant Division chaplain.

Seven warrant officers junior grade were promoted to chief: Walter R. Oglesby, Walter G. Miller, Laurence E. Westheimer, Cecil W. Denham, Donald Midvig, Fred L. Briley and John P. Fuzy.

On August 16 the Division three-day mixed firing problems began.

Pvt. Aaron Sorotsky of the AG office married Miss Ruth Susserman in the camp chapel; Sgt. Stanley Barrows of Combat Command "B" had a one-man show of his pictures at the Service Club. Special Service was rehearsing a musical comedy: "Lock and Load." Dinty Moore pitched a no-hitter as the 47th Armored Regiment whipped the 48th, 5 to 3, for the "American League" championship at Chaffee, and the 62nd won the "National League" title.

Six officers from Army Ground Forces visited the Division to inspect firing, watched an artillery problem conducted by Lieut. Col. Claude F. Clayton of the 499th.

Chief Logsden, Oregon Indian fighter from the 47th, lost his first fight to Ralph Cosentino after four rounds before a crowd of 6000 yelling, screaming fans. Athletics, that first summer, were an important part of life, softball or baseball or swimming during the day, the boxing matches at night under the black clear sky.

Chaplain Lyndall D. Logee arrived and was assigned to the 501st.

Fourteen members of the Army-Navy staff school, including officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and of the British Army and Navy, arrived at Fort Smith airport, to be greeted by Col. Hill and members of the General Staff.

The bands of the 47th (directed by Chief Warrant Officer Arthur C. Carr) and the 48th (directed by Chief Warrant Officer Harry M. Lemert) began a series of concerts to be held every other Thursday night at the amphitheatre.

On the hot night of August 31, Company A, 125th Engineers, were called out to fight a brush and timber fire on the southeast edge of camp.

Col. Harrison, commander of the 47th, left the Division on Sept. 4.

On September 6, the entire Division left the buildings and barracks for a four-day road march and problem in the fields; and one the 8th, Maj. Gen. Jonathan W. Daniels, veteran of Africa and commander of the X Armored Corps, arrived for a two-day inspection of the Division.

The Public Relations Office issued a feature story on the artillery battalions, rolling out almost every morning to the ranges in their M-7's (self propelled 105MM's) and executing firing problems conceived by the new Division Artillery Officer, Col. Maurice K. Kurtz.



Third Air Force staged a demonstration of American aircraft at the Fort Smith airport for the whole Division (as well as for the 16th Armored Division, also at the camp, and for all other troops stationed at Chaffee).

Lieut. S. A. Bachmann, Division Insurance officer, released figures showing that 98 per cent of the men of the Division were insured.

The baby daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Francis F. Haggerty was baptized at a ceremony in which the colors, color guard and guard of honor of the 47th took part. Baptism was by Chaplain John D. Sheehan and Major Louis T. Gabriel, of the 47th Medical Detachment, was proxy god-father.

Col. Gillespie's 48th travelled to Lake Fort Smith, in the Ozarks, for a few days relaxation from training—nothing but swimming, fishing and sleeping!

Italy was invaded, Italy surrendered.

At the 62nd, Col. Karlstad held a retreat parade at which the awards won by the members of the regiment during the Summer were presented. Sgt. Edward Bentkauski, manager of Regimental Headquarters Company Championship Softball team was presented with a plaque in behalf of the team and 1st Sgt. William Allen of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion was presented with a gold loving cup for his company, which had highest attendance at church services in Chapel One.

Here is a sample program for a week's evening activities at Service Club No. One: Monday, Singing; Tuesday, card games (USO girls for partners); Wednesday, dance (girls from Fort Smith); Thursday, all-soldier show; Friday, dance (See Wednesday); Saturday, bingo; Sunday, cabaret night. Mrs. Mary Suret was senior hostess and Mrs. Miriam Buckmaster, recreation hostess.

The 501st had a parade and review as Lieut. Col. Westpheling, commanding officer, presented awards for proficiency in small arms firing. Lieut. F. H. Koenig, commander of Battery "B" accepted a plaque for his battery that set up the highest sub-machine record; and Lieut. Donald C. Alexander, commander of Battery "C" accepted the plaque for the high score set up by his men on the .50 caliber machine gun.

Company D, 48th, won the softball championship; Jewish soldiers observed Rosh Hoshonah; 77 teams of the Division were in a volley ball league.

Special Service, Capt. Irving Levi, took a troop of enlisted men on a bond selling tour, and sold \$75,000 worth of bonds in one week.

The War Department ordered the reorganization of the armored divisions; the T/O (tables of organization) were changed from the so-called "heavy" division to the "light" division. The number of men would be cut to roughly just over 10,000; the number of vehicles would be reduced; the divisions would still be the most heavily-gunned divisions in existence.

Effective on midnight, September 20, the Division went on the new T/O.

Affected by the change were the tank and infantry regiments, the reconnaissance battalion, and the engineer battalion.

The 47th and 48th Armored Regiments became the 47th, 48th and 25th tank battalions (each with a headquarters company, a service company, a light tank company (company D) and three medium tank companies (A, B, and C). The 47th Tank Battalion was made up mostly of the 47th Regiment and the 48th of the 48th. The 25th was a combination of both—principally, 3rd Battalion, 47th. Two separate tank battalions were formed. The 1st Battalion of the 47th became the 786th Tank Battalion, and the 3rd Battalion of the 48th became the 716th Tank Battalion. The tank regiments lost their bands, maintenance companies, service companies and reconnaissance companies.

The 62nd Armored Infantry Regiment was split into the 19th, 62nd and 68th Armored Infantry Battalions; the 94th Armored Reconnaissance Battalion became the 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized (less troops D and E; D troop was supplied by the 47th's Reconnaissance Company and E troop by the 48th); the 125th Engineers lost their Company D and bridge company. (The bridge company became the 998th Treadway Bridge Company, and was to work with the Division again in bridging the Isar River, Germany, in May of 1945.)

A division band was activated; a headquarters, Reserve Command (making three Combat Commands), and a military police platoon. Division lost its Service Company.

The work that accompanied this change was unceasing; the moving about, the switching was endless.

Areas in the camp had been relocated; companies and battalions had to shift their entire installations. AG and the G-1, charged with handling the shift of personnel, worked







late into the night through the middle of September. Training was still going on; but the reorganization had precedence. The camp swarmed with activity.

The Division was in Third Army; and by September 23 General Prichard was able to write to the Commanding General, Third Army:

"Reference is made to Paragraph 12, confidential letter, WD TAGO, AG322 (10 Sep 43) OB-I-GNGCT-M, 'Reorganization of Armored Divisions,' dated 15 September 1943, and 1st Indorsement thereto, your Headquarters, dated 21 September 1943.

"Reorganization, activations and disbandments of units concerned were accomplished by this headquarters, 20 September 1943."

A good new rumor had come to life, flowing strong and fast through Chaffee.

You could feel it in the air through the hot dusty days of September (Summer was still present, by Arkansas calendar); you could see it in the training: maneuvers.

The incidentals of life went on; the new 19th Armored Infantry Battalion opened a bowling league; 26 teams opened a basketball tournament; a birthday dinner was held for Chaplain Hollister at the Ward Hotel.

On September 29 General Piburn, Commander of Combat Command B since the Division's activation, left the Division for the 9th Armored Division; Col. Karlstad took command. Col. Wallace, former Trains Commander, was in command of Reserve Command.

An elaborate air-ground demonstration was held on Coal Ridge in Area 25-A, arranged by Division G-3 air, Major G. P. Seneff. Smoke puffs drifted from the ground and the medium bombers came over, at 1000 or 1200 feet, bombing, and the distant, empty whoom of the explosions sounded in the ears of the men, long after the eruption of the earth had shown the strike. Fighter planes came in fast and low, their multiple .50 caliber guns chattering in a sharp, flat, evenly-spaced staccato; and the massed fire of the 68th Infantry Battalion was laid on the silhouette of an airplane on the hillside, to show the fire power against air—17,000 rounds in a minute and a half.

There was a CPX for all intelligence personnel; and on October 11 a flood of officers and enlisted men from the Third Army descended on the Division to test its state of training. This was no "observation" or "inspection" of training. I.T.P.—Individual Training Program—tests. This was the real thing, to determine how far along the Division







had come in its training; Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, then commanding Third Army, and General Anderson, commanding X Corps, were to watch.

Subjects:

- 1. Incidental subjects.
- 2. Inspection of quarters, mess and latrine.
- 3. Military Courtesy, Articles of War.
- 4. First Aid, personal hygiene, field sanitation.
- 5. Interior guard.
- 6. Tactical training of the soldier (Scouting and patrolling).

On and on, through rail loading, bivouac, cross country driving, and every weapon from grenade, bayonet and rifle to mortar, machine gun and tank gun. Elementary combat principles, Rifle platoon in defense. Tank platoon in attack. Reconnaissance platoon on a reconnaissance mission. For five solid days the tests went on.

After, said General Prichard to the men of the Division:

"You have just successfully completed a series of tests, and you did very well. I want to read you an excerpt from a letter from Army Ground Forces, which hears you are being trained along proper lines—and your reputation is spreading.

"'14th Armored Division, Camp Chaffee. The combat firing problems were outstanding. The tactical concept was in accord with recent battle experience; the fire of all weapons was carefully massed and coordinated in support of attacks, time fire was delivered over medium tanks as they approached and while they were on the objective; the infantry made logical use of carriers for rapid displacement forward and to provide supporting machine gun fire; the advance of the infantry on foot under overhead fire was well planned and carefully executed. There is every indication that the 14th Armored Division is conducting a highly successful training program with little wasted effort and without unnecessary show. Officers and men of the Division were alert, enthusiastic, and displayed a high standard of military courtesy and discipline'."

General Prichard then read a letter from General Gillam, commanding general of the Armored Command:

"'The report from Armored Forces after a recent inspection indicated very clearly that the Division is hitting the ball, as I was confident it could and would. Other units have not been so fortunate. General McNair's letter shows clearly that the essentials are being stressed and that the methods are up to the minute. Please express to the members of the command my very sincere congratulations on work well done'."

The 14th was coming along; the ten-thousand-odd men had come together, trained, teamed for the grimmest business on the face of the earth, worked till they were becoming a competent whole.

A motor vehicle mechanic school was held to teach how to assemble knocked-down, crated trucks; a school on rail loading and rail movement was held, practice loading of vehicles, practice loading of kitchens; a school for umpires was held. It all pointed to movement, it all pointed to maneuvers.

An SOP for challenging—"The use of Countersign and Parole"— was published.

Lieut. Raymond E. Sugg of the 501st married Miss Edna Lurie Kendall at Fort Smith; the new 14th Armored Division Band, directed by CWO Carr, played a concert at the Fort Smith High School; Pfc. Marion A. Kircheim of the 501st Field married Miss Dorothy Frances Moore at Chapel No. 1; Pfc. David Kostner of the 47th was giving instructions in jitterbugging, one of the most popular of indoor sports; Tec 5 Irving Rubin of the 19th defeated Millard Hopper, world checker king, in an exhibition (Hopper was playing 25 other men at the same time).

The entire Division went into the field on a four day problem. General Smith directed the problem, and General Anderson was again a visitor. It was cooler now nights, but the days were hot, and the Division bivouacked near White Oak Ridge and Charleston Lake.







The 501st went into position in less than three minutes. CWO Carr's old 47th Armored Regiment March was officially adopted as the Division's march tune. The Public Relations Office released a feature story on the work of the 154th Signal Company.

On Nov. 4, the rumors came true. An advance detachment of the Division, commanded by Col. Gillespie, left for the Tennessee Maneuver Area.

It was the first real move for the Division. The Division would live in the field, tactically, as though it were in combat; it would operate as part of an army, against other Divisions, as though it were in battle. True, there would be no live ammunition, and there would be umpires instead of death; but it would be as close to actual fighting as possible. When maneuvers were over, if the Division measured up to standard, there would be the final training, and then—combat.

On November 12 the Division began to move from Camp Chaffee. There was the enormous business, the endless work of making sure that the organizational property—all the property of each unit, from tanks to typewriters—was correct and in condition; the eternal fuss of making sure that the individual equipment—every man's stuff, from helmet to socks—was in condition and in correct order. All post, camp and station property was turned in, all buildings cleaned, scrubbed, repaired.

Vehicles were turned over to the 12th Armored Division, which was moving into Chaffee behind the 14th; and the 14th was to pick up the 12th's vehicles in the Tennessee maneuver area near Lebanon junction. (And, of course, the men in the 14th swore that the barracks had been pig pens when they took them over, and now they had to make them perfect—"Why don't we just tear this camp down and rebuild the damned thing?")

Moving a Division is not a simple job, nor a happy one.

The Division began to move out on November 12. (And moved out of Third Army area, to become part of Second Army.)

Company by company, battalion by battalion, the men loaded on the trains. Again there were feelings of change, the leaving of the old familiar places, Chaffee had so much that had happened, so much of life was left here, Chaffee and Fort Smith. The trains pulled out.

November, at Chaffee, had not been too bad. It had been turning a little cold, and the trees had shed their leaves again, and were bare, the ground was bare and hard.

Tennessee was a different state.

Tennessee had a different climate.

Tennessee was cold as the trains pulled in to Lebanon Junction, cold and wet and miserable, and life was to be in the field. (Lebanon is in the north-central part of Tennessee, population 4656.)

The change was not uniformly approved.

From the 12th to the 16th, it took the Division to move, and not till the 17th did the Division close in the maneuver area. (There was no celebration for the Division's first





birthday.) Maneuver Period No. 4 was to begin, was to consist of eight problems.

The vehicles of the 12th Armored Division had been taken over by the advance party; the time between Wednesday, 17 November and Monday, 22 November (when the first problem was scheduled to begin) was devoted to the frantic issuing of vehicles to the units, completely checking them in that cold, wet climate, storing them in preparation for the opening exercise.

Eight problems to go.

The Division moved into bivouac, in the field, east of Lebanon and near Tucker's Gap.

How the names of these towns were to be imprinted on the memory! Lebanon and Tucker's Gap. Nashville and Murfreesboro, the Cumberland River. Hamilton Springs and Silver Springs, Watertown and Alexandria, Norene and Dowelltown, Carthage, Carthage Junction, Brush Creek and Hickman, Smyrna, Antioch, Donelson and Knapp. The mountain country of Central Tennessee, the backwoods country, foothills of the Cumberlands, steep hills and Wintersodden woods, back roads, narrow and twisting and poor surfaced.

And it was not only living in the field, in pup tents and under canvas in the Winter, it was always driving blackout, windshields down and the ice cutting into your face, always steel helmets and gas masks and trying to clean weapons after firing blanks. Maneuvers were a touch of hell and good training.

The first problem was scheduled for three days, starting on Monday. Blue forces: XI Corps, of the 14th Armored Division and the 100th Infantry. Red forces: 11th Tank Group, 35th Infantry, and 14th Tank Destroyer Group.

Initially, for the Blue, the 14th Armored was in Corps Reserve. (The 14th started every one of the eight problems in Corps Reserve; it was the only Armored Division on maneuvers, and about the only unit to remain on the Blue side from start to finish. Also, it was generally on the more powerful side.)

It was a relatively simple problem. Blue Corps objective



was high ground east of Tucker's Cross Roads; Division moved out on Tuesday and by Wednesday afternoon Combat Command B forces, commanded by Lieut. Col. Daniel H. Hudelson, were on the Corps objective. The problem ended and the Division moved to a bivouac area southwest of Murfreesboro to be ready to start the next problem.

That was Thanksgiving week-end, and turkey was served in the field on Friday (Thanksgiving moved back a day on account of the problem); and after the "A" bag and "B" bag situation had been straightened out, many of the men took off for the last days of the week, to Murfreesboro (population 7993) or the relative civilization of Nashville.

There are other days to remember, those days after the close of problems, the rush (fifty per cent of the men were allowed to go) over the roads of Central Tennessee to Nashville and the towns that offered the slightest comforts of a room, a movie, a beer, warmth, dryness, good food, possibly a girl. In the field was the PX; and the Chief of Staff, besides his duties in the Division, began to receive complaints from irate farmers who had lost the corner of a barn to a medium tank.

For the second problem, Blue Forces consisted of the 14th Armored and attachments; Reds remained the same. The 62nd and the 94th moved out in advance as a screening force, the Division moved northeast and then northwest, and was close on Corps objective when the umpires ruled that the tactical lessons of the problem had been completed and called it off. Division moved southwest of Lebanon.

Perhaps, by then, the men had begun to get the feel of an armored division, the ponderous moving tanks that could roll at 25 miles an hour, the long lines of infantrymen, the artillery men, the engineers, recon, medics, maintenance, the ubiquitous two-and-a-half ton trucks that never seemed to stop rolling, whining their high powered way down the roads.

Six problems left to go, the men counted on their fingers. For the third problem: Blue Forces: XI Corps, composed of the 14th Armored, 87th Infantry Division, two combat teams of the 100th Division. Reds: 35th Infantry Division, a combat team of the 100th, 14th Tank Destroyer Group,







11th Tank Group, and the 3rd Mechanized Cavalry. Task Force Hudelson (commanded by Col. Hudelson and consisting almost wholly of the 68th Infantry) was ordered out by Corps toward Greenwood and fought almost the whole first night of the problem; Tuesday night, in blackout, cold and freezing, the Division made a 100-mile march to the east, to Brush Creek, penetrated through the Red lines. Red and Blue forces were so thoroughly mixed you never knew which side you'd meet around the corner; supply trucks on both sides were captured right and left and supplies didn't get up for twenty, thirty, forty hours, vehicles ran out of gas, men were without food. It was a messy day and the problem ended. The Division moved back to the west.

Mud.

The mustache fad began—partly to ease the pain of shaving them, partly, just for mustaches.

For the fourth problem, Blues were XI Corps (14th; 87th; 35th; 11th Tank Group); Reds, 100th Infantry; 3rd Cavalry; 14th Tank Destroyers. The 14th Armored was in Corps Reserve, and the Reds were defending a river crossing at the Cumberland. The weather turned bitterly cold, vehicles froze to the ground and starting the combat vehicles was a chore, thawing the tank tracks, but the Division hardly moved at all until the end of the problem, when it went back to the vicinity of Norene.

Four more problems to go, if you weren't frozen to death meantime. Maneuvers were half over.

On the fifth problem, General Prichard was acting Corps Commander and General Smith Division Commander. Blue Forces (composed as for the fourth problem) were ordered to seize a bridge across the Cumberland River, due north of Lebanon. Generals Prichard and Smith wasted no time. A task force (commanded by Col. Hudelson) was formed of tanks of Company A, 47th Tank Battalion; Company B of the 68th; one battery of the 500th Armored Field Artillery; a troop of the 94th; and attached elements of the

125th Engineers, 154th Signal, and 84th Medics. Early Monday morning the task force arrived at the high ground south of the bridge and was engaged by the defending troops. Reds smoked the bridge as soon as Blue forces appeared, and the Reds were about to blow the bridge when a troop commander of the 3rd Cavalry asked them to wait until he had brought his men over.

Troops of the Hudelson Task Force cut into the Red column in the smoke and confusion and were across the bridge before the Reds knew what had happened. A corporal of the 68th fired two blanks into the air and shouted to the Red lieutenant waiting to blow the bridge:

"You're dead."

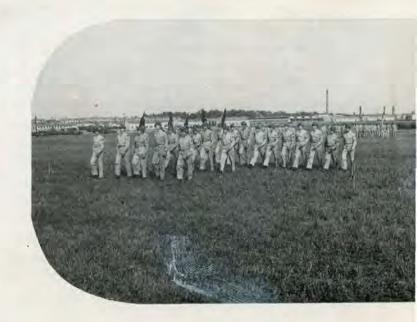
"The hell I am," said the lieutenant. "You missed. I'm going to blow the bridge."

"The hell you are," said an umpire. "You're dead, the bridge stays in."

Hudelson Task Force troops poured across and established a bridgehead; and by Monday afternoon, seven hours after its start, the problem would have been over; but at five o'clock a friendly plane flew over, and the umpire ruled that the bridge had been destroyed.

Other troops had not been idle in the meantime, however. 35th and 87th Division infantrymen had seized a beachhead across the ice-cold Cumberland further upstream, and the engineers were building a bridge. So that when the original bridge was declared destroyed, Blue troops continued pouring across the engineer bridge, and by the time the problem ended, not only had Blue forces seized the bridge intact for one of the few times in maneuvers, but the Blue forces were almost entirely north of the river. The Division moved to a bivouac area around Seven Pints, just south of Nashville.

That was Christmas Week, and a cold and bitter Christmas it was for the men in the field, and the trucks rushing back and forth to the APO with Christmas mail, and turkey in the field. A good portion of the men (the ones who hadn't made Thanksgiving) got into Nashville for the week-end, and there was turkey on tables with white cloths, and hot tom and jerries, and church and the movies.



On problem six, the 100th Infantry had been shifted to the Blues and the 87th to the Reds; otherwise forces were the same. The Reds were to dig in east of Lebanon and the first part of the problem was given over to their defensive set-up. The 14th moved east, and the problem was declared over before the Division had come to grips, on the evening of the fourth day.

That was New Year's Eve week, and to give the men some little relaxation, General Prichard ordered the Division to move to its new bivouac area north of the Cumberland, near Westmoreland, that night. It sleeted, and was freezing cold, and the open vehicles moved slowly blackout through the night. It was no bivouac area to brag about, either, for the harassed bivouac officers. The hills rose steep up on both sides of the narrow road, steep and wooded and black, and the vehicles were parked on slopes. That was another bitter savage night to stay in the mind, and the week that followed

That was the week that the malaria control problem was run, and in that freezing, snowing, wind-bare waste, the men of the 14th were going around with brown cotton mosquito head nets on over their steel helmets, and mosquito bars over the frozen canvas of the pup tents, and taking atabrine. Oh, the comments on army training that week were really something to hear, and to treasure.

That was the week, too, that it was learned that the Division would return to Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and there was hope left in life.

On Sunday (half the men in town, catching up to their outfits on the road in "A" uniforms and long overcoats) the Division moved to east of Lebanon (generally in the area in which it had begun maneuvers), in preparation for the final problem.

The composition of the Red and Blue forces was not changed, except that the 605th Tank Destroyer Battalion





was no bargain. (Again, half the men got to Nashville for the week-end—the 14th was well known there by now, in the hotels and movies and drug stores and bars.)

The only ray of light in the next week, starting 3 January 1944 was that it was the week of the seventh problem, the second last, if you lived. The sun, which had shone fitfully, gave up for that week, it was gray and cold, and it snowed almost every day. Blue and Red forces were the same as for the sixth problem, and the Division did not move. The snow was bitter and cold, hard snow that cut and swept across the face of the hard black earth. Tanks froze to the ground again and the tracks had to be thawed loose, and the engines were hell to start, and maintenance went on with frozen fingers. It was fine in the mountains that Winter, great tank country, but it was preparation for what was to come. A fortunate man it was who had a bottle of rum or whiskey in his bedroll, for liquor was medicine.

was attached to Blue Forces. The Division drove south from the Lebanon area, and at the end of the problem (Thursday afternoon) again had not come to grips; but maneuvers were over. There was celebrating that afternoon (and the blank ammunition and grenades that were left were fired, despite that cleaning a gun after firing blanks is twice as hard as with live ammunition) and there was celebrating that week-end. Even that the Division had done a hard job well was not as important as that the maneuvers were over.

Actually, the important thing was that the men of the 14th, all the various ten thousand American men of the Division, had proved that, of the life blood of America, they could forge themselves into a powerful striking force, a Division able to move and strike as one armed fist.

On January 13 the Division closed in an administration bivouac southeast of Nashville, preparatory to moving to Camp Campbell.



### Chapter IV

## TRAINING AND P.O.M.

January 13 - October 13, 1944

CAMP CAMPBELL is designated as being in Kentucky only by courtesy of the fact that the headquarters buildings lie in that state; actually the reservation is in both Kentucky and Tennessee, and it is as easy to drive to Clarksville, Tenn., as it is to drive to Hopkinsville, Ky.

Campbell was, like Chaffee, a this-war camp, on flat sandy soil, all slash-pine two story barracks, new painted white, but the raw wood warping slightly.

The 14th moved to its new camp, in its tanks and trucks and half-tracks and peeps (its "organic transportation") over the winter hardened roads. The 26th Infantry Division was in the Campbell barracks, and was moving out to maneuvers; the 14th moved into bivouac in the fields.

Gradually the 26th moved out, however, and the 14th moved in

Now it faced its final training. It had been proved tactically sound; but there was still training to be covered; there was to be a great deal of gunnery. The field of battle is no place to determine whether a tank platoon, or a field artillery battery, can fire fast and hit what it's shooting at. And the Division was to fight an enemy with two and three years experience in actual fighting. There could be no loose ends.

There was, however, a resting spell, a breathing spell before the Division plunged into its schedule full blast.

Training Memorandum No. 1 (of 1944) announced that the period 22-29 January would be "devoted to occupation of quarters; taking over post, camp and station property; maintenance and re-supply; that time not filled by the above will be devoted to close order drill and calisthenics; no formal training schedules need be submitted." Training

Memorandum No. 2 said: "The period through February 5 will be devoted primarily to maintenance, re-supply, refitting, adjusting and settling of the Division in garrison. All vehicles will be thoroughly cleaned including chassis, motor, cabs and bodies or fighting compartments. 1000 mile or monthly inspection will be completed on all vehicles and 6000 mile lubrication given all vehicles . . . Duty rosters and maintenance rosters will be brought up to date . . . Company property books will be completed . . . Each battalion will hold one dismounted ceremony per week . . ."

Again the business of finding apartments, in Clarksville or Hopkinsville; of getting settled.

Col. Karlstad left for assignment to XX Corps; Col. Gillespie took command of Combat Command B; General Prichard went on leave and General Smith assumed temporary command of the Division.

The officers and men of the Division were authorized leaves and passes; and by roster they began to leave for their homes for the first major leave and pass period since the Division had been organized.

The Chief of Police of Murfreesboro sent a letter to the 84th Medical Battalion:

"This department would like to thank you for the services of Warrant Officer Daniel R. Ansley, 1st Sgt. Samuel Paperno, S/Sgt. Harry E. Hubbard, Corps. Philip Zalonky, and Robert L. Beneise, and 10 other men from the 84th Medics in fighting a fire here on the night of December 25, 1943. This city is indebted to these men and we would like to see them get credit for a tought job well done." Mrs. John H. Moore, Tennessee State Librarian, asked for a complete file of the







14th's weekly newspaper, "Turret Topics" for her archives. The Special Service office announced that it would renew its sports program—Basketball, boxing, softball, baseball, ping pong, bowling. There was a dance for the men of Trains Headquarters Company at the Armory at Hopkinsville; girl employees of the Camp were the dancing partners. (Men of the 14th had met the girls of Fort Smith; now they were to meet the girls of Clarksville, and Hopkinsville; and marry them, too.)

Another class from the Army-Navy Staff college visited the Division; officials from the Nashville Chamber of Commerce also were present, and a spectacular demonstration of combined arms firing (men from the 48th Tanks; 62nd and 68th Infantry; 499th, 500th and 501st Artillery plus Division Artillery Command; 94th Cavalry; 125th Engineers; and 84th medics took part) was staged. Major Joseph H. Harrison was made commander of the 501st Field when Lieut. Col. Westpheling went to Division Artillery.

United States Armed Forces Institute started a drive for students. Men were sent to the Armored School at Fort Knox for gunnery mechanics, Auto mechanics and blacksmith and welders courses. Capt. Ardie Grevier of the 94th married Miss Helen Batiman at Chapel No. 4; Lieut. Col. Thomas C. McCollom, CO of the 94th, gave the bride away and Mrs. Alton Kircher was Matron of Honor. The 48th defeated Trains Headquarters Company at basketball, 20-14, and the 25th defeated the 68th, 25-16; boxers were training in the Field House. The Red Cross 1944 War Fund Drive was started. Members of the West End Methodist Church of Nashville came to camp to dedicate Company A-62nd's newly decorated (by furnishings donated by members of the church) recreation room. Capt. Daniel Ianella officially accepted the furnishings for the Company. 110 members of the 136th (plus 18 Campbell WAC's) went on one of the first tours to Mammoth Cave in a convoy of Army trucks run by Lieut. A. B. Chapman, Jr.

On 1 February Training Memorandum No. 4 announced that the training program through 19 February would be devoted to preliminary marksmanship (again); familiarization, transition and qualification firing (again) and crew drill (still). And Training Memorandum No. 3 issued at about the same time, was a 104 page, single-spaced memorandum devoted to describing marksmanship courses; it listed every weapon in the division, or assigned by the





Table of Basic Allowances to every man and every unit in the Division, by every course that would be fired, by weapon, by man, by MOS number (military occupational specialty), by rounds to be fired—everything. To make sure that every man in the Division fired the sufficient number of rounds and qualified in every weapon he would have to fire in combat, from tank gun and howitzer to carbine and rifle. Training was beginning to be stepped up.

On 3 February, TM No. 5 announced that in April the Division would undergo Army Ground Force individual and unit Combat Intelligence Tests, and its 30 pages of single spaced typing outlined a school to be held, listing all subjects to be covered.

Lists of ranges were issued (as at Chaffee—now it was Range Road and Casey Creek, Longwater and Roaming Springs and Lafayette, Big Meadow and Weavers Store and Malry Road and Indian Mound); lists of training facilities (areas and gas chamber and theatres, grenade courts and bayonet courses).

Said TM No. 7:

"The purpose of post maneuver training is for final preparation for battle; for the perfecting of the technique of individuals and units; to correct deficiencies noted in maneuvers. This program is divided into three phases, each of which is estimated to require two months for completion. Schools will be held..."

A master schedule for training medical detachment personnel was issued. A special TM on signal communications was issued ("Signal communication training will be continuous..."). An assault gun training school was ordered for all troops on assault guns. "A Division chemical warfare school will be held..." "Major J. R. Morrison will conduct a school in the offensive and defensive employment of land mines and booby traps..." "Training schedules will provide for the performance of first and second echelon maintenance each drill day... Training schedules will provide for periods of one hour each three afternoons per week for hardening exercises..." Training Memorandum No. 15, Subject, Mortar Training. Training Memorandum No. 17, subject, 57mm gun.

The official Division diary said, on 21 February. "Division begins intensive post maneuver training program."

February moved slowly to its cold and weary end. Leap year, twenty-nine days. In the early dawn, driving, marching to the ranges, waiting to fire, cold fingers stiff, and a small fire. The familiar whoom of a tank gun, the tube flicking back and forth like the red-tipped tongue of a snake, the track rocking a little, and the familiar tinny clang of the empty case being snapped from the breech. After February, though, you feel the back of the Winter has been broken.

In the beginning of March, the Division received 1800 ASTP men, from the closing of the Army Specialized Training Program schools in the Fifth Service Command, and again the AG Classification Section had its work cut out for it. The troubles you face in the Classification Section are not so much in the endless daily routine of keeping the duties and assignments of 10,000 men straight (for the Army records demand, among other items of recording each individual man's complete background and military history, his pay record, his sickness record and every military job he

ever held) but that when 100 or 1800 or 10,000 men come to the Division in a day, or two days, their entire processing be handled in that short space of time.

Part of these new men-all but 350, as a matter of fact, who were to go to other Second Army Units-were to bring the Division up to strength. The administrative history of the Division could fill a book in itself; the Division had a life, an existence, of its own, like a state, not dependent on the individuals in it but living on a common premise, a common ideal, a common devotion; and as it exemplified that, as the men in its body (each individual in greater or lesser degree) subscribed sufficiently strongly to that premise, that ideal, it would live. When that became no longer true, it would fall. So it was not of prime importance that there were always transfers in and out of the Division-old men left and new men became old men. In March of 1943, for example, 148 enlisted men-the first men to leave-were sent from the Division to Fort Meade, Maryland, to go overseas as battle replacements in Africa; the Division had itself sent 1400 men to ASTP; and the total number of officers-to-be it would send to OCS would be 750.

The ASTP men came in; were interviewed, classified, and assigned to "host" battalions.

"Pending premanent assignment, "host" battalions will be responsible for training ASTP replacements in accordance with Inclosure No. 1. As these replacements are received, they will be formed in training groups of 30 to 50 men each. Each group will begin with the first day as cheduled, without regard to time of arrival." And, Inclosure No. 1 provided what you would expect—physical conditioning, close order drill, map reading, road marches, weapons (rifle, carbine, sub-machine gun, .30 and .50 caliber machine guns), maintenance, inspection, and orientation on an armored division.

A Division school—in panoramic sketching—was established for intelligence and reconnaissance.

On March 7 and 8, General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, visited Camp Campbell to inspect the 14th Armored's training.

A program off anti-aircraft firing (at towed targets and radio-controlled planes) was inaugurated for men manning .50 caliber machine guns; a combined arms demonstration was scheduled for 18 March, under direction of the Division Artillery commander.

The first combat command CPX was held, for combat command A, under General Smith. There were the familiar words, reflecting only the change in camps: "Red forces have crossed the Ohio River and established bridgeheads at Evansville, Louisville and Cincinnati. CG Second Blue Army ordered 14th Blue Armored Division to march on Bowling Green via Clarksville, destroy all enemy..."

Gunners were firing now (sub-caliber—caliber .30 only) at "modified" moving tanks—"modified" by having all removable outside accessories (radio antennas, for example) taken off and steel guards welded on to protect the men inside from bullet splash.

An odograph school was established. The schools were getting more technical, the subjects more advanced; still the fundamentals were gone over again and again. A Malaria course and a map reading school. On 21 March, a 25 paged mimeographed memorandum "Gunners' Proficiency Tests";



25 pages of questions to be asked, every procedure to be followed.

Combat Command B had a combat command CPX. On March 27 the Division held a fire power demonstration at which men in industry and public life from both Kentucky and Tennessee were guests of General Prichard. Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit of Kentucky and Brigadier General J. M. Dickinson of the Tennessee National Guard.

The other side of life went on—the Division band, under CWO Carr, opened a series of concerts (beginning with a "Salute to the United Nations"). Chaplain Hollister directed a seminar for chaplains. Lieutenant E. K. Block, Division Postal Officer, spoke on the use of V-mail. The military police platoon promoted Phillip C. Kelly to staff Sergeant; eight men in the platoon (S/Sgt. Doyle Barger, Sgt. Anthony Crane, Corp. Mike Wodzita, Pfc.'s Thomas Payne, John Terry and Samuel Hansmier, Pvts. Edward Chrazez and Russell Deinzer) shot possibles—100 out of 100—with the submachine gun. Lieutenant Marvin E. Parsons announced that the Division had subscribed over \$2000 to the Red Cross in one week. Tec 5 George Barvinchak, magician who could pick lighted cigarettes out of the air, lost the key to his foot locker and had to break it open.

The winter broke up in endless rains. A Division review was called off because of rain.

An expert rifleman team was organized at the 68th; coaches, Captain Steve Rusinko and Lieutenant W. F. Post; Captain, T/Sgt. Winifred P. Hobson; members, T/Sgts. Eugene M. McAtee and Jesse Shroud, S/Sgts. Albert T. Peterson, Elmer C. Bullard, Walter A. Dietrich, and Edward



B. Bartkowski, Corporal Jesse L. Grisham, Tec 5 Harshall E. Nelson, and Private Charles J. Maron. Carville E. Link was made First Sergeant in the 125th. There was an article on the names given to the 14th's vehicles (in peculiar affection)—"Mary Ann" and "Babe" and "Nuts and Bolts" and "Mecca" and "Buccaneer."

CWO Lemert led the band in a concert at the Hopkinsville USO. John Bruce, ex-Purdue player, led the 25th Tank Battalion to a 25 to 21 victory over the 62nd for the division basketball championship.

The Division adopted a folding field bed and litter invented by Captain Archie Grevier, medical officer of the 94th.

A Division review was scheduled for April 8, but it had to be called off because of a sudden rainstorm—not the first, nor the last, to be called off for that same reason. Tank gunnery tests were postponed to April 20; and training memorandum No. 31 ordered "Cleaning up" of small arms firing, first aid and sanitation, marching, training in anti-aircraft firing, malaria control, and map reading; the tank battalions were already having practice (the old dry-run business) tests. The Combat Intelligence tests were ordered for the last week in April (XXII Corps was to begin its official tests the first week in May), (and, of course, the units would hold their own tests the second last week of April).

The 500th Armored Field Artillery Battalion had gone to Fort Knox, to take part in a combined arms firing problem there; it returned and Lieutenant Colonel Swanson commended the men for the fine job they had done.

Major E. S. Brewster was supervising the final stages of







training in malaria control; on Easter, sunrise services scheduled to be held were rained out; Colonel Maurice K. Kurtz' Division Artillery Command was redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery.

The 48th put out a booklet on maneuvers "APO 446" edited by Captain J. A. Hallmeyer; Private Joe Monegar of C-501, published a book of 19 pages of cartoons on maneuvers. Boards of Officers—and tests—were inaugurated to determine infantrymen qualified to wear the Expert Infantryman's Badge, newly authorized by the War Department; it was announced that the Division would again go into sun tans at the end of April; General Prichard officially opened the baseball season (Division Headquarters versus the 501st; the 154th versus the 500th) by tossing out the first ball; Major James W. Studer was pitching for Division Headquarters Company; Pfc. Lem Johnson for the 501st; Tec 5 John R. Niemic for the 154th, and Pfc. Raymond J. Roun for the 500th.

A son was born to Lieutenant and Mrs. F. H. Gisse (25th); Lieutenant James Dougherty of D-47 and Tec 4 Sidney Pudleton of Hq. Co., 25th, both married. Men of C-125 held a dance at Dunbar Cave Hotel, with a Beauty Contest for Campbell WACs; the 48th opened an Enlisted Men's Club. Captain Andrew S. Winiarczyk (C-25 Commander) married Miss Stacia Pieszak in Chapel No. 3; Captain Irving L. Levi, Jr., Division Special Service Officer, was promoted to Major;

Lieutenant Irwin Garshelis, Assistant Special Service Officer, made Captain. Lieutenant L. A. Darling, Jr., was promoted to First. Pfc. Edward A. Articer, Company B, 19th, who acted as squad leader during a combat problem after his sergeant had been transferred was commended by General Prichard for his work.

From April 24 to April 29, the Division was testing Reconnaissance and Intelligence personnel of the Battalions; from May 1 to May 6, XXII Corps tested Division G-2 personnel and selected men from the 94th.

On April 20, too, Training Memorandum No. 38 was issued—"Post Maneuver Training—Second Phase." The objective was "To perfect the training of the individual... to bring small units to a standard of training that will assure their effective operation on appropriate independent missions, or as a part of a larger command." ("All weapon firing will be completed; special firing, i.e., transition, grenade, combat in cities, etc., will be stressed; physics hardening will be continuous and progressive; communicg tion; maintenance; gunnery; scouting, observing and trery mission of information; first aid and sanitation; specials training; CPX's.") Because tank howitzers were not a sepable, crews were ordered to fire the field artillery howitzer

At the end of April, a memorandum was issued directing that one-half of the units of the division would bivouac i' the field each week, change and change about. "Bivouac.





will be tactical in disposition and administrative in operation." On May 3, a training memorandum announced that six day platoon leadership exercises—for determining the leadership qualifications of the lieutenant platoon leaders in field problems designed to simulate combat conditions—would be held beginning May 15. A TM was issued on the training of signal communications personnel. On May 3, Brigadier General Milton de Freitas Almeida, chief of the Brazilian Army's Armored and Motorized forces, watched demonstrations put on by the 14th in motor maintenance, the moving of a disabled tank, construction of a treadway bridge, and a reinforced armored infantry unit in a combined arms firing demonstration.

A school in direct firing—in the employment of tanks as artillery—was ordered May 15, for men in tanks and assault guns. All the complicated procedure of artillery fire, altered for tanks; 12 pages of instructions. Basic medical tests were start May 22.

The full heat of the summer came, and Campbell was as high almost as Chaffee. The rolling green of the review field and Division Headquarters burned in the sun, the raw described benches shimmered in the heat, the tar of the streets ftened. In the dry, brush grown fields, the dust settled aick on its dry leaves, and dust hung for long hours in the air; and the men of the 14th sweated and struggled. The

great swirling life of the Division boiled at Campbell.

On May 18, all unit commanders were directed ("by examination of record; by interview; by test and otherwise") to determine accurately that each individual man in their commands had a complete and full record of his training on his WD AGO Form 20. "A report showing the number of individuals in each unit requiring additional training as a result of the survey, will be forwarded to this Headquarters prior to 1 June 1944."

Shortly thereafter:

"Specialists in this Division will be tested by higher headquarters to insure that they are fully trained to perform duties in accordance with their assigned MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) numbers. In preparation for these tests, unit commanders will give instructional tests to all specialists in their units. Results . . . will be submitted to this Headquarters prior to 20 June 1944."

And Specialists were from chief clerk, mail clerk and file clerk (in administration) through blacksmith, auto body repairman, wrecker operator and tank mechanic (ordnance); powerman, teletype mechanic and code clerk; crane operator, draftsman, jackhammer operator; dental technician and surgical technician; to meteorologist and tank gunner and chief of section. The Specialists of an Armored Division.

The Division went into the third phase of post-maneuver



training "to complete the training of the larger, reinforced units; to complete all POM requirements and make final preparations for battle."

POM-Preparation for Overseas Movement.

And through the hot work of training, through the beers at the club in the evening, through the relaxation of the hot Sunday afternoons, there was the talk. "Hear what happened to the 12th Armored? The 10th? The 11th? Aw, now look—" Overseas, in France, on Omaha Beach, Red and Yellow, American troops stormed Fortress Europe.

Training Memorandum No. 54. "Determining visibility from air photographs by the floating line method. Thrust Line Code. Ten Square Code. Jan Grid." Does that sound complicated enough? Assault gun and mortar platoon tests; anti-tank platoon combat firing proficiency tests; machine gun platoon combat firing proficiency tests. Firing and Firing and firing. Infantry battalion combat firing proficiency tests. Rifle platoon firing proficiency tests.

Personnel adjustment and benzadrine training. Operations against permanent land fortifications. Col. Lambert was G-3. June 15 was Infantry Day; and thousands of visitors from all over the Middle West came to Campbell. There was a Division review in the clear, hot morning, and a special demonstration of armored equipment. General Prichard reviewed the Division, and spoke to the men and a huge civilian audience (long lines of cars from Hopkinsville and Clarksville) on the role of the infantry in combat.

On June 17, reinforced battalion exercises were announced (the 48th, a company of the 68th, A-125, and the 499th versus the 19th, a company of the 25th, B-125 and the 501st). There were battalion exercises: the 94th versus the 125th.

Combat Command firing exercises began in July; on July 10th the Division marched in review before General Prichard for the last time.

General Prichard was to leave the division "because of the exigencies of war."

He spoke briefly to the men massed before him and was escorted to the division boundary by the 94th cavalry. Officially, at 1220, he left the Division he had trained so well,

General Prichard was succeeded in command by Brig. Gen. A. C. Smith; and the picture of the new commander was to emerge. Well built, over average height, black hair only slightly gray, a conservative, painstaking man, pleasant and courteous, thorough and determined. In the long months ahead, all through combat, his spirit was to guide the lives and fortunes of ten thousand men.

The Division's training went on through the hot, dry month of July.

The training film "Know Your Ally, Britain." The War Department film "The Negro Soldier." (The hot wood theaters, that month, sweating in fatigue clothes and leaning back to watch the film.) A school of instruction in sniper firing will be conducted by Division Reserve Command.

Lieut. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, inspected progress of training in the Division. A TM on Intelligence training was issued. Air-ground training was emphasized more and more (in combat, men of the Division were to lie outside a strongly defended German town while P-47s, diving terrifyingly close bombed the enemy); on August 2 Training Memorandum No. 81 (30) single spaced pages) was issued on the procedure to follow in air-ground training.

A Division communication exercise was held early in August (the days were hotter and drier; all the heat of the summer had been absorbed by the earth and held, and heat piled on heat).

In August, came the climax of training, a Division firing exercise. The firing problem lasted three full days; the Division bivouacked in the field. Lieut. Gen Ben Lear, Ground Forces commander, watched the problem with General Smith; he reviewed a part of the Division on August 17 (it rained, of course, and the rain cut cold in the summer's heat, but it did not stop the review, and the freshly pressed suntans were soggy as General Lear walked through the ranks of the men); Col. Gillespie was commander of troops; and later General Lear spoke to the non-commissioned officers of the Division, told them of their duties in combat. (Southern France had been invaded; the Allies had established themselves in France, the invasion was a success.)

A command inspection was held, by Combat Commands and Reserve Command, once more to check the complete status of equipment, item by item, down to handkerchiefs. Another signal communications school was held (use of convertor, M-209); a firing demonstration of tank weapons; an ammunition school; a first aid school (prevention of trench foot); a military censorship course and a course in safeguarding military information; special courses in chemical warfare (blister gases and choking gases; treatment of mustard burns of the skin and treatment of vomiting gas casualties—the army was taking no chances), and courses in map reading.

August ground to its end. There were leaves and furloughs—last leaves and last furloughs—and every man must have a leave or furlough who had not had one in the last six months; and all men would be back in camp by September 20. The Division was going overseas.

The schools went on, with the regular training, the firing and marching and guard mounts and calisthenics every morning. Signal communications school and cooks and bakers school; and an SOP on inspections and training. September had arrived; there were cool days and the dawn came later, driving in from apartments in Hopkinsville, or getting up in the pine barracks, Training films were "Sucker Bait" and "Wise Guy" and "Private Snafu"; and the 68th won the Division baseball championship by defeating the 94th, two games out of three. General Smith presented the trophies.

In September, training became a series of inspections.

Now there was nothing but the knowledge that the Division was going overseas.

Clothing would be marked this way. Clothing would be marked that way. Equipment would be packed that way. This would be taken overseas. That would not. NYPOE POM. New York Port of Embarkation, Preparation for Overseas Movement.

Going!

Training film—"What To Do Aboard the Transport." Loading flat cars. Loading box cars. Loading ships. Training film—"Kill Or Be Killed!" Inspections every day. Physical qualifications. Personal adjustment.

It was a montage of days, so much to do, so much to check—and (it almost seemed) everything different every

day. What the individual will take. (Down to the number of pairs of underdrawers.) Send home all personal belongings. What the unit will take. Records. Checks.

On September 21 the advance party left.

Each company commander will check all Forms 32 and 33 (correctly initialed; correct clothing sizes; line-outs made in ink), and property book (all shortages covered by requisitions, certificates signed.)

The last days in Hopkinsville, in Clarksville, in Nashville. Last days, moving wives home ("and what'll we do with the car?"), last drinks.

Buildings will be prepared to be returned to the Post. (Forty men on KP; scrubbing floors, scrubbing walls, scrubbing grease traps; endless days of work, checks, inspections, inspection by the company commander—first sergeant at his elbow—by the battalion commander, by the medical officer, by the Inspector General.) The camp was cleared. The vehicles were loaded, blocked and chocked, nailed to the flat cars. In wool uniforms, loaded with personal equipment, armed and helmeted, the men went to the trains. Checked on by roster, three men to a Pullman compartment. Settled down to watching the countryside flow past, to playing cards, to cokes and candy bought at stations. Red Cross women with coffee and smiles.

The adventure had begun; there was almost a pity for the people left behind, the people in stations watching the troop train roll through, the lonely children at cross roads, the men and women in the diner of another train passing.

The trip was not too long, through the endless rails of the New Jersey yards and terminals, the New York skyline against the east, dear and familiar sight to the men from the east, strange and thrilling to the men who had never seen it. By October 8 the Division had closed in Camp Shanks, New York.

Shanks was the staging area; Shanks was to process the Division for shipment. The job was done in somewhere around ten days. The place ran with full-powered efficiency of an automobile assembly plant. Boat loading drill, boat abandoning drill. Over the side (on a model ship) on boarding nets. What to do if captured. Final shots. Final physical, one of the fastest on record. Passes to New York City after the first three days, shoulder patches gone, and orders to do no talking. Afternoons, if you had no work at the moment, cokes and hot dogs in the tiny wooden shacks that were PXs at Shanks (Cigarettes: sixty cents a carton) and the World Series games being broadcast over the loud-speakers. The weather was warm and clear, lovely fall in New York. The 14th cleared Shanks by October 13.

(From August 15 until they embarked, men of the 136th—besides carrying on their training—had been reviewing parts mortality records for two years, estimating the spare parts that would be required in combat, ordering, processing and packing them. Eighty men were used, and it took them 24 days. Headquarters Company Spare Parts Section ordered 85,000 pieces, 14,000 separate items; and wrapping included waterproofing. Sixty tons of these parts were to be issued when the Division arrived at the combat area.)

Again, wool ODs, full equipment (blanket roll, musette bag, gas mask, weapon and duffle bag) and the march in the Camp from the barracks to the trains. Loaded by roster into cars, not allowed to remove equipment. (A half hour ride, Shanks to Weehawken, it would take that long to get equipment off.) The band playing, and shipment numbers chalked on the front of the helmet. The jammed and crowded train



ride down, the terminal at Weehawken. Jersey. Some of the men arrived there the night—the dusk, really—of October 13. The train ran onto the pier, and the way to the ferry had been fenced off. Curious men and women, open-mouthed boys, watched the troops through the wood fences, serious faced, heavy laden, feeling a million different thoughts. Going over. A song and a fear, a proudness and a sadness.

The ferry, and kidding the boys who thought it was part of the pier, or the ship; and the ferry moved into the black night waters of the New York harbor, speckled with the firefly lights of ships, and the rushing water under the ferry's flat decks, and the brilliant panorama of the riotous lights of Manhattan flowing against the night sky beyond.

Staten Island, the night of October 13, loading sheds piled high with equipment and long lines of OD-clad men lounging wearily on their duffle bags as, man by man, they were checked on ship. Red Cross women, coffee and doughnuts. No bands, no briskly marching on. A long wearing job.

Sgt. Jack B. Mooney of Company A, 19th Infantry, staggered aboard the USS Le Jeune, carrying company records and his own equipment.

"Mooney?"

"Jack B."

The 14th Armored Division was loading for overseas shipment.



## HATTEN — RITTERSHOFFEN

January 3 - January 20, 1945

THE GERMAN had built great strength for his Bitche drive; he had not broken through. He saw another chance, another place to break through: through Hagenau and on to the Strassbourg plain.

The enemy was to try there and at the towns of Hatten and Rittershoffen; and he was to be stopped there by the 14th Armored Division.

Combat Command A had been relieved from attachment to VI Corps and attached to XV Corps. It was alerted to move on Corps order at three hours notice, prepared to counterattack toward Drulingen-Saare Union or Drulingen-Rahling; or to move to Tiefenbach to block the Vosges passes between Tiefenbach and Phalsbourg.

On January 1 CCA received the mission of establishing and maintaining a reconnaissance screen east of the Sarre River and south of the Maginot Line, against infiltration of enemy armor; it was also to reconnoiter for movement east of the Vosges and north of Saverne.

Observation along the Maginot was established and dug-in defenses were prepared by the 68th Infantry.

The 48th Tank Battalion moved to Lorentzen prepared to support the 68th; the 501st moved to Butten; C-125 was conducting route reconnaissance.

The 48th, New Year's Eve in Yorentzen, was not happy. It was in the fields, the temperature at 12 degrees.

The 68th, with C-48 and 1-C-94, set up its CP in Rahling; and the 501st moved up.

CCA was relieved by the French 2nd Armored Division, and moved to Bouxwiller. Outposts were again established to prevent enemy infiltration in the zone Ingwiller-Dussenheim. exits of the Vosges.

The 48th moved to Leiterswiller and Lt. Elroy E. Sulik. 2nd platoon commander of Company A, was leading a column to outpost the town. Friendly infantry mistook his tank for an enemy vehicle, pulled a string of 28 mines across the road in front of him; the tank set off nine and was badly damaged; the crew was injured.

The 68th moved to Niedersoultzbach, outposted a sector from Wieterswiller to Ingwiller.

The 501st went to Riedheim, and then Weinberg, to reinforce the fires of the 45th Division around Wingen and Reipertswiller. The Battalion moved to Ingwiller, where Pfc. Carl E. McGraw earned a Bronze Star for volunteering to lay wire through heavy artillery fire. Nebelwerfer and mortar fire at Reipertswiller had been intense, friendly and enemy artillery were using the same base point for adjustment. Lt. John P. Myer and his driver, Cpl. Jack T. Steiner, and BC and RO sections of A-501 were returning to Battalion when they ran into enemy infentry; after a fire fight they managed to pull out and return to Reipertswiller. The Battalion moved to Zinswiller to support the 36th Engineer Regiment. Heavy enemy artillery began to pound the gun

positions. One round landed near Number Six gun, killing two men and wounding two, first casualties in the battalion. The counter battery (and the ground was so hard and frozen the men could not dig foxholes) was so heavy the battalion moved to Offwiller. Two men left behind in the maintenance party at Zinswiller were killed that night.

Combat Command A moved from Bouxwiller to Soultz and was attached to Task Force Wahl of the 79th Infantry Division. The 68th Infantry, relieved by Troop A of the 94th Recon, moved to Soultz and went into a defensive sector. Company A-48 was attached to the 2nd Battalion, 315th Infantry, C-94 established an observation screen on the line Rittershoffen-Hoffen-Schoenenberg to detect enemy penetration and determine enemy strength and positions. Detailed reconnaissance was made of defensive positions and possible approaches for tank attack. A Company of the 827 Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to the 68th and went into defensive position at Soultz. The 2nd platoon of C-94, operating from Hohwiller, set up outposts in Hatten and Rittershoffen.

Divarty had moved to Kutzenhausen-le-haut and the men had managed to get to Soultz for baths. Sgt. Harold Doven spike and Sgt. Harold Jaco were in Soultz when it was bombed, and were wounded. Divarty moved to Schillersdorf; during the fighting Col. Kurtz sent Maj. Christian A. Herter, Jr., to find the 500th, Maj. Herter started for Reipertswiller in the cold moonlight, and the 500th was found, Capt. Robert J. Inness was liaison with the 313th Infantry. Sgt. Lawrence R. Highland was made 1st Sergeant; Sgt. Raymond K. Batty was in the hospital. Message center (Sgt. Herbert E. Giles, Sgt. William Giesting, Sgt. Lawrence Dietrich, Pvt. Richard M. Anderson, Sgts. Paul A. Sharrer. Herbert Hardin, Charles A. Biscup, and Cpl. William E. Krischak) worked 24 hours a day. The air OP was split. At Kutzenhausen the only two planes left (the others were with the battalions) adjusted a tank battalion on targets across the Rhine; the field moved to Menschoffen and the pilots were flying over the mountains. The battalion pilots returned, and Lt. Alvin E. Delong and Vincent Inceri spotted seven enemy tanks for a TD battalion near Bitche. The TD's laid an ambush and got five, and the planes had great trouble in loading and taking off in the snow. From Hatmatt, Lt. Robert L. Harlem flew one of the most unusual missions of the war. An infantry battalion was cut off near Reipertswiller, communications gone. Parachutes were made of GI blankets, and radio batteries tied to them; the two planes flew low through a sheet of German machine gun fire to drop the batteries to the infantrymen.

The 500th returned to Divarty and went to CCA; Divarty and the 499th moved to Kurtzenhausen.

CCB, meanwhile, had been put back into the line, defending the sector Zinswiller-Rothbach-Ingwiller-Niederbronn-

Nehwiller, with the mission of guarding the passes in the zone. CCB was warned of the steadily increasing German strength, and staff planning was continuous. At 0730 January 11, the Command was placed on a 30-minute alert and moved to Woerth-Biblisheim-Gunstett.

The 62nd Infantry was at Ingwiller and Kindwiller, 3-A-62 outposting CCB headquarters with A Company at Kindwiller. B Company was attached to the 25th Tank Battalion at Ingwiller, Bischotz and Zinswiller; C-62 was at Kindwiller, and Headquarters Company at Kindwiller, Muhlhausen and Rothbach. The Assault Guns were strafed but the sector was quiet.

For the men who had been in the line, it was a period of rest and quiet before the storm, relaxation and sleep, reequipping and re-fitting, maintaining vehicles and guns. Mail and hot food and movies.

The great power of the division was gathering itself for the savage battle to come.

The 94th Recon was probing at the German positions with the harsh, diagnostic fingers of steel armored cars, the 125th Engineers were preparing the roads for the heavy vehicles to come. The artillery, 499th, 500th, 501st were inching into positions and with them was the massed striking strength of the Division (the 25th, 47th, 48th, the 19th, 62nd, 68th), the tanks and infantry waiting to unleash the strength of their guns.

And the other units of the Division, the units that made it an organic whole, the 84th Medics, the 136th Ordnance, the 154th Signal, the Headquarters, the Headquarters sections, the G-1, G-2, G-3, the G-4, the AG and APO, the attached units were moving into their places, perhaps their primary duty not fighting (though they would see fighting) but without which the Division would not be able to live, to move, to communicate, to think, without which it would be without ears and fingers and nerves.

Company B-25 moved out of Zinswiller on January 1. D Company was at Ingwiller, C Company at Rathbach and Bischoltz. B-62 was attached to the Battalion, and a platoon of infantry and an AT section of Capt. Mohr's Company was sent to each tank company. A defense plan was set up. The Recon platoon was attached to the 94th Cavalry and maintained listening posts between Zinswiller and Rothbach. It was cold and snowy; German artillery came in, the German air attacked. B Company captured a lone German who came walking out of the woods.

Company A-25 was relieved from supporting the 19th Infantry and joined the 45th Division in its move from Reipertswiller to Wildenguth. A Company moved into Reipertswiller; enemy artillery began to fall in the town and company trains were ordered to Ingwiller. Lt. Robert S. Walton outposted the town; the 2nd and 3rd platoons followed him in and with the infantry, he fought on into Wildenguth.

He moved in by late afternoon; dusk was falling and the men were preparing supper. "Suddenly," says the 25th report, "hell broke loose." Houses leapt instantly into flames from the screaming artillery shells; burp guns and machine guns chattered through dusk; the familiar dark forms of the German infantry running silently, quickly, bent-over among the houses.

The tankers raced for their tanks, where the skeleton crews were already manning the guns.

The American guns added to the madness as the .30's and



.50's spewed their spray of death, the 75's fired point blank, 50 yards, at the rushing Germans. Men fell screaming and wounded, there was shouting and shrieking. Lt. Henry Solari and his platoon entered town at this moment, guns blazing. A three-quarter ton truck loaded with German soldiers took a direct hit. A bazooka hit Sgt. George C. Whittaker's tank; the bedrolls and equipment on the rear deck caught fire and Whittaker kicked them loose. Infantrymen from the 45th were in the fight.

Early in the morning, the tanks and infantrymen launched their own attack; the tanks laid down a fire concentration and the infantry attacked; and by 0900 the Americans held the town and the high ground overlooking it.

Lt. Solari had moved on to the small town of Picardi, near Reipertswiller; his tank was hit and the crew injured; Lt. Solari climbed onto the back deck to man the .50 caliber, and was killed instantly. Sgt. James L. Stamp, the driver, managed to back the damaged tank up and get it to an aid station, where the injured were evacuated.

Meanwhile, Lt. Walton had run into difficulties. His platoon was cut off, but Lt. E. Q. Wood came through to relieve him; Service Company lost a truck trying to run gas and ammunition to him.

A Company was relieved and returned to Muhlhausen. The Company—according to the staff of the 191st Tank Battalion of the 45th Division—took 118 prisoners in one part of the action.

Two of A Company's tanks had been knocked out in Reipertswiller and getting them out became a major problem. Capt. Donald A. Burns' maintenance men tried to get up; but the tank recovery vehicle skidded so much on the icy roads they couldn't make it. The tracks were changed to rubber and another attempt made. This time they got to the tanks and began to hook up; and heavy artillery began to fall. An American liaison plane flew overhead and the German artillery fell silent; the tank was pulled out. Next day, retrieving the second tank, the maintenance men came under mortar fire and were pinned down; another attempt was made that



night and the Germans opened up on the noise of the recovery vehicle's engine. The men returned to Uhrwiller. Two days later they went back and got the tank.

On January 11 the 25th prepared to move to Woerth.

The 47th Tank Battalion had seen a good deal of action. It had moved to Niedersoultzbach; to Ober Soultzbach; to Gundershoffen and Niederbronn and Froeschwiller and Kindwiller and Bitschoffen, Three tanks had gone to the First Armored Group at Wassalone to train replacements for tank warfare.

The battalion moved to Kindwiller.

The 1st platoon, Company A, went to Phillipsbourg and entered the town with the infantry. The enemy held one half of the town, 1-A-47 and the infantry held the other half. The American forces attacked; Lt. Travis Coxe's lead tank was hit near the cannon by an enemy anti-tank gun at 75 yards; the crew abandoned the tank. Sgt. Eli Roberts, driver; Pfc. Charles Haney, loader, and Pfc. Sam Campagne, bow gunner, volunteered to go up and get the tank out. Moving up on foot under small arms fire, Campagne climbed onto the rear deck and sprayed the enemy positions with the .50 caliber; Haney and Roberts started the tank, Haney directing Roberts by the microphone. They got the tank back to safety; and all three men were awarded the Bronze Star.

No sooner had his tank been knocked out than Lieut. Coxe back into the attack. His tank was knocked out for the took command of the second tank in his platoon and went second time; and for the second time the crew had to abandon tank. The platoon was forced to withdraw, losing one man in the action. The 2nd platoon was sent forward the next morning to relieve the 1st, which returned to Niederbronn. (Lieut. Coxe and Corp. Russell Fultz, gunner in his first tank, were both later awarded the Bronze Star.)

That same night, as the tanks of the 1st platoon outposted Phillipsbourg, Sgt. Harold Kiehne earned the Silver Star, On outpost in the early hours of the morning, Kiehne saw two columns of men advancing dimly through the darkness, approaching his tank from directly down the road. On the rear deck of his tank, he called "Halt!" and a guttural German voice called: "Surrender!" Kiehne, who speaks German, called back: "Surrender yourself," and the Germans threw a hand grenade at him. A fire fight exploded, Kiehne firing his .50 caliber, the enemy firing rifles and machine pistols and throwing hand grenades.

Kiehne won; when the fight was over he had killed or captured the majority of a forty man enemy patrol.

The 2nd platoon, now under the command of Lieut. Sol Rael, was holding Phillipsbourg; but the Germans held all the high ground to the front and flanks of the town, and the town was under constant enemy observation; the streets of Phillipsbourg were constantly being shelled by the enemy, small arms fire continually swept down their lengths. The town had been taken by American forces after a savage and bitter fight, and the streets were littered with all the incredible and senseless trash of a battlefield, broken rifles and dented helmets, of torn and sodden clothing, K ration boxes and German gas masks, empty cartridge cases, piles of brick and rubble, chairs and window curtains. Rael left his tank and walked to the infantry company CP; shells fell close to him but he walked calmly along. Men of his platoon called him "Fearless Fosdick." Rael moved his tank slowly up through town, firing his guns, and knocked out an enemy machine gun position. Rael was fired on by a burp gun and was slightly wounded.

Maj. Henry W. Urrutia, Battalion S-3, came into town during a mortar barrage; he opened the tank hatch and climbed out just in time to be struck by a piece of shrapnel; Tec/5 Milton Chamblee and Pfc. Donald Walsh were wounded in the same barrage.

A Company was attached to the 191st Tank Battalion, and outposted the Niederbronn-Phillipsbourg road.

Battalion moved on to Morschwiller; Headquarters, B and C Companies were in Marienthal, D in Grassendorf and Service in Huttendorf.

On January 6 Company B was ordered to support the 2nd Battalion of the 315th Infantry Regiment; and moved to Bitschwiller. The attack was to be made on the next town—Rohrwiller. Before the company, poised to move out, lay a flat open field, rolling gently towards Rohrwiller. It was early morning and a white winter mist lay over the land; visibility was poor. Two platoons of the infantry were deployed across the field, one in support. Infantrymen climbed aboard the tanks, and the attack moved out.

Slowly at first, then faster as no resistance was met, the attackers rolled into Rohrwiller.

Next town was Drusenheim; if Drusenheim were taken, the Rhine would be cleared of the enemy, from Drusenheim south to the Swiss border. Elements of the 42nd Infantry Division were in Drusenheim, but they were being counterattacked and in danger of being cut off.

Company B reached Drusenheim shortly after noon. In the assault was Lieut. Cullis Sears and his 2nd platoon, with the infantry; they crossed the bridge over the Moder River in the center of town and ran into trouble. A savage fire fight developed, the enemy fighting from every wall and building and ditch, sweeping the attackers with small arms fire, bazookas and artillery fire. It was not until nightfall that Sears and the infantry managed to drive to the far end of town and a few hundred yards beyond it; and their troubles were not over.

Sears took up defensive positions for the night.

The 1st platoon, under Lieut. John L. Perkins, also reached the Moder and deployed along its banks just outside town, in support of the assault troops. The 3rd platoon, under Lieut. Charles Wallace, was pulled back to outpost Rohrwiller.

Men in Sears platoon, on outpost, could hear the Germans clearly talking, a few hundred yards from them; and they could hear the sounds of military activity—the sound of an entrenching tool, voices, the distant roar of a tank engine.

At 0500 next morning the Germans opened a barrage on the platoon positions, and suddenly the barrage stopped.

Silence.

Breathless silence for thirty minutes; and then hell erupted again; the barrage, and out of it, still in the gray early light, the growl of German tank engines and their ghostly bulk half seen, and the slithering figures of infantrymen running with them; one after another Sears' tanks were picked off by the German tanks and anti-tank guns as they pulled back across the open terrain. Only two got back, three were left out on the field, knocked out and overrun; and when Perkins' platoon opened up from their positions along the Moder to help cover the withdrawal, two of their tanks were knocked out also.

Two medics, Pfc. Ronald G. Edbaur and Pfc. Noah W. Weaver were wounded when their peep, out on the open field, was struck by shrapnel, and Tec/5 Ray Palumbo and Pfc. Joseph Tilton went out to replace them.

While this was going on, Lieut. Wallace's platoon had been sent northeast from Rohrwiller to cut the Drusenheim-Herlisheim road, north from Drusenheim. They pulled into position in a woods overlooking the road and Wallace went forward on foot; and in an open road on the far side of the field he spotted heavy German armor. The gunners of the 3rd platoon opened up, fast as they could fire; in 20 minutes they had destroyed six German medium tanks.

The next day, the crippled 1st and 2nd platoons of B Company moved into a field on the right flank of the 3rd platoon.

For seven days the company was to stay there, for seven days and nights the company was to fight the battle for Herlisheim in the savage bitter cold. Seven days in the icy steel tanks, getting out only a few minutes at a time to restore circulation, as the enemy threw in barrage after barrage, and made counterattack after counterattack, and the company stayed.

(Mess Sergeant Gerald Neiten came up under artillery fire to bring up the food.)

During this period, A Company had been firing indirect in the Phillipsbourg area. There, too, there was snow on the ground and it was bitterly cold; and the company blew one enemy column apart with its fire.

Then A Company was pulled out and moved to Mulhausen and Woerth and then to Grassendorf to rejoin the battalion.

Battalion moved to Mertwiller over roads slick with ice, the half-tracks and tanks and peeps and trucks skidding and spinning on the roads; the 125th ran sanding trucks day and night, but the vehicles still skidded; and the next day the battalion moved again, this time onto the fields, and shivered on the ice-cold ground.

On January 13 the 47th's Reconnaissance Platoon, now under S/Sgt. Amos Chandler, moved out to reconnoiter a route to the Hatten-Rittershoffen area.

The 19th Infantry remained at Sarreinsberg for ten days. B Company was on the north and east, C Company on the south and west. The 2nd platoon of B Company was in four houses jutting out from the east of town on a bare hill that sloped gently down on both sides till it disappeared in the dark, black forest. The farthermost house was 200 yards from the village proper.

The 1st platoon was 1000 yards to the right, where Lieut. Russell Blair, and T/Sgt. Johnnie M. Taylor set up the defense on the forward slope of the hill, three rifle squads in line, mortar and machine gun squads on the flanks.

The AT Platoon was held in support.

Company C used the 3rd Platoon to outpost the road to the southwest, with the 2nd in reserve, the AT Platoon on antitank outpost.

The Battalion Mortar, Machine Gun and Assault Gun Platoons were set up in town with four TD's of the 645th TD Battalion and part of the 117th Cavalry. The rear CP was at St. Louis de Bitche.

Late on January 1 the Battalion was ordered to withdraw to Rostieg; the Battalion march order was issued at 0800 January 2; by this time enemy patrols were pushing into the outpost positions. C Company was loaded in vehicles when its men learned the Germans had cut the road 2000 yards south with a force of tanks, anti-aircraft guns and infantry. C Company dismounted. The 2nd platoon was ordered to defend the high ground south of town.

A patrol of 10 men under S/Sgt. Eugene M. Lynch was sent west to determine whether the enemy had cut off the Battalion in that sector as well as in the south; the enemy attacked from the south almost immediately and the patrol was recalled.

C Company pulled back to Sarreinsberg and set up defenses.





Cutting of the Meisenthal road left only open the road to St. Louis de Bitche and the Battalion vehicles were sent to that town; enemy patrols were aggressively probing the 19th's positions and a full scale attack was launched against B Company.

The enemy advanced on B Company up the winding road from the woods, screaming and yelling demands for surrender and firing automatic weapons; B Company answered in a sudden burst of fire with every weapon they had, machine guns in free traverse. The enemy attack was slowed, stopped; fell back to the woods to reorganize.

The Germans attacked again, screaming, and got to town before they were stopped by point-blank fire.

The fighting continued during the afternoon; at night the 2nd Platoon of B Company pulled back to the houses at the edge of town.

Just after midnight the enemy attacked again.

Holding fire till the enemy was almost on them, Lieut. Alvin Sweitzer's platoon opened up; but the Germans were not stopped. Sweitzer called on the Mortar Platoon for fire; the mortar rounds followed the enemy up the moonlit road, and still they came. Sweitzer called for fire 25 yards in front of his positions.

"That's too close," the mortar men said.

"I know it," Sweitzer answered. "Be sure your bubbles are level and give me an on the way!"

The mortars landed and the attack was stopped; the enemy pulled back to the woods. In the moonlight the grotesque sprawled bodies could be seen lying in the fields.

The Germans attacked again; again the fire was held till the leading enemy soldiers were caught in a murderous cross fire at short range,

(One German got into the platoon's house; S/Sgt. Edward D. Collins tossed a hand grenade into the room and silence reigned. Next day the German walked out of the room and surrendered.)

In the second attack the Germans took the four houses east of town and B Company asked for reinforcements. C Company's 2nd platoon, commanded by Lieut. Robert E. Lingle, arrived, and the attack was stopped. Plans were made to attack at 0700 to recapture the houses; but the Germans attacked again.

Pfc. Robert J. Erickson and Pvt. Robert J. Michael crawled out to hand grenade the Germans in foxholes.

S/Sgt. Eugene M. Lynch's 2nd Platoon captured three enemy in foxholes only a few yards from their house.

Shortly thereafter the German company commander was captured; then 38 enemy came out of the four houses they held, waving white flags.

T/Sgt. John J. Courvy led a patrol to the houses to clean them up; eight more enemy were captured.

All this time the town was under German fire; a light tank was knocked out; the medical aid station was getting so much fire it had to move (and it was a 1500 yard haul for the litter squads from the forward positions; vehicles could not get over the terrain).

Early that afternoon enemy tanks were heard; enemy tanks and infantry were seen moving up the road toward B Company's 1st Platoon. Pfc. James N. Anders opened fire with his machine gun, scattering the infantry; and the tanks stopped. Anders continued to spray the German infantry in the fields. The enemy tanks opened up with 88 MM and machine gun fire and began to move up. S/Sgt. Harold Chandler fired 385 rounds of mortar ammunition trying to beat off the assault; Sweitzer and Pvt. David Glick of the Assault Gun Platoon were adjusting fire when the enemy tank came around a bend in the road on them; they laid on it with tracer fire, and a 645th TD, seeing the tracers riccochet, moved up, fired one round, and knocked the tank out.

The battalion supply route from Ingwiller had been cut; that morning a convoy of seven trucks under Lieut. Norman W. Michelson and WOJG Maitland C. Brasher, bringing up badly-needed ammunition, came under such severe enemy fire it was forced to turn back; Pfc. Steve Chovan and Pfc. R. A. Handschuck were in an ammo truck so nearly hit by a mortar that Chovan was wounded. Lieut. W. O. Eckel succeeded in finding a 100 mile route through St. Louis de Bitche, and supplies came up over that.

The battalion was attached to the 179th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division and the battalion CP moved to Goetzenbruck; the battalion continued to lay mortar fire on enemy positions (and saw one house, hit three times, start to burn and enemy soldiers ran out and started to pull away a gun; and the crew was hit and the gun destroyed).

Enemy prisoners identified the attacking forces as nine companies of the 457th Volks Grenadiers Regiment, and located a battalion CP for the mortars.

Lieut. George A. Miller took a patrol of 3-C-19 to determine advanced enemy positions at Altborn. The patrol located an 88 MM gun but came under mortar fire and withdrew.

The enemy brought up heavier guns; 240 MM rounds

landed near the 19th's Mortar Platoon positions. The platoon was firing 300 rounds a day. Now, when a mission was called the men would run to their guns, fire, and run back to their foxholes.

C Company replaced B Company; the Recon Platoon was constantly patrolling the supply route to keep it open; the 19th inaugurated its "turkey shoot" again.

The next day, an attack was ordered on the enemy to the south; the assault jumped off at noon after a short artillery preparation, B-19 on the left, and E Company, 2nd Battalion, 179th Infantry, on the right. Both companies received heavy mortar and machine gun fire as they reached the woods; mines prevented attached tanks and assault guns from moving up. The lead elements of B Company were pinned down by the fire, and when they finally made a push for the woods, ran into heavy cross fire of machine guns. T/Sgt. John J. Conroy removed the tank mines by himself.

So many men of 3-B-19, including Lieut. Harris Loken, had been hit that the platoon was pulled back and put in support.

Sweitzer, meanwhile, seeing the attack stalled, pulled his assault guns back, around the mines and attacked from the northwest. The guns skidded down the hard, icy ground to ahead of the infantry. They began to fire point blank into the enemy positions. Sgt. Josiah Stephens took the near targets and Sgt. Leo Bartus took the far ones; Stephens dismounted and attacked the enemy positions on foot; and Corp. Fred Riccardi dismounted to help him. The infantry moved up and the assault guns moved on. Corp. Wilbur Widmann saw a round of his 75 hit an enemy soldier directly.

The assault companies were ordered to dig in. B-19 sent a patrol to reconnoiter in front of its positions; the patrol was fired on; when the medics moved forward to rescue the wounded men they were fired on and an assault gun had to go up with them.

The assault guns knocked out eight machine guns; the infantrymen, moving through the woods firing machine guns from the hip, firing BAR's and rifles, captured three enemy machine guns.

The infantrymen dug in, logs over their foxholes to keep off the tree bursts.

C Company and B Company tied in; their lines occupied

350 yards of flat, open, high terrain excellent for defense. The night was bitter cold on the snow-covered ground. Lieut. Joseph F. Price, with enlisted men, carried blankets, food, hot coffee up on foot to the men holding the line; the wounded were worked back.

S/Sgt. Ronald C. Henwood, Pfc. Joseph Lowinger were digging a foxhole when two enemy crawled close.

"Comrade," said one German.

"Nichts comrade," said Lowinger, raising his shovel; and the Germans surrendered.

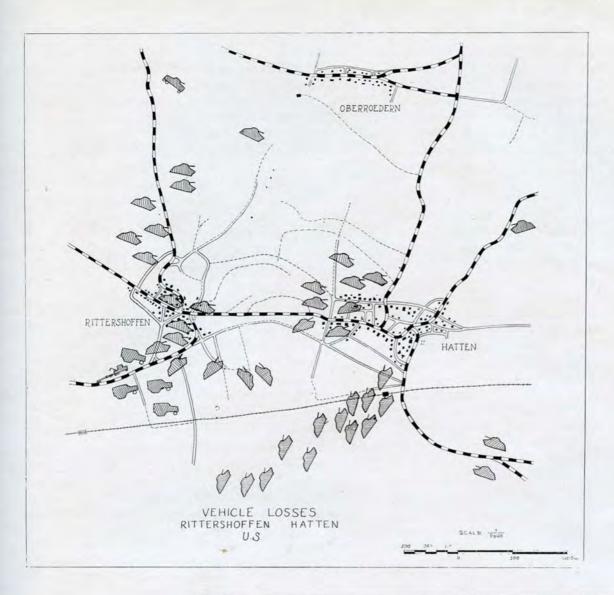
Action quieted; there was patrolling and mortar and artillery fire; but it was not heavy; B Company was relieved by C Company along the line. One of C Company's patrols was pinned down by enemy fire, managed to pull back when the company's heavy machine guns opened up. A heavy enemy barrage lasted more than an hour; most of the shells were tree bursts, spraying the foxholes with shrapnel; but by now the foxholes were so strong and elaborate that only six casualties resulted.

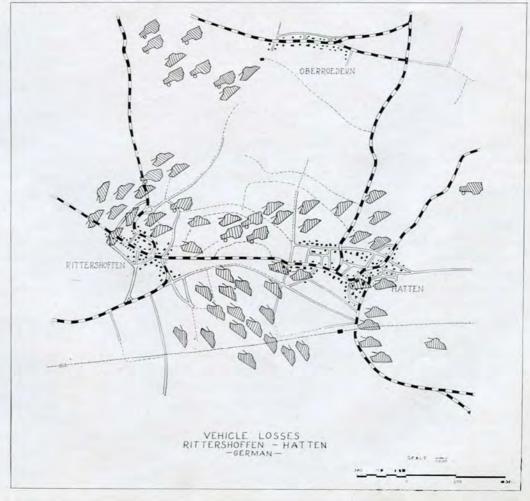
Next day, the assault guns supported E-2-179 in an attack to Althorn. Corp. Fred Riccardi saw 52 enemy surrender merely because he pointed his 75 at the first three houses, his assault gun was lost when ordered to attack a German tank. Riccardi loaded his 75 with HEAT (high explosive, antitank) and Sgt. Leo J. Bartus ordered the driver, Tec/4 Frank Nicholls, to move up past a corner so he could fire down the street on the German tank. Riccardi traversed his turret to the side; the assault gun moved up. Before the gun even cleared the corner, the waiting German tank opened up and with two rounds set the assault gun on fire. Nicholls jumped out, his clothes afire; Riccardi jumped and a machine gun opened up on him. Bartus and Pfc. Uno Tervo never got out of the tank.

The infantrymen and the other Assault Guns were ordered to take up defensive positions in town and spent a "horrible night." (19th Infantry report.) Next morning T/Sgt. Kenneth Earhart was ordered to take the remaining Assault Gun back to Battalion; and the 19th was relieved. It moved back to Forstheim and Lanbach for reorganization.

The 94th Cavalry moved back to Kirwiller and reorganized; D Troop sent a patrol to check the route to Phalsburg; most of the squadron was busy maintaining vehicles, weapons







and other equipment; and on January 5, D Troop was attached to the 79th Infantry Division. The Troop moved out to Weyersheim, and began to run patrols in the Weyersheim-Kurtzenhausen-Hoerdt area. There was dismounted outpost work and liaison work with the French; the troop was intermittently shelled, but there were no casualties.

A Troop which had been outposting Division Headquarters, moved to Uttwiller, where it, too, did patrolling; the Troop moved to Mulhausen and ran patrols to Zinswiller, Rothbach and Ingwiller.

B Troop relieved C Troop in patrolling around Bouxwiller; F Company outposted the town itself. Squadron Headquarters moved to Bouxwiller and E Troop took over some outposting.

F Company moved to Kirwiller from Reipertswiller and got its first rest in four days.

The Squadron moved to Gundershoffen on the 11th and could hear intense artillery fire; E Troop and F Company outposted the town; B Troop was to send a patrol every hour from Niederbronn to Rothbach and D Troop to patrol from Morsbronn to Hagenau every two hours. Almost immediately D Troop was ordered during daylight to reconnoiter Schwabwiller-Hohwiller-Hermerswiller and to set up listening posts along that line; and B Troop was to take over D Troop's route. Then B Troop was ordered to assemble and to move to Gunstett.

The 14th was moving into position.

On the north edge of the Hagenau forest lies a plain that slopes gently upward to a crest above the tiny Seltzbach River, drops to the stream below.

On the slope, halfway from the woodline to the crest, lie the twin villages of Hatten and Rittershoffen. At Hatten and Rittershoffen the battle was to be judged.

The land is as flat and smooth as a billiard table, and Hatten is a couple of kilometers due east of Rittershoffen. You can see the one from the other.

For sheer bloody vicious tenseness, Hatten and Rittershoffen were twin nightmares, multiplying each other geometrically; and General Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Sixth Army Group, was to say:

"At Hatten and Rittershoffen the 14th Armored Division fought one of the greatest defensive battles of the war."

There, the German was in the house next door, and the German was in the house across the street (more than once he was in the cellar while you were upstairs) and the enemy was in the hills, to the north.

When you moved he fired a burp gun, 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 the crest above the towns. 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, anti-tank guns and artillery.

If you were an infantryman you laid against a wall in the cellar, hoping to God no high explosive would land directly on the house, and you went out to attack, and to fight off the vicious counterattacks again and again. You fought with mortars and machine guns and grenades and rifles and bayonets and called in your own artillery—all to take one miserable little house.

And then the German would counterattack.

If you were a tanker, you sat with your eye glued to the 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. The dead were lying in the streets and on the ground and in the cellars and on the rubbish. German soldiers and American soldiers. Civilians. The girl who tried to run from her cellar and got fifteen steps.

Two farming villages lying on the gentle slope; two hundred houses apiece, perhaps, and with two main streets each. Three hundred yards long and a couple of hundred wide.

Hatten and Rittershoffen.

Paratroops the German 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 artillery. The 21st Panzer Division; the 25th Panzer Grenadiers; the 7th Parachute Division; the 47th Volks Grenadiers Division.

This powerful force had struck, all along the line, drove back men of the 42nd Infantry Division, and cut off men of the 79th Division. The 14th Armored Division was ordered to counter-attack to restore the MLR.

The men of the 14th Armored moved up to attack.

Long columns of the tanks and infantry half-tracks and artillery pieces and trucks, the drivers seeing nothing but the vagueness of the fields at night, the dark strip of the road, the blackness of the woods. All the light in the world was the faint glow of the instrument panel, the twin red blackout tail lights of the vehicle ahead; every now and then you heard the angry howl of a 500 horse tank engine as the driver shifted for a bad stretch. The stucco-and-timber farm houses of the villages, huddled together like gray stone sheep with slanted red tile roofs, were silent, just around the bends in the road.

The official Combat Command A report states that:

"In the early hours of 9 January the 5th Tank Battalion of the 25th Panzer Grenadier Division attempted a double envelopment of the town of Hatten with a force of 15 Mark IV tanks on the north flank and 15 Mark IV tanks followed by a company of mounted armored infantry on the south flank." CCA was still part of Task Force Wahl, was committed to the counter-attack.

On the afternoon of January 9, at 1420 the 1st Platoon of Company A, 48th Tank Battalion was ordered by CCA into position east of Rittershoffen to counter the Nazi threat of the southern envelopment from Hatten. Company A thought it was in reserve, in a quiet sector. Lieut. Edgar D. Woodard was in command of the platoon.

"We took up positions just in front of town and waited for the attack we knew was coming," Lieut. Woodard said later.

"We didn't have to wait long. Six German tanks began moving along the railroad track from Hatten. They were on our left, and they apparently didn't see us, so we let them get within 600 yards. Then we let go.

"A Mark IV was leading the advance. One of our tanks



opened fire, and before the Krauts knew what was coming off, had poured four rounds into the hull. The tank went up in flames.

"The other tanks in my platoon had opened up, and within five minutes, all six of the German tanks were knocked out.

"They were so damned surprised they didn't fire a shot back at us.

"About an hour later we got another tank. He came out of the woods and tried to make a run for his own lines. He burst into flames.

"It was getting dark and though tanks don't fight well at night we moved. We saw a German personnel carrier loaded with Krauts rolling along the road. One round of HE and the carrier blew up.

"The next thing that came along was a motorcycle with a Kraut soldier riding it, and we took care of that with .30 caliber.

"Then a medium tank started to sneak into town on our left. We got him. Another tank had managed to get into town, but he made the mistake of poking his nose out, and two of our tanks started him burning.

"We picked off a command car on the road a little later.

"Finally we finished off the party in a blaze of fireworks we nailed a self propelled that must have been loaded with ammunition, for it blew into bits with a terrific blast."

That isn't quite all the story.

Here is a General Order—War Department General Order No. 21—a Presidential Citation:

"1st Platoon, Company A, 48th Tank Battalion, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action on 9 January 1945 near Hatten, France. Assigned to the mission of repulsing an enemy attack, the 1st Platoon, consisting of four operating medium tanks, moved rapidly and decisively to the support of friendly infantry already partially overrun by enemy armor. Displaying great skill and superior marksmanship, the platoon engaged sixteen Mark IV tanks in a deadly fire fight, and without loss of men or equipment, destroyed six enemy tanks and forced the remainder to flee. Later in the day the 1st Platoon destroyed four disabled enemy tanks which the Germans were attempting to evacuate. The fearless, daring, and intrepid actions displayed by the members of the 1st Platoon, Company A, 48th Tank Battalion, exemplify the high traditions of the armed forces of the United States."

The 3rd Platoon of Company A, under Lieut. William Kidd, moved to the north flank, east of Rittershoffen. (The

2nd Platoon was on the south flank, west of Hatten; Troop C of the 94th Cavalry was furnishing fire data to A-48 and to the Assault Guns of E-94.)

Troop C-94 and the 3rd Platoon Troop E also received a Presidential Citation for their work that day:

"For outstanding performance of duty in action on January 9, 1945 in the vicinity of Hatten and Rittershoffen, France. Troop C, 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, together with the 3rd Platoon, Troop E, 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, operating under Task Force Wahl had been assigned the mission of maintaining an observation screen to detect enemy armored penetrations through the main line of resistance of the Task Force. From well established observation posts, Troop C and 3rd Platoon, Troop E, supplied higher commanders with rapid, accurate information of the attack on Hatten by an estimated three armored infantry battalions of a Panzer Grenadier Division. As the overwhelming enemy attack overran two of the observation posts, their locations were displaced to effective positions, without interrupting the flow of information.

"In the early afternoon of the same day a tank battalion of a Panzer Grenadier Division attempted a double envelopment of the town of Hatten, with a force of fifteen Mark IV tanks followed by a company of mounted infantry on the South flank. Troop C and 3rd Platoon, Troop E, made prompt and detailed reports in a manner which enabled reserves to be so effectively committed as to decisively defeat and repel the enemy attack.

"Information furnished directly from the observation posts caused tank and assault gun fire to be directed at the south enemy tank force with the resultant destruction of seven Mark IV tanks and one self-propelled gun.

"The outstanding performance of the officers and men of these units under exceptionally difficult and hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon all concerned and are in the high traditions of the military service."

A Company, 48th, was receiving artillery and anti-tank fire; an anti-tank gun fired on Lieut. Kidd's tank; he spotted it and laid his gunner on. The first round fell short and the German fired again and the round passed under Kidd's tank. Kidd's second round put him out of action.

At 1600 Maj. Cavin, commanding officer of the 48th, and the CO of the 242nd Infantry Regiment arranged a coordinated attack with one platoon of A-48 tanks and one platoon of infantry attacking to the east on each side of Hatten. The attack jumped off at 1710; the attack on the north met little opposition and reached the objective at 1830; the attack on the south met some resistance and reached its objective at 1845.

Cpl. Franklin J. McGrane described the attack:

"We left our commanding ground and eased down past the Jerry tanks, burning like steel torches to guide our way in the darkness. Doughfeet walked behind us, five to a tank. Now and then Heine ammo in the flaming tanks would explode and throw hot metal into the night to make the sky a blanket of twisted colors. The night was cold; the wind was sharp. We stamped our feet on the floor of the tank. We went along the valley floor, due east. On our right the forest was invisible in the night. The Jerry life line, the road south from Hatten to Seltz, had to be severed. From out of Hatten came a vehicle; we wet our chilled lips. One tank fired, two and three and the Jerry vehicle burst into flames. Strange and ghostlike was the scene as the flare lit up the country in the back-ground. The gravestones glittered at us through the fire."

Next day, the 10th, the 48th Tank and men of the 315th Infantry attacked to the east to restore the MLR at Hatten.

Companies C and B of the 48th were the attack companies. The weather was miserable, cold and wet and dark, late mornings and early dusks.

A single track French railway runs along the slope on which Hatten and Rittershoffen lie, east and west, and passes south of the towns.

When the tank-infantry attack moved out, 3-C-48 was on one side of the railroad track and 1-C-45 on the other. The 2nd Platoon was in reserve.

The tanks crunched ahead over the snow; they didn't use the roads, the ground was ice hard.

The attacking force was strafed by the first jet-propelled German planes.

The 48th ran into murderous anti-tank gun, artillery and small arms fire; three tanks were knocked out instantly by an anti-tank gun in the north edge of Hatten.

The 48th's story of the attack quotes Corp. Darrell E. Todd, gunner in No. 1 tank:

"The attack order came down and we were on our way toward the left of Hatten. Lieut. (John A.) Stair spotted three German medium tanks as we inched our way over the final ridge before Hatten, near the north edge of Hatten, their right sponsons toward us. I fired at the center one and all hell broke loose. Our whole company must have seen the Kraut tanks at the same time—within two minutes the Panzers were flaming coffins. Then the Heinies struck back. Anti-tank guns took three of our tanks before we could pull back."

By 1740 the MLR had been restored and the company was pulled back to outpost the edge of Rittershoffen for the night. The fields were snow covered; the "screaming meamies" shrieked in and the straining men could hear German vehicles moving. The men called for artillery.

"We cannot give you artillery."

"But we can hear the Krauts talking."

"There are friendly patrols in that area."

No artillery.

The enemy used artillery.

Corp. Todd said later: "That night, the Heinies threw in a heavy barrage so they could move tanks and infantry up under it. The fires of the burning buildings in Hatten went out and the artillery walked up and down the field between the two towns. When it got light enough to see in the morning, there were Kraut tanks, painted white to blend with the snow, right in front of us. Our OD tanks stood out like sore thumbs. I saw a Kraut tank fire at our No. 5 tank, and he was 75 yards away the first time I saw him. I fired once point blank at him; he went up in flames. I traversed left as quick as I could and fired two fast rounds into a second German tank. Then their artillery opened up and we were in the middle of a counter-attack again.

Over the radio came a jumble of voices:

"I'm hit!"

"Oh those bastards!"

"Back straight, back straight. Now right, now right!"

Multi-colored German tracers criss-crossed in the dawn. A tank burst into flames, A corporal gunner said: "I sat in that seat and picked a spot on the steel side of the tank where I figured the first 88 would come through. I cursed the mist on the sight."

"We knocked out plenty of German tanks there, but not without great loss to ourselves," said Capt. John D. Wilson, commanding Company C.

CCA said:

"At approximately 0630 Company C was attacked by a company of German tanks and 300 infantrymen supported by a heavy artillery concentration. The attack was repelled at 0730."

The grim and bitter, unhappy story of death in those shattered and burning tanks:

No. 1 tank was hit; Pvt. Nathan G. McAfee was killed. No. 5 tank was hit; Sgt. Robert G. Relyea and Cpl. William H. Strickland were killed and Pfc. George E. Wetzel wounded. No. 6 was hit and no one was wounded; but Lieut. Clyde E. Merwin, Jr., was wounded and captured trying to rejoin the battalion after safely leading his crew to Kuhlendorf. No. 8 was hit; Sgt. William H. Brown, Tec/5 Edward J. Daver and Pfc. Albert O. Sapeens were machine gunned after they got out and were killed. No. 10 was hit and Corp. Ray C. Parker was killed. No. 18 was hit but the crew escaped.

The 1st platoon now consisted of two tanks. The 2nd had one tank. The 3rd had three. The company was ordered to pull back to the high ground north of Rittershoffen.

Capt. Robert G. Elder's B-48 had been in the attack with C-48, on the south side of the sector.

S/Sgt. Robert M. Winslow, platoon sergeant of the 3rd Platoon, said:

"We were to move south across the railroad track, then due east across the 'pool table'—the flat, treeless land around Rittershoffen and Hatten. Our objective was the Hatten-Seltz road that A Company had cut the first night. It wasn't very far as distance goes, perhaps two kilometers away.

"As we moved out into the open the Germans began laying artillery in but we received no direct fire from Rittershoffen. When we reached the point where we were to cross the tracks, my section went across in line, covered by the other section. The 1st platoon was moving east, south of the tracks, at this time. As my section crossed the track we were fired on from

somewhere on the south or the west edge of Hatten. My section apparently got out of the traverse of these guns but as we moved up 100 yards further two more German flat trajectory guns opened up on us. Behind me, Capt. Elder's tank was hit twice in quick succession. Four more tanks were hit and still we couldn't pick up the flashes. It's a strange feeling to see a shower of sparks cover the turret of the tank in front of you. Your whole body goes tense, you are scared to your fingertips. 'Driver, back! Hard right! Move out straight! Straight! See that knocked-out Kraut tank? Get behind it, kick hell out of it. Communications went out. You're helpless then. Darkness came down like a blanket."

Five tanks of B Company were hit, but none of them were put out of action. When darkness came, the company was ordered to withdraw.

Like C Company, B Company pulled back to Rittershoffen that night; and in the German attack during the early hours the next day, Sgt. Roland Albright's tank was hit by an 88 fired by a German Mark IV tank and went up in flames. Four members of the crew, including Sgt. Albright, were burned.

On January 11, the 68th Armored Infantry moved from its assembly area near Soultz to Kuhlendorf, and dug in to defend against a possible German tank attack.

At 1545, the battalion was ordered to attack to the east and southeast of Rittershoffen, to relieve the pressure on the 3rd Battalion of the 315th Infantry, that was having a hard time. Two platoons of A Company were on the left, C Company on the right, and one platoon of 125th Engineers were in reserve. (Company B had been attached to the 48th, who were making a similar attack from the south; and Company A-48 was attached to the infantry.)

The tanks ground slowly ahead, the infantry moving beside them, the attack went well until the tanks and infantrymen began to move through the orchard on the west edge of town; and the enemy opened up with a terrific mortar and artillery barrage. The small arms fire slashed across the ground, knee high; and the infantrymen began to fall.

Men of Company C-68 fought their way into two houses on the southwest corner of town; but the coming of the early dusk forced them to fall back and to dig in for the night.

Said the official CCA report:

"The 68th attack encountered heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. At dark it held the line approximately 500 yards northwest of Rittershoffen, where dug-in defenses for the night were prepared."

And digging in on that rock-hard ground was a problem in itself.

(Troop C-94 had had a section of the 2nd platoon cut off in Hatten on the 10th by the German tank-infantry attack; the section managed to withdraw to Rittershoffen, but Sgt. Leslie E. Koontz, the Section Leader, was killed and other men were wounded by the mortar fire; and an armored car and a peep were lost.)

During the night of the 11th-12th, patrols from C-68 managed to get into Rittershoffen to contact elements of the 315th and inform them that relief would come in the morning. The 68th was scheduled to jump off at 0800. (Late, because the dawn came so late; the winter weather was always miserable, always cold and dark and with a freezing mist that gave the tankers and infantrymen frostbite and

frozen toes as they lay in foxholes or sat in cold steel tanks through the night, and trench foot; and the sights frosted and the oil films in the guns congealed, and the guns had to be stripped and reassembled and stripped again.) A Company laid down protective fire; C Company drove on the town with A-48. Said CCA: "The attack progressed slowly during the day against enemy small arms, automatic weapons, artillery and direct fire of tanks and assault guns."

C-68 gained more houses on the south of town; then A Company moved in and the direction of the attack was changed from east to north. Tank-infantry teams were organized, eight infantrymen moving with each tank. The tanks inched ponderously a few yards down the street, heavy cannon searching out machine gun nests, enemy strong points; the infantrymen moved along with them, running, dodging from building to building, throwing grenades in the cellar windows, going through each small farm house room by room, rifles at the ready, hand grenades ready; the artillery and mortar fire screamed into the street and exploded the roofs; and the German machine gun fire swept the street in quick nasty blasts. C Company fought through a few more houses along the alley to the north, later called "C" Street; A Company was held up trying to get into town, bogged down in the hell of the artillery and small arms fire sweeping through the orchard; and the houses that C Company did take were untenable. The retreating Germans set fire to each house before they left it. As Company A-48 moved its tanks into town, No. 3 tank was hit and knocked out; Lieut. Saul Rabinowitz, Tec/5 Carl J. Kinnunen and Pfc. Guy B. Sykes were killed.

The 48th, meanwhile, was making a separate attack into Rittershoffen, with B Company of the 68th.

Again quoting CCA's report:

"As darkness fell, positions were established to hold the ground gained, and preparations were made to continue the attack at daylight. The 48th Tank Battalion had proceeded into Rittershoffen at 0800 meeting heavy artillery fire. After withdrawing and reorganizing it re-entered the south edge of town. Company D, 48th Tank Battalion, attacked east, south of Hatten, reaching the enemy main line of resistance at 1815, withdrawing at dark."

By the end of the 12th, CCA held approximately one half of town, a brutal, bloody, slow business. The 14th was attacking; but the enemy was attacking also, and both sides were continually strengthening their forces. The savage, heavily powered armies ground against each other; by the morning of the 13th the entire 14th Armored Division had been thrown into the attack. There was no reserve; the three combat commands were in the line.

On the morning of the 13th CCA launched another attack: the 48th, the 68th, and the 3rd Battalion of the 315th, attached to CCA.

(During the night of the 12th, the 2nd Platoon of C-94 laid a mine-field on the eastern edge of Rittershoffen; and the men of the platoon could hear the Germans talking in the quiet between the blasts of firing; the 3rd Platoon was running mounted patrols between CCA Headquarters in Kuhlendorf and Rittershoffen, along that shell-torn road. They were continually fired on by the enemy, and several times they were fired on by the tense, nerve-weary friendly infantrymen; that night the platoon ran dismounted patrols

-in two sections-through the Hagenau forest.

(The 1st Platoon was occupying positions on the south flank of Rittershoffen that they had been ordered to take up on the night of the 11th of January; the platoon had moved out to take over "temporarily" a gap in the lines; the men stayed out there for three days and nights without food, water, or blankets; the men slipped over to the infantry foxholes under the cover of darkness and borrowed K rations; and they were continually pounded by artillery fire. Five men were later treated for shell shock.

At 0800 on January 13, CCA launched its attack to clear Rittershoffen.

"The 68th made slow house-to-house progress against small arms, mortar and artillery fire," said the CCA report again, "and knocked out two German tanks. After laying a smoke screen on the southeast edge of Rittershoffen, the 48th attacked and progressed to the church in the east part of town, opposed by anti-tank, tank, mortar and machine gun fire. (Lieut. Joseph A. Conard and Pfc. George C. Wygal were killed in action in the fighting.) Seven medium tanks, proceeding south of town, reached a point midway between Rittershoffen and Hatten, cutting the road between these two towns by fire. The 3rd Battalion of the 315th was able to make very little progress against heavy enemy resistance,"

But the 48th had driven too far for the enemy; if he was to break through, he must have these towns, break the 14th; and so the German counter-attacked with infantry and artillery, tanks and flame-throwing tanks, coming west from Hatten.

CCA called on artillery, artillery of the 14th and Corps artillery, and the attack was stopped. (Men of C-68 knocked out flame-throwing tanks with bazookas; and in the orchard near town A-68 fought a savage battle with bazookas, reinforced by the 48th's tanks, against German armor and infantry.) An estimated 23,000 rounds of artillery were fired, and the attack was held. "Attack was met by all fire available," said CCA, "and was repulsed by 2400."

CCB and CCR had come into the picture.

CCB, moving out of Woerth-Riblisheim-Gunstett, launched its attack with the 62nd Armored Infantry Battalion and the 25th Tank Battalion, with the 499th Field Artillery in direct support, at 1130 on January 12.

The attack was designed to recover the ground west of Hatten and Rittershoffen, and to restore the MLR in that area.

A and C Companies of the 62nd, with C-25, were in the assault; and the rest of the 25th, plus B-62, followed at 500 yards with the mission of going through and seizing the high ground north and east of Hatten.

The 62nd attack managed to get 1000 yards past the line of departure; the men clad in OD's stood out like targets on a rifle range against the white snow, and the German fire cut them down; artillery fire, mortar fire, small arms fire sweeping the flat open land.

"The men moved up to the line of departure, leaving the friendly Alsatian towns, laughing," A-62's account states. "For many of them it was to be their last laughter."

The 3rd Platoon of A-62 had been recalled from CCA, but did not arrive in time to take part in the attack, and so "was the only platoon that did not suffer near annihilation."

The Germans waited until the entire infantry battalion was

out on that open ground; then they opened fire. Wounded men dropped screaming to the ground and were frozen where they lay. Capt. Ianella was lost that day, and the 62nd's attack was stopped dead.

A Company suffered the worst casualties; Capt. Ianella and 70-odd men were gone, and the company began to fall back, straggling man by man through the rest of the late afternoon and the night, as best they could through the fire.

The 3rd Platoon came up and began to dig in, to establish defensive positions a short distance in front of the line of departure; the men who managed to get back were organized for defense, and the Anti-Tank Gun Platoon was put on the line.

So frozen was the ground that it took some of the men six and a half hours to dig foxholes, but by dawn every man was dug in from sight of enemy observation 2000 yards away.

Many of the men in C-62 had moved into a ditch in their area.

The 1st Platoon, acting as support, radioed to Capt. Trammell that it was receiving direct anti-tank fire from the high ground to the north.

"Dig deeper!" Capt. Trammell answered.

Trammell tried again and again to get the Battalion CP; he could get no answer, and, seeing his company gradually slashed by the artillery fire, ordered his men to fall back, and to bring back as many A Company men as possible.

Trammell went back to the battalion CP, found two burning C-25 tanks. The Battalion commander had been wounded and evacuated, and Trammell ran into Major Higgins.

C Company was ordered in to attachment to the 25th Tank Battalion; A and B Companies were to outpost generally along the line of departure of the ill-fated attack.

Then it was found that C Company men had tried to evacuate Capt. Ianella, but the fire had been so bad he had ordered them to let him stay where he was, and get back themselves.

Maj. Andrew J. Richards took command of the 62nd.

Company C-25 ran into trouble in the same attack. Heavy artillery and mortar fire began to fall about the tanks. The tanks were on the reverse slope on a ridge north of Rittershoffen, and were drawing direct fire from their right flank. Lieut. Gisse, 2nd Platoon leader, moved over the slope and started down the hill. His tank received three direct hits and



started to burn. Both he and Pfc. Elmer Rush were wounded. S/Sgt. James E. Knight pulled over the hill, and his tank was hit. Knight was killed instantly and his tank burst into flames.

B-25 was ordered to pass through C Company; and B Company ran into fire just as vicious. B Company was ordered to move at top speed; but as the tanks started over the ridge, Sgt. Harold Clyman's tank was hit. Corp. Maurice Fuquay in Lieut. William A. Close's tank sighted an enemy tank and opened fire. He put the enemy tank out of action. The B Company tanks pulled back and around to skirt the ridge; but once more, as soon as they hit the open, artillery and anti-tank gun fire opened up on them; visibility was so poor they could see no targets. Three tanks had been hit; and the tanks were ordered back to the line of departure.

Lieut. Martin's Assault Gun Platoon went into action and fired on Buhl and Stundwiller, 1270 rounds were fired by the platoon that day.

Lt. Paul M. Klinefelter's D Company Platoon was ordered to make a reconnaissance of the terrain up toward the Seltzback River, and despite heavy fire the mission was accomplished.

Lieut. James D. Fraser's D Company Platoon was ordered, under cover of darkness, to move along the Rittershoffen road and prevent enemy infiltration. (The platoon had the same outpost for three bitter freezing nights; the enemy had located their position, and they drew a great deal of artillery fire.

Company B-62 attacked with the tank battalion. Capt. Mohr was wounded; Lieut. Peoples took command of the company; the enemy fire cut into the company as it moved ahead behind the tanks, direct fire from captured American anti-tank guns, mortar fire, artillery fire.)

When the attack was stalled, B Company was recalled to Hohwiller for reorganization; the next day it moved out with A Company to take up the defensive line along the reverse slope of the ridge running from Kuhlendorf to Rittershoffen. The 1st and 2nd Platoons took up the positions first, tieing in with A Company and the 68th, the 3rd and AT Platoons in Kuhlendorf; the platoons were switched in the freezing foxholes every eight hours.

Next day, B and C Companies, 25th Tank, fired indirect on the enemy-held villages; and the 3rd Platoon of C Company moved out to try to cut the roads leading out of Hatten. Sgt. Phillip R. Ternan spotted two tanks to his right front. Before he could fire his tank was hit; Lieut. William H. Doerr was killed, Sgt. Ternan and Corp. Clifford C. Ritchie were wounded. S/Sgt. Felix J. Neff moved into position; he knocked out the enemy vehicles, a Mark V tank and self-propelled gun. Corp. Fred S. Hirsekorn and two other men helped load the wounded on the back of Sgt. Neff's tank, and they were evacuated; Sgt. Ternan was lying on the ground in full view of the enemy. Sgt. William J. O'Brien, under enemy fire, dismounted and worked his way over the ground to Ternan. He administered first aid; and in trying to get Ternan back, he himself was killed.

In the meantime, Lieut. Robert Chrisman tried to move his platoon down the main road; but Sgt. Leonard D. Rossa's tank was hit. The platoon pulled off the road and tried to swing around; the enemy waited until all the tanks were in the open, then laid in a murderous fire. Neff's tank went out of action; S/Sgt. Leonard R. Shelton's tank managed to get two enemy tanks, and Corp. Roy A. Smith, in Sgt. Eddie Parrish's tank, got another. Company C was pulled back behind the ridge to fire indirect; and Company A later came up to relieve it.

Lieut. Klinefelter's platoon was adjusting artillery fire and fire for Lieut, Hyde's platoon in Hoffen. The Recon Platoon half-track in Lieterswiller was the relay station.

Lieut. Geneser's platoon relieved Lieut. Hyde; he accounted for six enemy half-tracks and one tank; and the 76 MM tank guns were continually called in to fire on enemy personnel. It was a bitter, savage game of "cat-watch-mouse."

"No one can imagine the suffering that was endured those freezing nights in the tanks and the foxholes," said the official report of the 25th.

Company A knocked out enemy tanks and half-tracks; and its men suffered so many cases of frost bite, frozen toes and trench foot that C Company came up to relieve it.

Dug in on the frozen hillsides, the 62nd was holding a defense line to keep open the supply route between Rittershoffen and Hatten. The wounded were evacuated and A and C Companies were reorganized; and every day there were new casualties as the enemy artillery came in, and men were frozen.

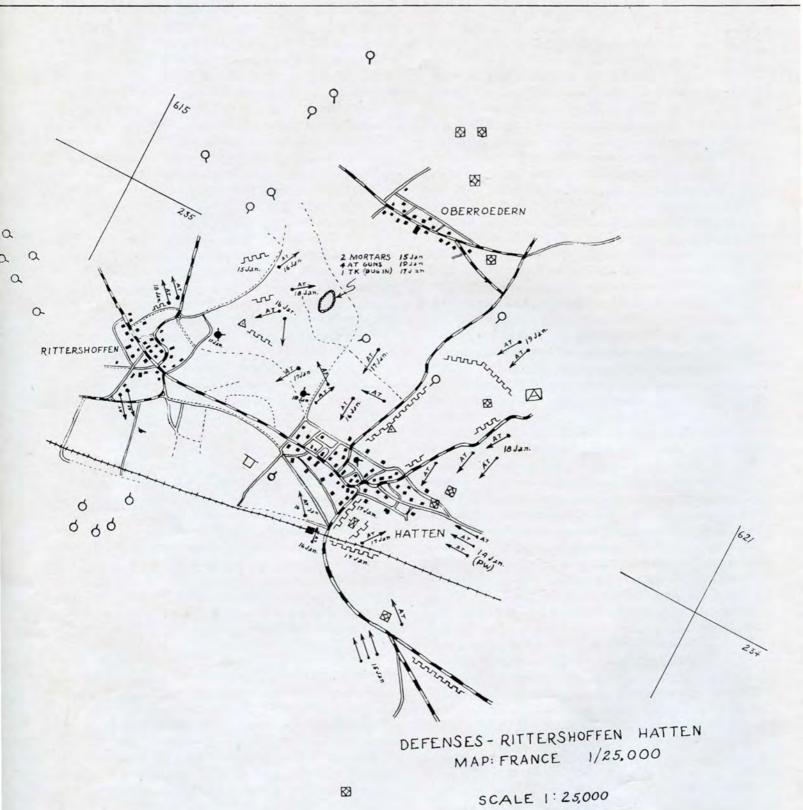
The A Company positions were discovered by enemy observation planes, and the men were continually strafed by German attack planes and the newly-arrived jet-propelled aircraft; and what had been sporadic shelling turned into an almost continuous bombardment.

Lieut. Dean T. Jones, new commander of Company A-62, was so nearly killed that his vehicle was set on fire; he walked two miles back to Kuhlendorf. Back in town, the infantrymen off the line were able to get hot food, mail, warm beds and a respite from the endless shelling.

In B-62's positions, continually pounded by the enemy artillery, casualties in the foxholes and on the changing of reliefs ran so high that the platoons were down to half strength. Men who safely lived through a shift on the line and the walk back to Kuhlendorf, were killed as they stepped in the doors of the houses they lived in. The 2nd and 3rd Platoon mortar positions received three direct hits; the 1st and Anti-Tank Platoons were shelled by white phosphorous.

The men of B-62 heard that an attack was to be launched to cut the road between Rittershoffen and Hatten. The 3rd Platoon was alerted; the 3rd Platoon had 20 men. (Normal strength, 56.) Then the 1st Platoon was alerted; then the plan was changed; it was decided to use regular infantry troops; the men of B Company watched them move up through their position, supported by tanks, and offered a silent prayer; no sooner had the infantrymen disappeared over the crest in the dim dark air of the winter day than the crescendo of shelling increased, the artillery and mortars screamed in. Darkness fell and the attacking infantrymen began to drift back through the lines. The attack had failed. Throughout the night the men of B Company crept out of the hill line to the moaning injured, worked them back to safety.

(Headquarters Company of the 62nd had its Recon Platoon pinned down by fire; Lieut. T. R. Day and Sgt. Glenn D. Blankenhorn tried to crawl forward to locate the guns firing, but the fire was so intense they were forced to withdraw; and with Sgt. John H. Young and Pvt. William J.



Presutto they began to give first aid to the men of the platoon who were wounded by the first blast; the tanks moved up and under their protection part of the platoon managed to get back. Pfc. Clyde J. Weed made it back only by wading chin deep down an icy stream. The Machine Gun Platoon maintained an outpost near Kuhlendorf, covering the Mortar Platoon. Pfc, Anthony Rogowski was wounded at his gun; Corp. Keith G. Lieding took over from him, and he too was wounded. Pfc. Frank G. Lozano laid in wire and mended breaks again and again under the artillery fire; and as with the other troops, the men used axes to dig foxholes in the freezing ground. Sgt, Robert T. Kelley and Pvt. Gerald N. Rector established an evacuation route of their own for the wounded. The Assault Gun Platoon set up near Hohwiller; for the men it was to be nine days of twenty-four hour firing; and counter-battery at times was so bad that they would run from their foxholes to their howitzers, fire the mission, and run back.)

Lieut, Robert L. Palecek of the 499th was observer of the attacks on Hatten; saw the men pinned down by the murderous fire. Palecek's radio went out, and the nearest artillery radio was several hundred yards away across that open terrain. But Palecek could see that the infantrymen were being decimated by the brutal fire; he crawled all the way across that open terrain, under fire, back to the artillery, and laid down a smoke screen under which the infantrymen were able to pull back and reorganize. Later, after the infantry had managed to drive into Hatten, Palecek and Lieut. Clarence H. Toeniskoetter started to Hatten to direct the artillery fire; in the snow and on the shell torn ground, they missed a turn into the road and ran straight into an enemy strong point. Palecek was killed.

Radio procedure went by the boards. Counter-attacks were continually being beaten off. The 499th's Journal shows five in one two hour period "from N, NE, and S"; and many of these counter-attacks were stopped almost solely by heavy artillery power. Concentration 50 Nan. 62 Able. 62 Baker. Lieut. David L. Grainger of B Battery was asked for an authentication of one fire mission. "Authenticate, hell; shoot it!" he said.

Lieut. Allman C. Emerson found a white-painted German tank on his position, its camouflage almost perfect. He crawled back over the snow across the ridge, and under artillery fire he adjusted a tank cannon on the enemy, to destroy it.

Says the 499th history:

"During this period, one of the greatest problems was the maintenance of wire communications. As with everything else, it was done under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire. Many heroic stories could be told of the wire crews who crawled through ditches to trace breaks, while the snipers fired at them, and the artillery landing around them made new breaks when it didn't kill them. No matter what the hour or the weather, no matter what the danger involved, they toiled night and day to maintain the life-blood of artillery communications."

And that could be said for the communications men of every other battalion, and of the 154th Signal Company.

With the 500th, on the first day of battle, Lieut. Phillip Wrathall's FO tank knocked out an enemy Mark IV tank. Lieut. Robert Vanderbeck, assistant S-4, was wounded; Pvt Albert F. Reiss was wounded; Lieut. Robert L. Hocker was wounded; Pvt. Willie Goodman of Service Battery was wounded when the Germans bombed Surbourg.

For the observer sections of the artillery in Rittershoffen cellars, in tanks by the railroad station, along a frozen stream in the woods south of Hatten, it was a seemingly endless period of fear and danger, of waiting for the next round to come in. Day after day men went out to their jobs on the line, knowing they might never come back. For the fire direction centers and the firing batteries it was a nerve-straining ordeal of sleepless alert, of firing normal barrage thirty seconds after the infantry called for it, of hurling thousands on thousands of rounds at the Germans. For Service Batteries, for Headquarters, for all, it was the story that cannot be told in words.

Said the 500th:

"When the Germans attacked we threw the massed guns of seven artillery battalions against them. When they assembled for another attack we threw more. When their planes came over to bomb and strafe us at noon, we fired .50 calibers."

The 398th AAA was doing its most savage firing of the war at the planes that came over again and again and again, and turning the brutal power of the multiple .50's on ground troops; and more than once those terrible guns saved the bacon for 14th infantrymen.

Divarty's wire section had to keep in wire between Division and the Batteries, between the 14th Armored and the 79th Infantry, and with Sixth Field Artillery Group.

Ammunition and wire were critical items. At Battery and Headquarters, at the CP and FDC, it was a round the clock performance; Sgts. Lawrence S. Terry and George A. Coleman, Cpl. Melvin C. Yocum and Alvis E. Street frequently had to make the decision themselves as to how much artillery could be given.

The Air OP was at Hageney; the liaison pilots adjusted every kind of gun (on the days they could fly) from 240 MM howitzers down, on every target they could find.

CCR moved into the attack.

The battle had reached its crescendo. The last troops of the Division, the final strength, was to be thrown into the lines, the whole power was to be unleashed against the still attacking Germans.

The 47th Tank Battalion and the 19th Infantry pulled down the streets of Niederberchdorf.

The 19th vehicles, in the blackness before the dawn on January 13, were backed into the narrow courtyards, the tanks of the 47th stood on the streets, the engines idling easily. The attack was to move out at 0530. The tank crews stood near the exhausts to keep warm.

The plan was still simple. To defend, the 47th and the 19th were to attack; where CCA had been principally attacking to the east, CCR was to attack to the north, to clear Hatten. (That day, CCA and CCB would be launching an attack to clear Rittershoffen with CCB in reserve.)

The attack was in difficulty before it started. The ferocity of the enemy required that the attack be launched with map reconnaissance only (quoting Seventh Army report); the location of the German anti-tank guns near Rittershoffen and Hatten was not known; the location of friendly troops in Hatten was not known. The strength of the enemy was underestimated and the location and quantity of German artillery



was incorrect. (The Germans had considerably reinforced their artillery, fired only one gun to register.) The enemy had the advantage in terrain.

At the 19th, Maj. Forest T. Green received an order from Col. Hudelson to send a ten-man patrol led by an officer on reconnaissance, Lieut. William M. Driscoll led the patrol.

The attack order was issued:

Germans hold most of Hatten in unknown strength. One battalion of friendly infantry occupy the western edge of town, cut off. CCA attacking in Rittershoffen, CCB is north of Rittershoffen in Corps reserve. CCR attacks Hatten from the south with the mission of establishing a MLR east of Hatten, advancing to the east astride the railroad tracks with 47th Tank Battalion on left, 19th with a 3-C-47th attached, on right. Artillery will shell Hatten and smoke southeast portion of Rittershoffen. Units cross LD at 0800.

Here is the 19th's account of the action:

"Our Battalion jumped off at 0800, on the south side of the railroad tracks, with Company A on the left, B on the right, and C in reserve. The Assault Gun Platoon supported with fire on the Railroad Station south of Hatten. The Machine Gun Platoon supported A Company, and the Mortar Platoon supported the Battalion from positions near the railroad on the LD, where the Battalion OP was located. The Battalion CP and all non-essential vehicles were in Niederbetschdorf. The 3rd Platoon of C-47 had attached one section of three tanks to A Company and one section of two tanks to B Company.

"Under cover of smoke, Companies A and B moved out across the bullet and shell-swept field, flat and level for 3000 yards, with C Company following. Slow but fairly steady progress was made until the companies got within about 300 yards of the southern edge of town, where a devastating hail of automatic weapons to the front and left front pinned them to the ground and stopped them cold. The tank platoon attached was called up to engage the enemy automatic weapons but three of the tanks were immediately hit by direct anti-tank fire and knocked out. Some of the tankers climbed out of the burning tanks. Contact with the other tanks was lost and Maj. Green went across the open field to the woods to contact them and was caught in a heavy tree-burst barrage of artillery fire. C Company was following within a few hundred yards of A and B. They got caught in the terrific tree-



burst barrage. The 3rd Platoon managed to take partial cover in shell holes but there was actually no good protection from the continual shelling.

"Casualties were mounting in the companies and the aid men were braving the heavy fire to give first aid. The companies could not move forward nor flank the enemy positions. Pfc. James R. Benzinger of B Company saw 'the sickening sight of a helmet spinning end over end some forty feet in the air.' The helmet belonged to Pfc. Zolen Newman, victim of a direct hit by an 88. The companies were ordered to withdraw at 1055. As they started pulling back toward the line of departure, everyone was carrying or assisting in carrying back the wounded.

"B Company had lost communication and as they were badly in need of artillery support and smoke, T/Sgt. John J. Conroy volunteered to run the gauntlet of fire to restore communications and, stripping himself of all excess equipment, made a dash across the field. The situation became steadily more critical and a field of fire was laid down as the company started to withdraw, leaving dead or dying and evacuating some twenty-five wounded. Pfc. Roy Thompson picked up an abandoned machine gun and began firing it from the hip. Thompson was hit by shrapnel; S/Sgt. Raymond L. Hart took the machine gun from him and with Pfc. Samuel L. Lheber carried him to safety. The bravest act of the day was the futile attempt of Pfc. Ian Bradley to evacuate Pfc. Don Reagh at great danger to himself. The company, inspired by these and many other acts of extreme bravery, managed, after much difficulty, to reorganize on a line along the east-west road running south-west of Hatten.

"Though the companies had withdrawn back to the LD, there was still one group unable to withdraw as they were too close to the fire that was pinning them down, just south of town. This group consisted of Lieut. Robert L. Palacek, 499th forward observer, Capt. Ernest M. Spokes, Lieut. Joseph Osborn, T/Sgt. Charles A. Raymond, Pfc. Frank J. Bonanno, Sgt. Harry C. Wood, Pvt. Marlowe D. Gerhart, Pfc. Marvin F. Murphy and Sgt. Jack B. Mooney, all of A Company. Palacek and Bonanno took off across the field and reached the tanks, where Palacek directed their covering fires. Then he went on back to the Battalion CP, where he contacted his artillery battery and adjusted smoke. The men remaining in the dugout managed to pull out, carrying the wounded. Ger-

hart said "Captain Spokes, I'll have to sign a statement of charges for the carbine I lost," and held up the stump of a hand in which he had been holding the gun.

"It was 1530 before complete withdrawal could be effected back to the original LD. A reorganization along this line was made. Sixty-two casualties were taken care of that morning."

Let us return to the 47th Tank Battalion's part of the action.

Capt. Harold D. Persky commanded Company C. At least, he commanded it that morning. His was to be the attack company, and the platoon, commanded by Lieut. Seth Sprague, was to be attached to the 19th Infantry.

Company A, commanded by Capt. Richard A. Tharpe, was in support. So were the assault guns, commanded by Lieut. Robert C, Harper. In reserve was Company D, commanded by Capt. Henry P. Tilden.

Follow Lieut. Sprague and his 3rd Platoon.

At daybreak his tanks are standing on the narrow frozen street of Niederbetschdorf. 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 green light on his receiver flashes on and he hears his call word crackling.

"Move out! Move out!"

"Wilco," he says, and switches to interphone.

"Move out," he says to the driver, "Move out."

The tank engine roars in his ears and he does not hear the driver 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 up. Sprague's head is even with the windows of the houses and he can see the road better before him.

Presently he is out of town and following the road by the ghostly white fields. On both sides of the road are lines of trees, poplar and sycamore. 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 black woods to his south a perfect white.

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

"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 that it's coming!"

The enemy is on the high ground to his left; they are behand 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. He cannot see the infantry, but he can hear the high-pitched scream of 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 tank sometimes as one hits close, and he can hear the shrapuel smash angrily at the armor sides. He is headed northeast, directly toward Hatten. He is within anti-tank range, but he cannot see any anti-tank guns. He can make out the houses

in Hatten, the slanted roofs white from the mist—a small farming village lying on the slope above him.

At 0930.

Captain Persky is on the air.

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

(Pfc. Harding Catlett and Cpl. Richard Russell escaped from one of the knocked out tanks by playing dead on the battlefield for 12 hours. They escaped under the cover of darkness, but not until a German soldier had cut a wrist watch off Russell's arm. They both suffered frost bite and Russell had a leg wound. The rest of the men were missing.)

The 1st and 2nd platoons of C Company are firing into Hatten; Lieut. Jones and Tec/4 Vito D'Ottone are wounded; Corp. John Lowe's tank is hit.

Lieut. Francis E. Marshall of 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 anti-tank guns are firing from; the south edge of Hatten and from much farther east. So when Marshall turns north, these guns are on his right flank.

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

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

So it is not enough to say that 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.

(S/Sgt. Edward Pidgeon and Sgt. Frank Mizera were in the first two tanks of A Company to be hit by the anti-tank fire. Both crews escaped.)

All afternoon there was fighting, and all day there was dying. It is not possible to tell everything that happened. There was a Division in there and each man could tell you his own story in a different way. Each man was afraid in his own way, and brave in his own way, or cowardly in his own way.

The rest of Company A, two platoons of medium tanks, got to Hatten, one to the west and one to the south, to help out the infantry in the west end of town. The infantry decided they could hold, and the tanks went back and brought up more infantry.

On that same night, Lieut. Marshall was wounded. S/Sgt. Pennington P. Smith and Pfc. James Barbera, both of Company A, dismounted from their tank into the intense enemy fire and shielded the lieutenant's body with their own bodies while Smith administered first aid. When it was necessary for someone to ride the back deck of the tank to give the officer protection and keep him from falling off, Barbera volun-

teered. He not only kept up the first aid necessary, but shielded the officer with his own body against enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. Marshall was successfully evacuated.

Three tanks of Lieut. Marshall's platoon, now commanded by Sgt. Earl Simpson, were left in town for the night. Six of the company's tanks had been knocked out. The company commander, Capt. Tharpe, had been wounded and evacuated.

The first night in bloody Hatten had begun.

The C Company tanks had been withdrawn to Niederbetschdorf for the night, as had the 1st and 2nd Platoons of A Company, now under the command of Lieut. David Moran.

Just prior to dusk, Capt. Henry P. Tilden led his company of light tanks onto the field near the railroad station, and with the tanks in an echelon left formation carried more infantry over the battlefield to the outskirts of Hatten. The tanks returned and outposted the railroad station.

That same night, when the men already in Hatten needed supplies, the light tankers of the 2nd Platoon carried them in. Bazookas, ammo, medical supplies, food. Across the moonlit battlefield, into the orchard and into the streets where the German tanks had rolled shortly before, past American dead and German dead, they made it and returned. Men on outpost that night became casualties from the intense mortar and artillery fire constantly coming in.

The Mortar Platoon and Reconnaissance Platoon of Headquarters Company were also outposting that night. Dug into the frozen ground, they peered into the freezing mist for dark shadows of men. Men moving about under the cover of darkness froze into monuments under the white glare of enemy flares. Time passed slowly in the foxholes and slowly the cold crept into the men's bodies and the snow stung their faces.

That day Niederbetschdorf had been strafed; the town had been bathed in a sprinkle of steel and lead; the casualties came in.

The Battalion Medics, 18 men and two officers to care for the 700-odd men of the battalion, went onto the field of battle in peeps to carry out the wounded, and the peeps came back with bullet holes in the windshields. The wounded were brought back in half-tracks and on the backs of tanks.

The Battalion Aid Station had been set up in a beer hall and here, throughout the day, the medics had been rushed with patients. Capt. William R. Eaton, Battalion Surgeon, his assistant, Lieut. Joseph Skeryanc and S/Sgt. Frank De-Stefano, worked through the bombing.

At 1630 that night, the 19th Infantry was ordered to go

into Hatten on tanks to reinforce the 2nd Battalion of the 315th Infantry, who were cut off in the western end of town. Planes had flown over in the morning dropping food and supplies, but most of the supplies had fallen into enemy hands.

It was growing dark fast, but light was hardly a problem. Hatten was ablaze, casting ugly shadows over the snow-covered countryside. At 1650 Company A-19, loaded on medium tanks, moved out; B and C Companies followed as fast as the tanks could shuttle them.

Headquarters Company's Mortar, Assault Gun, Machine Gun and Reconnaissance Platoons were left in position south of Rittershoffen to establish a defensive line from the railroad station to the edge of the woods. Artillery, mortar, and small arms shrieked down as A Company started down the open field north of the railroad tracks toward the western end of Hatten. The tanks took them to town and the infantrymen moved on foot into the town. There was confusion and the companies bunched together trying to take cover.

Many casualties were sustained. Lieut. Joseph M. Murphy, C Company Commander, walked back to the aid station wounded. Lieut. Richard M. Young assumed command. While the troops waited in the open fields and along the road bank in the shelling, reconnaissance struck ahead into the edge of town and contacted the friendly troops there. As quickly as possible, the companies moved on into the edge of town, into the wild inferno. The companies moved for the night into the buildings occupied by the men of the 315th, assisted in reinforcing and outposting. The whole area being occupied was about one and one-half blocks square along the main street at the western edge of town. A Company used its 2nd Platoon to occupy outposts in houses on the northeastern part of the sector. During the night a German patrol attacked their houses, set them afire, and after a fire fight the platoons were forced to abandon the burning houses. Sgt. Durwood Mefford heard one enemy yell in clear English: "Why don't you Yankee bastards give up?" The chatter of a BAR answered him, and he fell dead clutching an American M-1 rifle.

One German came into a house occupied by infantrymen, his hands high, and said: "Kamerad." He was told to come in; he stepped aside and a German behind him sprayed the room with burp gun fire.

The enemy set fire to the houses with incendiary bullets; German soldiers turned the nozzle of a flame thrower into a cellar packed with Alsatian men and women and children; the screams could be heard above the tank fire.



Artillery, mortar and tank fire continued to pour in all during the night.

CCR ordered the attack to continue in the morning. The attack started at 1100 when A-19, with two 47th medium tanks attached, jumped off and moved along the road at the west end of town. E Company, 315th, moved east and cut north across the wooded area toward the first junction of the north road. A Company, harrassed by mortar and artillery fire, reached the north road and started fighting its way down the street eastward. They met intense small arms, sniper, bazooka and direct tank fire. Houses were taken one by one by firing bazookas to make holes in the walls, throwing hand grenades and mouse-holeing from house to house. The two tanks fired into the houses and sprayed the street with machine gun fire. Lieut. Robert M. Donovan and Pfc. Edward J. Pahel threw grenades at exposed members of a German tank crew, then Pvt. Benjamin J. Hendrickson and Pfc. Pahel moved in with a bazooka and put the tank out of action.

Looking from the window of the most forward house held by the company T/Sgt. Robert E. Anderson saw a man motioning the men on. He started in that direction and never returned. Lieut. Donovan, immediately behind him, was wounded.

The attack continued slowly and under heavy fire. Contact was made with E Company at the road junction and both companies continued on down the street until after dark. Then the Germans counter-attacked with infantry and tanks. A Company was ordered to withdraw to positions on the north side of the street. A forward aid station was set up in one of the houses in Hatten and manned by Capt. Charles F. Hawkins, Tec/3 Robert Munson, Tec/4 Clinton M. Cox, Tec/4 Henry E. Drake, Tec/5 Daniel Sperberg, Corp. Ernest E. Guenette, and Pfc. Stanley Weinberg. There was no route of evacuation for the first two days and wounded had to be cared for and left in the aid station until later.

The railroad station south of Rittershoffen became the hub of activity between Hatten and Niederbetschdorf. Not only was it the communications center, it was a CP, an OP for directing artillery fire, emergency aid station for the wounded coming out of Hatten, control point for vehicles moving into and out of Hatten, and defense line to avoid penetration from the east and southeast. One light tank from the 94th was used to carry personnel and supplies and to evacuate wounded from Hatten and made 13 trips back and forth in the face of artillery and anti-tank fire. On the night of 14 January, an enemy patrol of ten passed by the guards into the railroad station, opened the door and tossed in a grenade. No one was hurt. WOJG Norman J. Whipple of Service-19 was killed when his VTR was hit by A-T fire; six men in Headquarters Company of CCA were wounded.

Mortar and artillery fire fell heavily on the positions. An enemy patrol that penetrated to the center of the 19th's sector was engaged in a fire fight that resulted in the capture of four and killing of five.

At 0600 15 January, Maj. Green informed Young that E Company of the 315th Infantry would attack through C Company's positions. According to the Seventh Army's history, at 0815 assault platoons of E Company came down to the main street to C Company's positions, Lieut. Young called to the officer in charge and gave him the situation. He added a

word of caution about getting the attacking forces into the protection of the rubble. The officer nodded approval but kept his men on the street. E Company continued down the avenue approximately 50 yards east of C Company's position where enemy machine gun, bazooka, burp gun, small arms fire and flame throwers inflicted extremely heavy casualties on the attacking soldiers. The intense fire caused the men of E Company to withdraw. They did so under the supporting fire of C Company.

While E Company was withdrawing Young was called to Battalion Headquarters to tell what had happened. He worked his way back to the CP located in the ruins of a blasted building. Young spoke above the pathetic whispering of the injured men who lay on the floor. He told the group of battalion staff officers what he had seen.

Major Green then said:

"Young, you'll have to make the attack, since E Company has failed."

Young replied:

"Sir, how do you think my men will feel after seeing what happened to Easy Company?"

Major Green thought a moment, then said:

"All right, we'll see Col. Holton." The two officers went back to Lt. Col. Earl F. Holton's CP. The men made their way down the rubble laden stairs into a crowded, smoky room, miserably lighted by a few candles, Major Green explained the situation to Colonel Holton. The Colonel listened and very emphatically said:

"Charley Company WILL attack."

Young informed his platoon leaders of the circumstances. One said, "Are we the only Goddamn company in the Army?" Another platoon leader added, "Why, those silly bastards." Young cut them short by saying, "Yeah, I know but we're going anyway." To support the attack the AT and 2nd Platoons formed a heavy base of fire with machine guns BARs and rifles. The 1st and 3rd Platoons jumped off. The men were mad as they crouched low and plodded through the rubble of the buildings. The anger must have helped be cause the enemy was routed out and C Company again reached the ruins they had been forced to evacuate the night before. Not a man of C Company was hit during the attack

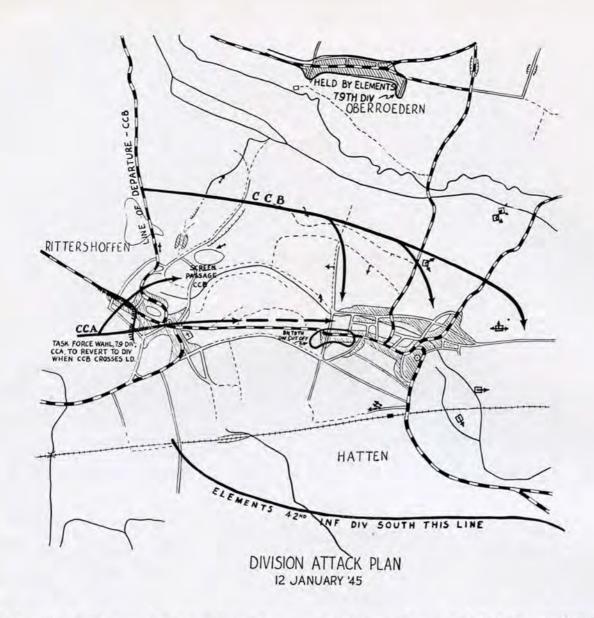
Half an hour later the Germans attacked fiercely, and C Company was driven back.

Ammunition, food and supplies were getting scarce and the route back to the OP was under perfect enemy observation. Capt. Charles Hawkins, surgeon, and Tec/3 Robert Munson came up to Hatten in a tank. The medics constantly went through Hatten looking for wounded.

After a mortar barrage a litter bearer said: "Look out I'm going to drop it!" Another man said, "Why don't you use two hands?" "I can't," the litter bearer said. His hand had been shot off.

A half-track load of wounded on the way back was hit by a mortar shell and the driver killed.

The men in the rear sent up their packages from home to help out rations; and rabbits and chickens were cooked. Supplies were brought in at night; and a dump was set up on the road on the western edge of town, where companies could pick up supplies. The dump was located by the enemy and shelled continually. The 19th Infantry history said. "There was no safe place, no safe way to do anything."



Seventh Army said the Germans had sixty batteries of ar tillery facing Hatten.

Artillery and defensive fires were adjusted in by Lieut. David L. Grainger, L.O., with the 19th for the 499th Field A wall of artillery fire was adjusted around the positions and every man in the battalion knew the concentrations numbers; for every man was a forward observer. The concentrations were adjusted to within 35 to 50 yards of the positions and half the shrapnel went into 19th positions, but the enemy attacks were stopped. The Germans could be heard screaming for help in agonized voices; then the screams would die to moaning and sobbing. When American artillery opened up, the Germans would drop a few rounds of their own on American infantrymen to make the infantrymen think their own artillery was firing short.

Meanwhile the 47th had received 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."

Lieut. Sidney Hack took his platoon into Hatten before dawn to relieve the A Company tanks that had stayed there for the night. The remainder of the company took up firing positions and fired all day into the enemy occupied part of town.

The American artillery laid down preparations, an endless

thundering madhouse of shells landing in Hatten. And the American infantry came out.

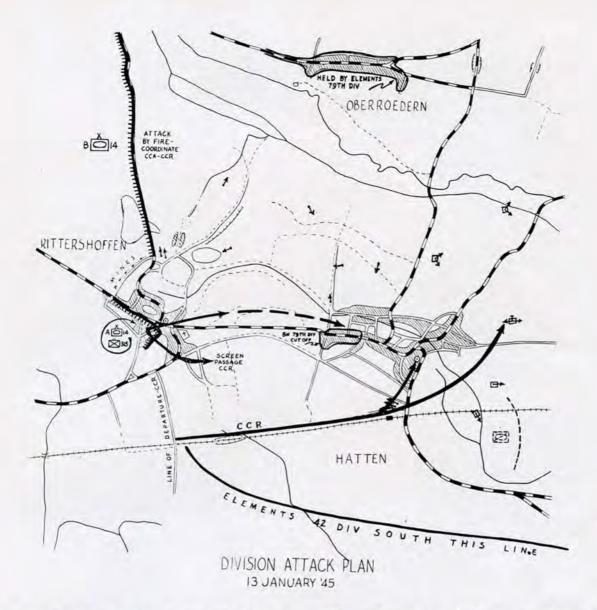
In town, the lead tank was knocked out in the attack Hack fought his way through with the infantry and found one man who was rescued by members of Sgt. Walter Pomykancz's crew while under heavy fire.

The infantry tried to fight their way into 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 the infantrymen tried to run and come to grips, but the guns cut the streets and the mortars exploded.

Company A's 3rd Platoon had been withdrawn from Hatten, but the Company was to aid an attack by laying down a base of fire.

Rael's tank was hit that night and he was wounded. Sgt. Pidgeon helped him back to the aid station and returned and took over command of the company. S/Sgt. Smith was wounded. Sgt. Melvin E. Bauder took his tank down a street attempting to dislodge the enemy, but to no avail; he moved his tank up by the infantry CP and waited out the night there, furnishing protection for the infantry.

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 both sit. They would try to get in a shot without being hit—blowing holes with HE through the walls of the houses to fire through. And then the other would maneuver out of the way.

The night of the 14th saw the 2nd Platoon of C Company and the remnants of A Company still in Hatten. The remainder of C Company took up positions in the field between Niederbetschdorf and Rittershoffen along with the platoons of D Company.

On the 15th, the 1st Platoon of C Company and the one remaining tank of the 2nd Platoon were again brought up by Capt. Persky to fire into town. Lt. Hack's platoon remained in town.

That night Hatten was to be attacked from two directions—from the west along the main east-west road and from the south.

Into the inferno came Capt. Persky with all of the available tanks of the company, attacking the southern edge of town. It was dusk, visibility was poor from the smoke and the fires and the dark, and there was no supporting infantry. Persky penetrated two blocks and lost three tanks. Then his voice came 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, Johnny, there's one now, get him, get him . . .!" And his voice went off into abrupt silence.

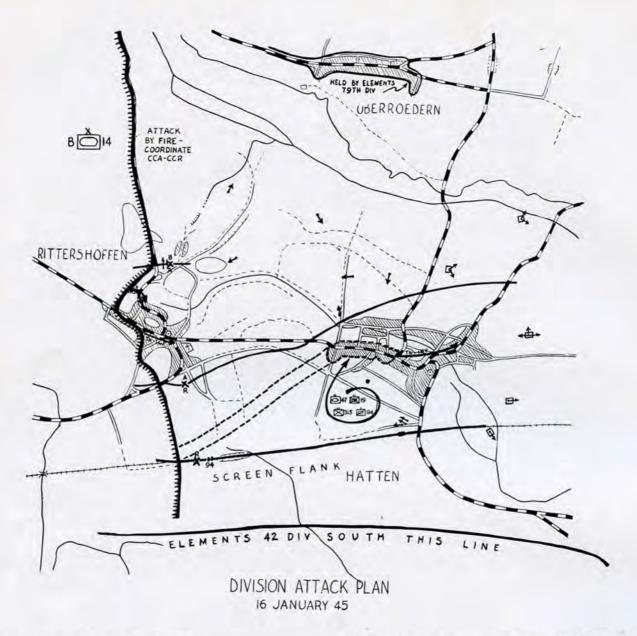
Three C Company tanks were knocked out that night and Persky and Hack were wounded.

That same day had seen the Assault Guns move into position in the woods west of and slightly to the south of Rittershoffen.

The Mortar Platoon set up just south of the railroad station and fired into Hatten throughout the day. The mortars had become so hot that the grease boiled out of the base caps, leaving the barrels loose.

Later that evening, Tec/5s Fay M. Taylor and Raymond E. Piette took a half-track loaded with HE and gasoline to the forward CP accompanied by Tec/5 Robert C. Montgomery and Pfc. Wilbert Dudenhoffer with a similar load in a peep. They moved forward under the constant incoming shells and, arriving at the CP, were met by Major Kircher who helped unload the supplies.

Night saw D Company still outposting in the freezing weather and losing men to the endless artillery fire. Small arms clattered endlessly, the whoosh of rockets passing overhead made every night a nightmare, but they hung on to



give the resting units outpost protection.

During these days of the battle, Service Company had been operating into Niederbetschdorf. Rations, water, gas and ammo were trucked into town under fire. After being up all night resupplying the tankers, the weary drivers would turn around to return to supply points to refill their trucks. They came under fire from enemy planes.

The men from Battalion maintenance, under the constant artillery fire, maneuvered their VTRs to pull out disabled tanks from the battlefield.

The tenseness and the fighting went on.

The artillery still came in with its endless scream and whoomp! and the small arms clattered endlessly; and the enemy was in the house next door.

You would be on one side of a wall and the enemy on the other and you would try to lob hand grenades over, 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. The dead lying in the street began to get on your nerves and the tenseness of always looking down the sights, always waiting, and the artillery always coming in, and 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.

On the 16th, Company C suffered more losses. The 2nd Platoon had one tank left, the 1st Platoon one. Lieut. Vincent was running the company.

Major Lann was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

The most vicious German counter-attack came the night of the 16th, just at dusk. First, as always the artillery, then the quick gray shapes of the enemy running. The infantry called for artillery and the machine guns chattered endlessly throughout the night. The flames of the guns streaked till the town was a living hell.

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 phosphorus.

"Counter-attacks in the Hatten area were beaten off today," was the way the news dispatched read. But that did not tell of the artillery fire, and what a counter-attack was. That did not tell you of the death and screaming, the sweating in that ice cold air and the suffering, all that cannot be put onto paper.

On the 17th, the Battalion minus A Company and Service

Company continued to engage the enemy, and launched another attack.

At dawn, Company B's 1st Platoon moved in the attack. It attacked to the southeast of Hatten to relieve pressure on the troops fighting inside the town. As the mediums crept along the wood line they passed the light tanks of D Company which were dispersed in the woods and were to fire harassing fire into town as the mediums moved up.

Then came an order over the radio:

"Break out of the woods and move up. I'll guide your movements."

It was Captain Tilden talking to his light tankers. The lights came out of the woods, and slowly began moving toward Hatten.

"Move out, move out!"

"Bear right!"

The tanks moved steadily on.

They passed the graveyard where the Germans had been holed up and the weapon on the tanks opened up.

Suddenly a voice crackled over the radio:

"Ten is hit," and a quick glimpse of figures leaving a tank; men running with blood streaming from their faces.

More men of the platoon were seen on the ground. Sgt. Tom Manley crawling slowly forward, Corp. Wallace Reinert limping toward a shell hole.

The platoon moved up to line formation.

"Where is the rest of the platoon?"

And the answer from Platoon Sergeant Willie G. Duffett: "We're it."

The mediums had been hit, too.

Lieut. Perkin's tank had been hit and set afire and he had climbed onto the rear deck to attempt to extinguish the flames. He was killed. The tanks were ordered back.

Sgt. William C. Summers of Company C had seen one of the light tanks get hit and had attempted to help. Driving up beside the flaming tank he dismounted and helped evacuate the crew. The driver of the burning vehicle was hurt and needed first aid. Summers gave him the necessary treatment, mounted the wounded men on the back deck of his own tank and rode away with them. During this entire time small arms, mortar and artillery fire fell around him.

Tec/4 John Pitcher and Pfc. Richard L. DuVall, both members of Company D, were in one of the tanks which had been hit by an 88 and set afire. Under burp gun fire, mortar and artillery, they dismounted from the blazing vehicle. When they saw their other crew members did not come out, they 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. Successful in putting out the fire, the men hailed a passing tank and the man was put on the rear deck, and taken to the aid station.

Meanwhile, Major Kircher had taken his tank and gone into the battlefield. Tec/4 Glen A. Raby was just pushing his tank out of the woods when the front end dropped into a hidden stream throwing him out of the driver's seat and onto the ground. Corp. Sam Alluzi slipped down into the driver's seat but couldn't move the tank. T/Sgt. Herbert Saxe tried to contact other tanks for aid, but none responded; although he could receive, he couldn't transmit. He later discovered that one of the machine gun bullets

which had sprayed the tank, had cut a wire behind his head. Major Kircher ordered the tank abandoned; the crew removed the weapons and dismounted. Creeping along a ditch, they were pinned down by artillery fire. Finally, spotting one of the two remaining light tanks coming across the field, they climbed onto the rear deck and rode to the comparative safety of the forward CP.

Coming in from the battlefield, the light tank platoon received their first rest since the battle had begun. The platoons of Lieut. Maynard Boucher and that of Lieut. Eugene Marsack held the outpost line that night. Boucher's platoon went forward to the wood line to fire harassing fire into the town.

That same night, Marsack and Pvt. Henry J. Erickson dismounted from their tanks and went forward to a half-track loaded with wounded men, which had been hit, to attach a cable onto it and tow it to safety.

At the aid station that night, Tec/5 Tony Szymanski, of the Medics, had to be evacuated. He was hit by a shell fragment.

Again this same night, the Assault Gun Platoon moved up and outposted the open slope between the CP and Rittershoffen.

Early the next morning Col. Lann took Sgt. Rheinhardt Faust and Pfc. Fred J. Howard and set out to find Maj. Kircher's abandoned tank. Locating it, they returned and gave the information to Lieut. Earl Allgrim; he and Sgt. William R. Fadda went out into the battlefield and retrieved it.

Company B came up from Drusenheim, short of tanks from its battle there, Capt. Thomas C. Beaty in command; Lieut. Cullis V. Sears went into town that night.

The 19th Infantry, on the afternoon of 15 January, received an order to launch an attack on the main street of Hatten, move to the eastern end of town, and make a junction with elements of the 47th, which was to come into town from the south. C-19 Company was to lead the attack; two medium tanks from the 47th were in support. As C assembled for the attack, a terrific mortar barrage was laid on the area by the Germans and the assembly was broken up three times, before the assault finally got under way in darkness. As the men moved onto the main streets, mortar fire on the street junction scattered them again.

As the men were reorganizing, a tank was knocked out and the infantry went on down the street with no tank support. The crippled, burning tank completely blocked the street. The company moved on down the street to the first road junction when the 3rd Platoon ran into heavy fire from the enemy, and moved back.

A Troop of the 94th Recon was also sent into Hatten dismounted to reinforce the 19th, and was caught in the counter-attack.

The next morning C-19 continued its attack, mouse-holing, using bazookas, every means available to make progress through the battered houses in the face of direct tank fire, automatic weapons, small arms, bazookas, and sniper fire. By 1300, however, the fire power of the enemy was so great that the company could go no further. The company was compelled to withdraw from several more houses, moving two platoons into a barn.

In the afternoon, one platoon of A Company, commanded

by Lieut. Joseph Osborn, jumped off to attack the north street and entered the first house after a short fight. Starting into the next house, the platoon was caught in a heavy crossfire of small arms. The situation was desperate. Osborn took a prisoner who told him he was attacking three companies of German infantry; he radioed that back, but radio reception was bad, and Battalion thought he said "Three Jerries."

"Continue the attack," he was told; so he went on.

Lieut. Jack R. DeWitt and his platoon went forward to give his assistance and both platoons finally pulled back into their previous positions under cover of smoke. Pvt. Howard Wierum helped cover the retreat by firing a machine gun from the hip. A Tiger tank fired direct at him; he was gravely wounded.

At 0800, 17 January, Company A began to receive heavy small arms fire from the east, and by 0850, the fire had become a full attack with troops moving against C Company. The company was forced to fall back two houses in the face of direct tank fire from the main street. American artillery, mortar, and small arms with bazooka fire brought the attack to a halt. By 2200, the sector was quiet. Then a new type shell came in and burst with a time-fuse arrangement, emitting a shower of sparks, but no loud explosion or fragmentation. Next morning the men found propaganda leaflets urging them to surrender. B Company replaced C Company on the eastern perimeter of defense during the night. C Company took up positions on the southern flank.

That evening, Capt. Thomas C. Conboy, CO of B Company, was killed by mortar fire as he was returning from the Battalion CP. Lieut. Russell T. Blair took charge of B Company.

On the 18th, the 19th's positions were quiet until 1820 when a sudden burst of small arms fire hit B Company's outpost. T/Sgt. Joe Levine, Battalion Operations Sergeant, with the aid of several men, moved the supply dump to a barn behind the CP. An attempt was made to lay a telephone line back to the CP, but before the crew went 200 yards the line had been hit a dozen times with mortar fire. The crew had to give it up and return.

The rear Battalion CP in Niederbetschdorf was shelled; a heavy round came into the building and detonated. Three officers and five enlisted men were wounded. An average of 40 to 50 men a day were treated in the aid station—men from the 19th, the 94th, the 47th, the 315th and the 42nd Division. During the first day of attack, nine ambulances were in continuous use evacuating casualties in the 19th alone.

In the late afternoon of the 18th, A Company, on the north, spotted enemy trying to infiltrate and adjusted artillery fire and forced the enemy to withdraw. It was quiet except for a few brief skirmishes; too quiet, in fact.

At 0720 on 19 January a sudden barrage of mortar, artillery and direct tank fire hit the 19th's positions, 120 and 85 MM mortar shells, delay fuse, started falling. Buildings crumbled. The Battalion CP received eight direct hits and casualties among the guards at the windows and doors were high.

Thousands of HE and AP shells from heavy guns and mortar burst on the American-held portion of Hatten, said Seventh Army. The German target amounted to an area 200



yards north and south and 400 yards east and west; the bombardment lasted continuously until 0900.

The 19th was so actively engaged with the enemy it could not evacuate its PWs; Pfcs. James Buckley, Wilbur Grosse, Floyd M. Hanna and Ralph P. Richards of the MP Platoon volunteered to go to Rittershoffen, and through Rittershoffen to Hatten, to bring the prisoners back. Richards and Buckley marched 18 prisoners back through the shell fire and the small arms fire; and Hanna and Grosse remained with the 19th, carrying ammunition to the forward outposts. The four men were awarded the Bronze Star, and the entire platoon was commended by General Smith.

The dead rubble of Hatten was churned as the shelling continued. The air was raining shrapnel, timbers, stone and debris of all descriptions. Rounds hit continuously, killing and maiming. A direct hit exploded in a house occupied by a platoon of A Company men and a group of civilians. The blast killed one soldier and injured five, as well as three civilians. When the noise and concussions had subsided civilian voices could be heard crying and screaming in terror. The injured soldiers moaned and sobbed quietly.

Another direct hit struck the first aid station, killing two aid men and injuring a number of patients. One of the four shells to hit the building burrowed through to the cellar before exploding. Approximately 20 men in the aid station were threatened in the fire that started. Fortunately, all the men were able to evacuate themselves as the walls began to collapse. A new aid station was set up in the cellar of another building to accommodate the forty-two American casualties suffered this day. Aid kits and plasma bottles had been blown up when the aid station was initially hit. The aid men worked with handkerchiefs, bed sheets and strips of blankets to supplement the shortage of bandages and aid kits. Wounded men were trapped with their dead comrades under heavy timbers caved in by the terrific barrage.

Immediately after the enemy artillery concentration ceased a German tank began to move westward on the main street while another tank, painted white, prepared to flank the American positions from the southeast. The enemy tank on the main street clanked forward over the debris, opened up with machine gun and 88 MM fire, aided by the burp guns of its supporting infantry. The outpost of the American lines was pushed back. American tank, artillery, bazooka, machine gun, small arms fire and hand grenades prevented the enemy tanks and infantrymen from advancing through the wreckage of the main street.

The spirit of the fight was exemplified by Pfcs, Clayton Bronson and Rene Bassette of the 19th. These men lay wounded where they had fallen, unable to move under their own power. Lieut. Blair told both he would evacuate the men as soon as possible, Bersette replied, "Don't bother about us, stop the Goddamn Jerries."

S/Sgt. David Mathias, B-47, brought his tank forward, firing at the advancing enemy.

The German tank to the south of the town worked its way toward the barn where the infantrymen were holding. The Mark V opened up with a direct burst of 88 fire into the barn. Unwounded Americans scattered in a mad melee. Lieut. Young, on his way into the barn, stepped aside to avoid being trampled on. The lieutenant yelled orders but none of the men heard him. Young finally singled out S/Sgt. Gregory Wiercinski and asked him for a bazooka.

Before the bazooka could be put to use, the German tank, only 35 yards away, opened up with another round from its cannon. The barn trembled and then began to burn. Infantrymen attempted to flank the tank with bazookas; unfortunately the orchard surrounding the enemy tank acted as protection; artillery fire began finding its mark on the tank; the tank withdrew.

In B Company's area the enemy also brought up tanks and infantry and were driven back.

The night was quiet, the 19th had suffered heavy casualties and its effective strength was low. The men were physically and mentally exhausted.

CCA, meanwhile, had been continuing its battle in Rittershoffen.

The 68th launched an attack, employing tank-infantry teams supported by artillery, assault guns and mortars. In the house-to-house fighting it met stubborn enemy resistance—machine guns, mortars and intense artillery fire.

During the night an enemy patrol penetrated to a cellar occupied by Lieut. Charles F. Bailey and part of his C Company platoon; killed the guard. The patrol was clad in American uniforms; a German called into the cellar:

"Are there any Americans in there?" and when he was answered yes, sprayed the room with a burp gun and threw in concussion grenades. Lieut. Bailey was wounded; the enemy patrol was wiped out.

The 68th's attack cleared a small patch of woods outside the town, where the enemy had infiltrated.

The 48th, meanwhile, was assigned a defensive security mission, and cut the Rittershoffen-Hatten road with tank fire. Five of its medium tanks were attached to the 3rd Battalion of the 315th; they made slow progress in the attack against enemy artillery and mortar fire.

A 155 MM gun was used to support the attack by direct fire; the enemy strong point in the Rittershoffen church was reduced.

Then the Germans counter-attacked; for two hours the troops of CCA fought to repel them.

There was a night attack.

Enemy tanks approached Sgt. Philip L. Belanger's posi-

tion, and in the darkness he was trapped. He could not move, and he decided to wait till the German tanks were in point blank range. When the enemy tanks were 100 yards away he opened fire; men of the 48th said "his tank gun sounded like a machine gun."

He knocked out three enemy tanks. Sgt. William J. Spellman knocked out a flame throwing tank; and the infantry was fighting in the orchard. Spellman was later killed.

On the 17th of January a section of the 2nd Platoon of B-48 was given the mission of supporting an infantry company in an attack. The lead tank, commanded by Sgt. Leonard Sutherland, was hit by a bazooka, killing the gunner, Corp. Raymond L. O'Donnell and wounding two others.

Getting the tank evacuated proved to be a major ordeal. It was under enemy observation, yet it had to be moved, as it was blocking the road and preventing the other tanks from continuing with the attack.

Sgt. Harry Hockensmith and another man volunteered to move the tank. They got it to the edge of town; a recovery vehicle and crew from the 68th tried to move it then; the recovery unit had just hooked on the tank when it was hit by an SP gun. The driver was killed and the other members of the crew wounded. Lieut, Byrd F. Paty, Jr., whose tank was nearby, moved to their aid. He and his crew succeeded in getting the recovery vehicle and its crew out of danger. Paty and his crew received the Bronze Star. The final job of retrieving the tank was accomplished by T/Sgt. Nathan Iglitz and Tec/4 Arthur Nazcek. They did the job under heavy fire and were also awarded the Bronze Star.

Other personnel of the 68th were running hot food, cigarettes, and other supplies up to 2200 exposed yards of road between Kuhlendorf and Rittershoffen; the Medical Detachment was working unceasingly. Headquarters Company organized a "taxi service" between the two towns.

Three tanks of the 14th supported an infantry attack against Rittershoffen: Sgt. Belanger's tank and Sgt. Walter R. MacElhaney's tank from the 48th, and r. Came thrower from the 25th. They advanced from the west and Belanger got as far as the orchard when his tank was hit and burst into flames. Artillery and small arms fire was laid on the crew as they escaped, and the men were pinned down within 25 yards of enemy positions until dark, when they were able to work their way back. Pfc. Richard Malloy was killed in the tank; the rest of the crew were awarded the Bronze Star later (Sgt. Belanger, Corp. Henry Belstadt, Tec/5 Paul Pryor; and Pvt. Jerome J. Lambert).

The command tank of C Company, making its way from Rittershoffen to Niederbetschdorf, slipped off the icy road and slid into a mined ditch; the mines were detonated and Tec/4 Leroy McDaniel, and Corp. Donald A. Lashomb were killed; Pfc. Robert I. Rothstein, Lieut. Robert Blom and S/Sgt. Thomas M. Coyle were seriously wounded.

Sgt. Edward J. Zingsheim was moving into town when his tank hit a mine; the tank was damaged, but he was able to back up 100 yards. T/Sgt. Robert L. Wolfe and Tec/4 John Cepuran moved up to recover his tank, under fire, and were later awarded the Bronze Star. Sgt. Walter H. Arp, radio sergeant, was later awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious action under fire.

Pfc. Louis Crews (acting tank commander in place of Sgt. George Davis, wounded by artillery) saw two German tanks move behind a barn. He ordered his gunner, Corp. Jorge Grijalva to knock down the barn; then he knocked out the German tanks.

CCA's account tells the official side:

"15 January mines were laid in the sector and all elements attacked, with little gain.

"16 January the attack to clear Rittershoffen continued against stubborn enemy resistance. No ground was gained.

"17 January the attack continued, the 315th Inf (2nd Battalion) attached to CCA. Gained small lodgement in north part of town against intense enemy resistance. Night positions were established.

"18 January held ground gained.

"19 January patrols reach limited objectives before being driven back."

It does not tell the bitter story of the men of the 14th, outnumbered, continually, heart-breakingly attacking against superior numbers.

CCB states:

"From the 14th to the 19th January, the command maintained and improved its defensive positions. Placed observed and unobserved fire on known enemy positions and operated tank combat patrols in the area east of Leiterswiller. The patrols destroyed known six enemy tanks, three half-tracks and one truck."

In A-62 the men withstood the cold and the snow; they (with the other infantrymen) were issued white combat suits; they had been so heavily decimated that the surgeon has asked for their relief.

On the 19th, the 499th Field fired ten missions in three hours; throughout the day the missions continued, firing at tanks, enemy artillery and infantry. Vicious enemy counterbattery continued; B Battery had one casualty.

Artillery ammunition was critically low.

D Troop of the 94th had been ordered, with two platoons of E Troop, to establish a recon screen along the line Hoffen-Soultz.

Ten volunteers from C-94 occupied a pillbox on the flat, fire-swept land near Hatten and sent back firing data. Over 100 men of A Troop, dismounted, held a defensive line near Hatten; for five days and five nights the men held that line, took their worst casualties of the war.

In the 3rd Platoon of D-94, a peep turned over and S/Sgt. Robert Schaer, Pfc. Donald Overton, and Tec/5 Clayton Valder were injured. The troop continued its patrols in the Soultz area, then the 3rd Platoon was ordered to Niederbetschdorf to take over A Troop's patrols through the woods south of Hatten; an armored car was ambushed (Corp. James Patee's) but the driver, Pvt. William Gravelle wound up his engine and took off at top speed; there were no casualties. (Three flat tires.)

Pvt. Marvin H. McDaniels of Company F was wounded as the company moved up to reinforce the fires on Hatten and Rittershoffen; the cooks were working under fire. The 1st and 2nd Platoons (with 3-E-94) were ordered up to Hatten; they were almost to the cemetery south of town when the enemy opened up with heavy fire, at short range; the Recon men were forced back.

On the way back they ran into 20 MM and 37 MM fire, as well as artillery, mortar and small arms. Sgt. Robert R. Johnson's tank fell into a shell crater and had to be abandoned. (Later the equipment was recovered and the tank destroyed.) The company took up its defensive positions.

Lieut. Larry E. Reynolds, Sgt. John S. Mucha and Sgt. Edward J. Szmoniak went out on reconnaissance and drew fire. Tec/4 Richard Kramer, Tec/5s Howard E. Guiles and Stafford R. Dibble and Pfc. Athel J. Bird were in the light tank that was used for messenger service in and out of Hatten. Kramer was later recommended for the DSC. By now the company had 27 men in the hospital, 16 from the 1st Platoon, for which there had been no relief.

The engineers had not had a quiet time.

C-125 was with CCA, being used as infantry. B-125 joined CCB; A-125 was attached to CCR.

A Company, in Schwabwiller, was strafed by the everpresent German jet plane; a loaded ammunition truck caught fire and four A Company men unloaded it—S/Sgt. George Timko, Sgt. Anthony Graziano, Pvt. Donald L. Foster and



Pvt. Warren E. Stickney. All later received the Bronze Star. B Company, being shelled at Hohwiller, was ordered to move up on CCB's flank as dismounted infantry; the 1st and 2nd Platoons had already been detached, so only Headquarters section and the 3rd Platoon inched its way into position in the pitch black early morning, and attempted to dig in rock-hard ground. The next day they continued to improve their positions, digging endlessly. There was no breakfast or dinner and the C rations were frozen cold. A dud landed a few feet from Pfc. Arly S. Aday's foxhole, rolled past Tec/4 Joseph P. Marasco, and Pfc. Samuel S. Teti.

The 1st Platoon of C-125 moved into Rittershoffen on the 13th, into the cellars. The men outposted the 68th Infantry CP.

Assistant squad leader Corp. J. T. Durhurst was wounded. A Company prepared the bridge between Niederbetschdorf and Rittershoffen for demolition.

The 125th described the scene:

"If you were in town you heard shouting and stifled screams and the identifying 'brrrrrrrp! brrrrrrrp!' of Jerry guns, the steady cracking of machine guns and small arms fire coming from the windows, crevices, the church steeple, the deep rumble of tanks. Some tanks no longer moved, black hulks among the charred ruins of homes. White phosphorous shells burst in the streets, with sudden yellow flames and smoke pouring from half-timber dwellings. Buildings that only smoked because there was nothing more to burn made the town look like a ghost town, and still the shells came in-the mortars that never gave a warning, endlessly plopped in, scattering mortar and rubble. There was the catching voice, crying 'Medic!' The surrounding fields no longer had a mantle of clear white snow, it was now stained with soot from powder, pock-marked with shell craters and soiled with blood."

On the 15th of January the engineers were ordered to lay a mine field—the biggest they would ever lay; and one of the problems was to get enough mines. A minefield was to be laid across the entire Division front. B Company was to lay a mine field between Leiterswiller and Rittershoffen.

From the CP in Schwabwiller, Lieut. Col. John R. Morrison



visited each of the combat commanders with the captain of the company attached to that command, to coordinate the laying of the minefield, Maj. George R. Watkins laid the plan for the field and Capt. Melvin F. Munch, S-4, began gathering the mines. The supply platoon delivered the several thousand mines to the front—S/Sgt. Joseph M. Hannigan often guiding the trucks up to within a few hundred yards of where the mines were to be laid.

In the biting wind that drifted the snow, working with unfamiliar British mines, the men worked through the night. B Company laid approximately 1900; C Company laid 2000; A Company laid 2300. One man stumbled carrying four British mines; the explosion killed him instantly and wounded two others. C Company's 1st and 2nd Platoons were on infantry duty in Rittershoffen; the bulk of the company work fell on the 3rd Platoon and Company Headquarters; and a platoon from the 94th Recon was called in to help. Sgt. Laurence J. Moran instructed the men in how to lay the mines; and they went out with the engineers. During the night they laid a belt of mines, one portion of which was within 200 yards of enemy installations, and was laid while friendly artillery fire burst on the enemy positions.

The 3rd Platoon was supported by the cooks, mechanics and radio operators of Headquarters section, led by Lieut. Ottomar W. Tilly and Sgt. Francis J. Donovan. A mortar shell landed directly on one man while he was carrying four mines; he was killed and Sgt. Charles F. McClure, Tec/5 Carl A. Yoder, Pfc. Gordon Jenkins and Pfc. Daniel J. Moncano were wounded.

Twenty men of the 2nd Platoon of C Company went up to fill in a gap and were pinned down by the terrific artillery fire; the platoon went back the next night and finished the job.

This defensive work was all part of a larger plan. Bridges were prepared for demolition charges, trees were notched and blocks of TNT set in place to be blown; and the 2nd Platoon of B Company laid barbed wire before the infantry positions. They waited 18 hours for the wire, set it up; the 1st Platoon went on the line to relieve the infantry.

The engineers saw the sickening sight of an Alsatian family—elderly father, mother, and young daughter, who tried to get from Rittershoffen to Hatten. They had a cart, drawn by two oxen, on which were all their household goods. They received a direct hit by a mortar.

The 14th was ordered to pull back, out of the battle.

The 68th Infantry was relieved from CCA and attached to CCB; the 62nd was attached to CCA.

CCA was assigned the mission of rear guard. Detachments of tanks and infantry were set up with the weight on the right flank toward Rittershoffen and Hatten, and small detachments in Kuheldnorf and Hohwiller and south of Soultz. The engineers (men of C Company, 125th) remained behind at the bridges and craters, ready to blow them when the last American vehicle passed.

The infantrymen and the tankers waited, those last terrible few hours when they knew they were alone, until the Division ordered them back.

The German four-division attack had been held at Hatten and Rittershoffen.

If you went up into Hatten, that white snowing night, up along the cold gentle rolling fields, you could see the endless pock marks of the shells, and the burned out hulks of American tanks. And if you wanted to take your chances in the blasted out streets, you could see more wrecks there. American and German.

It was a short pull back to the Moder River, and the papers told how the Seventh Army had out-foxed Von Runstedt, how it had fought his counter-attacks until the last second, and then pulled out and he was swinging at air and the Seventh was waiting for him again as he stumbled off balance.

It snowed that night of January 20, and the long lines of vehicles—not as long now—moved slowly down the black streets, through the black Alsatian towns; and wreckers skidded off the road and were abandoned, and a 155 MM gun skidded and blocked the column for miles; and the men sat in the tangle of vehicles and thought: "If the Krauts attack now, Jesus, Jesus." The enemy did not attack; Hatten was empty, horses and cows and pigs poking in the desolation, looking for food, and people timidly, shockedly, coming out of the cellars.

The 68th Infantry was commended by the commanding officer of the 315th Infantry Regiment. "Their aggressive attitude and high morale . . ." the 68th had suffered fifteen percent casualties. Brigadier General G. D. Wahl wrote an official letter of commendation for CCA and Col. Karlstad; and Maj. Gen. I. T. Wyche, commander of the 79th Division,

awarded Karlstad the Bronze Star Medal. Units of the 48th and the 94th received Presidential Citations, and the 47th and 48th Tank Battalions, the 19th and 62nd Infantry were to be recommended for them; the Division was to be recommended for a citation by the French War Ministry.

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And the men of the 14th, shivering in their vehicles that snowy night?

There was relief, but not a real relief.

Behind were their friends and their comrades, in the rubble of those towns and on those fields, and more of their friends and comrades were in the hospitals.

And they were reluctant to leave. They did not want to pull out. They did not want to give up the bloody vicious towns later to be compared with Stalingrad. They felt a little as if they were giving up, as if they had fought and suffered and died in vain.

Behind was Hatten and Rittershoffen, and behind was the fighting. Behind were the endless artillery barrages, the screaming and the waiting. Behind were the fires and the dead; and behind was the German High Command's broken offensive.

And it was a bitter grating night, that night, a night of tears in the soul, and it snowed.



## ABOARD SHIP, MARSEILLE AND THE ALPS

October 14 · November 20, 1944

The Division sailed October 14. The men were on four ships, the "Santa Rosa," (ex-South American cruise ship) carrying the men of the tank battalions, General Smith and his staff; the "Le Jeune" (formerly the German liner "Windhuk"), with the men of the infantry battalions, Division band, a separate tank battalion and a tank destroyer battalion; the "General James Parker" (formerly the liner "Panama"), with the reconnaissance, engineers, and ordnance; and the "Sea Robin" (a brand-new troopship), carrying the artillery, 84th Medics, and the MPs. Besides these ships were fourteen assorted freighters and Liberty ships carrying equipment. (No trucks, no peeps, no half tracks, no light tanks were taken. Roughly, a complete armored division needs thirty-five ships.)

On the sunny Saturday afternoon the convoy moved slowly, in line, down the harbor, the men lining the decks after the ships passed the Statue of Liberty, to watch the green New York harbor glide slowly past, the yellow brick apartment houses and glittering black automobiles winking down the highways.

How many of the men on board these ships would see these shores again? The corny thoughts. Thoughts of a wife, a mother, a girl. A feeling of anticipation, a feeling of emptiness, of desperate, ineffable nostalgia. Sailing.

The land slipped past Coney Island, then it was a shore line against the western horizon. The afternoon faded, the sun lowered in the western sky, the men felt the full, fresh sea breeze for the first time, the ship began to lift to the on-shore swell, and the first of the men were seasick. Darkness fell, and the 14th Armored Division was at sea.

The transports were crowded. You can use every synonym you want (full, packed, jammed) and not begin to convey the feeling of those ships; cabins for two carrying nine bunks swung so close you could just get in, tiered four deep. in every hold and on every deck, from the very bottom to the boat deck, slam-ful of men, and always hot, down in the hold always the sweetish, hot, sickish air of the bilges and the oil of the engine rooms and the thousand cargoes of flour and lye and meat the ship had carried, men packed in there in the garish light of the hot bulbs so that even a strong man would be sick and up in the very forepeak where it was four decks down and when she lifted you went up like an express elevator, and you could hear the slam of the water against her strakes when she went down, and everywhere a man's bunk wasn't slung, equipment was stacked, musette bags and duffle bags and rifles and overcoats. And every day, ship was policed, and there was permanent guard and KP, and orders not to traffic with the ship's personnel, and a certain amount of training (chemical warfare training in the mess hall); chow, for those who could eat, in the mess hall that fed almost continuously (breakfast served for five hours) and the smell of dehydrated eggs was supreme in the air. (Boiled potatoes and boiled frankfurters; the ship's PX helped a little.) Movies in the mess hall, and concerts on deck and endless reading and card playing in the sun, looking at the other ships through glasses to see if the rumors about the WACs were true.

There was boat drill, and every night at sundown the familiar radio voice "Blackout. No smoking on deck. Close all ports." Letter writing; and the misery of men really seasick; and watching the navy gunners go through gun drill, and tours of the ship.

There wasn't much worry about submarines; the weather was good and the ship swung on the Southern curve, the convoy spread across the lifting face of the ocean, the destroyers far on the horizon flicked signals back.

The days went by, and still there was no announcement (though no lack of rumors) as to where the Division was going. England? France? CBI? On the "Le Jeune" the band played ("A" band under S/Sgt. Eugene O'Brien and "B" band under Tec. 4 Jay Riaff). Tec 4 David Cohen (accordianist). Tec 4 Joseph Giancursion (Saxophonist, Tec 5 Carroll Hubbard (violinist) and Riaff (clarinetist) strolled the decks. playing. On the "Santa Rosa," Lieut. Hilbert Jones' orchestra played in Bursar's Square, and moved through the ship. There was singing, the soft singing of men "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary..." Salt water showers and cold water shaving. Capt. Bror H. Anderson, S-2 of the 500th Field Artillery, died at sea and was buried four days later, after landing.

Ever, endlessly, the roll of the ocean, clear and glittering blue or sullen heaving mountains of liquid gray, laced with spray!

Then the destination of the convoy was Marseille. That was it; that ended the speculation.

Now there was only waiting

The convoy passed through the Straits of Gibraltar on October 26, in the bright early sunshine of a warm Fall morning, and the men lined the rails to watch the coast, the coast of Europe and the arid anonymous coast of Africa slide past, and the brightly painted (red and white and black) small coastal freighters of Spain and Portugal slipping under the cliffs of the shore; and there was the Rock of Gibraltar bulking large from the sea, and field glasses came out to pick up the installations.

The African coast and the blue calm waters, and the white city of Tangier; the warm day and night; and then the coast of France, the pale lemon-yellow of the pitted sandstone rocks, the gray pile of the Chateau d'If and the statue of the Virgin on the Cathedral; the sprawling curve of stone buildings around the curve of the bay as the convoy followed the mine channel in.

You could see a peep moving along the streets of the city, the ubiquitous peep, and somehow it seemed strange. The ship moved slowly and the buildings were closer. Still Marseille looked only like a city, any city, a collection of buildings, not as large as New York or Chicago or Cincinnati.

Sailing in the smooth glittering waters, passed the outbound French destroyers, the anchored freighters and fishing boats, the sunken hulks. ("Hey, lemme take your binoculars a minute. Look—") Warplanes, dull gray, droned overhead. Barrage balloons lay motionless against the sky.

There was the first sight of the work of war, the sunken ships in the harbor, the masts and funnels showing, the ruined warehouses; and the first glimpse of an apartment house, hit by a bomb, one side exposed completely, crazily awry, leaving staircases hanging yawning, a table tottering over the edge of nothing, a sink hanging in the air.

The 'Santa Rosa' docked beside a ship that had been sunk; engineers had made a passageway across her so that instead of stepping from the "Santa Rosa" to the dock, you stepped from the "Santa Rosa" to the sunken ship, along the path over her tangled decks, to the dock. The enormous cranes along the dock were twisted tangles of steel; the warehouses had great yawning gaps in wall and roof. There was no hint of the terror and violence that had lived there to do this destruction, only the mute and pitiful and wasted wreckage. The old timers of the army, privates and sergeants of the Delta Base Section looked at the new troops from the States; and there were German prisoners of war working in the warehouses, and Italian prisoners of war.

Stiff from the long voyage, and the sea, the long single line of the men of the 14th slowly poured forth from the ships of the convoy and through the docks and out into the cobbled streets of the great port. Some of the troops remained behind to police the ship.

It was Sunday, and the sun was bright in the sky, and only a few American six-by-sixes, empty, roared down the streets.

There was an old woman of seventy, gray and bent and with black cotton stockings wrinkled above her ankles; and a Frenchman of fifty in a black suit and black hat calmly riding a bicycle, a fishing basket and rod tied to the handles bars; neither of them paid the slightest attention. ("Troops will not accept gifts of any kind, including wine, from the welcoming inhabitants.")

The line of men wound through the city, and now it was easier to see the damage, the pathetic, pitiful incongruity of war's destruction. The road branched, and became a narrow street, and started to climb. The street signs were French, it was a foreign land, a girl who passed spoke quickly and in a strange tongue, and did not smile; a little, thin boy of six, in ragged clothes, ran alongside and chattered (the first of a million children to cry a million times) "Cigarette pour papa? Bon bons? Chocolat?" There were the first little French automobiles, and the first American trucks of the Free French Army, striped with the tricolor and doing fifty miles an hour. There were the strange cafes, the sidewalk pissoirs, the strange French houses, the new people.

It was impossible, then, to appreciate the novelty, the excitement, of Marseille. The bivouac area for the Division was eight miles from the dock, and that eight miles, every step, was uphill. The march was a nightmare. The men had often walked eight miles before, but this eight miles was different. (Company A-19, walked four extra miles.) It may have

been the two weeks of idleness aboard ship, it may have been all the heavy load of equipment, it may have been the endless uphill grade. The march went on and on, the weary men cursing; and finally it came to an end. The battalions were bivouacked on the bare cold hills outside Marseille, in the bare vineyards and on the hard fields. That first night you could use your own judgment about pitching shelter tents (it was so late when the units closed in) and the wise men pitched them, for just after midnight it began to rain, a cold Fall rain driving across the black strange land. It was a cold, bitter night, the men shivered in their two blankets, huddled close to the fire.

The Division's job at Marseille was to re-equip itself, to unload its tanks and artillery pieces and other equipment from the ships, to pick up trucks and peeps and light tanks, and prepare to move to combat. Officers and men were detailed to live in Marseille to unload the equipment (and found that there was a certain amount of honor to the practice of simply stepping into a truck or a peep and driving off with it, if your outfit happened to need it) and to assemble peeps, that came knocked down, in crates.

Out on the cold hills and in the fields, the pup tents lined the hard ground and the guards built fires against the cold; and a thousand campfires dotted the hills at night; the men began to learn the country of France, the frozen vineyards with rows of tiny grape vines rising up the sides of the hills, the white stucco houses with red tile roofs, gay and charming even in November. They learned the wine and cognac of the little wine shops, and the small French street cars; the small lovely town of Aix-en-provence, a few kilometers away, its chestnut-and-linden-lined streets where, even in November, the ancient men of the town sat at the tables of the sidewalk cafes, on sunny days, and watched the American peeps roar by, and the square with the ancient, smooth stoned fountain in the center where the collaborator was hanged and all through the afternoon the people sat at the sidewalk cafes and watched his body slowly twisting: they learned the sprawling bulk of Marseille, the strange, out-offocus life, the French sub-chasers tied up alongside the docks and the cafes, the "Canabiere"; Berbers from Morocco walking the streets, Senegalese, French, British, Americans, soldiers, sailors, men and women; the Red Cross, with coffee and doughnuts and American girls; the women picking cigarette butts from the street, begging chocolate, the prostitutes in sheer silk dresses, French WACs with henna coiffures.

The sidewalk tables behind glass, the bitter wine and through it all was the war-distorted life, empty and hard as though the normal human virtues of honor and virtue, quiet and dignity, had been burned and only the cinders of spirit left, and the world was a paragraph where the words and sentences seem to mean nothing and the talking is a fast and senseless babble. Children, shabbily-clothed, bare-kneed, legs blue with cold, dirty-faced, unhappy. North was the war, north was the fighting, the war was life and its bitterness and savagery had been distilled back to the falseness of Marseille. During the day the streetcars were crowded, the streets jammed, and at night there was darkness and emptiness; and long lines of supply trucks roared endlessly through the city.

The 14th was the first Division to use Marseille as a port of entry.

The equipment began to come (light tanks from the beaches of Africa, sans sights, sans everything, and twenty miles free play in the traverse) and the men of the Division worked day and night; the mediums came, guns traversed to the rear, waterproof boxes lashed to the rear deck. There were air raid alarms, distant sounds of ack-ack, but the acetylene torches cut wierdly against the night as the equipment was made ready.

Equipment had been on a ship that was delayed; the ship arrived; and equipment (up to medium tanks) was lost, and equipment found again, and feverishly the men worked. Issue of clothes and equipment, maintenance of vehicles, cleaning (again and again) of weapons, drawing basic loads of ammunition. Stowing tanks with nine million items of equipment, from flash light batteries to shells, driving cosmoline out of a 76 MM tube, six men to the rammer staff. The new weapons were test fired. Division Artillery Air OP men were trying to find wrenches to assemble their planes.

By entering Marseille, the Division had come under the command of NATOUSA (North African Theater of Operations, United States Army); three days after landing, the Division passed to the command of ETOUSA. General Smith left for the Seventh Army front (VI Corps) as an observer, and stayed four days.

And on November 12, Col. Daniel H. Hudelson, commander of Reserve Command, left with his staff for the front in the mountains east of Nice.

Col. Hudelson and his staff were not observers.

Reserve Command was to go into the line.

Exactly two weeks after debarking, men of the Division were to go to battle; the 19th Armored Infantry Battalion (commanded by Lieut. Col. Forrest D. Alspach) and the 68th Armored Infantry Battalion (under the command of Lieut. Col. Bob E. Edwards)—now composing the Reserve Command—moved out.

The infantrymen loaded into the trucks and half tracks and set out for the front. This was it.

After all the training, the maneuvers, the port, the crossing, this was it!

The battalion convoys rolled along the roads of the Riviera coast, and to many men the land was suddenly beautiful, even in the cold and November, with a calm and eternal beauty of earth somehow sharp at the same time. (The thought of death, the hint of death ahead can bring that realization of the beauty of this world to a man's mind, strange sharpening of the sight). The hills rolled gently away from the road, dropped and rose again, and the pop-

lars and lindens, elms and birches were in neat straight lines along the roads and down the fields, bare and lovely, and the ground was brown and gray and red and yellow (of every faint variety of shade imaginable, of nature's subtle winter pallette); in the bottom lands you could trace the course of a tiny, crooked stream by the willows along it, and then the fields would rise again to the woods along the horizon, and above would be the clear blue sky. And always the neat rows of the vineyards and the blue and yellow and white stucco houses, and the red tile roofs. Later, the highway turned along the Riviera coast, and the blue Mediterranean lapped below at the foot of the pitted limestone rocks and stretched calm and pure to the horizon; and the trucks and halftracks rolled between the sand dunes.

There were the for sale signs, in French, and development signs, and the elegant summer homes.

There was more than all that. Here was the invasion coast. Here was a whole line of what had once been houses, reduced to piles of red brick rubble; and the sand dunes were impassable with tangles of barbed wire. "Achtung—Minen!" and a shell crater, forty feet across, and fifteen deep, where a naval shell had landed, and a tank, an M-4 with the cross of Lorraine, sunk to the tops of its tracks in sand, its hatches open (later—sure sign of a knocked out tank), rusted where it had burned. And burned out trucks, shot-up automobiles, all along the way.

The 19th column stopped, and an army truck going the other way stopped beside it. Lying in the bed of the truck were the bodies of an American soldier and a German soldier being carried back for burial.

The long column moved ahead. All that you saw on that trip, strangely, at once impressed you and made no bite on your mind; your body was suspended here, inevitably taking these impressions to its senses, yet the mind did not care. The mind was tense, and did not notice the usual cold, hard, jolting, wearying discomfort of riding in an army vehicle. The mind thought, this is it. This is me and this is war, and thoughts flashed through the mind, tumbled, giving only







glimpses of fact (what was that training film—the one about how to act in battle?)

Nice and Cannes were passed, the palm lined boulevards, the white stone luxury hotels (with gaping holes and an old tradition of idleness) looking out into the sparkling curve of the Mediterranean; and the French men and women and children along the streets standing waving at the half tracks and trucks, waving and cheering and blowing kisses.

The command moved into the Maritime Alps, the 19th to L'Escarene and the 68th to St. Martin du Var. Combat Command headquarters were in Nice. The 19th was to relieve the 517th Airborne Regiment from a defensive sector along the French-Italian border; the 68th was similarly to relieve the 550th Glider Infantry Battalion and the 509th Parachute Battalion. The 19th was to occupy positions in the mountains around Sospel and the 68th farther to the north, around Peira Cava. While the two battalions pitched their tents in the rocky mountain country around L'Escarene and St. Martin du Var, the staff and company officers went forward to reconnoiter the positions around Sospel and Piera Cava.

On November 14 the 19th moved from L'Escarene to Sospel, grinding up the narrow winding mountain roads. At Col de Braus the road dropped again to the rock-bound valley in which Sospel lies, and this point was under enemy observation. The half tracks had been left in L'Escarene, and the trucks shuttled the men, running at five minute intervals; and from Sospel, where battalion headquarters set up, the companies moved out to the high points to be occupied, St. Vincent and Cime Linieras, Mangiabo and Le Beclet,

Colla Benza and Le Perus, Mt. Grosso and Mt. Diaurus, Moulinet and Turini, Belvedere Bethmoth-les-Baines. (Different from Potato Hill and the 25th Street Range, Highway U.S. 22, and different now that only mules could carry supplies and ammunition to the command posts—mules for an armored division.) The M-8 assault guns came up that trail at night in a driving rainstorm, black as pitch, inching along. straining at the twin red tail lights of the vehicle ahead.

"I wouldn't take a peep down that trail in broad daylight," one of the drivers said later.

On the 15th, the assault gun platoon (the three-gun platoon relieving the 16 75 MM pack howitzers of the airborne troops) registered in and the 14th Armored Division had fired its first rounds against the enemy.

On the 16th, the 68th moved into its sector, from the old cement factory at St. Martin du var and the cliff where the men had practiced mountain patrolling.

It was a strange combat. Miles and miles of wire laid from company to battalion (the 68th was strung out for 21 miles) and had to be kept in repair; the wire crews laid 200 miles of line (Capt. Robert Hunziker and Sgt. Joseph Hensley were later awarded Bronze Stars for their work here); men and mules (the first time the infantrymen had had to deal with mules, and the companies were searched man by man for anyone who had even seen a mule before) struggled to supply the companies, and the truck drivers learned to bring their trucks along those nasty, jagged roads, at night, sometimes in the rain, blackout.

The first men on outpost slipped into their positions, and





the gray jagged crags of the Maritime Alps (4,000 foot peaks) towered about them. The days were clear, generally, clear and cool, and the nights were cold, and the stars glittered clear above and each dusk you could feel the mountains silently closing in around you as they do when you are in the middle; and the men moved into the huge empty forts of the Maginot line.

The tenseness began.

The MLR (Main Line of Resistance) ran roughly down the Roya River valley, and the Germans were in the mountains to the east. The tenseness was never to leave, not completely until the war was over, the tenseness of being in combat, the uncertainty, the "might" (the "next one might" . . . "they might" . . .). War seems to be nothing but uncertainty, there is no rhyme or reason to its killing, if you had been there instead of here, you would have gotten it, if you hadn't happened to turn, if your peep hadn't happened to have a flat you would have arrived earlier—life and death hang on a whole series of minor mischances; and when your luck runs out—that is the tenseness.

The men of the 19th and the 68th set their routine of



manning observation posts, and patrolling (S/Sgt. Ronald C. Hanwood and S/Sgt. Paul D. Brown were credited with leading the first patrol of B-19 on November 16). The assault guns and 81 MM mortars did a small amount of firing.

Across the Roya River, in the mountains of Italy, the Germans were doing exactly the same thing; from the observation posts it was sometimes possible to pick out an American patrol and a German patrol moving along, only a few hundred yards from each other.

The battalion's first casualties came when a shell, screaming in those rocky heights, landed near five C Company men, killing one and wounding four. Tec 5 John W. Smith of the medical detachment, wounded himself, dressed the wounds of the others.

(And generally you don't meet death on a gory battlefield, shells bursting around you, as you charge the enemy with fixed bayonet; you are killed more casually, more carelessly, almost accidentally; a single shell screams in and you are killed; you step on a booby trap; you turn your head and a sniper caresses the trigger of his rifle.)

In the 68th area, at 0200 in the dim early morning of November 20, the 2nd squad of company B's 3rd platoon was attacked in their positions atop Hill 1296. There was the flat crack of a rifle, re-echoing past the black rock crags of the night, then the orange streaks of the automatic weapons slashing the night in streaks of light, the explosions sharp snaps of white, the smell of cordite and the clattering of sound. A German patrol was attacking quickly, savagely, and in superior numbers; at one time they were in, their dark uniforms barely visible, the endless sudden darting into light of their guns only giving away their positions.

S/Sgt. Jim Miner, wounded himself, directed the fire of his platoon, shouting in the darkness; and Sgt. Cecil F. Slusher, wounded and lying in the open, continued to fire at the flashes of the enemy guns as fast as he could. Later, both were awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action; the attack was driven off.

Back in the 19th's area, a patrol led by Sgt. Maurice E. Shortt of Company A ran into trouble on its morning tour. Near la Gonella, far out from his lines, a machine gun opened up and Shortt was wounded. Assembling his patrol in defilade, he told them he was going to make a break. If he drew fire, the men were to make their way back to the company by a different route, while he provided distraction. He drew fire. (He also was later awarded the Silver Star.)

One enemy weapon, almost more than any other, that endangered the lives of the men was the German Shu mine. The Germans set booby traps on the trails, in the woods, in pillboxes, everywhere. Snow drifted over the mines and hid them. Pfc. James Walters and Pvt. Edward Novotny of Company B, 68th, became the first victims of that technique.

(Another difficulty, always in first combat, was that the outposts were trigger happy, ready to fire at the slightest noise, and relieving your own guards was almost as complicated a military maneuver as entering Germany; but no one was hit.)

In the 68th, Company C relieved Company B.

The men of both battalions still carried their supplies by mules, and sometimes a mule stepped on a Shu mine; the medics had to use ski litters to move casualties along the thousands of yards of rough, precipitious trails. (B-68 medics once worked eight hours through the night to remove two wounded men from their outpost.)

The Service companies were supplying from Lantosque. The main road was under enemy observation, so the longer route was used. The hairpin turns were so sharp the truck drivers had to back and pull forward to get around.

The run over this mountain trail with ammunition, gas and rations was made in low gear, low range, five miles an hour. The sides dropped straight 1000 feet.

When the sun set, ice formed on the roads.

Meanwhile, back at Marseille, the rest of the Division had been alerted to move.

The 136th had worked hard at Marseille. Thirty men from each letter company had worked at the docks. Under the direction of Maj. Franklin K. Kinsey and Lieut. Harold Schaad, the men unloaded equipment, inspected it, and got it ready for use; and they lived in the cold concrete, bombedout docks. Sgt. Samuel Bonda, World War I veteran, set up a mess, and the crews worked 24 hours a day. At the freezing-cold, muddy bivouac area, Maj. Frank T. Henry was getting the battalion ready to move to combat; Maj. Megica was promoted to Lieut. Col. and Capt. DeWayne H. Johnson to Major. Lieut. Tony Pluth and Capt. Edward Brewer went ahead to the combat area. The welders went day and night.

Supply Officer Capt. Hollis S. Dolan's crew drew and issued 1000 general purpose vehicles, 450 half tracks; and



40 men were detailed to haul the ammunition for the Division under direction of Division Ammunition Officer Capt. Arthur B. Chapman, and his section.

On November 10, Lieut. James K. Tyrrell's C Company was ordered to Epinal with CCA. Company A, under Lieut. Benjamin E. Smith, left Novotny on November 20, to support CCB; Capt. Jay W. Hornbeak's B Company left with CCR November 22. Headquarters, under Capt. Robert G. Elmore, moved up with A Company. The trip north gave the 136th one of its big problemswhat to do with the tank transporters. Twelve feet six inches wide, 48 feet long, they could make no pontoon bridges; a peep had to be assigned to each tank transporter to reconnoiter a route for it each time it moved. Capt. Charles R. Jackson, Dolan, and Lieut. John D. Vickers remained behind at Marseille until the last. Day and night, too, the trucks of the 84th Medical Battalion ran between Marseilles and the staging area, carrying the stores of sulfa, bandages, morphine and plasma that were to be needed; the men painted red crosses on their helmets; radios were installed. The surgical trucks were loaded with instruments, ready for combat.

The 154th Armored Signal Company, 279 men and 14 officers strong (led by Lieut. Col. W. M. Duckwitz, Division Signal Officer; Maj. James H. Schofield, assistant Division Signal Officer, and Capt. Alfred D. Stackhouse, Signal Company commander) was broken into its tactical disposition at Marseille.

Message center was split into its forward echelon section and rear echelon section; the wire section was broken into six teams, one for each combat command to lay wire from the command down to its battalions, two to operate from the division, and one for reserve. The radio section, operating six high power sets and 12 medium power sets, was split up between the combat commands and other units. The radio repair section was broken down to serve the combat commands.

The company, at Marseille, drew its equipment, had to borrow a trailer to carry its cryptographic safes. On November 8 the message center team of 20 men went to Portieux to set up an advance message center, sent a clerk and cryptographic technician with CCA. Five men from the 154th went to Nice with CCR. The SIGABA's (super secret, highly complicated, electrically operated encoding and decoding machines) were split between the forward and rear echelon message centers.

The radio section, with the radio repair section, installed and serviced the Division's vehicular radios, in tanks, half tracks and peeps; and there was the new Single Call Sign method of handling radio procedure; and the radio section sent an SCR-399 with CCA.

The Division Band had been turned into military police to augment the Division MP Platoon. The band was divided into three squads: the 1st squad under T/Sgt. Harold Brink; the 2nd squad under T/Sgt. Herbert Evans; the 3rd squad under S/Sgt. Jacob Johnson.

The 1st band squad directed vehicles north from Marseille, meeting the regular MP squad that marked the route on in to Valence. Convoys were guided north from Valence by the 2nd band squad as far as Lyon where the regular MP's working out of Dijon took them on into the park bivouac.

From Dijon to Charmes and Portieux the 3rd band squad took over.

The regular MP Platoon was on traffic duty, later worked with the regular patrols in Marseilles. (When the band joined the MP's there were no vehicles for transportation, and transportation was always a problem.) The MP platoon also prepared to leave for combat, and when CCA moved out, MP's went with them.

The Red Cross men with the Division (Mr. William H. Hutchinson, Field Director, Mr. Charles A. McDonnell, Mr. Clarence E. Clevenger and Mr. Joseph H. Grogan) worked with the men.

On November 5, an advance party from Combat Command A (commanded now by Col. Charles H. Karlstad) left for La Verrerie de Portieux, near Epinal; and on November 7 the first train left Septemes (rail loading point near Marseille) and Cannae Station, for the trip north.

Full track and half track vehicles went by rail, and the men worked through the clear November days chocking the tanks to the French flat cars; and the men were loaded in the small, cold, stinking 40-and-8 French boxcars.

The trains squeaked their way north through the valley of the Rhone.

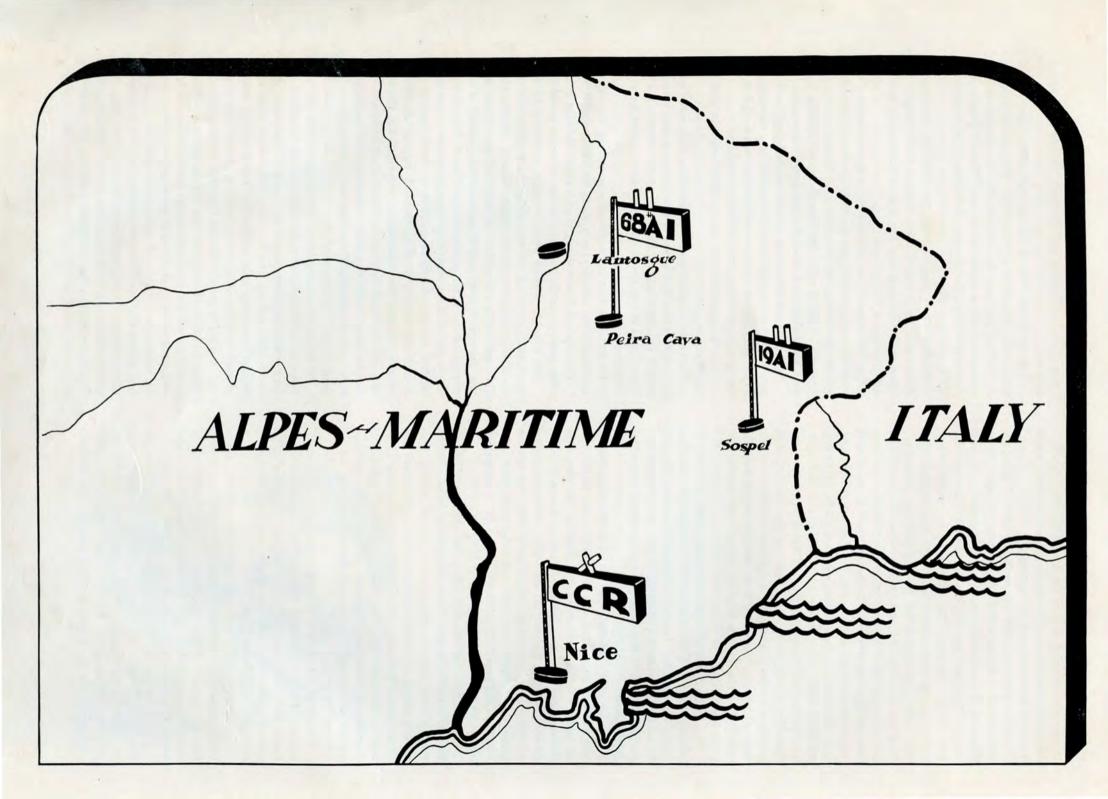
The French engineers were apparently a little out of practice; just as you had heated a precious mess cup of coffee over a Coleman burner, the engineer would slam on the brakes; and as you rescued it and started to drink, he would jerk ahead.

The latrine meant a shovel and a spot along the right of way; and in the middle of everything the train would start.

The trip lasted three days; when it rained the cars leaked; when you opened the car door the ice cold wind drove in.

The wheeled vehicles went by road, travelling by day, bivouacking by night, twisting along the beautiful valley of the Rhone, Avignon (Sur le Pont), Valence, Dijon, Lyon. The countryside was neat, lovely and the signs of war were few. Between Valence and Dijon was a long stretch of highway, miles and miles, where General Patch's Seventh Army troops had nailed a retreating German column on the road, blocked its way by blowing bridges, then bombed and strafed and shelled the long doubled column of German vehicles (behind the "champagne campaign" was the smell of death) knocked them out and burned them up, and then the American bulldozers had come along and scraped the hulks into the ditches. There they were, rusting in the air, dead scrap of the war machine.

At Dijon, Division columns bivouacked in the city park (coming in, blackout at night, in a pouring rainstorm, the park roads knee deep in mud and water, a few hours sleep, up at dawn and out past the lovely 18th Century facades in the early morning rain, while the French girls in slickers abroad in the early morning, stood in the broad sidewalk and watched); passed through Charmes where the Seventh Army had had a battle; and here was the full desolation of war. Here was not simply bombing; here had been infantry and artillery firing at defended positions, and Charmes did not simply have blocks of houses ruined by a bomb hit; here houses had been flattened, levelled, reduced to senseless piles of rubble by the deadly pounding of artillery, and here were holes where strings of machine gun bullets had sprayed. Here were only a few civilians, watching the up-moving



troops with weary eyes, here was waste and full destruction.

Here, too, were the first of the "manure towns"—widening in the road or a cross roads with a few-score ancient, stucco houses, the house and barn all of a piece and built around a small courtyard, the manure pile in the courtyard or stacked against the wall outside (feudal towns, built so the farmers who now owned the surrounding land could band together and characterized by the ever present smell of manure).

The troops looked silently. Ahead, the Seventh Army was fighting in the Vosges, the Seventh had been slowed from its forty-mile-a-day advances; and the 14th was catching up as fast as wheels would turn. The 48th, the 25th, the 62nd. The 47th, the 94th, the 125th. The 499th. the 500th, the 501st. The 136th, the 154th, the 84th. Every battalion, every company, every headquarters except the men already fighting. CCA closed at Portieux on November 14—25th Tank, 48th Tank, 62nd Infantry, 500th Field, part of B Troop of the 94th (the 1st platoon with the 25th, the 2nd platoon with the 62nd, and the 3rd platoon with the 48th). C Company of the 125th, a wire team and a message center team of the 154th. C Company of the 136th, A Company of the 84th, Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the Combat Command.

It was colder now, in the flat, slightly rolling country of Epinal, a country of low hills, heavily wooded (the pine woods of France, the trees in neat straight rows, and there is no underbrush, not wild like American woods, you walk down the aisles of the trees, on the soft wet, dark brown matting of the dead pine needles, and the trees stretch away from you, black wet trunks emerging in perspective, and seedlings are planted to take the place of the trees cut by the thrifty French), and alternate swamplands. In this country the men of the combat command set up their bivouacs; it rained and the rain dripped from the gray skies, fell from

the trees; splashed in pyramidal tents of the CP's and the tank tarps erected to work under; and the supply trucks, overloaded, bogged to their running boards when they got off the roads, and the one way roads were clogged with traffic; endlessly the men built corduroy roads.

Men of the 125th were getting a new kind of training; they were sent forward to battle areas where the Nazis had been driven out and practiced clearing actual mine fields—Teller mines, Shu mines, Regal mines, Schachtel mines. A thousand pounds of cratering charges were delivered to the line companies. Lieut, Col. Swift, former battalion commander, dropped in to talk to Maj. John R. Morrison, his successor.

The men of Combat Command A finished going over their vehicles for the last time, finished stowing them, checking their engines and the radio and the guns; and the composition of the march column was announced. The tanks were run to see how much progress they could make in that dark and sodden terrain; company commanders and staff officers went to the front in peeps to get their first view of action.

At night, lying in your new sleeping bag, you could hear the faint distant thunder of the guns, the heavy artillery thirty miles away at the front, and on the distant horizon to the north and to the east you could see faint dim flashes of light. Your tent mate said: "Late thunder storms in this country;" but it was more than that. News came through that the Seventh Army had broken through the Belfort Gap.

On November 20, the 19th Infantry was alerted to move from the Sospel area to rejoin Division; Division Artillery's planes began the flight from Marseille to Lyon (there was only one map; the three rear planes lost the first three in the clouds and turned back); Combat Command B (under Col. Gillespie) was moving to Epinal; and Combat Command A was ordered to battle.

## Chapter VI

## COMBAT COMMAND A

## GERTWILLER, BENFIELD and BARR

November 21 - December 4, 1944

THE SEVENTH ARMY was fighting its way through the Vosges Mountains against a strong and resourceful enemy. The German was retreating, but it was no longer a route. The 14th Armored Division (in VI Corps, Seventh Army) was the only armored division on the army front.

The Vosges run roughly north and south, the peaks are generally 2,500 feet high, the roads are narrow, and winding; on one side the steep, wooded hillsides rise up, on the other side the ground breaks sharply to drop to the ravine below. Perfect defense country, country where it may take a day, two days, to beat through a road block, where snipers can hold up the infantry, hard and bitter country to fight through.

At 1600, November 20 (Sunday, and a driving rainstorm), CCA started for St. Remy and Non Patalize in two columns. The Combat Command was to cross the Meurthe River and attack to the east.

The 48th Tank Battalion, plus A-62, formed the main element of one column, under Lieut. Col. Edwin H. Ferris; and the 62nd Armored Infantry, with Company B-25, commanded by Lieut. Col. James H. Meyers, formed the other. (The third platoon of D-25 was acting as guard for Division Trains.)

VI Corps held the command west of the line St. Remy-La Salle for 10 hours (men falling asleep in their vehicles along-side the black wooded hills of night) and then CCA moved into the St. Remy-Non Patalize positions; moving in, an A-25 tank, commanded by Sgt. Horan Rudd, hit a mine and two others of the crew were wounded And hearing the rumble of the guns, much closer now, and seeing the muzzle flashes against the sky; and reflecting "this is it." Moving in the rain and the darkness, blackout, a halftrack of Company C, 62nd rolled over; and Sgt. John F. Denton and Pfc. T. Rodriques were killed.

At 1400 on the 21st, VI Corps ordered CCA to move northwest from Rambervillers, through Baccarat, Blamont, and Cirey, attack southwest to seize Schirmeck and block the retreat of enemy forces to the northeast.

The whole Combat Command turned around and reformed: a three-hour procedure.

The tenseness was new for all these men and of all tenseness the worst is when you are point.

You are leading, and wherever the enemy decides to fight, that is where you get it. It is worse than the fighting itself. You are in a peep or an armored car, you are the most vulnerable man in the world; in any woods, over any bridge, around any turn, by any building, the enemy will be lying; if you are lucky you may see the flash of the gun, its sudden spit of flame from the innocent ground, you may get away,

you may not be killed; or, as a corrollary, if you are lucky you may know nothing, may not hear the report, just—whatever it is. The waiting, waiting, waiting.

You're in a tank, inside the flat white steel walls, not able to hear with the crackle of the earphones in your head and the endless roar of the engine behind you, looking out through the periscope at the slowly rolling country. Waiting, waiting.

The vast column of CCA moved along.

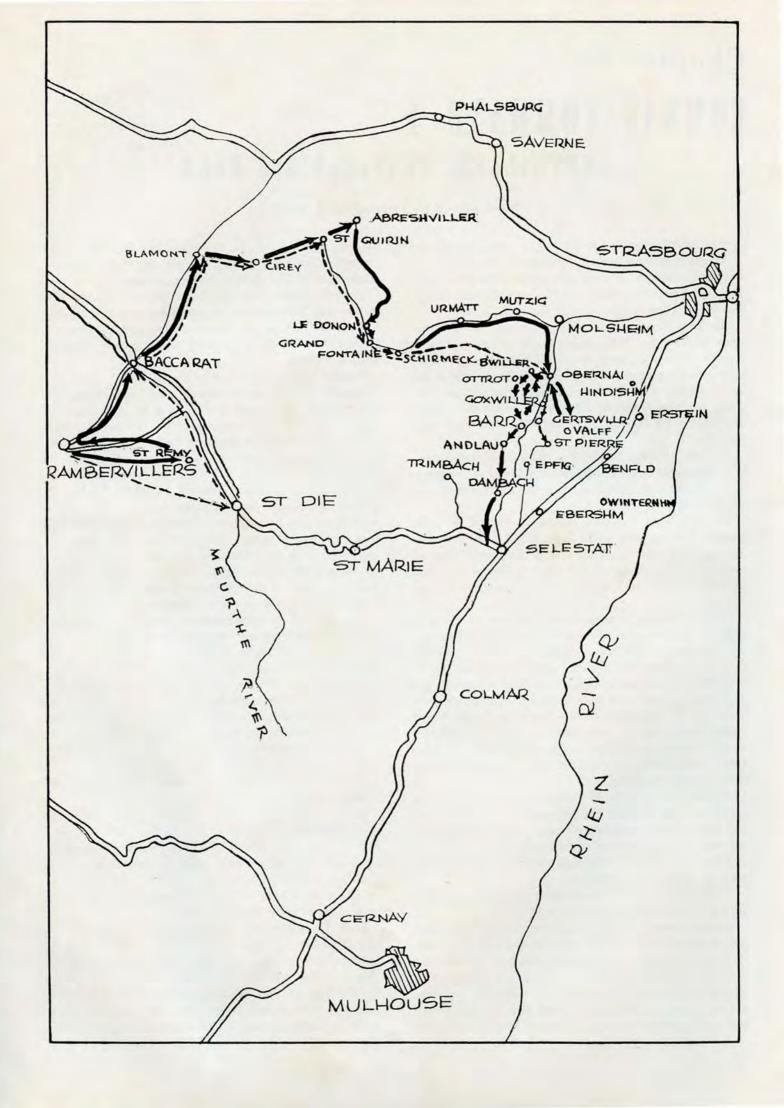
Stand by the side of the road. It is cold and raining. An M-4 medium tank growls slowly along the gray road, its engine whining a high crescendo as the driver shifts for a grade; its 75 MM gun to the front, the long barrel, the nasty snout of the muzzle waiting, waiting. An anti-aircraft .50 caliber tilted skyward on the turret, the cartridges shining. The hatches are open, and you can see the steel helmet of the tank commander just out of the turret. (If the hatches were closed, the periscope and telescopic gun sights would frost over now.) The tank passes slowly, its steel track clawing at the road, its ponderous bulk jolting, the connectors squealing shrilly against the notches of the drive sprocket, a final warm blast of the full throated engine. Seventy yards behind the gray bulk of a second tank, white star gleaming in the dark day, is already coming toward you. The tanks pass, more and more and more, till it seems there is no end to this long steel column of gun power, and there are the half tracks (nine tons each of steel plate, machine gun muzzles aiming flatly over the side) and the peeps and the twoand-a-half ton trucks whining, exhausts blasting, flat as the palm of your hand, overloaded double capacity, carrying gas and ammunition and rations for the fighting force ahead.

The two columns of the Combat Command, at Cirey, passed through the 3rd and 103rd Infantry Divisions, and took up the attack on two parallel roads leading to Shirmeck.

Another element of the 14th was in combat.

The wounded horses were not dead now, but writhing in agony, smoking and burning; and dead soldiers lay crumpled along the road. Men of C-125 saw French civilians loading corpses on a farm wagon, stamping them down so they could get on as many as possible. (And saw the civilians in the towns, in the midst of combat, ducking across the street, looking out of cellar windows.)

Lieut. Russell Watson, leading the 62nd column in his tank, rounded a wooded curve on the rain-drenched St. Quiren-Shirmeck road, and before him was a road block. There had been road blocks on maneuvers, and in problems, but they had not been like this. They had been a few trees across the right of way; now, as far as Watson and his men could see, the road was a tangled mass of thick-girthed trees,







laced and jammed for two hundred yards, piled on each other to 12 feet high in the narrow ravine, and as it later proved, mined. Watson could see the Germans still felling trees at the far end; his tank opened fire and the Germans disappeared.

The column stopped.

Capt. Howard Trammell's Company C-62 dismounted, some of the tenseness gone now that it had come, alert and excited, and began to deploy into the woods to the north of the road, to the high ground. Cautiously, spread apart and keeping in the shelter of the trees, they advanced. Enemy fire began to fall, the high sudden whine, the screams, the earth-shaking, shattering, sudden roars of the explosions.

S/Sgt. William Shott and his second mortar platoon went into position along a hedge in the wet field to the right of the road (brushing the wet branches aside and trampling the wet grass) and opened fire. The Germans had observation. The fire was returned.

Company C moved slowly forward; General Smith, Lieut. Col. Lambert (Division G-3) and Lieut. Col. Meyers were in conference on the road.



The 2rd and 3rd platoon advanced far enough past the road block to give protection and the engineers (the 1st platoon of Company C) went to work to remove the road block; and almost instantly an enemy mortar shell, fluttering in and suddenly slamming with explosion, struck the road block. Killed was Tec/5 Louis Twardy; seriously wounded were Sgt. Edward Keane, Tec/5 Donald Kemp and Pfc. Charles Roessler. Lieut. Marion May and Pvt. Don Roberts were cut by fragments.

C-62's 1st platoon and anti-tank platoon moved up. It was drizzling and not like action at all, it was like action in a dream, no charge, crouching behind a tree in the wet and waiting, hearing the bitter scream of an incoming shell and the blast of its explosion, moving forward a little and the firing and flutter of mortar shells, and waiting again, the grotesque nightmarish action of reality, nerves taut as piano wire.

Pfc. Richard C. Cady was killed by a tree burst and Pfc. Joseph D. Steale was wounded. Lieut. John Wall's heavy machine gun platoon of Headquarters Company went into position, and Pfc. Walter W. Jurewicz was wounded.

With all Company C in position near the road block, the 2nd and 3rd platoons moved out in attack; man by man, forward through the woods, and the men passed over the top of a spur running from the main ridge on which they were advancing, down to the road; and they ran full into the enemy defenses; the quick firing of German machine guns opened full blast; and the advance was stopped. Pfc. Robert S. Elder, scout for the 2nd platoon, was hit and fell; Pvt. William S. Anderson of the 3rd Platoon, pushing forward to locate one of the guns, was hit twice by snipers defending the machine guns, but found the gun and stayed alive.

Capt. Trammell told S/Sgt. R. J. Adcox to take the rifle squads and flank the machine guns, and the rest of the platoons to dig in along the ridge where they had drawn fire. Elder was lying to the front, where he had fallen, and company medics, T/3 James T. Hedderman, Pvt. Edward C. Malla, Pfc. Francis Hilt and Pvt. Richard Sherry went forward and carried Elder's body to the rear on a stretcher.

A guide came back from S/Sgt, Adcox, and Capt. Trammell took the 1st platoon and anti-tank platoon and went forward. It seemed quiet for a moment as Trammell came



up to Adcox, but the men were intently watching a patch of woods between them and the road. Capt. Trammell dropped into the ditch beside Sgt. Adcox; Adcox whispered that the Germans had started moving back as he had come up on their flank; he had lobbed two grenades at them, but his tight fitting raincoat had hampered his aim and the grenades had fallen short. Then, firing his rifle snap-shot, he had killed a German and the others fled to a ditch 50 yards away. Occasionally, the Germans were firing a bazooka or hurling a grenade; and just at dusk a German machine pistol opened up in the direction of Capt. Trammell and Sgt. Adcox. Trammell fired at the muzzle flash and it stopped. The captain then ordered the AT Platoon to provide security, and the first platoon to work down the ridge to the road, to clean out the Germans, and join up with the 2nd and 3rd platoons. Two men from the AT Platoon, Capt. Trammell and Lieut. Franz E. Miller, Jr. (forward observer from the 500th Field Artillery), covered the valley between the Germans and the 2nd and 3rd platoon front. It was getting dark, now, and the men had to work fast.

The operation was a success.

The 1st platoon moved down the spur slowly, lobbing grenades into the German holes. In one of the idiotic ironies of war, a German tapped S/Sgt. John W. Pleacher on the shoulder. Pleacher was carrying a light machine gun at his hip. He whirled, saw the German, and fired.

The ridge was cleared; Capt. Trammell reorganized his company for defense and went back to the battalion commander for further instruction. Men of the company dug in, settled down to wait out the black, wet, cold, drizzling night.

It was Thanksgiving Eve.

The company was to jump off the next morning at 0530, and Col. Meyers requested a tank-dozer to clear the road block. Capt. James Mohr's B Company was to be brought up to join the attack.

Company C jumped off promptly, S/Sgt. Manley D. Zazzara leading a combat patrol in the assault; they met a lone German soldier coming down a path in the woods, whistling a tune. Pfc. William F. Goelz fired one round.

Company C was ordered to hold its attack till the tank dozer had cleared the road block. (Tec/5 Glenn Taylor of the 125th Engineers was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for clearing three quarters of a mile of road block with the dozer.) Company B, mounted in half tracks, moved up along the road.

While Company C waited, Thanksgiving dinner was eaten. C rations, cold in the cans, in the drizzling rain of the wet winter woods, sodden and shivering, by the bodies of dead Germans, not yet buried.

A grenade exploded in Pfc. Jerry Hill's pocket, killing him and Pfc. Anton F. Lesjack.

The company moved ahead, and the road block had been passed. A day to get by the road block, and C Company moved two miles. The half frozen, wet and shivering men bivouacked that night in a barn, B Company men stood outpost duty.

Meanwhile, the 48th column had been moving along on a parallel road, meeting only slight resistance, lightly de-











fended road block after lightly defended road block, and it growled its way along the road to Shirmeck. The column moved into Grand Fontaine and S/Sgt. Arthur Meek of D-48 was wounded while reconnoitering the town. The tanks moved out of town and ran into trouble.

Company B-48 was in the lead, Sgt. Roe Wheeler's tank the point. He ran into a defended road block and before he could fire a round, enemy bazooka men hit his tank, killing one man and wounding three, damaging the tank gun so it could not be used; and artillery fire began to come in. Wheeler dismounted and led his tank back to safety.

S/Sgt. Samuel E. Boyden, in the second tank, advanced to blow out the road block and its defenses; twice his tank jammed, and twice he dismounted in the fire to clear it.

The fire fight continued to mount in intensity as the Americans strived to knock out the road block, and the Germans fought to defend it; and Boyden was hit by a sniper and killed. (Posthumously, he was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroism).

Men of Captain David Ianella's Company A-62 (Lieutenant Jesse Charleston's 3rd Platoon in the lead), dismounted from their half tracks while the tanks were blasting the road block, and fanned into the woods for security.

The 500th Armored Field Artillery Battalion fired the Division's first artillery round. Lieut. Vincent J. Hannehan swung his six full-track guns of B Battery, into firing position, and the first adjusting round was fired by Sgt. Mike Messich's crew: Tec/5 Marvin Townsend, Corp. Stan Grabowski, Pfc. Arthur Matera and Pfc. Marshall Bettes. The tanks drove through the road block, the defenders scattered.

Lieut. Gilbert S. Stansfield of B-48 moved into the point; the turret hatch was open. (The cold and the wet that frosted the periscopes). A sniper killed him. There were more and more snipers, in their camouflage suits in the trees, in the steeples of churches, on the high ground. The 48th moved ponderously up the St. Quirin Valley road. S/Sgt. Ahythel A. Warren was killed by a sniper.

Just before dusk, the column hit an uncompleted road block; a platoon of infantry was mounted on tanks (the tanks could roll over the logs) and were sent ahead. At dusk, this small force outposted the head of the column. The men on guard heard German vehicles and voices approaching; they opened up on the sounds with 75's and .50 calibers, and they heard the screams of the Germans and the sudden roar of the enemy engines as the Germans fled.

S/Sgt. Lawrence T. Lakey, Pfc. William A. Gerow, and S/Sgt. Charles R. Oyler, firing .50's from the backs of half tracks, followed the sounds till they disappeared (in the morning, two knocked-out German personnel carriers were found); but there was retribution to come and an hour before dawn, the black sky suddenly screamed, flashed light, and exploded. The Germans were bringing in artillery (mapfiring and unobserved). There were no casualties.

CCA was transferred from VI Corps to XV Corps.

On November 24, C-62 jumped off from the barn where it had been resting. Lieut. Vincent E. Darzbach's 2nd Platoon, riding on the 25th's tanks, was in the assault.

Up the Blanc Rupt valley, 300 yards beyond Company B's outposts, the enemy was seen moving around the houses and barns of a small village. The tanks began to pour direct fire high explosives into the buildings, and the infantrymen dis-



mounted to flank the town; they moved through and remounted the tanks while the 3rd platoon under Lieutenant Edward M. Kosik, remained behind to go through the town building by building.

The column continued on the cold, bleak way to La Donon, the vehicles clawing at the hairpin turns and down the grades; and one of the inevitable mistakes of war occurred. Company C fired on its own reconnaissance platoon as it came around a bend in the road; luck rode with the reconmen and no one was wounded.

A road crater, thirty feet across and impassable, unturnable, halted the advance; again the engineers came forward with a tank dozer. The 2nd platoon went up into the hills to provide security.

The road crater was repaired, the company prepared to move again; word came that the 48th Tank column was a thousand yards away, held up by bazooka and anti-tank gun fire; the 62nd was to turn and come up on the enemy from the rear. By the time the 62nd turned, however, the 48th had smashed through the resistance and continued on to Shirmeck; and the 62nd moved into Grand Fontaine. The 62nd spent the night there, quartered in a French chateau overlooking the Alsation plain. The Germans had been using the chateau as a hospital, and had moved out hurriedly. Clothes and equipment and papers, dirt and food littered the filthy rooms; but there was a stove in each room, and German hospital bunks, and the men spent the day cleaning their quarters, themselves and their equipment, drying out and resting, writing letters and eating. Thanksgiving dinnerturkey and cranberry jelly, potatoes and gravy-came up; the men feasted and watched the 48th tank column battling for Shirmeck, heard the firing of the guns and watched the columns of smoke rising. American planes came in to bomb the town, diving very fast, like steel hawks, and the scream of the engines came clearly, and the planes would rise fast again. Then would come the distant, heavy POOM! of the bombs exploding, quick and close together, different from the empty, scattered WHOOM! of the artillery.

A sniper began firing in town, and a tank and a patrol of men eliminated him; and the anti-tank platoon was sent back to guard battalion combat trains up from St. Quirin.

The 48th's attack was again halted by a crater; it was filled and the battalion moved on, XV Corps changed the Combat Command objective from Shirmeck itself to a point 800 yards northwest of Shirmeck (to avoid conflict with VI Corps troops coming in from the southwest); the 48th moved in to Shirmeck at about 1500 on November 25, and was preparing to move on when the orders were changed, and the 48th stayed. It was the first big town the battalion had taken; and there had been heavy fighting all the way from Grand Fontaine. The third platoon of B-94 had been guarding the Combat Command flank; the 1st and 2nd platoons were rear guard.

The words heavy fighting do not seem to mean much; but what other words can be used? What words can be used to describe the flames of hell, except that they are hot and real? Heavy fighting, for 48th, meant bazooka men and anti-tank guns and heavy artillery shells; and the heat and noise inside a tank, the smell of engine oil and cordite burning in your nose, and the savage slam of the heavy tank rifle spitting a 15 pound steel projectile at 2,500 feet a second, and the snapping ripple of its machine guns, and the sudden and unexpected shock for which you could never brace yourself of a bazooka shell hitting, or an 88. The men learned of the 88's and how the Germans waited till you were 400 or 500 yards away to open up, and at 400 or 500 yards an 88 cuts through a Sherman tank like a gimlet through a piece of cheese, and agony and fire and death. Tank fighting is different from infantry fighting, but it is not any prettier, and the 48th had heavy fighting getting into Shirmeck.

The French civilians, men and women and children, who had been in the cellars during the fighting, came out smiling and laughing and offering wine and cognac and bread; and the soldiers gave the children C ration candy.

The 48th, drying clothes and cleaning up in the town of Shirmeck, made contact with VI Corps troops, and Seventh Army ordered CCA back to VI Corps. (The French First Armored Division had struck north and captured Strasbourg; the Germans were rapidly being pinched off and for a time it was considered throwing CCA loose straight for the Rhine.)

On the 27th, CCA passed through the Vosges and came out onto the Alsatian plain, the great French valley of the Rhine; turned south through Obernai and began to drive for the Corps objective: to seize and hold the line Erstein-Benford-Selestat. Now, the 25th Tank Battalion (minus C Company) comprised the west column; the 48th (minus C Company) the east column. Men of B troop, 94th Recon, were in front, and the 62nd was in reserve; it was not long. B-62 went to the 25th; A Company to the 48th; Headquarters and C Companies, with C of the 25th and C of the 48th, made up a third column, under Colonel Meyers.

(In B-94, Capt. Paul S. Fromer, Tec/5 Robert W. Sebartian and Corp. Joseph P. Junius were wounded the first day in action when an artillery shell exploded near their peep, and executive officer, Lieut. John E. Martin took over.) Lieut. David B. Compton's 1st platoon of B-94 was with the 25th; Lieut. Williard Bosky's 2nd platoon was with Task Force Meyers; and Lieut. John F. Kraker's 3rd platoon was with the 48th. The 1st platoon of C-125 was with the 62nd; the 2nd platoon with the 25th; and the third platoon with the 48th.

Follow the 25th's column, led by Lieut. Compton's platoon of peeps and M-8 armored cars, as it pulls out of Shirmeck at daybreak on the 27th. The weather has changed, the sky is clear, the slate gray dawn is stippled with sooty pink as the sun rises out of Germany in the East. Behind the Recon vehicles come the ponderous dull painted medium tanks of Lieut. Jesse Tomey's 1st Platoon of Company A-25 (Capt. Thomas H. Lasater), infantrymen from B-62 mounted on them; then the rest of A-25, the Headquarters Company Assault Guns (commanded by Lieut. John R. Martin), and the rest of the battalion.

The column rolled into Obernai, and the civilians told Sgts. Edwin N. Winge and Bernard D. Schmaltz, in the 94th's lead peep, that the enemy was in Goxwiller, next town ahead. The column moved slowly down the narrow Alsatian road, along the gentle rolling hills, toward Goxwiller, the fields wet and fallow on either side. The Recon men spotted a road block at the entrance to town, and the report was sent back to Lieut. Tomey. He sent S/Sgt. Nolan P. Wesson, with a section of medium tanks, to destroy it. Wesson ran into a hail of machine gun and mortar fire, but he blew the road block out with his tank guns; and the supporting 500th Field began to lay fire on Gertwiller, next town beyond Goxwiller, to cut off the retreating Germans.

The point tanks rolled cautiously through Goxwiller, and on to Gertwiller. Two hundred yards out of Gertwiller, the lead vehicles came on another road block, defended by machine guns. Wesson's tank guns blew out the machine gun nests, but this time the road block was too much for 75 MM rifles; he could not reduce it. Martin laid in his 105 MM howitzers and blew a hole for the tanks. The tanks moved on into town, firing as they went. A bridge was blown, but Tomey found a bypass and took his platoon through.

Men of B-62 dismounted, took off their binding heavy clothes and entrenching tools, loaded themselves with hand grenades and ammunition; in column of platoons the company moved into town, slowly, cautiously, down the main street; the forward elements reached the far end and began to set up a perimeter defense.

Men of the 2nd platoon, C-125, moved into town to put in a treadway bridge. Then engineers found the enemy had flooded a street that could be used as a by-pass, and, under fire, Sgt. Robert Lewis, Tec/5 Bernard Latowski, Corp. Warren C. Shelley, Pfcs. Ralph Breedlove, Harold I. Stutz, and Ernst Haber began to clear the debris blocking the water.

The sky was darkening and it was late afternoon, almost dusk; the 25th was ordered to secure Gertwiller for the night. The Germans were dropping intermittent artillery and mortar fire into the town; and as the point tanks were ordered to close in, in the failing light, just at dusk, a carefully camouflaged 88 German high velocity anti-tank gun opened up at almost point blank range and hit Lieut. Tomey's tank three times in a breath's space; Lieut. Tomey and Tec/4 Porter C. Tucker were killed. Sgt. Wesson ordered the platoon to withdraw; and all hell began to break loose for the 25th.

Wesson's tank was hit and knocked out; Wesson and Tec/4 James W. Mitchell were knocked unconscious by the concussion, and the rest of the crew (Pfc. Eloy Ortiz, Pfc. Clarence G. Deighton, and Corp. Eugene Podraza) pulled them to safety. Sgt. Ray Taylor's tank was hit—the same 88—but the crew got to safety and Sgt. Warren F. Roberson got his tank back in time.

All Gertwiller erupted into flame and action.

Infantrymen of B-62 ran from house to house, dashing fast through the dark, flash-lit streets, from door to door, tossing grenades and smashing in; and the roar of tank guns, triply loud in the darkness, blasted through the night.

Gertwiller was full of Germans, hidden in the houses and cellars, and now they began to fire; the German mortars







came in unceasingly and the snipers picked off men one by one.

Tankers of Lieut. Robert S. Walton's platoon were firing 75's as fast as rounds could be slammed into the breeches; Sgt. Levi Wood spotted a sniper behind a chimney and fired a round of HE at him. Sniper and chimney blew into nothing.

After a time, after minutes or hours, the action began to quiet down.

The 25th supply officer, Lieut. Morris Wax, began to run gas and ammunition into town; the men of the knocked-out 1st platoon drifted back to the battalion; the infantrymen went on outpost. (The 2nd Platoon, C-125, took its first prisoners when two Germans gave themselves up to Pfc. Cleobule Trahan.)

Lieut. Lloyd T. Sexton, battalion surgeon, a mile back in the column with his ambulances and peeps, got a radio message that the battalion was suffering casualties, and pulled out of line to set up his aid station in the cellar of a house in Obernai; during the evening the number of wounded increased so much that the aid station had to be moved to the Obernai schoolhouse.

The quietness in Gertwiller was only temporary; at 0330 the artillery fire that had been falling suddenly unleashed itself in a new savagery; and the quick "brrrrrr" of the fast-firing German sub-machine gun, the burp guns, slashed through the darkness. German infantry, in heavy numbers, had infiltrated the outposts and were on the edge of town; and hell broke loose again. (The way you find out about infiltrating, Pfc. Preston Snowden of the 125th walked into the street to get a gas can, and a burp gun suddenly fired on him from the rear; and there is a sudden sick realization that you do not know where the enemy is, he is in where you thought your own troops were.) Sgt. Woods' tank was hit now and retrieved later in the fire by T/Sgt. Dawson D. Hightower and his crew. Orders came to withdraw into the houses in Gertwiller; the German attack was in too great force.

(Tec/3 Joseph R. Maiorana, 62nd Medic, went back for an ambulance and returned with the ambulance and tanks; he was killed while aiding the wounded and was recommended for the DSC. For the infantry, the withdrawal was more easily ordered than accomplished. The German patrols had come through the lines; enemy machine gun fire, grazing and deadly, cut across the face of the earth in an intermittent sheet of death; the artillery and mortar fire steadily increased its pounding. Men hugged the earth in the cold blackness; you could hear them cry, scream, pray. (And, in the midst of it, Tec/5 Donald Horton would turn to Pfc. William J. Van Hisa and say, "Cold, isn't it?")

Men waited for a machine gun blast to end, lifted themselves and fired at the pitch dark where the muzzle flashes had been, dropped again as the enemy, thirty yards away. sprayed back again. B-62's 60 MM mortars were firing at a range of 200 yards; ammunition handlers came up with ammunition, medics went down the line from one man to the next. Three hours it took to get out of that hell hole, slipping out one man at a time, crawling in the darkness back to town. carrying ammunition, guns; the men slipped into the French farmhouses, slumped on chairs on tables, on the floor, lit a cigarette, looked for buddies ("Where's Johnny? You seen Johnny?" "I ain't seen him since--") and passed the terrible night through; the 2nd and 3rd platoons had borne the brunt of the attack; now the anti-tank and 1st platoons dug in; as the first touch of gray lightened the black of the Eastern sky. the order came to fall back to Goxwiller. The 2nd and 3rd platoons formed skirmish lines; the 1st and anti-tank platoons passed through them (Platoon leaders: 1st, Lieut William Lanier; 2nd, Lieut. Bernard McNally, veteran of the Pacific theater; 3rd, Lieut. Robert Peoples; Anti-Tank Lieut. William Suenkel, also veteran of the Pacific; execu tive officer, Lieut. John Wheeler).

The enemy had infiltrated completely through town, and the men of A-25 and B-62 had to fight back to Goxwiller. Lieutenant Robert S. Walton of A-25 was covering the infantry withdrawal with his tanks; they were deployed along the road, firing at the houses in Gertwiller where the Germans had moved in, and firing at the flanks where the Germans had set up machine guns to spray the roads. German mortars blasted the roads to trap the retreating men. Infan trymen, unfamiliar with the town, lost their way in the narrow frightening streets of death; gunners stayed at their

chattering guns to cover their retreating comrades till enemy grenades stopped them. A sniper laid a round between Tec/5 Basil Devilbiss and Tec/5 Roland Kaiser of the 125th, and a tank gun got him.

The 1st platoon, last to leave the town, was cut off and faced annihilation; but in the 2nd platoon was Pvt. Kenesaw Goheen. Said Capt. James Mohr, commanding B Company:

"On 27 November 1944, after my company had captured the town of Gertswiller, France, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd rifle platoons were assigned the mission of outposting the town. Private Kenesaw Goheen was a rifleman in the 2nd platoon.

"On the above-mentioned night, at about 2130, the enemy began laying down a heavy concentration of machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, the 2nd platoon receiving the initial impact of the hostile attack. The enemy was in excellent position, one machine gun in particular firing with deadly accuracy. Goheen spotted the enemy position some 200 yards distant and, without asking any questions, emerged from his secured position and started for the gun. He crawled for about 50 yards when the Germans spotted him and let go with all they had. A continuous shower of heavy machine gun, machine pistol and rifle fire grazed the entire area around him and kicked up the dirt inches from him. Goheen kept going and, about 25 yards from the enemy position, threw a hand grenade which knocked out the gun and killed two Germans. The other German threw up his hands. Goheen made the prisoner get down and crawl in front of him back to the platoon CP.

"Goheen had barely returned when another machine gun opened up on the platoon from a position some 350 yards away. Again Goheen appointed himself to silence the weapon. He started crawling forward and went about 100 yards when he came across Private Johnson of the Anti-Tank Platoon, who was wounded and in great pain. Using his better judgment, Goheen decided to return with the wounded man. While the heavy fire continued, he half carried and dragged Private Johnson back to safety. Private Johnson had been seriously wounded and, in my opinion, probably would have died from shock and exposure had it not been for Goheen's quick thinking and action.

"By about 2330, the second platoon had almost consumed their supply of machine gun ammunition. The Germans, in the meantime, had infiltrated through the outposts into the town and, as a result the platoon found itself cut off from the rest of the company. Coheen immediately volunteered to return through the German lines to the Company CP to get more machine gun ammunition. In the face of murderous machine pistol and sniper fire, he ran, dodged and crawled approximately 800 yards through the town. Bullets spattered about him like raindrops until the very moment he arrived at the CP. Miraculously, he was not hit. He at once loaded himself with machine gun belts by hanging them around his neck and started on the return trip. Goheen is a man about five feet nine inches in height and about 150 pounds in weight. I don't know how he ever got 15 feet from the CP with all that ammunition. He had to crawl through the major portion of the town, some 800 yards, with a load that a man of ordinary physical strength would have difficulty in carrying. He got back to the platoon just as the last bit of machine gun ammunition was being fired.

"As a result of Goheen's action, the platoon was able to hold the position that night.

"The next morning at about 0800, I ordered the platoons to withdraw and reorganize. The company assembled, including the 2nd rifle platoon. The 1st platoon, however, had by now been completely surrounded on the left side of the town and the last orders it had received was to hold at all costs. I dispatched three messengers to the 1st platoon. They all returned without accomplishing their mission, because of the intense enemy fire. Lieut. William J. Suenkel and Pvt. Goheen then volunteered to get through. The terrain was open. The enemy had a clear field of fire. Lieut. Suenkel and Pvt. Goheen started on their mission of almost certain death. With machine gun, machine pistol, sniper and mortar fire kicking at their heels, they crawled, ran, and dodged towards the isolated platoon. We thought that at any minute they would be hit. Worming their way through the town, they waded across the street and by-passed an enemy machine gun emplacement, passing within 25 yards of the position. They delivered the message and led the entire platoon back to the company CP with the exception of two killed and three missing in action."

Goheen was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The withdrawal might easily have become a rout, with these near-brand-new soldiers; instead it was a savage and bitter action.

S/Sgt. Robert R. McClarren, in D Company, 25th Tank Battalion, knocked out an anti-tank gun; the 25th mortar platoon was firing, Men of the 25th and B-62, of the 125th and 94th set up a defensive position in Goxwiller, the tanks





hull defiladed, covering the roads and routes of approach; and the infantry dug foxholes, deep enough for firing steps; the attack never came.

The 25th renewed its attack on Gertswiller. The Battalion Recon Platoon (led by Capt. J. J. Scanlon, S-2, and Lieut John W. Day) succeeded in getting into town, found some wounded men from the 62nd and sent them back. In the attack, Lieut. A. R. Hyde's tank was knocked out, but no one was wounded; the 1st platoon of B Company, 25th, commanded by Lieut. Homer L. Swager, started to move into town. Sgt. Edward Thomas' tank was hit; the platoon withdrew and the heaviest fire the battalion could bring to bear was levelled on the town. Once again the battalion moved up, this time Lieut. William A. Geneser's B Company platoon, plus Lieut. Compton's platoon from the 94th leading; this time they stayed, covered the men of the 125th as a bridge was put in where Lieut. Tomey had found it blown; the town was reported cleared.

Company B of the 62nd reverted to the control of its own battalion and the 25th went into CCA reserve.

The 48th Tank Battalion column had meanwhile run into trouble, serious and deathly and bloody trouble; and its name was Barr.

The 48th had jumped off from Schirmek with the 3rd platoon of B-94 in the lead. At the town of Valiff, the 94th drew fire and the tanks of the 48th passed through. Sgt. Charles Small of Company A, 48th, took the lead; his medium tank growled past the peeps and armored cars of the recon and entered the small town. His tank was hit with a panzerfaust (the German one-shot bazooka) and was knocked out. Tec/5 Raymond Polanowski (the driver) was killed, and all the rest of the crew except Sergeant Small were wounded. Small jumped from the tank and started away. Then he could not see his crew following him and went back to the tank; a round of HE exploded near the tank and he was killed by artillery. Sgt. William E. McCauley took the lead, Capt. Daniel Ianella's men of A-62 were riding on all but the lead tank, riding the rear decks, rifles ready.

In the center of the town, an enemy bazooka team laid their weapon on McCauley's tank, but he cut them down with machine gun fire; as he came to the edge of the village, rounded a turn, he saw a road block with enemy soldiers milling around it immediately before him; in that instant his driver skidded his 35-ton vehicle into the ditch, gaining defilade protection; the Germans ran for protection to a huge stone cross by the side of the road; McCauley laid his gunner (Corp. Estle P. Hamman ) in.

"That's a cross," Hamman said.

"It's a piece of stone with Krauts around it," McCauley said. "Fire!"

The big gun spoke, and cross and enemy disappeared.

McCauley (later he was to be awarded the Silver Star for his action) moved ahead; as he came out of town, to his left, he saw a German soldier's head appear above a rise of ground. He opened up with his .30 caliber, and the head disappeared. A moment later it appeared again; McCauley fired and again it disappeared. The head appeared a third time and then a fourth. This was too much for McCauley. He stopped his advance and went to investigate. In a shallow ditch behind the rise lay four dead Germans.

The column moved on.

Valiff to Obernai. Obernai to Barr, and resistance was light; road blocks every few miles, road blocks undefended (still to be approached with caution), road blocks defended by small arms fire, beaten down in a half hour, an hour, four hours.

The battle-scarred tanks continued to grind down the narrow winter roads, past the brown fields and the black woods, past the timber and stucco, tiled-roofed houses of Alsace.

On November 28 the column came to Barr.

Barr, France.

The 48th was split into separate companies, each assigned a sector, and a platoon of A-62 was assigned to each tank company, Recon and Engineers were split up.

Barr was a strong point, a heavily defended strong point, alive with enemy infantry and grenadiers of the German 10th Volkes Division (called 4F's, but not this time), supported by tanks and anti-tank guns and bazooka men, snipers and machine gunners, road blocks, artillery and mortars. The German had power there, power he was instantly to unleash; and his strength was underestimated.

Capt. Menefee E. Blackwell's Company B-48 had the

center sector; Lieut. Lawrence F. Doyle was leading the column, watching the houses come closer and closer, then there was the flat hard loud smash of a heavy caliber antitank gun firing close, and Doyle's tank took a hit dead center, through the final drive. Tec/4 Mike Bellish saved the lives of the entire crew, even as the round hit, before the heavy vehicle could stop moving he pulled on his steering lever, hard, skidded his tank into the ditch; and in the same instant the gun in the second tank, that of Sgt. Hubert V. Summers, smashed out its streak of livid flame, and the enemy anti-tank gun, crew and all, erupted into the air. Another B-48 tank opened fire, and another and another, and the whole platoon was in action, slowly grinding ahead. Corp. Raymond T. O'Donnell's tank blew up a German gas and ammunition dump; it billowed to the sky in a continuing thunder of sound and explosion, black smoke unfolding out and up, fire and debris. Small arms fire opened up in a hysterical continuous chatter, and artillery smashed in, again and again and exploded from nothing to death over a hundred vards. (Lieut. Doyle, on foot, ran to Roland E. Albright's tank, climbed in and resumed command of his platoon.) Men of the 62nd were sliced and cut by the artillery and fell to the ditches. Men of Lieut. John Kraker's platoon of the 94th (Lieut, Kraker was later awarded the Bronze Star for this action) had been split; and they lo cated an anti-tank gun near Heilgenstein, but the tanks did not stop, and later the AT gun (before it was knocked out itself) knocked out an American medium. The third squad of C-125 was clearing mines.

The fierceness, the intensity of the fighting that developed in Barr is impossible to describe; like a beaten, bleeding and bloody fighter, the tank column fought its way into that boiling inferno on sheer nerve, inch by hellish inch.

The 2nd platoon of B-48, in the lead, managed to get all the way through town (not till later did it begin to get antitank fire from every side; every tank hit, again and again), but the 1st platoon ran into the guns and the bazookas sooner and the men in the tanks now were bleeding, screaming, dying, and still the platoon's guns fired and fired again, this beaten fighter lashing back savagely, blindly; one by one they burst into flames and the crews crawled out from the certain death of fire to the probable death of shot, and dragged their wounded with them. Lieut. Doyle's tank turned back into town to the fighting before it was knocked out, and Lieut. Doyle lay in the street, his leg shot off, and his loader (Pfc. Barry D. Greer) locked a tourniquet on his leg. Doyle was recommended for the DSC.

Col. Ferris' tank, following into town, was hit at a road block. Ferris was seriously wounded (Maj. George W. England, Jr., had warned him of the gun and he had advanced to the road intersection with his turret traversed and his gunner fired and missed and the AT gun fired and did not miss). The 2nd platoon was blocked off. Lieut. George H Herbert saw he couldn't get by and swung his tanks to try another street; and the inferno closed in on him; his tanks were hit and burst into flames until he had only one left, and Herbert was killed. S/Sgt. William Winslow was taking in the 3rd platoon, he passed two road blocks and stopped to reconnoiter by fire, blasting a house straight before him, an anti-tank gun laid three rounds into his tank and it burst

into flames the sudden incredible way a tank burns; and Capt. Blackwell had nine of his tanks in flames in an hour, and ten of them knocked out. B Company was ordered to pull back out of town, leaving their tanks and their wounded, their dead and their missing. (That night Capt. Blackwell was made Battalion S-3, and Lieut. Robert E. Elder of Company A took over. Says the official report: "The Company was in bad shape. There were only five tanks in operating condition and the morale of the men was at its lowest ebb.")

Company A's story is as heroic, as bloody, as bitter. Sgt. Forest Gable was leading the column; a recon peep and armored car were fired on and put out of action before they got to town; Gable moved up. He fired into a house suspiciously well-located, later found he had knocked out a German anti-tank gun and its crew; he moved into the broad square in the center of town and an anti-tank gun fired at him, across 100 yards of the grey cobbled street, from the window of a hospital; he fired back and knocked out that gun; an enemy bazooka man appeared and Pvt. Dennis L. Hennessey, loader and radio tender, cut him down with a submachine gun; and at that moment the tank was hit in quick succession by two enemy bazooka rounds. The story can best be told in the impersonal official words:

"Distinguished Service Cross awarded posthumously to Sergeant Forest Gable for extraordinary heroism on 28 November 1944. While advancing into the town of Barr, France, through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Gable's tank was hit twice by enemy bazooka fire which disabled the tank and injured three members of the crew. Sergeant Gable immediately directed artillery fire against the hostile position, thereby enabling the wounded men to escape. When his 75 MM ammunition was exhausted, he crawled to the rear of the tank and, despite intense automatic weapons fire, he continued to fire with his .50 caliber machine gun. Distaining retreat, he held his position until killed by enemy fire. By his extraordinary heroism and unselfish sacrifice, Sergeant Gable enabled three wounded comrades to escape and effected the successful withdrawal of his platoon."

Corp. Knott Rankin, gunner in the tank, stayed at his sweating death-ridden seat until he had fired every round of his 75 MM ammunition; and as he tried to escape was killed (he was awarded the Silver Star posthumously). The confusion mounted. Lieut. Edgar Woodward's platoon had moved down the west edge of town, following Company B; then the tanks were ordered to move back out of town. Sgt. Elmer J. Newness was in the lead and followed Company B, but the tanks took a wrong road and ended up in the middle of town.

In the center of town, Lieut. Woodward's four tanks met men of the 103rd Infantry Division coming in; and Maj. England (Battalion S-3 at that moment) and a battalion commander of a 411th Infantry Regiment decided to form a tank-infantry team. Maj. England, the infantry battalion commander, one of his company commanders and Sgt. Joseph J. Costa of B-48 started out with a group of infantrymen to reconnoiter.

A man in civilian clothes ran across in front of them; the infantrymen shouted "Halt!" and when he did not, opened fire. The man fell and two German machine guns at the end of the street caught the reconnaissance party in a slashing cross fire. Infantrymen fell and the party was pinned to the ground till a tank blew out the machine guns.

By now it was night, and the tanks and infantry set up defensive positions around the town square; the German artillery continued to fall, but the German troops were dropping back; and men of the 103rd went through the town house by house the next day. The 48th went back in the next day, too, and found 19 of their own men, many wounded, who had lain in the enemy's lines all night.

The 48th moved on to the attack, a new battalion commander (Maj. John C. Cavin had been given command), minus company commanders, minus men, minus tanks. On the outskirts of Barr, two light tanks hit mines and were knocked out (Sgt. John Dyjek, Corp. J. D. Taylor and Pvt. Marien Douglas were wounded; and S/Sgt. Othello Comprino, later given a battlefield commission, won the Bronze Star for taking over when the tanks blew.

The 62nd column did not have a much better time.

Led by Lieut. Willard J. Bosky's platoon from B-94, the 62nd column moved from Schirmek and Molsheim to Obernai without trouble; but by now the 48th was approaching Barr, and the 62nd was to go back to Bischoffsheim, east through Krautergesheim and Hindesheim to the main Strasbourg-Selestat road, then south to outflank Barr to the east.

Lieut. Bosky's second platoon was leading; then C-48th, C and Headquarters of the 62nd, and Capt. Andrew Winiarczyk's C-25 was coming up in the rear.

Darkness fell, darkness and a thick fog, and it was impossible to see more than a few feet; even the black woods had disappeared. Through the afternoon there had been almost no resistance; shortly after dark, just north of Benfeld, the column passed a burning Gasthaus at a road intersection; there were two knocked-out French recon cars and the bodies of soldiers; the patrol flushed its first Germans. The atmosphere tensed in the burning stink of the recent fighting, you could smell something ahead. A string of rifle shots like fire-crackers came back from the head of the column; the column halted, stopped by a minefield covered by fire. Lieut. Bosky said he was going to clear the field and he wanted no covering fire to give away his position.

The 62nd column sat on the straight road lined with trees; the road raised ten feet above the surrounding fields; and the order came to turn on the headlights.

The order was repeated, by officers, and the lights went on and the 62nd was in the midst of the enemy.

An enemy machine gun opened up no more than 100 yards away, and the headlights of the lead peep showed a German horse drawn artillery a piece ahead of it on the road; the lead vehicle of the 94th opened fire and the lights went out; the armored cars began to fire their 37 MM guns speaking in the flat hard bark of a 37, and the sound did not carry but hung in the air, the flames suddenly sparked up and died, the ragged yellow fingers of the machine guns jabbed instantly through the night (eight German soldiers and their artillery horses were killed in that first blast). Tec/4 Francis J. Hennelly and Tec/5 Milton D. Allsup stood up in the front hatches and fired their carbines; Bosky fired between orders to his gunner (Tec/5 Raymond O. Giese). A German gun pulled by two frightened horses ran back down the column so close it banged against the cars.

Bosky spotted a German field gun in a barn, covering the road; he called up an assault gun and blasted it with two rounds.

One of Headquarters (62nd) assault guns was hit; Sgt. Charles Dalton, Tec/4 Howard James, Corp. Clyde Hoffman and Pfc. Hugo Bloom were all wounded.

Men of C-62 dismounted and moved forward to cover the tanks. The Germans opened fire with flak wagons (self propelled 20 MM's, firing tracers high and ball low, just above the ground). The 2nd platoon of C-62 moved up on the left of the road; Pfc. Roy Barber, bazookaman, saw spurts of flame coming from a house, fired two rounds.

By now the tanks had opened up, the 50's on the half tracks were chattering, the Recon men were still firing. The fury of the battle mounted in pitch, you could hear it, all the German guns opening so the night was blood red with fire, 20 MM's, anti-tank guns, mortars, bazookas, machine guns, machine pistols. The German mortars were deadly and the barrage increased and you could hear a tortured scream for a medic; the trees showed their skeletons in the shell bursts. Lieut, Bosky, Sgt. Donald S. Lake, Tec/5 James M. McHugh, Pfc. Lyle L. Kubita, Tec/5 Clifford E. Vierling of the 94th were killed. (Lieut. Bosky was later awarded the Silver Star posthumously; and Sgt. Joseph B. Rak who assumed command and reorganized the platoon was awarded the Bronze Star; Lake and Vierling were killed side by side, covering the withdrawal); S/Sgt. Russell S. Corbin's M-8 was hit by a tank in the confusion of the withdrawal, and knocked off the road; McHugh and Kubita were killed by a mortar as they got out of the wrecked M-8 and Corbin severely wounded; Pfc. Arnold M. Moen, shrapnel in both legs and flash-blinded, stayed behind with Corbin till Pvt. Harvey E. Allison came back for him in a peep; Pfc. Cecil S. Loomis, Pvt. Eugene H. Benson, Pvt. Fred H. MacNamara and Pfc. Alexander A. Pappos were evacuating men under fire; Corp. William C. Spirito was wounded carrying a message back; Pvt. Ernest H. Brooks killed a German bazookaman; Pfc. Walter F. Suba was wounded. Lieut, May ordered his 1st platoon of C-125 into town to help the infantry. The 2nd platoon of C-62 had moved past the tanks; T/Sgt. Gilbert DePonio ordered the platoon to fall back on a line with the tanks and dig in.

For a few minutes it was quiet, then Headquarters Company (62nd) mortar platoon opened fire; and the enemy response was an instant as if it had been fired at the same moment; Pvt. Raymond L. Liscow was killed while carrying mortar ammunition and Pvt. Robert A. Quimby was wounded; Capt. Beverley B. Williamson, commander of Headquarters Company, was wounded as were Sgt. Clarke Longenecker and Pfc. Maurice Boaze.

Company C of the 62nd, 3rd Platoon, had sent forward two patrols (led by S/Sgt. Robert E. Montgomery and S/Sgt. Carl H. Wymore) to locate the enemy positions exactly; and they were caught in a cross-fire of machine gun slugs and Sgt. Montgomery and Pfc. Ernest Priddy were wounded; but they reported that the enemy was establishing heavy defenses around a road block two hundred yards down the road.

Capt. Howard Trammell ordered Sgt. Deponio to keep his men digging in in the frozen wet ground, and T/Sgt. Robert L. Warbritton to dig in on the right. Just as Trammell turned away, an armored car looming dimly near them on the road was hit with two rounds of bazooka ammunition fired in quick succession, and Sgt. Warbritton and Pfc. George E. Fields were wounded.

The volume of fire continued to increase in the mad, ghastly, nightmarish battle of the fog.

Lieut. Russell Watson of C-48, just behind the Recon elements, had ordered his tanks into firing position, and the tanks were firing at flashes of light from the German positions. The Germans were playing a favorite night firing game of theirs, spraying the countryside with 20 MM tracers until they got a ricochet from a tank's armor, then opening up with a heavy AT gun. Seeing what was happening and knowing he would be picked off where he was (a house near him was afire, silhouetting the tanks), Watson ordered his platoon to fall back; Sgt. Elmer J. Burch, directly behind him, found his tank engine wouldn't start; Watson started around Burch to tow his tank, and Watson's tank was hit by a sudden blast of AT gunfire, Watson was killed; his gunner, Cpl. Nighram C. Johnson, was wounded.

Capt. Trammell, meanwhile, was looking for Pfc. Ernest M. Gauldin, his runner, to send word to Col. Myers that he could not move ahead; his pistol and canteen were shot from his belt by his own men who mistook him for an enemy bazookaman. He found Gauldin and sent his message; and returned to find his platoons withdrawing. Battalion had heard he had been killed and sent an officer to order the withdrawal; Trammell ordered the men to stay where they were and went back himself through the artillery-sprayed fog. He found Col. Myers a short way down the road. Myers told him they were pulling back to Hindisheim, to get the vehicles out first, with the men as a guard; the column began to pull back through the fire, but the 2nd platoon had been almost encircled (and Tec/5 Evan Womack of Headquarters Company had his hands full in that madhouse, turning around a half-track pulling three ammunition trailers in tandem.) Guided by S/Sgt. Robert L. Biernat, the men managed to infiltrate back (Sgt. John J. Flanagan and six men entered an enemy-held town by mistake, but they got back); missing in action were Sgt. Deponio, S/Sgt. Joseph Friedl, S/Sgt. Kermit Morriss, Pfc. Othmar B. Kleusner, and Pfc. Anthony Goelka.

Slashed, the 62nd pulled back to Hindisheim, and from Hindisheim to Bischoffsheim.

Company C-25 had come up during the fight (Lieut. Hilliard Kirby had sent a no-fire order, and by the light of a burning barn saw a C-48 tank hit and burst into flames; and the company was ordered to withdraw. Lieut. Donald Cortlett's 3rd platoon covered the withdrawal: C-25 moved back to the town of Andlau.

(To follow Company C-25 through, on December 1 it was attached to the 409th Regiment of the 103rd Infantry Division to drive on Selestat; at 0400 on December 2, the 2nd platoon and a company of the 409th Infantry went to help another infantry company that had crossed the Moselle River and been pinned down; the Moselle Bridge was blown and the tanks deployed along the river, firing at enemy emplacements. Lieut. Fred Gisse, platoon commander, acted as forward observer for the infantry mortars and wiped out an enemy machine gun nest; the tanks fired HE into the

houses on the outskirts of Selestat and cut the enemy down with .50 caliber as they ran for the woods. The 1st and 3rd platoons were firing support missions. On December 3, C-25 returned to Battalion control).

There was no cessation to the CCA attack despite the Gertswiller-Barr-Benfeld debacle (these limited objectives were taken; CCA was still heading for Selestat).

The 500th Armored Field Artillery had been supporting these actions; to fire on Gertswiller and Barr, the battalion had moved into position at Neidernai, and the enemy shelled Neidernai. 1st/Sgt. Paul B. Green was killed and Tec/3 Jerome Krutzch wounded. Lieut. Frank H. Cotton, Lieut. Norman W. Jahnke and Capt. Donald C. Alexander went up with the 25th at Gertswiller; they dug in and set up an OP, and amid HE and small arms fire began to observe rounds in Gertswiller; when German infantry began to infiltrate toward the OP, Lieut. Cotton, Sgt. J. J. Paroubek, and Tec/5 Walter J. Cabo drove them off with the FO tank. A total of 400 rounds were dropped into Gertswiller; and the battalion moved into Gertswiller; Battery A inadvertantly moved into the front lines. Nothing happened.

(The 501st had moved to support the 191st Tank Battalion at Pfaffenhoffen, and the wire section laid communications under heavy mortar fire; Sgt. Henry F. McWeeny, acting as forward observer, knocked out a German 170 MM gun 600 yards in front of the OP; battalion fire direction center was directing the battalion fire, and the 155 MM and 8 inch guns of supporting artillery. The following day the FO tanks moved through strong enemy fire to establish OP's and lay in on the 8-inch guns on the mortar positions that were doing the firing; McWeeny's tank got out in front of friendly artillery and spent four hours getting back (with McWeeny, who got the Bronze Star, were Sgt. James R. Spencer, Corp. Odis Q. Howard, Tec/4 Clement F. Bujewski, and Pfc. Robert G. Mueller). Directing fire from a building in Pfaffenhoffen were Lieut. William E. Leightenheimer, S/Sgt. Spencer H. Smith, Corp. John W. Uhrig, Tec/5 Leon J. Johnson, and Pfc. Marlin N. Dahmke. B Battery recorded hits on a gun position; A Battery joined the battalion December 8; the men saw frequent air battles. On December 11, the Battalion rejoined the 14th and moved to Mertzwiller. On the move, two of A Battery's M-7 guns ran over glass mines and were put out of action. The battalion moved to Hegeny and Surbourg, Soultz and Schoenenburg, firing in support of CCA.

(Divarty had been strafed at Schillersdorf and Major Joe R. Barron had gone to Saarbourg to learn about the Army's newest secret fuse; on December 8, Divarty was ordered to reinforce the fire of the 103rd Division and moved to Bitschoffen; the wire crew moved in front and FDC-Fire Direction Center—was set up in a cold, windowless room; and the batteries were straffed. The air section arrived at Obermodern via Saarbourg and Saverne. On December 4, the Germans bombed a hanger where they were billetted; on December 5, Lieut. James Beaubien of the 499th was fired on from German positions. On December 11, Divarty moved to Mertzwiller, where the smoldering wreckage was strewn in the streets and the dead Germans were sprawled on the sidewalks. The sick-sweet smell of death was in the air. Message center and the switchboard crews cleaned out rubble to set up and the scrawny, cold Alsatian children came

in asking for chocolate. Next day, Divarty moved to Eschbach, and that night Divarty was ordered to support a general attack, the 499th with CCB and the 500th and 501st with CCB).

On November 29, the 62nd moved out again. The town of St. Pierre was to be taken and the 62nd was to be prepared to continue the attack to the south.

The men of the 62nd slept but little the first night of the new drive; artillery was coming in and there was to be an attack. Patrols combed the surrounding orchards that night, in conjunction with French troops; Goheen and Pvt. Ralph Bellville volunteered to go out, and in the early morning they slipped into St. Pierre, located some German defense positions and reconnoitered the stream in front of St. Pierre. German sentries almost got them on the way back.

The attack was to jump off at 0530, B-62 on the left and C on the right with C-43 supporting. Prior to that two infantry combat patrols had been sent out to secure two footbridges over the narrow deep stream in front of St. Pierre.

B Company's patrol secured the bridge; they moved two platoons across, but they were pinned down by the stinging volume of enemy small arms fire from the houses of St. Pierre and called for artillery fire. (Goheen and Pvt. James Albrecht, advance scouts, were cut down by the fire, both wounded. Daring and courageous Goheen went back to America because of his wounds; Albrecht returned to duty).

C Company's patrol secured their bridge also, but as they started to dig in, enemy artillery fire began to fall on them and they were driven back. It was decided to run the platoons over the bridge as fast as possible; as the 1st platoon arrived, artillery began to fall. The bridge was zeroed in. The company was ordered to withdraw, cross B Company's bridge and get back into their own sector. T/Sgt. Robert L. Warbritton and S/Sgt. Albert J. Gancarczyk carried out their orders. The artillery barrage in preparation for the attack was laid down. Headquarters Company assault guns were firing on observation of Sgt. G. W. Willis; T/Sgt. Elmer Krug, Segt. Fred Harshberger, Corp. Walter Jankowski, Pfc. Clifton Thrasher and Pvt. Arthur Fisher went forward to set up another OP and were driven back by heavy fire, Thrasher was wounded and an assault gun bogged down.

The moment the supporting barrage lifted, a German barrage began to fall in exactly the same place. As the volume of German fire decreased, the men of C Company reached the first houses (flanking the fire that was holding down B Company); and after C Company had moved in, B Company swung into its own sector. The Germans pulled out and the town was secured. Company C-48 reverted to its Battalion control at Molsheim.

(The 48th had moved through Barr to Eichhoffen, where it had been halted by a blown bridge; and it was decided to bridge at Anlau, and this was done under heavy fire. Sgt. Robert R. Lukin's squad truck of C-125, and the bridge trucks, started down the Anlau road; they encountered artillery and small arms fire and fought their way through; at the bridge site, Sgt. Lukins set out Pfc. Gordon Hall, Pfc. Daniel J. Moncino, Tec/5 John J. Mosser and Pfc. James E. McKane as security, while Corp. Frank M. Lorene, Tec/5 George R. Bennett, Tec/4 Earl T. Stockman and Pfc. Ernest E. Stratton worked on the bridge; and after it was finished the fire was so intense they could not get back; Lukins set

out his outpost and sat down to wait for the column. It arrived and passed through; and the column moved to Scherswiller, where it was halted on CCA order).

The 62nd continued to attack toward Selestat. The next intermediate objective was Epfig; but even as the plans were laid for the attack, the battalion was notified that the 103rd Division had taken Epfig, it was to move on to Ebersheim, side by side with the 103rd. Company B-62 was in the lead; the enemy had left many mines and roadblocks, and it was nightfall by the time the company got to Ebersheim where B Company ran into the roadblock heavily defended by small arms and artillery fire. Company B dismounted and began to advance on the town on foot; C Company was to move to the north of town, the 103rd was to be on the south. S/Sgt. William F. Maier's Squad of C Company brought two prisoners out of a house; the two prisoners led them back and they got four more; S/Sgt. Carl Wymore's squad captured eight German non-coms hiding in a field. While Capt. Trammell was interrogating the prisoners, artillery began to come in and the prisoners took off in all directions, Trammell holding on to their coat tails. Lieut. Joseph H. Lloyd, company motor officer, brought up the vehicles during the barrage.

The 62nd was ordered to stay at Ebersheim until relieved by a battalion from the 103rd; it occupied its time by flushing out snipers. S/Sgt. John W. Pleacher set out on foot after a sniper who shot Pfc. William J. Evans in the fingertip (Evans had just came through unscathed having a piece of shrapnel the size of a half-dollar through his helmet). Pleacher noticed the sniper, in a hole, raise up, fire, and duck down at regular intervals. Pleacher circled to the rear of the hole and waited till the sniper rose again.

Artillery was still coming in; Private Leslie E. Prieb was wounded when a shell landed next to the CP.

The 62nd remained at Ebersheim three days, then was ordered to Wilbersheim. The 500th, with a record of 2281 rounds fired for the month, 13 prisoners captured and two casualties suffered, moved to Gertswiller, then to Epfig.

The 25th, meanwhile, had moved to St. Pierre; had the first hot food in eleven days and mail came in. Capt. Grenville T. Emmet, Jr. (commander of B Company since the States), became S-2; Capt. J. F. Scanlon took command of A Company and Lieut. Homer L. Swager, B Company; the 25th was ordered to Riedheim. CCA had advanced to the corps objective Schenviller-Ebersheim; CCA was attached to the 103rd Infantry Division at 1000, December 1; at 2115, December 1, it was relieved from attachment and placed in Corps Reserve; and on December 3, was ordered to Hochfelden.

Behind all this lay the fact that the rest of the Division was being gathered from Nice and Marseilles and Epinal, preparing to form as a unit.

Company C-136 had moved to Schirmeck and Molsheim, had established forward collecting points and maintained liaison with CCA Headquarters. C Company had its hands full after the Barr action. Ninety-four medium tanks came through its shop to the end of December, and most of them were from Barr, 34 half tracks and 91 wheeled vehicles; and the tanks were not cleaned up before ordnance got them, either, after they had been knocked out of action. The inside of those tanks was not pretty.

At the same time the company, later the entire battalion, was welding sand bag racks on medium tanks, extra armor on light tanks and armored cars, protection against mines; arc-flash was a common complaint with the welders.

Recovery was a major headache; and Company A and Headquarters supplied a wrecker and tank transporter, with crews, to C Company when the recovery section there was almost dead with exhaustion.

A and B Companies were in the Charmes-Rambervilliers area, establishing liaison with the depots and drawing 26 light tanks for issue to the tank battalions.

C Company's first battle experience showed that supply of spare parts and replacement of major items would be the hard task.

A Company of the 84th moved north with CCA; at Portieux ambulances were given their 1000 mile check and Capt. Phillip Sturgeon's clearing platoon finished packing and cleaning supplies; and the company moved to follow CCA.

The first clearing station was set up at Ancerviller, and there the first casualties were received, men from the 62nd and the 125th, wounded at Cirey. The company moved to Blamont; and there the first battle fatigue casualties were received.

Also at Blamont, men of the company were credited with capturing their first prisoners, by-passed by the combat troops. The company moved to St. Quirin, treated 50 combat casualties, moved to Schirmeck. The company was at Dorlisheim when the 48th and 62nd moved into Barr, and handled 69 casualties in 24 hours; and men of the company were evacuating casualties under fire.

With CCB, Company B-84 moved to Wickersheim, were joined by 24 men from the 597th Ambulance Company, to evacuate casualties back to Army evacuation hospitals.

Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, and Company C moved to Charmes and remained there through the balance of the month; and C Company was first committed as a Division holding company. C Company, split into two sections, moved out with CCR and with Division Trains, one section each. Headquarters Company had sent a truck (under Maj. Emmet R. Hanson, Pfcs. Kenneth C. Sabourin and George P. Welmhoff) of medical supplies to A Company; and from the Charmes area, Headquarters made runs to Luneville and Epinal for medical supplies, Pfc. William D. Roadcap driving day after day.

(And the 14th had a Division Supply Point, instituted by G-4 Lieut. Col. Philip Seneff.)

In the 154th Signal Company, during the month, Message Center forward was to handle 10,146 messenger messages, 130 radio, 55 telephone and 208 teletype; rear 5,116 messenger messages. The radio section had all Division sets running December 13; and from then till the end of the war there was always at least one set in the section operating. By the end of December, the wire section had found that its 56 man section (most of the Division's messages went over wire) was completely inadequate; extra wire teams had to be formed to take care of the work, and the wiremen were always working. Weasels (M29, full track, light personnel carriers) were issued to lay wire. The section was so crippled for transportation (until it captured German vehicles) that it had to move its men by shuttle. It had to







pick up German wire, and German switchboards; wire reconnaissance had to be made to tie in with existing commercial lines of open wire circuits. 375 miles of wire were laid in December.

The Radio Repair Section had been divided to work with the three Combat Commands, and with the letter ordnance Companies of the 136th supporting them. Team No. 2, working with Company C-136, repaired the radios on all the tanks going through the company shops; and it was divided into two sections, one to work days and the other nights. It was during this period that it was found all the tank SCR-506 radios were going to give trouble; the insulator on the oscillating tuning condenser would break too easily. Lieut. Arthur P. Stearns and WOJG Andrew R. Mabie designed a new condenser.

In mid-December, Mabie's Team No. 2 was assigned (for for duration of the war) to Company C-136; Stearns took Team No. 1 to B-136. 167 sets were repaired during the month.

The administrative section of the Signal Company had also been divided into a forward and rear echelon; during the month, the Division SOI was in effect, and eight were published during the month by the Signal Office Section, 152 copies of each, 40 pages per SOI.

At Erstein, 62nd Service Company Trains and Battalion Maintenance were pinned down by enemy fire, pulled back; Tec/Sgt. William Dye remained behind with the knocked-out vehicles. At Sherlenheim, Capt. Adair was transferred to Headquarters Company and Lieut, Eugene D. Petheram took command of the company.

The MP platoon, moving with CCA, had been bombed. The men had guided traffic, established check points, and done guard over a crashed Liberator bomber, flying for the British Air Force, built in America and manned by Canadians. The platoon moved to Hochfelden.

On December 1st, twelve men of the Band MP's took over guard duty of the division warehouse established in a glass factory in Portieux; Tec/5 Charles Sova was in charge and there were six bandsmen guarding the warehouse until V-E Day.

On December 6, Major General Edward H. Brooks, commanding General of VI Corps, issued an order of the day:

"Since the beginning of military history of Europe, to force a successful passage of the Vosges Mountains had been considered by military experts an operation offering such small opportunity for success as to forestall consideration of such efforts.

"To march, supply and maintain a large body of troops through the natural obstacles, without hostile opposition, is a major problem in itself.

"To fight cross-country in the face of unreasoning, stubborn Nazi resistance, at times supplying over snow-covered roads and trails, through this region and at this season of the year, is a military achievement of which all who participated can be justly proud.

"To those men of the 100th and 36th Divisions who battered the flanks, to those of the 3rd and 103rd Divisions and of the 14th Armored Division who poured onto the Alsatian plains, to those supporting combat troops of the Corps, and to those indispensable elements of supply, maintenance and evacuation, I extend my thanks and my congratulations. Teamwork, without which there could be no success in battle, has been yours to a superlative degree.

"It is with pride and humility that I realize the pinnacle and the magnitude of this concerted achievement of American soldiery—your achievement. I have every confidence that the future of the VI Corps rests secure and bright in your capable hands."





## ENTRY INTO GERMANY

December 4 - December 25, 1944

THE DIVISION assembled in the vicinity of Hochfelden. Maj. James W. Lann's 47th Tank Battalion moved 90 miles, half of it blackout, along the French roads and through the shell-torn French towns, to assemble in the fields in the vicinity of Riedheim (a mortar platoon halftrack turned over, and you could hear the distant sound of the shelling); the vehicles were dispersed on the broad, watersoaked fields, and camouflage nets erected, and the men dug foxholes—some of them so deep and log-protected they rivalled pillboxes—and the water filled them; and the cold winter fog rolled in.

The 19th Infantry, up from the Italian front (by 40-and-8 box cars and by road), had assembled at Chatel. The 68th, relieved on December 1 by the 2nd Battalion of the 442nd Combat Team and the 899th Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, moved to the vicinity of Schwindratzheim.

Division Artillery moved to Schillersdorf; the 499th and the 501st had been attached to the 45th Infantry Division, the 500th to the 36th Division and the men of Division Artillery went to the 45th to learn how the artillery command operated there.

The 499th (Lieut. Col. Robert L. Vance) entered firing position near Geiswiller with men from C Battery, 398th AAA; and on the second day of action the 499th had two men killed in A Battery, the result of a bombing; Lieut. Charles Hixon's forward observer tank was knocked out by 88 gunfire near Zinswiller; and 274 rounds were fired. (The first of enemy planes, the roar of the engines and diving for foxholes, and the ever-increasing crescendo of bombs screaming down, and the earth-jumping explosions.)

The 501st (Lieut. Col. Joseph H. Harrison) minus Battery A moved into position with D Battery of the 398th near Niefern and the gun positions were strafed the following day by enemy fighters. Battery B fired the Battalion's first round on December 3; on December 4 the Battalion moved to Engwiller, and on that day Battery C was credited with knocking out the battalion's first enemy vehicle when it scored hits on a German tank.

Combat Command A was regrouped to include the 25th, the 62nd, Troop B of the 94th, Company C-125, Company A of the 84th Medical Battalion, and personnel of the 154th Signal Company.

The Command, billeted in and around Hochfelden, was recuperating after combat.

Combat Command B was normally to include the 47th, the 19th, Troop A of the 94th, Company B-125, Company B of the 84th Medical Battalion, and personnel of the 154th.

The 398th Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Col. Albert A. Moren, had been attached to the Division, and was to remain attached to the Division throughout its entire combat career.

In CCA, from December 4 to December 12, the men lived (by now the units were moving their men into the houses and haylofts of the Alsatian farmers) in the tiny Alsatian farm villages, going over their tanks and half-tracks and other vehicles, working over their guns and sleeping, writing letters, training; and the 62nd conducted a demonstration "Assault of a Fortified Area." The 25th conducted a demonstration "Passage of an Armored Column Through Towns and Villages." Maj. Ernest C. Watson, commanding officer of the 25th, was promoted to lieutenant colonel. (On December 6, Lieut. A. P. Hyde's platoon went with a task force of the 19th and the 94th to seize Gambsheim; and it ran into blown bridges and anti-tank fire, and on December 8 it rejoined the company). Donald Hayes was made first sergeant of B-62. Henry Echenfield, John Morris and Vernon Conway became staff sergeants. The first church services were held; schools in mines and demolitions. Sgt. Warbritton of C-62nd received a battlefield commission.

On December 7, CCA was ordered to "increase vehicular and radio activity in the vicinity Guedersheim-Weyersheim-Hoerdt from December 8 to December 10" and C-25 ran their vehicles, hour after hour, through the designated area. Men of the 94th and of the Battalion recon teams rolled down the frozen roads, checking routes; and the Engineers were repairing roads, filling craters. The 2nd platoon of A-125 was engaged in cutting firewood (the 1st and 3rd platoons were working the roads from Wilshausen to Hochfelden and Wichersheim to Highway 421; Pfc. Willfred Thompson was killed by strafing while standing in the mess line). Lieut, John Dillard was issuing engineer supplies. A Company gave a demonstration of the bazooka. Company B of the Engineers was at Gottesheim, outposting CCB Headquarters and doing reconnaissance; and the buxom lass named Lucy who used to talk to them in the chow line was later hanged as a Nazi spy. Company C was at Bossendorf, reorganizing after its tour of combat.

Meanwhile, the 94th Cavalry Squadron, commanded by Lieut. Col. Thomas G. McCollom, Jr. (Headquarters; Headquarters and Service Troop; A Troop; C Troop; D Troop; E Troop; F Company) was attached to the 79th Infantry Division, near Hoerdt and Weyersheim, protecting the Division's right flank and rear. December 2 the Squadron was ordered to probe the enemy defenses north and west of Gambsheim.

D Troop was to patrol north during the day, C Troop west; A Troop was to move to Kilsteet and work with the 117th Cavalry in patrolling the west along the Corps boundary; and the troops came under their first enemy fire. On December 3 patrols from D Troop reported the approaches to Gambsheim were defended by enemy small arms and mortar fire; C Troop patrols reported the trails southwest of Gambsheim were flooded; E Troop fired its first two mis-





















sions during the afternoon. The troop commanders were ordered to send out night patrols.

The next day D Troop patrols again reported enemy acticity in Gambsheim and northwest of Gambsheim; D Troop sent a patrol along the flat and frozen marsh land toward Herlisheim; while observing a pillbox near Herlisheim they came under small arms fire and a troop patrol located an enemy minefield southwest of Gambsheim. Tec/5 Edward Lynn of C Troop was wounded; Pvt. Louis Wald was given credit for D Troop's first prisoner.

On December 5 a D Troop patrol left to reconnoiter the canal west of Gambsheim (S/Sgt. Earl D. McTee's 1st platoon patrol started at 2000 in a bitter, cold and driving rainstorm; passed Corp. Paul C. Strack's 3rd platoon outpost, followed the canal to where they were to cross, and the enemy opened up with heavy small arms fire. The horizon was livid with the flashes of artillery, and the German small arms cut like jagged waspish streams of light through the rain; the patrol was pinned down and forced to withdraw). A Troop and C Troop also were patrolling.

Next day a D Troop patrol (the entire 1st platoon) moved through the woods and swamps between Gambsheim and Weyersheim to investigate the report of a small patrol of A Troop that enemy had been heard in that area. Carrying .30 caliber machine guns, 60 MM mortars, radio, bazooka and small arms, the platoon took off at 0830 in the morning, moving through the winter woods, wading the swamp water, cursing. Two prisoners were taken, and the platoon went on. Snipers fired at them and the enemy opened up with mortars, wounding three men; and the platoon fought its way through the treacherous cold woods. At 1300 the patrol was ordered to return.

The 79th Division had ordered the 94th to prepare to take Gambsheim the following day; A Troop was to send a platoon southwest of Gambsheim; C Troop was to send two platoons south and southwest of the town; D Troop was to send two platoons north and northwest of the town. The weakest part of the enemy defenses was to the east and southeast of the town.

The 94th was not to attack alone; added were B and C Companies of the 19th Infantry; C Battery of the 500th Field; Lieut. Hyde's 2nd platoon of B-25; the 3rd platoon of C Company, 813 Tank Destroyer Battalion, and a detach-

ment of the 125th Engineers. Col. Hudelson was put in command.

The attack was to jump off at 0830. The artillery was to lay down a barrage from 0800 to 0830 (C Battery fired 600 rounds and were strafed and shelled; and every time they changed position the German guns changed to register on them; and Pfc. Lloyd Mello was wounded). B-19 and C-19 were to be in position southwest of town by daylight (the dyke was to be the line of departure); A-94 southwest of town; D Troop north and northwest to cut off any German retreat. The tanks were to support by fire, then move in from the west, and the TD's were to be in reserve.

The infantrymen lay in position on the frozen wet ground and listened to the artillery barrage as it landed and blasted the town; at 0830 they jumped off, running crouched over and falling in the winter fields, stalks of corn and unharvested cabbage heads lying frozen on the hard black earth; on their right were the flooded and undefended pillboxes of the Maginot Line; the German mortar shells began to whisper in and slam their explosions as they hit the ground. Artillery began to come in, and the chatter of small arms; and as the men got closer to the town, the crescendo of fire increased; and two men were hit. The men hit the ground, but Capt. Thomas E. Conboy (B Company) ordered them







on, to take the houses at the edge of town. The 19th was attacking the enemy from the rear, and the first prisoners taken were German cooks. In the midst of the attack, as men of the 19th fired against the houses where the Germans defended, the civilians ran out of the houses, waving white flags, cheering and crying. The 19th continued to force its way into the town (the rifle squads slipping man by man from house to house), the enemy resisting fiercely, artillery and mortar fire falling; there were casualties and the Germans blew out a bridge and the casualties could not be evacuated back to the battalion aid station. Pfc. Harold Chandler set up his own aid station in a house. ME 109's strafed the town. The assault platoons of Company C (the 1st and 2nd) had crossed 1500 yards of a flat open plain before they drew fire; the 2nd platoon's mortars fired to cover B Company's drive into town; C Company was held up momentarily at a flooded area until Pfc. Albert Booher waded ahead through the ice-cold waist-deep water. The Germans opened fire as the men of C Company waded through behind Booher; but no one was hit.

C Company ran into a bridge that the enemy had well covered with automatic weapons fire; the 2nd platoon machine gun squad set up a base of fire to get the 1st Platoon across; a burst of enemy machine gun fire and sniper fire got four men and pinned down four more men on the bridge, and every time a man would move a sniper would open fire. Trying to bring a machine gun to bear on the sniper, four more men (including Lieut. Alvie E. Nixon) were wounded. (Tec/5 Jolen W. Smith, a medic, ran forward to help the wounded men; on the bridge he was giving first aid to Lieut.



Nixon when the sniper got him; he dressed his own wound, and continued to work on Lieut. Nixon, and he was hit again. Again he dressed his wound, and helped Lieut. Nixon to get to cover at the end of the bridge.)

T/Sgt. Robert E. Lingle assumed command of the platoon and under fire reorganized it. With mortar, machine gun and bazooka fire, he forced the enemy to withdraw; the platoon moved slowly ahead.

The 1st platoon was having its own troubles. Lieut. Robert W. Eckert ran into a building containing a sniper and the sniper surrendered. Bringing him back, Lieut. Eckert tried to pick up an American machine gun, left where its crew had been hit, and another sniper shot him.

The 94th was in action. The 1st platoon of D Troop moved again through the winter woods and swamps in position northwest of Gambsheim, and dug in. Sgt. James Asher took a patrol into town and the patrol was pinned down; reinforcements managed to cover the patrol's withdrawal, but the entire platoon found itself in a savage fire fight, with the Germans laying heavy concentrations on the positions. Tec/5 Paul Duggan, Pfc. Robert Berwolt and Pvt. Joseph Panzarella were wounded on a mission to draw fire; Lieut. Sidney Kweller's 2nd Platoon held a ridge above Gambsheim.

By dark the 19th B and C Companies were well in town; the tanks had been held up by AT fire. A troop of the 94th was relieved by C Troop, and in the darkness managed to join the infantry in town; and Company A-19 was brought up to assist in mopping up the town. During the night the infantrymen of B and C Companies outposted their areas; the wire crews laid in wire and the engineers began work on









the bridge that had been blown. Ammunition and rations were carried up, and the casualties were evacuated back; there was intermittant shelling and the men were tired, cold and hungry. No one slept; all were on guard, or preparing for the attack in the morning. D-94 was moved back to Weyersheim in the cold and the dark (men of the 3rd platoon moved out of the canal where they had taken refuge; in a pure accident in the darkness, Lieut. John Sawyer and five men were injured—"a very disheartening, cold, black, wet night" as one report put it).

At daylight the troops moved out to mop up the town; artillery and mortar fire continued to fall in the town and the two enemy planes were back strafing again; but the bulk of the enemy force (following the German policy of putting up a nasty fight, then running for it) had pulled out. The infantry went through the town house by house and the tanks moved in; 27 enemy were captured. There were 21 American casualties. The 19th moved back to its area around Lixhausen; the 94th (minus C and D Troops) moved back to Hoerdt and Weyersheim; and the attached troops went back to their parent organizations. A-94 was attached to the 313th Infantry. (On December 9, D Troop patrols tried to get into Offendorf and were fired on: C Troop patrols tried to move east of town and were fired on from pillboxes. On the 10thshowing the enemy still falling back-D Troop got into Offendorf but the road had been mined and an armored car lost a wheel assembly; and C Troop managed to occupy the now deserted pillboxes; and on the 11th the squadron was ordered back to control of the 14th Armored, and ordered to move to Hohfrankenheim.)

During all this time, Maj. James W. Lann's 47th Tank Battalion was away from the 14th attached to the 45th Infantry Division. Capt. Thomas Beaty's B Company and Capt. Harold Persky's C Company were the first to go into action. Attached to the 179th Regiment, B Company (with the infantry) launched a night attack on the town of Gumbrechtshoffen. The 1st and 3rd platoons, in the assault, moved up, gunners checking their guns, checking the power traverse, loading, bow gunners loading; the infantry walked alongside. It was ghostly on the outskirts of Gumbrechtshoffen, the dark shapes of the men running just barely visible; the flashes of guns cut through the night and the bridge into town was blown.



The tanks started to ford the stream, and a mine blew the track off the first tank; the engineers were called up, and under fire removed nine Teller mines; the disabled tank was pulled out and another tank started through. Again there was a blast and water and earth showered upward; another mine disabled a tank. The engineers removed four more mines.

It was daylight before the tanks and infantry got into town, C Company (attached to the 157th Regiment) had been called up to attack the nearby town of Zinswiller. The 2nd platoon (Lieut. Sidney Hack) edged out of the woods east of town, firing; the 3rd platoon (S/Sgt. Henry Parko) was making a frontal attack along the main road. (Lieut. Hilbert Jones' 1st platoon was in reserve.) With the tank support, the infantry moved into town. The 1st and 2nd platoons were ordered around south of town, where Parko had succeeded in fighting into the outskirts (Parko was to be decorated and promoted to Lieutenant for his work in the attack); Parko drove his assault through Zinswiller and into the woods northeast of town, flushed out enemy infantry. Sgt. Frederick Mog, his tank hit and disabled by a bazooka round in town, stayed with it and blew out three German machine gun positions holding up the infantry; and while Capt. Persky was out on foot reconnaissance, his gunner (Cpl. Laufer W. Cobbledick) eliminated three more.

As Parko came out on the other side of the woods northwest of town, he was fired on by several large anti-tank guns (a forward observer tank was knocked out), and engaged in a short savage fire fight with them.

The 47th's A Company, commanded by Capt. Richard A. Tharpe, was attached to the 397th Regiment of the 100th Infantry Division and (with Lieut. Willis K. Harding's Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company) was moving to attack the town of Rothback when Lieut. David C. Moran (leading the column in a peep) ran into a roadblock, and a hail of automatic weapons and small arms fire cut around him. The peep cut around and went back to Lieut. Travis Coxe in the lead tank; Coxe, covered by Lieut. Francis Marshall's 3rd platoon, tried to get by the road block and couldn't. Meanwhile, to add to the confusion of the first action, the mess truck in the rear of the column came under artillery fire and the road was so narrow the driver, Tec/5 Clarence Cochart, had to back a dozen times before he got turned around.

A Company pulled back to Mulhausen, where Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company were billetted. (Capt. Eric Johnson's Service Company moved into Ingwiller, three miles from the front, and was strafed and bombed; moved back to Obersoultzbach and was shelled; and moved back, with their precious gas and ammunition and rations to Printzheim.

On December 4 Company B moved through Gumbrectshoffen and took up positions to fire on Gundershoffen; Lieut. John Perkins and S/Sgt. Earl Hooks knocked out one target after another. Gundershoffen was taken and the attack moved to Reichshoffen the next day; and at night the tanks withdrew to Gundershoffen and two bogged down. The maintenance men and tank crews, in pitch black and under artillery fire, worked through the night to lay 300 feet of corduroy road and the tanks came out.

On the same day, A Company attacked again, crashed











through the road block that had held them up (Lieut. Coxe in the lead) and drove to Reipertswiller. They were in town by darkness. Lieut. Kenneth Clapper's 2nd platoon, the same day, attacked down the road to Wimmenau; a road block had stopped the infantry and Lieut. Clapper went forward to reconnoiter; he decided the tanks could get through despite the machine gun fire, but an oil line went out in one of his tanks; he returned to the line of departure and picked up another tank. With the infantry mounted on the rear deck he fought his way to Wimmenau. (A Company lost its first man when a tank pulled over to let a truck by and the shoulder of the road collapsed, overturning the tank.) The next day Lieut. Marshall's 3rd platoon moved into Wimmenau.

Meanwhile C Company continued its attack with the 157th Infantry toward Oberbronn. (Lieut. Seth Sprague returned from detached service and took over the platoon commanded by Sgt. Parko.) The 2nd platoon made a frontal attack, the 3rd platoon made a flank attack, the 1st platoon supported with fire; the company (with the infantry) drove into the town and that night outposted the town and the main road under artillery and mortar fire.

(Battalion moved to Zinswiller; Lieut. James Russell's recon platoon led the attack companies to the line of departure, carried messages and ammunition. Sgt. Amos Chandler led the platoon on their first patrol. Dismounting at Oberbronn, he was to determine the condition of a bridge and a water filled draw leading up to it; he and Pfc. John Tallman started wading up the icy water and drew fire and had to withdraw; Pvt. Charles Vogts and Ronald Kent made it to the bridge and found it clear; and then mortar fire began to come in so heavily that the whole platoon had to withdraw.)

A Company reported enemy armor moving into Ingwiller; Lieut. Robert C. Harper moved his Assault Guns up for support and S/Sgt. Thomas Veasy ordered the first mission fired (and as enemy mortar fire splattered near the tanks, gunner Corp. Leon Glasser asked Sgt. Edward France if he didn't think it would be a good idea to swab the tube. "No," France said.) A Company was relieved from the 100th

Division, but the 2nd platoon moved up with B Company to support the 179th Regiment.

B Company and the platoon of A launched an attack with the infantry on Niederbronn; C Company was in support. (S/Sgt. Lyle Leflet's tank hit a mine, and the track was repaired under mortar fire.) And Lieut. Hack's platoon appeared where the enemy was supposed to be and was fired on, but no one was hurt ("Damn it, stop firing, this is me, Hack!")

On the 5th the battalion reverted to the 14th Armored and moved to Ringendorf (church services were held for Sgt. Harold Klanderman, first man in the battalion lost in combat). Maintenance and restowage occupied the time; and the tanks were sandbagged. A Company was attached to the 68th, and A-68 was attached to the 47th. (On December 13 the battalion was put in CCR and was alerted; the same day it was relieved, attached to the 103rd Infantry Division, and again alerted.)

On December 11 the Division was to move into the attack, to strike across Alsace and into Germany. CCB was to move first, to jump off at daylight on the 12th, to reach the Lauter River (the French-German border) and to seize and hold all crossings over the river. The move order did not come until late in the afternoon; Col. Francis J. Gillespie's Command was to move out at 0200 on the 13th. The 19th Armored Infantry was to lead; and for drive CCB was composed of the 19th, the 48th, the 499th (the 499th had been supporting the 45th and 103rd Infantry Division), A-94, B-125, B-84 and a detachment from the 154th Signal. (A-19 was with the 48th and A-48 with the 19th.)

The Command moved north and east, Company B-19 in





the van, across wet and wintry Alsace, cold, down the winding, narrow roads and through the tiny towns, the city of Hagenau, across the Moder River, into the wet and dripping Hagenau woods.

There was no resistance, no firing; the men and women in the black Alsatian clothes, lined the streets, crying and shouting and throwing kisses, holding up bottles of wine and an evil liquor called schnapps, waving handkerchiefs and French flags, tossing apples into the half-tracks.

(Ahead of the main body was a scouting force (commanded by Maj. George W. England, Jr.) composed of C Troop of the 94th Cavalry, a platoon of mediums and a platoon of lights from the 25th Tank Batialion, Lieut. John Dillard's 1st platoon of A-125. Men of the 1st platoon, C-125, cleaned a way through the Hagenau forest, cleared a road block, pushed aside a strip of abatis, put in a 25-foot treadway; during the night of the 12th, the 2nd and 3rd platoons cleared nine miles of road between Hagenau and Surbourg of mines.)

Civilians had told men of CCB that the enemy was holding Buhl, next town ahead. Men of B and C-19 dismounted. B Company started up the road almost due north to Stundwiller; and C Company started up the northeast road to Buhl. This is gently rolling country, dropping down to the Seltzbach River, up again to Stundwiller and Buhl. As the men reached the swampy flatlands along the stream, the Germans opened up on them from the heights, driving them to the ground. The country was open, and spotted with old Maginot Line defenses being used by the Germans; enemy observation was perfect. Artillery and mortar fire and chattering small arms, and the men of the 19th fell to the ground, some of them wounded and some of them dying, and there they stayed. Tanks and artillery were brought up, tank and infantry mortars and assault guns, and they pounded the German positions; but the volume of enemy fire hardly dropped. Night fell and Sgt. James Taibi's 94th Recon section moved out to reconnoiter the roads; they found the bridge blown. The engineers moved up to put in the bridge in the darkness (1st platoon, Company B); and the engineers and the infantry took casualties, lying in the wet, halffrozen ground as the German mortars came in; the bridge was finished and the 2nd and 3rd platoons of C-19 crossed and began to dig in on the opposite side. Still there were casualties and the men suffered from exposure, water seeped into the foxholes as fast as they were dug; there was no getting dry, and cold and wet is the unresisting, implacable enemy.

Next morning, A-19 came up to relieve the two assault companies, but B Company's Anti-Tank Platoon, the cooks, drivers and all other men had been pushed over to relieve the half-frozen, weary, sodden men holding the bridgehead; and B and C Companies had pulled back to Hatten where the medical detachment had set up a house with food and coffee for the men.

At daylight, B Company jumped off for Stundwiller again, and A Company attacked toward Buhl. Again, the enemy had held and dropped back; and B Company took Stundwiller without a fight, moving east to meet A Company at Buhl. A Company met light resistance; the battalion half-tracks were called up, and CCB took off again, towards Salmbach. A Company rejoined the 48th.

The column did not run into resistance again until it passed through Siegen; the Germans made another stand, the machine guns and mortars opened up again from Salmbach; B Company dismounted, the Headquarters Company Mortar and Assault Gun and Machine Gun Platoons set up, and A-48 tanks moved up to fire point blank at the enemy strong points in town. The 1st platoon of D-94 got bogged down on the road to Trimbach and had to sit; the 2nd platoon, close enough to hear the Germans talking, were pinned down by enemy fire; the 3rd platoon was leading the 48th Tank Battalion into town from Oberlautenbach. The tanks, as they approached Salmbach, began to receive terrific fire-"It seemed as if the Germans had an aiming stake on each tank" the battalion report said-and found the enemy OP in the church steeple. The Germans were also cutting in on the radios. Lieut. LeRoy E. Sulik of A-48 accidentally sensed a round of artillery for the Germans and received a direct hit. The tanks and infantry were strafed

(Lieut. Herman Reich and T/Sgt. James R. Blakemore of the 48th recovered a bogged down FO tank for which they received a Bronze Star.)

Lieut. Jack R. DeWitt's 2nd platoon of A-19 led the way into town with the tanks, followed by B-19; the town was cleared and the battalion moved in for the night. The Germans shelled the town intermittantly all night.

CCB continued its drive to the Lauter River; plans were made to send out platoon patrols to seize the crossings northeast of Salmbach and northwest of Schleithal. B Company's Anti-Tank Platoon (under Lieut. George R. Irwin) and C Company's Anti-Tank Platoon (under Lieut. Joseph M. Murphy) started out of Salmbach just before daylight; a mortar and artillery barrage of incredible ferocity and accuracy forced them back into town (an enemy forward observer was captured in town shortly thereafter); plans were made for a daylight battalion attack.

Using his ears and a compass, Pfc. Frank J. Bonanno of Company A-19 exactly located the enemy mortar positions that were making life miserable (he moved deliberately into the impact area to do this) and the next time they opened up the entire 499th Field blasted at them, silencing them for good.

The Command moved out again the next morning, Recon, Tanks, Infantry, Artillery, Engineers and promptly ran into a hail of small arms and artillery fire. (In Lieut. Kweller's 2nd platoon of D-94, Tev/5 John Felker, Corp. Paul Nickols, and Pvt. George Lyons were wounded.) B-19 was held up for almost 10 hours before it could move; smoke was called for but became so dense that the tank gunners could not see their targets and the infantrymen had to stay within arms length of each other. Sgt. William J. Spellman of A-48, lead tank of C-19 with a half a squad of infantry on the deck, drove through road block after road block and by darkness reached the banks of the Lauter.

The 14th was at the German border.

The Lauter bridges were blown, and B-19's AT platoon deployed for security; the 1st and 3rd platoons advanced toward the bridge site under bitter mortar shelling. Tec/5 Edwin A. Bullard, a medic, left his foxhole in the heaviest barrage to administer first aid, and was killed.

The 1st platoon of C Company (Lieut. Rexford H. Graves)



Two bridges demolished on this road (see photograph)

SITE "A"

Estimated span—30 feet
Estimated wet gap—16 feet
Estimated depth—2 feet
Estimated height above water—5 feet
Concealment—NONE
Turnaround—poor side road 200 yds, from site
Parking area—good

Note: Considerable amount of debris from former bridge in stream bed

SITE "B"

Estimated span—70 feet
Estimated wet gap—16 feet
Estimated depth—3 feet
Estimated height above water—10 feet
Concealment—NONE

## GENERAL NOTE BOTH SITES:

Bypass for either crossing impossible; terrain very soft and water-soaked (see photo)

POINT "C"

Factory—enemy strongpoint







entered Scheithal with 48th tanks and cleared the town; and the Combat Command dug in for the night (the bitter cold freezing night) along the south banks of the Lauter.

The 3rd platoon of Company B-125 came up to build the bridge in the darkness and the cold; the 3rd squad finished it at midnight (the men crossed just to say they had been in Germany); the 2nd platoon was in Trimbach clearing mines under artillery fire, the 1st platoon in reserve.

At daybreak the Command jumped off again. Under cover of tank and machine gun fire, two scouts ran across a field to the river's edge; the 2nd platoon of B Company moved up; Lieut. Gray Thuron, Pvt. Robert J. Michael and Pfc. James R. Benzinger crossed; the rest of the second platoon followed, moved half a mile into Germany, and outposted to secure the bridgehead. The AT Platoon, and tanks, came up to do the outposting, leaving only an outguard of infantry. (Germans with bazookas tried to get the tanks, but Pfc. Eli Plaxe, wounded in the hip, threw hand grenades and drove them off.) C Company, meanwhile, had also established its bridgehead.

The companies withdrew to Salmbach and Schleithal, leaving a platoon each to guard the bridgeheads; and the next few days were spent in holding the bridgeheads and patrolling into Germany. (Lieut. Russell T. Blair took a patrol four miles into Germany, to the Siegfried Line; the Recon Platoons patrolled continually, as did the three Platoons of D-94.) The engineers put in a new bridge, and the assault guns and mortars (as well as Corps artillery) moved up. The Germans had mined and booby-trapped the area thoroughly; and the patrols continually had minor skirmishes with the enemy; Sgt. Taibi's armored car (1-D-94) hit a mine and lost a wheel; Pvt. Alvin Koester was killed by a booby trap.

Combat Command A, meanwhile, had also driven to the Lauter River, and crossed into Germany; both Combat Commands of the 14th Armored Division were operating in Germany on the morning of December 16.

On December 13, CCA had been given the mission of attacking on the axis Surbourg-Wissembourg, seizing Wissembourg and crossing over the Lauter River; and on that day, following CCB, the command moved in one column through Hochfelden and Hagenau, through the 103rd Division, and at about dusk was moving up the road to Soultz.

(At Surbourg, Troop A of the 94th was attached and ordered to operate in the zone Reinierswiller-Hatten, with patrols to Hochwiller and Stundwiller; and a column of the 25th Tank Battalion was broken off to take another, and parallel, road to the north. B-25 and a platoon of Capt. William Smith's D Company stayed with the infantry column; the 2nd platoon of D Company was in CCA reserve; Lieut. Paul M. Klinefelter's platoon of light tanks led the 25th column. The 1st Platoon of A-94 was with the 25th; the 3rd Platoon with the 62nd.)

The 62nd Armored Infantry ran into the enemy at Soultz.

Men of Company C dismounted from their half-tracks well outside Soultz. (The message had come back from Maj. George England that it was not known whether Soultz had been cleared.) Men of the 1st Platoon mounted tanks of the 25th Tank Battalion; the 2nd Platoon moved on foot to the high ridge east of town (the 3rd and AT Platoons had been cut off in a traffic jam). Troops of the 103rd were in Soultz,

but on the north end of town, men of the 62nd ran into heavy artillery fire (Sgt. Travis Hilts was lying in a ditch on top of the company commander who was lying in a foot of water but not trying to get out); a mortar round landed on the 1st Platoon's machine gun squad, killing two men and wounding two more. The drive out of Soultz to the town of Schoenburg was delayed until the next morning, and before daybreak B and C Companies of the 62nd supported by the tanks of the 25th and the guns of the 500th Field, jumped off. Corps artillery was supporting.

(The 500th had been attached to the 103rd Division, had spent its time being strafed and trying to move the guns in and out of seas of mud—A Battery had to cut down a small forest to get out of one position; now the battalion was supporting CCA from north of Surbourg with Capt. Exra H. Newman, Lieut. Franz E. Miller and Lieut. Frank H. Cotton doing the observing.)

Both infantry companies had trouble crossing the ice-cold stream and soggy marsh between Soultz and Schoenberg; but as the infantrymen moved slowly on the town, rifles ready, they heard the civilians laughing and talking. The Germans had pulled back again; the town was clear.

Three prisoners and two 88 MM anti-tank guns were taken in Schoenberg, and the attack continued.

At Riedseltz, the Command ran into more trouble. B of the 62nd with Company B-25 (Lieut. Wilson A. Geneser's Platoon in the lead) ran into artillery and mortar fire; snipers and machine guns opened up from the buildings on the edge of town. The 1st and 2nd Platoon of B-25 settled down to supporting the attack, firing at each enemy position in town; despite heavy enemy fire, the infantrymen and the tanks began to drive to their objective; by late afternoon they were well in town.

Company C-62's men had swung across and entered Reidselts from the right flank; and at first they had not come under heavy fire. Just as they entered town, however, the Germans blew the two bridges leading out of town to the north, and artillery fire began to drop among them. Company C began the bitter business of fighting from house to house in the artillery; by night C Company was in town.

The 25th column ran into a blown bridge north of Hoffen; the 2nd platoon of C-125 put in a 30-foot bridge (at Hunsbach, men of the platoon had to remove a 545 pound aerial bomb from another bridge; and in Altenstadt, next day, and under fire, they had to clean up the debris that the Germans had blown into the street; the 1st platoon was in a dry goods store at Soultz, picking up Nazi flags for souvenirs); at dawn the 25th column moved through Oberseebach. Rounding a turn, there was the sharp, loud, flat crack of an 88 and Lieut. Klinefelter's tank was burning; and Sgt. Manuel Mello's tank, behind him, had received two hits. Klinefelter radioed the gun position back to Col. Watson, and C Company's tanks deployed off the road, the supporting 62nd infantrymen digging in beside them, the tanks and assault guns and mortars opening up a savage counterfire. German mortar and medium artillery fire began to fall among the tanks. S/Sgt. Preston Rensch of the medical detachment came up and in direct sight of the enemy succeeded in taking out the wounded men in the tanks. Lieut. Fred Gisse brought up a peep and helped get the wounded out. Rensch was later awarded the Silver Star. By now darkness

had fallen, and the column outposted for the night; the column was counterattacked by six enemy tanks, knocked out two and drove the rest off; in the morning, the Germans moved back. The colum moved on toward Wissembourg.

At Reidseltz, the 62nd column's departure had been held up. The Germans had blown the bridge leading out of town; all night long they dropped mortar and artillery fire on the site; the infantrymen and engineers managed to get a new bridge in by working all night; but in the morning the German fire increased in volume and the infantry companies could not even get to the line of departure. 25th tanks fought their way alone across the bridge; there was a ground fog that morning, and the tank gunners could not pick up the targets.

(The 500th moved into Schoenenbourg, into an SS barracks loaded with souvenirs; and from Schoenenbourg to Ingolsheim, taken by the 62nd, and Lieut. Robert L. Hocker did such a good job of registering on his base point that he burned it down.)

The infantry managed to get a couple of hundred yards out of town and dug in; S/Sgt R. J. Adcox spotted some Germans 600 yards to the front; the morters of Headquarters Company and C Company were called in on them. (Headquarters Company had been supporting; T/Sgt. Newton L. Houghen and S/Sgt. Thomas W. Walsh called down mortar fire that they saw blow a German burp gunner out of his foxhole.) The Germans did not withdraw.

C Company's 3rd and AT Platoons were sent up the railroad tracks toward Wissembourg to flank the Germans; once in position the AT Platoon was to lay down a base of fire with .50 caliber guns, while the 3rd Platoon was to assault; B and the rest of C Company was then to move up and occupy the high ground overlooking Wissembourg. No sooner did the scouts move out than they drew heavy sniper and machine gun fire; the platoons worked their way forward in the merciless cross-fire.

Pfc. Donald Radcliff was killed; Pfc. Adelbert Brott, who had taken command of a squad in the 3rd platoon that very day, was killed and almost every man in his squad wounded while assaulting the strongly-held German positions (Brott was later awarded the Silver Star posthumously; the 3rd Platoon was commended by the battalion commander.) B and C Companies fought their way up onto line with the platoons; and there they dug in for the night, while Corps and division artillery laid in on Wissembourg.

(B Troop of the 94th had been given the mission of occupying and holding Steinseltz and Oberhoffen; Troop C patrolled the by-passed Maginot Line fortifications. The Squadron was in division reserve at Aschbach, with Co. F outposting the town. Pfc. Martin N. Dahmke of the 501st volunteered to lay wire ahead of friendly troops to an OP; and a German self-propelled gun was knocked out. Dahmke was given the Bronze Star Medal.)

Next morning, just before daybreak, the Combat Command jumped off again, C-62 on the right, B on the left, Lieut. Hyde's platoon of A-25th acting as the point. (Lieut. Geneser's platoon moved to the high ground overlooking the city and gave fire support.) The day was clear and sharp; the fog had lifted and the tanks could maneuver. And once more, following the familiar pattern, the Germans fell back. S/Sgt. Manley D, Zazzara of C-62 was killed by the inter-

mittant artillery that continued to fall; but there was no savage resistance now and Combat Command A moved into the border city of Wissembourg. As Lieut. Hyde reached the edge of the city he found an undefended road block; he fired a round at it and moved up. At the road block he found Capt. Emmett, battalion S-2, and his driver Tec/5 John Curran, who had passed the fighting column and entered the town in a peep.)

There was no fighting in Wissembourg, only the people again pouring onto the cobbled streets, waving handkerchiefs and French flags; the smoking ruins where the artillery shells had landed and the white flags hanging from the windows of the fine stone buildings. In the distance a single church bell tolled. A ripple of rifle shots sounded above the grinding of the steel track treads on the stone streets.

The tanks and infantrymen moved through the city; the tank-infantry column was to enter Germany and outpost from Rechtenback to Kapsweyer. C Company of the 62nd was to move to Rechtenbach on foot; B Company to reorganize and move through in vehicles. C Company moved out and with the tanks crossed the German border at 1030 December 16; no resistance was encountered, though the 2nd platoon picked up some prisoners in a chateau near Schweigen and the Headquarters Company fired its first rounds in Germany. Company B poured through to take the high ground beyond Rechtenbach. Atop the high ground was a group of thick-walled stucco farm buildings; the buildings had been occupied by enemy artillery observers. Halfway up the hill enemy snipers and machine gunners opened up on B Company; and as if at a signal, mortar shells began to land along the road. The men boiled out and the half-tracks turned to go back to Rechtenbach (three vehicles were helplessly mired.)

The infantry and tanks went on up the hill, gained the buildings in an increasing barrage of artillery. Outposts of machine guns were set up inside the windows (no enemy could get near without being seen) and the enemy shifted fire to the buildings. The Germans had been driven back to the forts of the Siegfried, a few kilometers inside the border and roughly running parallel with it. As night fell the enemy laid in rockets on the buildings and mortars and heavy caliber howitzers, and an 88 was firing from an opposite slope two thousand yards away.

'the 500th Field moved into Wissembourg, along the railroad tracks, and S/Sgt. Ulrich Amos' gun fired the first rounds into Germany. Now the 500th began to answer enemy fire.

The infantrymen laid on the floors of the thick-walled farm houses, close by the walls; waiting between the screams and explosions of the artillery to look out; and the artillery ripped gaping holes in the walls, showering the men with plaster and smashed at the fragile tile roofs and debris fell into the streets.

Outposts and prisoner traps were established; for the 103rd Infantry Division was fighting a slow and savage battle through the high mountain woods on the 14th's left flank and was behind the 14th; and it was believed the 103rd might drive Germans into the 14th's outposts. The 3rd Platoon, C-125th, in town, was making 2300 pounds of explosive into charges to blow the Dragon Teeth; three enemy





rounds passed within a few feet of the trailer carrying the explosive.

The 25th Tank Battalion column, meanwhile, had also moved into Germany. Stopped by a blown bridge at Altenstadt, it had swung round through Wissembourg and toward Schweighofen; B-94 had been moved from its duty at Steinseltz to rejoin CCA; the 1st platoon went to the 25th column and the 3rd to the 62nd. The Recon men drew fire from Schweighofen; Lieut. Gisse moved his platoon up and opened fire, and Lieut. Martin's Assault Gun Platoon dropped time fire and white phosphorus in the town. Darkness fell and the column set up security for the night.

Forward observers and Recon men of the 501st moved up after the tanks; on December 16 the battery fired its first rounds of propaganda—25—to the enemy. A battery fired direct on the dragons' teeth and pillboxes.

(Divarty had had a hard time coming up with the command; moving from Eisbach, it made four miles in 12 hours, pulled into a dead end street and was blocked when an ambulance got stuck across the street; Divarty moved to Schoenenberg; the survey and wire section was shelled at Riedseltz. The men moved into filthy Wehrmacht barracks at Wissembourg; the enemy was shelling the city, trying to put out of action the guns of the 500th 200 yards away. Men from the 154th Signal joined Divarty; the Air Section (in Hohwiller) fired at their first targets in Germany; and on December 22, Divarty returned to its old CP at Schoenenburg.) Headquarters Company of CCA was constantly shelled; Tec/4 Pedro Hinojosa was injured.

A combat force was formed to test the Siegfried.

Maj. William E. Shedd, III, of the 25th took Troop C of the 94th; 1st Platoon of medium tanks from A-25th; 1st and 3rd Platoons of lights from D-25; two rifle squads from A-62; two combat engineer squads from C-125, a tank dozer and two assault guns from Capt. Roy E. Printup's Headquarters Company of the 25th; he moved through Schweigen and Rechtenbach to Ober-Otterbach; and hit in the Siegfried Line. The enemy opened up with artillery from the powerfully built defenses. The tanks and assault guns went into position with infantrymen, and opened fire; and to those men the pill boxes, the Dragon Teeth and the tank traps were plainly visible (the Siegfried had more tricks than that, they were to find); and enemy infantrymen could be seen scuttling across the ground. The scene was almost deceptive, the flat open patch of country and the farm houses, the Dragon Teeth seeming only a few inches high, and a camouflaged gray-green pill box half hidden in a furrow of a hill; but every inch of that flat open country was covered by machine guns in casual curves of the earth, and artillery hidden far back, and some of the neat little farm houses turned out to have walls of reinforced concrete seven feet thick; and if you assaulted one pillbox from the flank you were under cross-fire from two others.

Maj. Shedd was ordered back to Wissembourg and Altenstadt. (Lieut. May, Sgt. Arthur H. Spring, Corp. Roger Austin, Pvts. Byron C. Eppler, Ray V. Dixon, and Thomas J. Hillis of 1-C-125 went up on patrol to the Siegfried.) The men took up defensive positions in a large home near Schweighofen, but as Lieut. Robert Chrisman was moving his light tank into outpost position, the German artillery opened

up again, and the troops were withdrawn to Schweighofen itself.

The next morning the 25th attacked and pushed one kilometer out of Schweighofen; and received a radio message.

An air liaison officer made the hazardous trip up the hill to Capt. James Mohr's B-62 Command Post above Rechtenbach. The 62nd's S-3, Major William T. Higgins, came into Capt. Trammell's company CP.

All three—the radio message, the air liaison officer and Major Higgins—had the same story: the XII Tactical Air Force was to bomb Steinfeld, and all elements of the 14th were to withdraw to a line Schweigen-Schweighoffen and Wissembourg-Altenstadt.

The ground troops pulled back and watched the formations of two-motored silver bombers drone slowly across the clear skies; the bombs fell and the watching men could hear hollow, empty explosions, feel the earth shake and see the black smoke billow skyward.

At 1330 the Combat Command attacked again. The men of C-62, on the Wissembourg road in their half-tracks, climbed on the point tanks and started north (the people of Wissembourg, seeing the American vehicles pull back for the bombing, thought the Germans were counter-attacking and began to flee their homes; and the men saw the familiar sight of refugees, old men and girls, children and women, pushing baby carriages and carts, bicycles and wagons, loaded with household goods, moving down the roads to the South). S/Sgt. Albert W. Brebach of C-501 established an OP in a church steeple in Kapsweyer while the enemy still had part of the town and directed fire while he himself was under sniper, mortar and artillery fire. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

The offensive ground to a halt under heavy German fire a kilometer outside Rechtenbach.

The 62nd outposted the town for the night and during the night the men of the 68th relieved them. The 62nd moved back to Oberseebach.

The 25th reattacked through Schweighofen and fought its way into Kapsweyer. Capt. Warren E. Benoit's A-68 cleared and outposted the town. C-25 tanks deployed along a ridge to fire directly at the pillboxes. The Assault Guns and the 501st Field went into position. Capt. Thomas Tweedle and Lieut. John Larsen set up a FO post in a church steeple; the enemy knocked the steeple down; they were not wounded. The 25th Recon Platoon formed the CP Guard. Artillery fell in town all night.

The 68th had rejoined Division at Schwindratzheim and the 1st platoon of B Company cleared a road through the Hagenau forest, taking prisoners at Surbourg; vehicles were continually sent on the road to Strassbourg to deceive the enemy into thinking strength was being shifted in that direction; on December 14 the battalion moved to Oberseebach and was commended by the Corps Commander, General Brooks, for its march through the Hagenau forest. The 68th was attached to CCA and was given the mission of relieving the 62nd; A-68 was to relieve A-62 with the 25th Tank, and B-25 was to be with the 68th; and Shedd's troops were disbanded. The relief of the battalion was effected.

The night of 17 December, Sunday, Lieut. Graham P. Madden of Headquarters Company 68 and Lieut. John Kraker of B-94 led patrols into the darkness to the Siegfried.

The 68th was ordered to jump off at 0745 on the 18th to take the Siegfried town of Bergzabern. The attack jumped off, Company C on the left, B on the right. B-25 in close support. The men moved out slowly, and in the first hour met only light resistance, light fire. The companies entered the town of Ober-Otterbach and the assault wave reached the ground beyond when hell broke loose. Artillery and mortar fire blasted the ground, machine gun and rifle fire cut through the men; the bridge over the Oaur River was blown and so the tanks and infantry were separated. The tanks fired fast, the brass cases piling up in the firing compartments and the stink of cordite cutting the nostrils, but the German fire did not diminish in intensity, the wounded and the dead of the 68th lay among the Dragon Teeth and on the winter ground (the 68th took 102 casualties in this action) and the fire was so savage that the closest of comrades could not get to wounded friends. The German was in his forts and pillboxes and trenches, his observation was perfect and he laid murderous fire across the face of the earth. The order was given to fall back and consolidate; but the fire was so intense that not even that could be done successfully; some of the men got back to Ober-Otterbach and others were still in the field. The Medics set up an aid station in town, and Tec/4 Glenn W. Scott went out to look for wounded men. Then the Germans counter-attacked and cut off two platoons. The 68th fell back 800 yards behind the town.

At Ober-Otterbach Sgt. David F. Kennedy earned a Silver Star. His squad of the 1st platoon cleared the town and was advancing toward the Dragon Teeth when the Germans laid down their murderous barrage. Kennedy was wounded in the arm, cheek and leg. Despite his wounds he got his men back and reorganized them, spent the night in a freezing, waterfilled foxhole, and refused to leave until he got a flat order.

Trying to dig in on the high ground behind Ober-Otter-bach was a difficult task. The men used entrenching tools, knives, canteen cups and helmets to get shelter in the frozen earth. For five days and nights the battalion held these fox-hole positions, five miserable, hellish days and nights in the close, cold, frozen earth of a water-soaked foxhole, five days and nights of nerves, terror, wounds and death while the Germans screamed over their artillery and mortar shells and you heard the scream and forgot to shiver for the cold and felt the blast of the earth; and your clothes were frozen and wet and stiff, and always cold and hungry and not wanting to eat and afraid, always afraid and waiting.

S/Sgt. William Close's 1st platoon of B-25 had gone up as far as it could (to the blown bridge) with the infantry while the 2nd and 3rd platoons covered from a ridge; Sgt. Close was ordered to withdraw to the ridge when the infantry was ordered back; Sgt. Edward H. Thomas' tank received a direct hit on the gun tube that spun the turret around and Corp. Herman Zeunges' ribs were broken.

The tanks laid down a smoke screen to try to help the infantry. B Company was ordered to Rechtenbach where (with Sgt. Warren Roberson's platoon of A Company) it was ordered to fire a series of missions on Ober-Otterbach.

Capt. Donald C. Alexander, Lieut. Phillip Wrathall, and Lieut. Norman W. Jahnke of the 500th moving their OP continually, still managed to direct artillery fire. Later the 500th's OP was manned in shifts by Alexander and Jahnke. The 500th's radio sounded like this: "The Krauts are starting again! (Wham!) That one was short, a 105 from due North, here's the second! (Wham!) Just over, here's the third! (Wham!)" Silence.

None of the forward observers was killed here. (And the trade of forward observing is not one that you would recommend to a friend).

The 501st was near Riedseltz, doing heavy firing. At Kapsweyer Tec/5 Harold B. Lusby volunteered to lead a wire crew to a forward OP; for two hours he worked under sniper and artillery fire, later was awarded the Bronze Star. Capt. Bernard P. Gwalthney of A Battery brought a 155 MM. gun into position to fire direct at an enemy OP in the church steeple in Steinfeld; the enemy observer laid artillery and mortar fire on him, but the 155 knocked out the OP, and Capt. Gwalthney was awarded the Bronze Star.

Pvt. Adolph Cachione, rifleman of B-68, near Ober-Otterbach, thought he heard his platoon sergeant call, crawled out of his foxhole to him, later went back and found that a shell had hit directly in his foxhole.

Lieut. Paul Dixon was killed in this action; Lieut. M. A. Reid took command of B Company.

Engineers of the 3rd platoon, C-125, had been called out to move timber for the tank dozer to use in repairing a crater near the bridge; Sgt. John T. Seyforth and Sgt. Charles F. McClure led their squad up and immediately came under fire. They managed to get the timber out (it was never used), one of their half-tracks was hit.

The 25th Tank Battalion, meanwhile, was under continual enemy fire in the vicinity of Kapsweyer; Col. Watson, Lieut. Kirby and men of the Recon Platoon were caught in the open by one barrage, and Lieut. Kirby and Sgt. Robert Colburn were severely wounded. Besides the artillery, the town was under direct fire, every vehicle that moved drew fire and the buildings were being cut to pieces.

The 2nd platoon of Company A-68 had moved outside Kapsweyer and dug in; their positions were constantly shelled; Capt. Warren Benoit moved his CP almost daily as the shelling blasted the buildings; the men suffered still from the cold and wet, and cases of trench foot mounted rapidly The 68th set up houses in Schweigen to bring back men, a few at a time, for a few hours sleep, a hot bath, hot food and a change of clothing.

Capt. James J. Paroubek and Lieut. Frank H. Cotton of the 500th set up an OP in the 25th zone.

Sgt. Edwin N. Winge of 1-B-94 drew a sketch of the Siegfried from the window of the Kapsweyer railroad station where the platoon CP was set up; the 3rd platoon of the troop was patrolling between the 62nd and 25th.

Capt. Emmet and ten men of the Recon Platoon of the 25th moved through the Dragon Teeth in the darkness and found there were seven rows; an hour later the engineer platoon brought up 700 pounds of dynamite, to blow a gap; and the Germans' night fire was so savage that they were pinned down, later forced to withdraw. They brought back a German sentinel for questioning.

The 25th continued to fire on the enemy installations and Division and Corps artillery (155 MM and 8-inch guns) fired into Steinfeld. The Recon Platoon (and Lieut, James D. Fraser and four D Company men) ran patrols to the teeth. Next day the 48th Tank relieved the 25th; the 25th moved to Schleithal and was attached to CCB.

The 25th was to spend the next few days doing indirect fire missions, posting the Lauter River 24 hours a day, running four patrols a day through the battalion area; and, though intermittent mortar fire fell, working on their weapons and vehicles and washing clothes; D-94 was with the 48th; Tec/5 Clayton Valder and Sgt. Chester Adkin captured five German prisoners.

The 48th came from CCB, which had been holding its sector along the Lauter River to the east; occasionally the men had ben strafed. The 19th Armored Infantry inaugurated a "turkey shoot" where the coordinated fire of all tanks, artillery, assault guns, mortars and machine guns was laid on specified enemy positions at specified times.

Combat Command A, after its troubles, was given the mission of holding the defensive line Rechtenbach-Kapsweyer and delivering harassing fire on the Siegfried fortifications. The Engineers were fixing roads. Infantry and cavalrymen patrolled endlessly to the Siegfried. One patrol, the 2nd platoon of A-19, was cut by machine guns in the dark woods of the Lauter; the patrol leader (Sgt. Harold D. Rudical) was killed instantly in the chattering fire and Pfc. Adelbert E. Colby was wounded. Tec. 5 Stanley Adams (covered by Pfc. Irwin Cox) went forward into the fire to bring Colby out.

The 19th's first combat patrol, led by Lieut. Jack R. Dewitt, spotted German snipers and worked its way around a heavily mined road block, drove the snipers to the rest of the platoon and the snipers were killed. A German machine gun opened up and Sgt. Mike Auer, firing his weapon with the rapidity of an automatic, kept the enemy machine gunners down till his men were able to move back

Tec/5 Harry Fix's half-track from 1-B-125 stalled near Salmbach; the maintenance section had not yet been to the front; Sgt. George Capra, S/Sgt. Henry J. Gulbin, Tec/4 George A. Richardson, Tec/5 Jess D. Arnold and Corp. Joseph Sand moved up; they had barely started to work when the German artillery began to come in. Diving for safety and working between the blasts, they set a new record for fixing gas lines, and the half-track moved out, carrying its load of 500 pounds of TNT.

Company A-125 had been doing bridge work and supplying the other companies with bridging materials, checking bridge and culvert for enemy demolition charges, maintaining and guarding bridges, sweeping for mines and roadblocks, Pfcs, Ernest W. Olson, Joseph P. Dougherty, Louis J. Hooford and Edward F. Christiansen were lifting a five foot log from a road block in the Hagenau Forest when an S mine was tripped and all four men wounded. The 2nd platoon began to repair a bridge at Soultz and the 3rd platoon began to replace a treadway built at Buhl by B Company, with a fixed bridge. The treadways were to go to the front, where they were badly needed. There was some difficulty in placing a bend in the stream; Tec/5 Albert C. Powell stripped off his clothes and dived into the icy waters; he was later awarded the Bronze Star. Bridges were built at Leitersweiler, Hunspach and Hoffen (where a retreating German tank had set off German demolitions and blown the bridge; the tank still lay on its side in the stream, the crew inside). Sgt. William E. Thompson and Sgt. Charles McDaniels found Teller mines and Pfc. Hall Everling prepared charges to set them off; a bridge was built over the overflowing Lauter River at Altenstadt. The company moved to Wissembourg. The 1st and 2nd platoons were cleaning debris preparing to build permanent bridges at Wissembourg, taking out demolitions; German artillery began to come in heavily and the company was ordered to move to Forneau-Neuf. The 1st platoon went to Baerenthal to build a bridge. The 2nd and 3rd platoons began to string wire and lay antipersonnel mines in front of the positions held by the 94th Cavalry and the 117th Cavalry. The enemy was only a few hundred vards away. The engineers were between the two front lines. They worked day after day; the ground was frozen, and it was hard to drive the posts, and the posts split; they tried iron pipes for posts and it sounded as though the noise would be heard in Berlin. They strung double apron barbed wire till they had 5000 yards of it; and they were shelled (Sgt. John R. Nichols was wounded), but the waiting was worse and the men said: "God damn it, why don't they start shelling?" They laid more mines; Tec/5 Mike Marcus was killed when one went off.

Mines took an endless, nasty toll; Pfc. Oscar Vogt was killed by one, and on December 22 the 19th's commanding officer, Lieut. Col. Forest B. Alspach was killed by a "bouncing Betty" anti-personnel mine near Schleithal, as he went to the assistance of an enlisted man who had just been wounded by another mine.

Funeral services for the battalion commander were held in Salmbach.

Major Forest T. Green assumed command of the 19th.

On Christmas Eve the command was relieved in its sector by the 79th Division; the 19th moved to the vicinity of Hohwiller. The 499th in Salmbach had moved back to Trimbach, to reinforce the fire of the 79th Division (and ran a platoon back to Salmbach every day); and after four days was attached to the 45th Division. The 499th moved to Lanensoultabach.

Combat Command A also was relieved by the 79th; the 501st moved to Ingolsheim.

The 47th Tank Battalion was in and around Walbourg. When the 47th had been attached to the 103rd Division it moved to Dieffenbach; A Company was attached to the 409th Regiment, B Company to the 410th and C Company to the 411th; Capt. Henry P. Tilden's D Company reverted to Battalion; Service Company moved to Spachbach and Battalion moved to Retschwiller. Once again the 47th was spread all over Alsace.

Pvt. Carl Hammond of A Company was wounded as the company fought its way to Birlenback; his tank ran over a "bouncing Betty;" it sprang into the air and exploded, and just at that instant Hammond opened a pistol port to eject a shell case.

A Company moved through Birkenbach and Cleebourg; Lieut. Travis Coxe's platoon fought into Rott and Lieut. Kenneth H. Clapper's platoon into Oberhoffen without losing a man. The Germans were steadily retreating toward the Siegfried, fighting only a rear guard action.

Lieut. Eugene Marsack's D Company platoon and the 3rd platoon of B Company moved through Hagenau, the Hagenau Forest and Surbourg to lead B Company to Climbach. Capt. Thomas Beaty's B Company was put in reserve.









Battalion moved to Birlenbach; D Company was given the job of guarding the 103rd CP at Rott. (The men of D Company were guard-sick, and wanted combat; they were to get their fill.)

Capt. Harold Persky's C Company attacked with the 411th out of Preuschdorf through the hilly and wooded Maginot country and into Climbach. Pvt. Jacinto Rocha disrupted an enemy patrol that tried to infiltrate to town at night, and killed one man. At Climbach the advance was held up by intense mortar and artillery fire. Sgt. Frederick Mog knocked out several enemy OP's and the advance continued. (Lieut. Hilbert Jones was first man in the company to set foot in Germany). On the way, Sgt. Howard Smith's tank was disabled by a mine; and as the maintenance men worked on it, T/Sgt. Lowe B. Carlson found he was sitting on another mine. S/Sgt. Felix Prieur was wounded by an exploding mine.

Capt. Tharpe moved A Company through Weigen and Wissembourg and into Schweigen to outpost the Division flank.

C Company moved to Bobenthal; Lieut. Hack moved his platoon over a narrow mountain trail to fire at Siegfried pillboxes; in one attack his tanks detoured two road blocks and crossed a twelve foot tank trap to fire at a pillbox from twenty yards. The rounds chipped out chunks of concrete; that was all. (S/Sgt. James McCauley dismounted under intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire to get his tank out of the tank trap, and was awarded the Bronze Star.)

Meanwhile, platoons led by Lieut. Jones and Lieut. Seth Sprague fought on into Germany.

B Company's 2nd Platoon was firing missions on German positions from Berg; B Company was attached to the 45th Division. Battalion moved to Cleebourg.

Lieut. Marshall's 3rd platoon of A Company was attached to the 45th Division. Then Marshall's platoon was ordered to support the 68th Armored Infantry at Ober-Otterbach; the artillery fire on the platoon was so intense the tanks had to be moved continually from one position to another; Tec/5 William Hoplien and Pfc. Morris Gentry were wounded and the men named the place "Shrapnel Hill." It was so cold on that windswept hill looking down on the Siegfried pillboxes that despite the artillery fire the men would get out of the tank and run around to keep from freezing. Tec/5 Anthony V. Saymanski and Tec/5 Wilbur Shultze, battalion medics, worked for days under fire on this hill. (Saymanski was later given the Bronze Star.)

The 47th, minus A Company, was relieved from the 103rd and attached to the 79th; a few days later relieved and returned to the 14th; it was a period of continual moves (sometimes twice a day) and of intermittent air attacks in the cold clear weather. The Battalion moved to Walbourg and Durnbach. Headquarters moved to the vicinity of Kutzenhausen and the 68th Armored Infantry moved to Merkwiller. Division was in the vicinity of Surbourg.

Following the Barr action, the 136th Ordnance Battalion had moved to the Hochfelden area (except C Company, still at Molsheim); and the battalion embarked on the job of welding sand bag racks on all the Division tanks. All the 136th companies, including Headquarters, sent welding crews up to the line battalion motor parks; and at the same time Ordnance had the job of making Dozer tanks—medium tanks

with a bulldozer blade and operating mechanism welded on front, one per battalion.

The light tanks the Division had drawn were relies of the African campaign; now they began to develop engine and transmission trouble; and on one after another ordnance had to replace entire engines and transmissions.

S/Sgt. Delmar Owens and Tec/3 Chester Pehl of A Company went forward three times in the wrecker to recover two tank tracks near the bridge at Hagenau, each time under shell fire; on the third trip the tankers guarding the bridge said:

"The only time the Krauts fire is when you guys bring up that wrecker. Can't you stay back where you belong?"

Moving up close behind the Division as it crossed into Germany, Capt. Chapman, with Sgt. K. W. White, Sgt. P. R. Curry, Corp. H. C. Raymond and Pfc. D. M. Chesney, were forced out of a billet at Surbourg, took another. An hour later their first billet was demolished by a direct artillery hit. Lieut. Albert W. Ricker of A Company, enthusiastically reconnoitering billets, passed the tanks and infantry, caught up with the peeps and armored cars of reconnaissance—the point of the Division advance—before he learned just where he was.

In those first days the men did many things like that—B Company men (T/Sgt. Wilbur Pettijohn, Tec/3 James De-Seyn, Tec/5 John Elliott and Tec/5 Richard Behan) drove out ahead of the infantry lines, came under shelling before they knew where they were.

A Company men, under strafing, put in a bridge over a creek in their area at Biblisheim to provide an extra exit to their park.

Headquarters Company, operating over 115 miles of bad road to the nearest supply depot, brought in spare parts at the rate of 120 tons per month. (Lieut. John D. Vickers, CWO Fred D. Huning, M/Sgt. Clifford D. Flaherty and the men of the Spare Parts Section doing the work.)

Signal Radio Maintenance Detachments from the 154th Signal Company, were attached to B and C Companies to check and repair vehicular radios in the ordnance shops; and a detachment of the 177th Signal Company, Seventh Army, was attached for the same purpose; the maintenance section of the 398th AAA Battalion (under Lieut. James Duggan) was also attached to the 136th.

The men of the battalion began to improvise. B Company modified machine gun mounts; C Company mounted extra guns (none authorized) for the 94th Cavalry peeps. Tec/3 Peter Zuercher of B Company repaired a diesel railroad engine at Soultz to give power to the company shop; and S/Sgt. William Campbell, Tec/4 William Puetz, and Tec/5 James Bingham made a trailer with a German body, French wheels and Belgian tires, T/Sgt. Fred J. Fletcher of A Company, with chief welder Tec/5 George C. Garland, made an arc welder from a German generator, a peep engine, a bombedout cement mixer, a German gas mask, a chocolate can, some scraps of metal and a can of O.D. paint.

During this operation, 700 vehicular jobs passed through the company shops, 1000 armament and instrument jobs. T/Sgt. Myrlin L. Haines of C Company received the Bronze Star for his work during this period. Tec/3 Anthony F. Murty, Tec/3 Benedict P. Murty, and Tec/4 Hector L. Dulude won the Bronze Star medal for cutting open with an acetylene torch two steel doors in the side of a hill near Rechtenbach. Infantrymen found the doors, thought they might lead to enemy fortifications, the ordnance men volunteered to go out, and under mortar and small arms fire did the job.

Company A-84 followed CCA north as the drive toward Germany was made, moved to Littenheim and to Hagenau, travelling blackout and at night; and there were several vehicle smashups. A clearing station was established, and 46 battle casualties were received in two days, mostly from the 62nd. The company moved to Soultz. The Soultz-Wissembourg road was strafed and Sgt. Henry Marcantonio and Pvt. Marion Cochran came under fire, gave first aid to wounded men as the German planes made pass after pass.

The 68th Infantry, at Ober-Otterbach was having so many casualties that a detachment of men (Lieut. Daniel Westerbach, Pfcs. George Benesh, Hurburt Narenburg; Pvts. Robert J. Pietras, Harry Insell, Chester W. Zientarski, Teddy Majka, Earl Blackwell, Guilford Kingsbury, Bernard Gavrin and Louis Renfrow) were ordered up to help the aid station. 48 Casualties were treated there in 12 hours.

B Company had moved to Bernolsheim, to Muxenhausen and Niederbetschdorf; C Company moved to Hagenau and to Hoffen.

The companies had developed the practice of "leapfrogging"—sending ahead and setting up one clearing station before the other had closed so there was no interreuption. Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company were also established in Hagenau.

Lieut. A. R. Schaffer took command of Headquarters Company, CCA.

The 1st squad of the Band MP's had joined Combat Command "B" in Siegen December 15 and had begun to operate the Prisoner of War Collecting Point. On the 24th they moved to Leiterswiller with the MP Headquarters where they pulled guard duty and road patrol.

The 2nd squad moved to Wasselone and did traffic control, town patrol, guarded trains. On the 16th it moved to Leiterswiller. Three of the squad, Tec/4 Duane Cunning, Tec/4 James Nestico and Tec/4 Eugene O'Brien, were attached to an MP squad and moved to Wissembourg. They came under their first artillery fire. They were joined by Tec/4 Jack Graves and Tec/5 William Jenkins. The two town outposts were on a bridge north of town and at a road block east. O'Brien said: "By God, this is like sitting on a bull's eye!" On the 24th they joined the rest of the squad in Leiterweiller and were strafed by an ME-109 enroute.

Several men went to Soultz for a shower and two men, Tec/5 James Seaborne, and Tec/5 Phillip Barnett, were bombed by a German pilot flying a U. S. P-47. Both were wounded.

The 3rd squad, guarding PW's for CCA, moved to Trimbach and Siegen. While driving down the road alone one day Pfc. Alexander Valentine had two Germans step into the road in front of him and surrender.

Mr. Hutchinson, Field Director for the Red Cross, submitted his report, 400,000 sheets of writing paper, enough for two months, had been bought in Strassbourg. The Red Cross had handled 732 cases, four girls had joined the unit, to serve doughnuts.



Now for the troops of the 14th out of the line, it was a piece of rest and relaxation, of cleaning and maintaining vehicles, weapons and other equipment, in training replace ments and holding classes on combat lessons, in reconnoitering routes for future operations. Gas masks were reissued. Officers and non-coms attended a counter-sabotage instruction school held by Seventh Army. The 62nd was to put on a demonstration of the battalion in the defense (John McIntire of Headquarters Company, Harold Hanhardt and Lee Roos of C Company were given battlefield commissions). Sgt. Joseph Collins of B-62 was given a battlefield commission and David Klein, S/Sgt. Roland Adcox of C-62 were commissioned; there were many promotions to fill the ranks of men gone.

Seventh Army warned that parachutists had been dropped and security was increased (Capt. Solly A. Spivek, S-2 of the 47th, screened the inhabitants of Durrenbach for Nazi sympathizers.) General Smith and Colonel Hill visited the battalions and award ceremonies were held for the men to be decorated.

It was Christmas; a light snow fell over Alsace and the woods and hills were white. For the resting men, it was as good a Christmas as could be had, three thousand miles from home and in a strange land, with death behind and death ahead (and death five miles away) but there was mail the Division postal service tried to get up all packages and letters by Christmas Eve; and the rations were the Army's best, turkey and gravy and cranberrys and the cooks spread themselves.

WOJG Perry Redfield of Service, 62nd, invited the girls of Zinswiller to a Christmas Eve dance for the Company; they came, and brought their families, and so many crowded into the small schoolhouse that some of the men couldn't get in

Chaplain Hollister held services for the Battalions. There was wine and schnapps, beer and holly trimmings, and fir trees cut in the woods, and the bells of the Alsatian Churches rang through the day and the men and women in their sober and gay clothes walked down past the parked half-tracks. Soultz-Sous-Forets and Surbourg were bombed. And G-2 reported that, as the enemy counter-attack in the north was being fought off, the enemy strength in the south Saar and along the east of the Rhine was being constantly increased; and in the snow covered hills near Bitche and Bae enthal, Task Force Hudelson was in the line.

## Chapter VIII

## TASK FORCE HUDELSON

December 25 - January 3, 1945

Task Force Hudelson (named for its commander, Col. Daniel H. Hudelson) was created by VI Corps on 21 December 1944.

To help Third Army drive back the heavy German offensive in Belgium, Seventh Army was shipping divisions to the north, pulling them out of the line. The Seventh Army boundary was extended to cover an 84-mile front from the Rhine west, generally along the German border. Sixth Army Group, containing Seventh Army, declared it was prepared to yield ground rather than allow its forces to be cut. The enemy had ceased to retreat, had begun to fight back, and in the back of every mind was the thought that Sixth Army Group must not be cut off in Alsace by a German drive down the Vosges.

Task Force Hudelson took a 10 mile section of the front in the Vosges Mountains, running from just south of Bitche, through Equelshardt to Neunhoffen.

The Task Force consisted initially of the 62nd Infantry; the 500th Field Artillery; the 94th Cavalry (minus Troop C and one platoon of E Troop); Company A-125; the 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron. Company B of the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Company B of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion, and a detachment of the 540th Combat Engineers.

For ten days the Task Force prepared its positions, the 62nd Infantry on the right of the sector, the 94th Cavalry in the center, the 117th on the left, digging in machine gun positions looking down the dark lanes of the trees, across the white snow patches of the clearing. TD road blocks were set up; trenches were dug, barbed wire was laid; and trip flares and anti-personnel mines were made ready. Outposts and listening posts were established, the forward riflemen dug into the frozen, snow-covered ground 15 to 20 yards apart; it was foggy; it rained and it snowed; the long shifts in the foxholes were cold and bitter, there were many cases of frozen hands and feet. The platoons alternated between patrolling their positions and moving back to the houses of the nearby towns for warmth.

The Germans patrolled, too, supported by mortar fire.

The 2nd platoon of C-62 (under T/Sgt. William Shott) held a sector near Bannstein. One morning a heavy mortar barrage opened up on their positions, and a German raiding party got into one of the houses, where S/Sgt. Robert Bierrat was asleep. The enemy patrol leader threw a concussion grenade into Bierrat's room, then walked in, firing a burp gun. Bierrat, unwounded, killed him with a carbine round, the patrol was driven off. Sgt. Walter Crau was wounded in the raid. Later, S/Sgt. James Long killed another German patrol leader and that patrol was driven off. S/Sgt. Edwin A Burkhalter led a patrol into Eguelshardt and brought back a prisoner; S/Sgt. George F. Kall led a patrol to Waldech and killed two Germans.

The American artillery and 4.7 MM mortars were set up; the engineers prepared craters for road intersections; road blocks were made ready; trees were notched and loaded with charges of TNT, ready to be blown across the road, mines were laid.

Company B-125 was building road blocks and stringing barbed wire, concertina, double apron. They worked with guards on the .50 caliber machine guns, looking down the corridors of the ravines. At night the sounds of their labor echoed endlessly through the woods and the moon threw strange shadows along the snow; S/Sgt. Thomas J. Needham's 3rd platoon prepared a cliff to be blown over a road. Company C-125 was in Scholbach.

American patrols, cavalry and infantry, moved always through the woods and along the road; prisoners were taken and the prisoners boasted the Germans would retake all Alsace. Sgt. John Barber of A-62 took a patrol into Neuhaufen on Christmas day, was fired on and the patrol pinned down, suffered one casualty, moved back; Barber went back for the wounded man and was wounded himself. (He later was awarded the Silver Star.)

It was bitterly cold and the forces were spaced so thinly that it was impossible to have a continuous defensive line; two German sergeants walked unarmed into a 62nd OP to surrender and the outposts got quite a talking-to for letting them through; but the lines were that thin. The Germans were moving more and more troops into their positions, safe from air observation because of the continually nasty weather. On the few good days air observers reported the endless movement of enemy forces.

Enemy patrols, strong and aggressive, poked again and again at the lines of the Task Force; German artillery rounds, two or three at a time, began to land at crossroads and villages. The enemy guns were registering in.

Army G-2 warned that the Germans would attack on New Year's Eve.

The official Army report states:

"Just before midnight on 31 December 1944 the German offensive struck. The enemy attacked with six divisions, identified along Seventh Army front from east to west as the 256th Volks Grenadiers, 361st Volks Grenadiers, 559th Volks Grenadiers, 17th SS Panzer Grenadiers, 19th and 36th Volks Grenadiers Divisions.

"Code name for the attack was '10 May 1940,' so called in commemoration of Hitler's entry into France. Spearheading the drive was the 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division, up to strength and newly fitted. The division's mission was to break through west of the Hardt Mountains and thus secure an opening through which the 21st Panzer Division could exploit into the Saar Valley from its lurking positions behind the German lines. It was later learned from prisoners of war that the attack also had the objective of spearheading a



major break-through to act as a diversion for the Ardennes Offensive."

The men of B Troop, 94th, crouching in foxholes, had been thinking of earlier New Year's Eves—1944: a snowy, a sleety break in the Tennessee Maneuvers, spent in pup tents pitched in ankle deep mud; 1943: new recruits taking a 10 mile hike, General Prichard's "cure for homesickness"; 1942:—.

"And we thought we had it tough then," said Tec/5 William E. Smith.

"What you crying for? This is a quiet sector," Pfc. Anthony J. Bevacqua answered.

A burp gun stuttered far to the left; the sound carried on the clear, cold, moonlight night.

Bevacqua fully loaded his machine gun.

The firing increased in intensity; its sound was full and harsh and chattering in the night.

"Patrol trying to get through the 117th," Bevacqua said.

"Patrol?" Smith asked. "Sounds like the whole German Army."

It was

Men of the 62nd Infantry were waiting to pull out of the line. A Regiment of the 75th Infantry Division was to relieve them on January 1; A 75th Commander had come to C-62's CP, and Capt. Trammell said:

"Sure hate to be relieved in this quiet sector."

The night was so bright the defense was supposed to be favored. A trip flare went off in front of A-62's outposts and there, 50 yards away, was a German patrol, crawling across the snow in white camouflage suits. The infantrymen had been holding their guns inside their clothing, to keep them warm enough so they would not freeze and cease functioning; now they were ripped out.

The chatter of a single machine gun, first, then instantly all the guns slashed through the night; the flares of the muzzle flashes laced through the woods and darted through the night.

The Germans attacked, yelling and screaming, firing automatic weapons. It was an attack by madmen.

C-62's 1st platoon CP north of Bannstein was surrounded almost immediately by charging Germans, surrounded and cut off, and C Company was hurt.

C Company's outpost was defended by four half-tracks backed into position so that their .50 calibers could bring crossfire; when the attack was launched the 50's added their savage fire power to the rifle and carbines, sub-machine guns and 30's. Germans crumpled to the ground and the snow stained brown. There was a moment's lull, a 62nd officer called in Cerman for surrender; six enemy soldiers threw down their guns and raised their hands; the men of C-62 held their fire. As the Germans advanced in the moonlight, German guns opened up on them; the Germans dropped and crawled over the snow to the Americans.

American artillery begen to lay in a barrage in front of the American positions, the outposts were ordered to pull back to the MLR along the Bannstein highway. The outposts started to move back, and the power of enemy fire increased. Every gun the Germans had, bazookas, burp guns, machine guns, rifle and artillery were pouring in on the men. The minute the outposts moved, the Germans, following in hot pursuit, began to infiltrate the lines along the front. It was a swirling madness that went on and on.

Lieut. Col. Meyers, commanding the 62nd, had ordered two platoons of the 117th Cavalry into position in C-62's area, one to establish a road block on the Engelshardt-Phillipsbourg road, the other on the highway south of Banntein.

A squad of Germans screamed in English: "Hold fire!" Thinking the Germans wanted to surrender, the men stopped firing; the Germans moved to better positions.

The confusion was complete as the screaming Germans assaulted again and again in their white clothes, rushing, firing their automatic weapons and screaming: "Die, Yankee bastards!" and "Ganster bitches!" The support platoons were moving up. Lieut. Kosik was ordered to take his 3rd platoon to Bannstein and to hold.

The enemy threatened to encircle the area completely. The outposts were ordered to move back to Bannstein. The half-tracks started to pull back. The first half-track was hit with a bazooka round and pulled off the road; the enemy bazooka man fired only one round before the second half-track laid on him with a machine gun. The other half-tracks pulled past and started down the icy road to Bannstein.

The men in the 1st platoon CP were cut off, Two squads went on a rescue mission but were pinned down; Pfc. Joseph Knapp was hit twice in the stomach with a burp gun, crawled 300 yards to Bannstein, and lived. S/Sgt. Edward J. Drozdowski ordered a withdrawal.

T/Sgt. John W. Pleacher was in that encircled 1st platoon CP when the fight first started; he went forward, infiltrating through the Germans, to where his beleagued outposts were fighting, brought them back to safety. In Bannstein he reorganized his platoon and went back to fight again. Later, he was awarded the Silver Star.

The retreating men knew they were surrounded; trip flares were going off again and again; the woods were full of the enemy.

Capt, Trammell called Col, Myers and told him his company was being cut to pieces.

The 117th Cavalry on the extreme left, receiving the impact of the ferocious attack first, was forced back, exposing a flank of the 94th; the 94th was forced back and C-62's flank was exposed.

From the decimated C-62 outpost by the lake the men were trying to get back any way they could, one by one. Pfc. A. O. Whatley was bringing back Pfc. Ira F. Stanley who had been wounded; Whatley ran into two Germans. He

killed them both and got Stanley back. The machine gun section north of the CP was forced to withdraw, leaving the CP in front of its own front lines.

Two tank destroyers in position behind the CP were receiving mortar fire on their open turrets and were forced to withdraw. The steel tracks skidded on the icy road and progress was torturous. Infantrymen falling back to the road block at Bannstein were fired on by friendly troops.

A soldier of C Company called:

"Hold your fire and I'll give you the password." The fire ceased and he crawled forward.

"Baloney."

"Dot."

The rest of the company continued to straggle in.

The endless, savage, German attack had driven to Bannstein; the German artillery began to explode in the streets, the German infantry was assaulting; men of the 62nd were behind windows, walls, wood piles, firing with rifles, BAR's, machine guns. Drivers—every man was fighting. A triangular railroad sign hanging from a post rang intermittantly as bullets hit. Tec/5 Augustine Bojorguez was alone in a mortar platoon half-track when he saw thirty enemy working their way up a draw; he mounted the mortar on the open railroad tracks, fired. He stopped the patrol. During the action he was shot in the foot, but he refused medical aid and kept on firing; he was later awarded the Silver Star and promoted to staff sergeant.

Near the 1st Platoon's surrounded CP, the Germans set fire to a building in which one of C-62's men lay wounded. His screams could be heard above the gun fire. Tec/3 James T. Hedderman ran through the artillery and small arms fire, rescued the man and carried him back to the CP, where he treated him. (Hedderman, missing in action afterwards, and months later liberated by the 14th Armored in Hammelburg prison camp, was decorated.)

Tec/5 Stanley Zolnowski, Tec/5 Vidor Dorio, Tec/4 Alfred Nett, and Tec/4 Theodore A. Stephaniak were awarded Bronze Stars for their work that night, as was Tec/5 Jack F. Brown, who went from vehicle to vehicle through the fire to repair guns; and S/Sgt. Benedict J. Kalzmarck.

The 2nd Platoon, falling back, found that the Germans were behind them, and had cut the Bannstein-Phillipsbourg road. That meant C Company (or the remnants of C Company) plus Headquarters Company, Machine Gun and Mortar Platoons and a platoon of Engineers, were left in Bannstein. An estimated 1200 Germans were attacking Bannstein. The defense was reorganized; the Germans charged, running upright and firing their guns, screaming still: "Yankee bastards! Die, sons of bitches!" The heavy fire of American guns cut them down, and Bannstein was held.

Headquarters Company had been operating by platoons, Lieut. John Ryan's Assault Guns near Phillipsbourg, Machine Guns and Mortars in Bannstein, and Recon at OP's. The fire orders came down to the Assault Gunners; Sgt. Stanley M. Handley and Corp. Walter G. Jankowski heard the orders repeated from S/Sgt. James A. Orndorff to Sgt. Elmer A. Kalinke: "Continuous fire, You are firing fifty yards in front of our troops." The stacks of empty shell cases grew. (The 62nd had the first 105 MM self-propelled howitzer in the Infantry; the others were all 75's; and the crew, Sgt. Fred H. Harshberger, Sgt. John H. Hepler, Cpl. Leroy R.

Oester, Pfc. Donald W. Glosh, Pfc. Roth B. Holtz and Pvt. Gordon K. Bryant, had learned to operate it in two days.)

In the early morning hours, the Germans brought tanks into action against the men in Bannstein, firing high velocity flat trajectory cannon directly into their positions.

Bazooka rounds hit the enemy tanks and failed to explode. The pressure against the men increased continuously; by 1130 in the morning of January 1, the Germans had surrounded Bannstein. The men began to pull out of the town by twos and threes, leaving behind 15 half-tracks, two trucks and several peeps. East of Bannstein, tanks and tank destroyers held off enemy attempts to gain the main highway, while the foot troops withdrew across the wooded hills to Barenthal.

Sgt. John J. Flanagan and part of his squad worked their way to the Mortar Platoon to give it protection; Lieut. Roland J. Adcox and ten men moved into Barenthal to help defend the Headquarters of Task Force Hudelson (and lost two prisoners when they ran into a German machine gun nest; and Sgt. Edward W. Faytag was wounded and Pfc. Clyde Hargett was shot in both arms and then shot two Germans before he walked away to be treated).

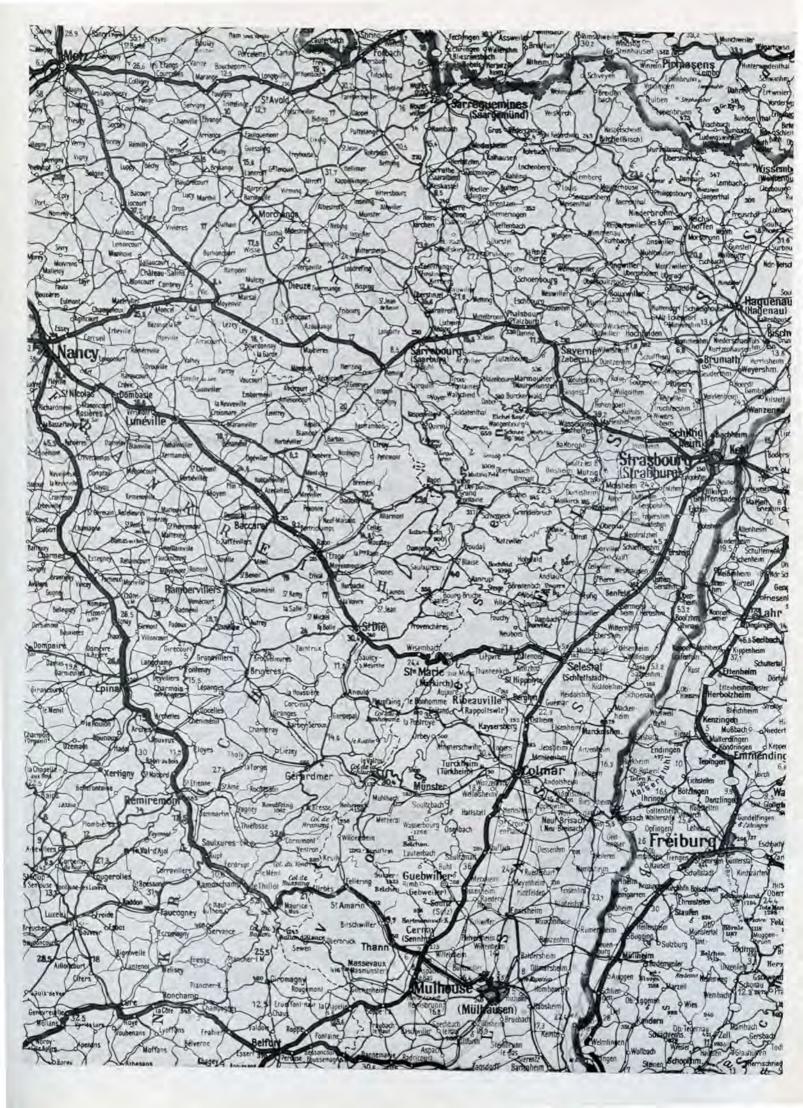
Company B-62 was having almost as bad a time. Here again the enemy, acting (as many infantrymen testified) "as if they were drugged," rode bicycles straight down the road into the American positions; for four hours the woods echoed to the hammer of the BAR's, the chatter of 30's, the pound of 50's; then the German guns, hand grenades and bazookas. The men on outpost called down friendly 4.2 mortar fire (from the 83rd) not 60 yards from their foxholes. Enemy mortar and artillery fire, tree bursts, slashed into the log and earth coverings of the foxholes; B Company held for the night, but the enemy infiltrated.

A Company had called down artillery fire down on its own positions, and the German artillery came in on top of it; and A Company held for the night.

B Company pulled back and flanked the rear of A Company to clear out the infiltration. The Germans were firing wooden bullets from the rear of the 62nd's position—bullets that could kill American soldiers but would not carry far enough to endanger the Germans in front of the American positions.

The mortar platoon was firing at range of 150 yards; it fired for hours, till its ammunition was gone. Snipers were 50 yards from the gun positions. The platoon was driven







back and the half-tracks inched slowly down the railroad tracks. The Machine Gun Platoon half-track had been set on fire; Headquarters Section was cut off, but managed to draw out; from Assault Gun positions you could see the enemy infiltrating and digging in, but you could not fire without hitting your own men.

A Company pulled back even with B Company and held again; but the pitch of the fighting did not lessen; the Germans drove again and again against the American dug-in positions, supporting their attack with every gun they had and the snow covered earth was pocked with fire. The volume of American fire continued; American 75 MM tank cannons fired point blank at the Germans; artillery and 4.2 mortars fired round after round.

Five enemy tanks were reported to have broken through north of Phillipsbourg and to be moving toward Phillipsbourg on the main highway. This would mean Companies A and B were being cut off from the rear. Two tanks, a platoon of anti-tank guns, and two bazooka teams were shifted to outpost the main road northeast of Phillipsbourg. German infantry appeared in the valley northeast of Phillipsbourg; defending tankers and infantrymen brought heavy fire power on them, killing an undetermined number and capturing one hundred and fifty.

By late morning the relentless enemy drive was threatening Baerenthal and Phillipsbourg, Liaison between units had been lost; Col. Hudelson requested reinforcements. General Smith ordered the 19th Infantry and Company A of the 25th Tank Battalion to Baerenthal.

The 25th had moved to Neuwiller—and Lieut. John F. Day and Pfc. John H. Pierce were hurt when a peep turned over—and to Uhrwiller; and A Company moved slowly, almost helplessly, to Baerenthal; steel tracks skidding, slipping on the icy roads.

The 19th CP and medical detachment moved into Mouterhouse; the battalion was to attack to the north to restore the lines. B and C Companies left the assembly area and moved through the snow-covered woods to the hill that was the line of departure; artillery and mortar fire was falling on the men; as the two companies arrived on the hill, the Germans suddenly launched a counterattack on Mouterhouse, well in the infantry rear. A withdrawal was ordered; the confusion was complete. Infantrymen, engineers, tankers, cavalrymen, tank destroyers were all using the same roads; the track vehicles were skidding and sliding across the narrow roads, making movement incredibly slow, like walking in a nightmare, Capt. J. E. Donahey, 19th Exec, managed to lead his battalion's vehicles back to Sarreinsberg. Men of B and C Companies started to drop back, setting up alternate delaying positions as they moved, and fell back as far as Mouterhouse, Here Lieut. James Phillips and Headquarters Company maintenance crew had set up a road block.

The Reconnaissance Platoon under Lieut. George K. Beine had been doing road guide duty; when the battalion passed, Beine picked up his men and moved to Baerenthal; there they found A Company under attack; and they stayed to help. When the enemy's attack was repulsed the platoon started for Mouterhouse again. Lieut. Beine and his driver, Pfc. Charles L. Campbell, were delayed behind the platoon, started after them and were not seen again. The four peeps of the platoon, meanwhile, went on toward Mouterhouse and met an American half-track coming toward them. The halftrack suddenly opened fire. The Germans had captured it. The four peeps turned fast to get off the road. Sgt. Gregory Guzzey and Corp. Billy Monks were hit as the peep left the road and Monks was thrown to the ditch. Pfc. Robert Thogmartin, driver for Sgt. William Dougherty, jumped as his peep hit the ditch. Dougherty opened fire on the enemy; the other men-Pfcs. Connie Rowell, Earl Hamilton, William May, Edgar Myers, Robert Househ, and Joseph Todarellojoined him. Thogmartin, and Corp. Ray Reasoner and Pfc. James Wheatley were lost in the action. The remaining men got two .30 caliber machine guns into action, but they were heavily out-gunned; Sgt. Dougherty ordered them to make for a house forty yards away, and sent Househ back for help. Myers was wounded but managed to make the house with the other men. Dougherty sent Rowell back for help on the theory that Househ might have been hit. (Househ had not been; he made it back to Task Force Headquarters at Reipertswiller that night with two A Company men he met in the woods. Rowell started out. Dougherty decided to pull back still further; he sent Myers first and followed. As they entered the woods Myers was hit again and could go no further; Dougherty treated his wounds and left him with a



white flag; and Dougherty and two other men made it back to Reipertswiller.

The men of B and C Companies were pulled back from Mouterhouse, down the hill and across a frozen creek, onto the road, four miles to Sarreinsberg. C Company was rear guard for the battalion; the assault guns were set up alongside the road.

Company A-19, meanwhile, had been sent to the aid of C-62 at Bannstein, been ordered to seize the high ground west of the Forneau Neuf-Bannstein road. The 1st platoon started on the mission, the 2nd platoon was recalled to Bannstein; and the 3rd and A-T platoons moved up to help the 1st platoon and were pinned down under heavy artillery fire near Forneau Neuf. The A-T vehicles bogged down and there were casualties. The 3rd platoon was sent back to Baerenthal, where the 2nd platoon was already engaged in a fire fight. The attack began as Lieut. Jack R. DeWitt was receiving orders; T/Sgt. Junior E. Wright took command of the fighting and got all the guns into position. S/Sgt. Weldon S. Schickel of the mortar squad asked Wright what targets he was to fire on; Wright said:

"Drop them in the woods; there are so many Krauts up there you couldn't miss if you tried."

Meanwhile, Capt. Ernest J. Spokes, on his way to the 1st platoon, met the S-3 of the 62nd, who told him C-62 was pulling back from Bannstein. Capt. Spokes climbed the ridge after the 1st platoon with Pfc. George W. Caddick, shouting and receiving no answer. From a hill they saw an enemy column moving south from Bannstein, and decided the 1st platoon must have seen them too, so they went back. Capt. Spokes found Forneau Neuf "alive with Krauts." He continued on back to Sarriensberg, and met the AT platoon on the way. A patrol of six men (Pvt. Charles W. Davis, Corp. Louis A. Pavoc, Pfc. James E. Robbins, Pvt. Joseph U. Dav, Pvt. Edward R. Berry, and Pvt. William C. Finley) was sent out to find the disorganized remnants of the company, and they did not come back; Lieut. Joseph Osborn took a squad of the 3rd platoon toward Forneau Neuf, but he was driven off.

The company (actually now the 2nd platoon) was ordered to Reipertswiller; got caught in a traffic jam where stalled and slipping tanks were unable to make an icy grade, but got through.

The platoon was put on outpost at Reipertswiller, the men walking up and down the icy road to keep warm, and shortly after daybreak a company of German infantry was spotted. Heavily outnumbered, the platoon did not fire, but swung behind the Germans and cut over the snow covered hills to circle behind them.

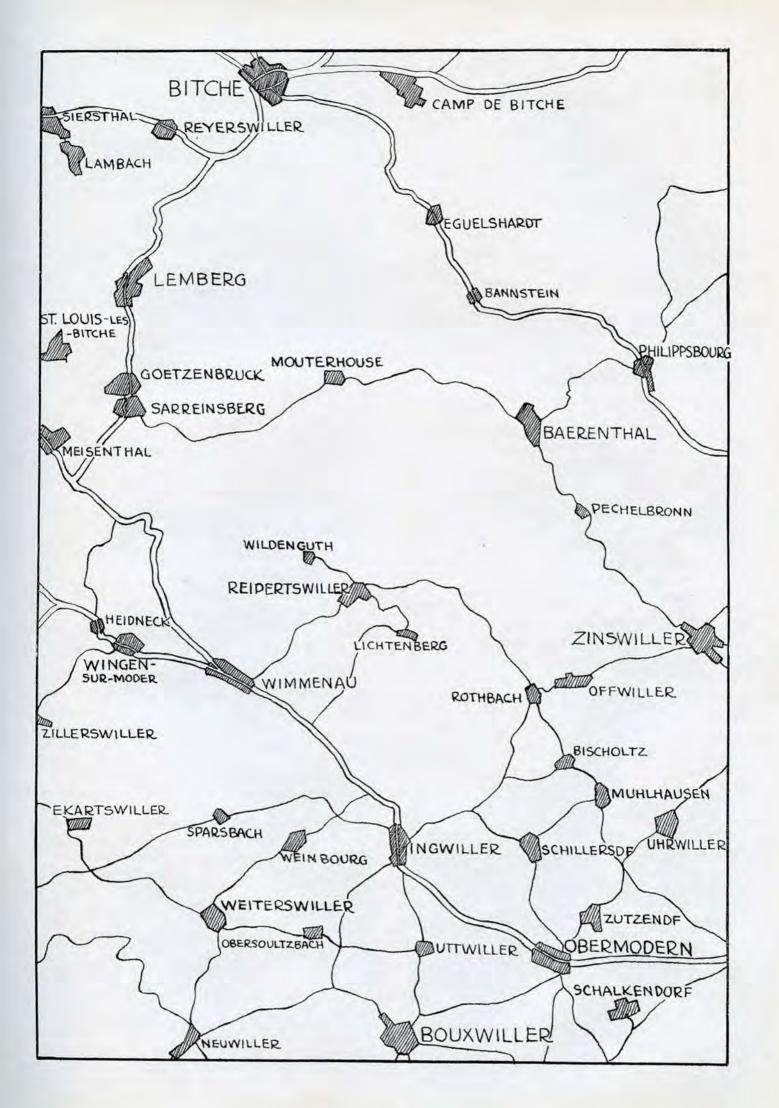
The 3rd platoon was assembled and reorganized and put on outpost between Forneau Neuf and Reipertswiller. They dug in and were attacked by a German column. An enemy armored car was destroyed by machine gunners Sgt. Elmer Burns and Pfc. Richard Hoff, and bazooka man Pfc. Edward J. Crittenberger. The Germans launched an attack on the left flank of the position; Pvt. Felix Gomez waited till they were almost on him, then opened up with the BAR and drove them back.

T/Sgt. William Driscoll was ordered to withdraw, and called for artillery to cover his retreat; he moved to Reipertswiller.

The 1st platoon of A-19 all this time had been in grave difficulty. Lieut. William C. Hodge had outposted the hill near Baerenthal and sent back Pfc. Lee L. Shepard and Pvt. Columbus E. Clark to notify Capt. Spokes he was ready. The two men were fired on (but got to Capt, Spokes finally) and Lieut. Hodge heard the firing and sent a patrol down to investigate. The patrol reported back that the platoon was completely surrounded, though the Germans had not discovered it yet. At midnight Lieut. Hodge decided to pull back to friendly lines; slowly, in the bright moonlight, the men started slipping back. They crossed a dangerous field. planted with mines (Pfc. Edward F. Shannon picked a path); a German staff car passed on the road 50 feet away. They passed an enemy outpost and a German guard asked the last man where they were going. The man answered in German they were going to the front and the guard turned away. In 20 hours they hiked 40 miles through the snow-covered hills and reached safety without a casualty.

By now all American foot troops and movable vehicles had moved out of Bannstein south on the road to Forneau Neuf; the enemy had broken the Bannstein defenses and were shelling the road heavily with artillery and mortar fire. The road was so icy and treacherous that the men took to the woods and hills toward Zinswiller. Soldiers helped each





other along over the snow-covered hills, watching continually for enemy patrols.

Men of Company C-62 had been the last to leave. The heavy attack of the morning had not completely dislodged C Company from Bannstein, and Capt. Trammell told Major William C. Higgins that his company would stay in town till reinforcements arrived. Communications were out; Pfc. Martin Francis was sent by peep to battalion headquarters with fire orders; he never arrived. Corp. Bernard Flotkoetter managed to run a line to the 500th Field Artillery despite the fire; he was later recommended for the DSC. Then German tanks arrived.

The enemy tanks began, quite methodically, to knock over the buildings in Bannstein, one by one. Major Higgins gave Capt. Trammell a direct order to withdraw; just as Trammell left the tank fire blew up his CP. S/Sgt. Norman B. Miller, company supply Sergeant, destroyed his supplies. (He was later awarded the Bronze Star.) The 500th Field laid a barrage on the road behind the retreating men; a German column heading into Bannstein was caught and suffered heavy casualties. Trammell went to battalion at Phillipsbourg and was told to assemble his company as Zinswiller.

That was not an easy job. All vehicles had been lost. At Zinswiller, Trammell found Sgt. Biernat with 35 men, including the kitchen crew. On the road he passed Pfc. Joseph Keahy and Pfc. Ernest Gauloin; he found Lieut. Adcox. Searching parties were sent out through the surrounding towns. Neither Lieut. Joseph H. Lloyd nor Lieut. Kosik could be found. The men began to struggle into various towns, various CP's. They were given hot food and coffee, and allowed to sleep. Service Company of the 62nd set up a house for the men of C Company as they came in.

Lieut. Kosik showed up.

His story:

He had left Bannstein with about 50 men and almost immediately ran into heavy burp gun fire. He was pinned down, his force cut up, he finally managed to pull out with about 30 men and ran onto the 19th Armored Infantry; he and his 30 men had been fighting with the 19th for two days.

S/Sgt. Stanley J. Czarnecki was in command of Lieut. Kosik's 20 men who were cut off by the burp gun fire; the Germans drove down on these men with half tracks captured from the 19th, surrounded them and began to cut them down with American .50 caliber guns. Czarnecki had to surrender.

Gradually the stories of the other men were told. Tec/5 William Siewert was wounded in the head and could not move; Tec/5 Jack F. Brown stayed with him.

S/Sgt. Dale Phipps had a squad of 12 men on the west side of town in the attack and was cut off; he tried to infiltrate his squad back along the ridge. At one point he had to cross a road and ran into a German patrol. The Germans looked at the American uniforms; but many Germans had taken American uniforms from the dead and were wearing them. In Phipp's squad was Pfc. Frederick W. Mittlestadt, ammunition bearer in the Anti-Tank Platoon, whose father had been in the German Army in the last war. Now Mittlestadt stepped boldly in front of the German patrol.

"Where are you guys going?" he asked in perfect German. The German patrol leader answered, and for a few moments he and Mittlestadt talked. Then the two patrols went on. It took Phipps and his men two days to get back, two days of sleeping in snow-filled ravines in the day and travelling only at night, nothing to eat and only snow to quench thirst. (Phipps was awarded the Bronze Star.)

C Battery of the 500th Field, at Fourneau Neuf. had been shelled for 30 minutes, and was cut from battalion by the cutting of the Mouterhouse—Baerenthal road. Pfc. Eric Hoffman of Headquarters and Pfc. Leo Fox of B Battery were wounded by shell fragments. Enemy infantry was in Baerenthal where the Battalion guns were firing. A Battery fired 511 rounds in 5 minutes; the German infantry was almost in the gun positions. Lieut. Kenneth P. Harkins, Sgt Louis J. Biasotti and Pfc. Donald A. Huil were fighting infantry with small arms; Corp. Theodore B. Wilson of A Battery was wounded by a sniper.

For the first time the men saw the AA guns of the 398th AAA battalion firing against ground troops, and these guns saved the day. Four .50 caliber guns on a single mount, designed to fight aircraft, sprayed their heavy slugs across the countryside almost in a sheet of lead. A woman, up till now very friendly to the Americans, turned sniper and began firing at an AAA gun. The four .50's cut her in half.

The artillery guns were ordered to pull out of town; the battalion tried to move down the treacherous, narrow, icy roads; the steel tracks clawed and skidded and two of A Battery's M-7s turned over. Sgt. John Tassi and Corp. Michael Cerrato were killed; Sgt. Steve Okeneski, Corp. 63—14TH ARMORED

Leonard Soucy, Pfc. William McNickle, Pvts. Lloyd Gillem, Marvin Zabel, and William Hintz were wounded.

The battalion pulled back to Pacardie. C Battery, supporting C-62 at Bannstein (where Flotkoetter had laid a line under German artillery and machine gun fire), had been under heavy artillery fire and was ordered to withdraw with the infantry. As the battery pulled out, an M-7 hit a land mine and was disabled; Lieut. Charles H. Leroy destroyed the gun.

(The 500th was assigned to the 79th Division to help stop the German counter attack; 2362 rounds were fired. C Battery moved to Lichtenberg. Capt. Louis W. Vasaly, Lieut. Phillip Wrathall, Tec/4 Henry S. Mesias. Tec/5 Benton N. Wood, Pfcs. Louis A. Comis, and Gene T. Gregg reported to the infantry; Lieut. Hocker adjusted on Reipertswiller. The range kept getting shorter and shorter; finally they were down to 1200 yards.)

In Service Battery, Tec/4 John Jerrel repaired a disabled weapons carrier under fire in Baerenthal and evacuated wounded in it; Pfcs. Bernard Dombrowski and James Blaherman took a six-by-six through Reipertswiller gun positions under enemy fire, to pick up ammunition; M/Sgt. Stanley Rossi and his tank recovery crew went back to Baerenthal to try to recover the vehicles lost there, and they were under fire. 1st/Sgt. Urbie P. Innes of B Battery went back to shell-torn Baerenthal to get his records.

The Battalion displaced to Ingwiller; Col. Swanson left to take over Division Trains; Major Joseph J. Murtha took command, Major Robert E. Lanigan became Exec, and Lieut. Hocker took B Battery.

The 499th Field Artillery moved from Laugersoultzbach to Niederbronn in support of the 275th Infantry Regiment, to enter the most difficult and important month of its career.



(The battalion was to fire 27,656 rounds in the month of January). The first day started off with five TOT's in an hour and five minutes in Phillipsbourg and Baerenthal (Lieut. Francis A. Houston of A Battery and Lieut. Curtis R. Thomas of C Battery, RO's, were firing on Phillipsbourg). One concentration on Phillipsbourg was fired almost continuously for an hour and a half as the Germans tried again and again to get through. Under direct fire from 88 MM's, one captured American 57 MM, mortars and machine guns, two 499th half-track drivers left their foxholes and drove their vehicles to safety.

And Pfc. George B. Turner of C Battery, 45 years old, veteran of the last war, stepped into the slug-torn, shell-cut streets of Phillipsbourg and single-handed, stopped a German tank-and-infantry attack.

Lieut. Joseph K. Donahue, Infantry Officer, said:

"On the afternoon of 3 January 1945, at approximately 1400 hours, we were warned that the Germans were attacking the town of Phillipsbourg, France, in which we were located. To my knowledge there were about 75 infantrymen and two Mark IV tanks. As the two enemy tanks advanced down the street over-running all opposition, Private Turner (at that time unknown to me) emerged from a building, ran to his half-track, obtained a rocket launcher and, loading it as he approached the enemy, stepped out directly in front of the German tanks and, raising the launcher to his shoulder, fired at the oncoming vehicles. Disregarding the hail of enemy fire that fell all about him, he continued to fire, single handedly knocking out the lead tank and damaging the second tank to the extent that it was unable to fire its heavy caliber weapons. His rocket ammunition exhausted, he continued to fire at the enemy vehicle with rifle grenades until both tanks were neutralized.

"Returning to his vehicle, Private Turner dismounted his vehicular .50 caliber machine gun and, returning to the scene of his first engagement, went into position in the middle of the street completely void of cover or concealment and poured deadly, accurate fire into the supporting enemy infantrymen and armored vehicles attempting to relieve the knocked-out Mark IV tank. Even though his gun jammed, Private Turner remained at his position until he had repaired the malfunction, and then continued to fire at the enemy,

completely disorganizing and repulsing their attempts at evacuation.

"In a desperate attempt to dislodge him from his chosen position, enemy tank, anti-tank, automatic weapons, sniper, mortar and artillery fire registered on him but failed to move him until all activity had subsided.

"At 1600 hours we were ordered to counterattack the enemy in the town, with a platoon of 47th tanks in our direct support. Clearing the houses of enemy opposition in bitter hand-to-hand combat, we approached the main intersection of the town. Approximately fifty yards from the intersection, our lead tank was hit twice by anti-tank fire. The second tank then moved into the lead and was immediately knocked out and started to burn. Private Turner rushed out into the open street and, firing a machine gun from the hip, forced the Germans to take cover, thus permitting the tank crews to escape from the tanks. The driver in the second tank was badly wounded and could not evacuate himself. Hearing his screams of agony as the flames surrounded him, Private Turner raced to the tank and, mounting the vehicle in full view of the enemy, attempted to rescue him from the blazing vehicle, but was unsuccessful as the basic ammunition exploded, hurling Private Turner from the tank and killing the driver. Private Turner was painfully wounded at this time.

"Later that night I made the suggestion to Private Turner that he find his artillery unit and join them, but he chose to remain with my platoon. At approximately 2000 hours a German combat patrol worked its way down the street toward the knocked-out Mark IV tank. Private Turner spotted the patrol, directed fire on the enemy, killing 11 of them and compelling the remainder of the patrol to take cover in the building across the street from my platoon command post. At 0800 hours the following morning, Private Turner and two other men assaulted the building. After a short but fierce fight they captured four German soldiers. The two men assisting Private Turner were wounded. At this time I ordered Private Turner to return to his unit.

"The heroic actions and outstanding courage displayed by Private Turner were an inspiration to my 'green' troops, and is my firm belief that his actions alone were responsible for defeating the enemy in their attempt to take the town."

Lieut. Travis Coxe stated:

"Private Turner, under a continuous stream of fire thrown at him by the enemy, raced for the blazing tank and mount-





ing the front of it, attempted to rescue the trapped man. The tank power traverse mechanism had somehow become engaged and the turret was revolving, making the evacuation almost an impossibility. Private Turner did manage to grasp the driver and as he started to pull him out, the burning ammunition exploded, killing the driver and hurling Private Turner to the ground."

Lieut. Clark M. Richardson, Battalion Surgeon, 3rd Bn., 275th Infantry, stated:

"At approximately 0900 hours on the morning of 4 January 1945, I was in the Third Battalion command post when an extremely heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire began to fall all about us. At this time Captain Landon, regimental medical officer, came in and informed me that it was necessary to evacuate several severely wounded men from the First Battalion aid station in the church on which the enemy had registered their artillery to the more secure and safe location of the rear aid station. At this time I asked for a volunteer. Immediately a man climbed into the truck, turned it around and backed it up the street to the church and helped load four litter cases and eight walking wounded into the back of the vehicle. At this time the enemy increased their volume of artillery fire in an effort to destroy the truck and men which was under direct observation and fire.

"Completely ignoring the terrific enemy bombardment, this man once more climbed into the cab and fearlessly drove through the wall of enemy fire, successfully delivering the wounded to the care and security of the rear aid station.

"Inquiring of the men about the aid station and the command post, I learned that the man who so readily volunteered to risk his life in an effort to save his fellow soldiers was Private First Class George B. Turner of the 499th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Private Turner undoubtedly saved the lives of the four litter cases."

Private Turner was awarded the Medal of Honor.

With the 500th—as with all the battalions—the valiant work of the men of the Service Battery, not expected to fight except in an emergency, but to work under the shell fire, kept the fighting elements in action. When the 499th fired more than 4000 rounds in one day—as it did in this action—Service Battery was tested to the fullest. The men of the ammunition sections worked three solid days and nights getting ammunition up; at one time A Battery had its last round in the gun tube when the ammo trucks pulled up.

Situated between the 117th Cavalry on the left and the 62nd on the right, the 94th had been holding the center of the Task Force Hudelson's main line of resistance.

94th patrols had penetrated as far as Stockbronn and the high ground overlooking the Camp de Bitche. Enemy positions were found dug in in the woods near Equalshardt; patrols ran into German-manned road blocks of fallen trees and machine guns.



Enemy patrols destroyed American guns and vehicles and captured American personnel. B Troop of the 94th had three armored cars hit and knocked out.

The 94th reported great enemy activity in the vicinity of Camp de Bitche during the night of December 31. German tanks and railroad trains could be heard moving; artillery fire was laid in and the activity ceased. Then the Germans attacked. Trip flares along the entire front, set off by the enemy, exploded into light.

The 94th Squadron history states:

"At about 0120 we received word from the 117th that they were being counter-attacked. At 0527 D Troop reported they were engaged in a terrific fight and it sounded as if B Troop were being attacked also. At 0530 B Troop requested permission to move its vehicles out of the area as they were being surrounded."

2nd Lt. David Compton's Platoon of B-94, was forced to pull out in its sector; the attack had started there with a blast from a burp gun; the men heard the guns firing up and down the line and when the burp guns fired, the .30 calibers opened

up on the muzzle flashes in the same instant. Compton was given ten minutes to pull out, but by the time the order was given two of his outposts had already been cut off. The telephone line was out; it took him a long time to get his outposts back; by that time both American and German artillery was landing on his position. Lieut. Richard Grandin, in D-94's 1st platoon, ordered Sgt. Earl D. McTee to withdraw from the fighting, but this too, took time. Corp. Williard D. Cage and Pvt. Robert W. Tauber were wounded. Artillery continued to pour in on the troops. Sgt. McTee set up three .30 calibers to cover the withdrawal; and this rear guard was soon involved in the savage fire fight; Sgt. McTee was wounded. The enemy began to infiltrate and the rear guard pulled out. Tec/5 Joel T. Sorenson of the 2nd platoon was killed. Tec/5 William E. Gravelle of the 3rd platoon volunteered to rescue an abandoned peep, and the platoon vehicles were driven out under fire, the men falling back to alternate positions on foot. At dawn the platoon sent out a patrol to find how far the enemy had come. The enemy was 100 yards away; the 3rd platoon withdrew again.

The Squadron history states:

"The attack continued and at 0630 both B and D Troops were falling back to their secondary positions. Reports were received that tanks could be heard coming up to reinforce the enemy attack. At 1130 Lieut. Kraker, 3rd platoon, B Troop, reported into the CP with 5 PW's he had picked up at a road block which he encountered while trying to withdraw. Enemy continued his attack and at 1330 the squadron CP moved to vicinity of Wingen. Orders were given for B Troop to withdraw through the 19th Armored Infantry Battalion which had come up to help check the attack.

"Relieving elements of the 19th AIB began to push through the 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance but met with only local success."

Seventh Army stated:

"Assault cannons of the 94th E Troop supported the 19th's foot troops but the momentum of the enemy's drive was pushing forward relentlessly, driving back everything in its path.

"E Troop also was to withdraw and to go to Reipertswiller.



D Troop was to go to Baerenthal, Task Force Headquarters, and help them; they were in danger of being cut off. B Troop was able to withdraw as planned. B Troop covered the withdrawal while D Troop infiltrated back. Several armored vehicles had to be abandoned because they could not get through the snow covered woods. Tank crewmen recovered the machine guns from the vehicles, and carried the weapons back with them. E Troop had to withdraw with B Troop and go to Wingen. D Troop also went to Wingen. D Troop reached the secondary MLR, the road running from Mouterhouse to Barenthal only to find this defensive set up already cut by the enemy. The Squadron regrouped and D Troop moved to Wimmenau to send patrol to Wildenguth and Reipertswiller. B Troop had lost ten and one-quarter tons."

Breaking into small groups, surrounded cavalrymen were trying to make their way through the forest to Sarriensberg. Infantrymen of the 19th covered their withdrawal. Some of the groups were killed or captured by the enemy.

Snow-covered earth, wood-covered hills and ravines, death



and misery on the snow, rounds of artillery bursting in the treetops, savage steel spraying the men and slashing down, Americans hiding in ravines and clumps of bush, with the bitter, silent, almost tear-ridden grief and despair of defeated men, a hopeless savagery and mad confusion of fear and despair, that was the counterattack.

At the CP of A-125, on New Year's Eve, Capt. Robert R. Knight said to his company officers:

"Here's the deal! We are here at Forneau Neuf. Bitche is here. Baerenthal here. The Germans are making an attack in this vicinity, north of us. We are to go up these two roads. One platoon here and one here, dig in and in case the bastards come down this, hold 'em. I don't think they will but they might. We're spread mighty thin. That's why we're being used for infantry. Okay. Questions?"

"On foot?"

"After the first mile, yes. Take your vehicles though for ammo and communication."

"Who is on our flanks?". Lieut, John Dillard asked.

"C of the 62nd is on this ridge to the extreme right. D Troop of the 94th on the left in the vicinity of Bannstein," the captain answered. Then, "It's now 0020. I'll be in the center here. Move out as quickly as you can."

Dillard returned to his reserve platoon; but after a few minutes a runner came in with a message. Dillard read: "Send one squad up each road. Prepare same demolition. One squad to Mouterhouse to report to 117th Cavalry."

He looked up.

"Here we go. Sgt. Ludwick, take the 1st squad up the east road. Sgt. Godfrey, take the 2nd up the west. Recsor, the 3rd goes to Mouterhouse. O'Rourke, you go with Sgt. Reesor and report back as soon as possible. I'll go with the 1st squad until we get going and then drop over to Sgt. Godfrey's squad later. Straight? Okay. Move out!"

Outside the half-tracks coughed and growled into life. White vapor rose steadily from their exhausts. The men huddled about their squad leaders and silently listened to their missions.

Riding along up the hill, everything was quiet. Snow struck the faces of the men and little drops of water formed where it melted. The men themselves were silent, listening. Suddenly the heavens split ahead. A thunderous explosion lighted the sky, reverberated through the Vosges hills. Tracers licked at the ridge ahead and the "Brrp! Brrp!" of burp guns sounded through an American .50 caliber. Rifles



cracked and "screaming meemies" began to come in.

Dillard stopped the half-track and climbed out. He said: "All right, Sgt. Ludwick, get this road prepared from the turn ahead, back. Put out security. The 2nd platoon is in action up ahead. I'm going up to see what the score is."

Halfway up the ridge, Dillard was forced to halt his advance. The mortars were awful thick, he thought. After a bit, the barrage shifted left enough for him to see the trail ahead. A figure detached itself from the shadows and hurriedly scrambled down the hill. It was a runner from the 2nd platoon. As he approached, Dillard observed that his left arm hung limply and that he carried no weapon.

"Hey!" he called, "What gives?"

"Ran into some Heinies up over the ridge. Bout a company. They have beaucoup mortars in support and at least one 88. We're dug in across the ridge and I recon we can hold them okay for awhile."

Sgt. William H. Godfrey loaded his men and Pfc. Lawrence P. W. Lee, a demolition specialist of the 1st platoon, and the 1st squad moved out.

"Move out!" he ordered and checked his watch. "Hell of a way to start a New Year off," he muttered.

At 0055, his half-track was moving slowly up the icy hill. The sergeant's every nerve was alert, for as he pulled onto the road leading up the hill he thought he heard small arms fire.

Without warning, a sledge hammer struck his right shoulder and the night was shattered by "Brrrp! Brrrp!"

"Rat-tat-tat-tat!" answered fire from his own vehicle.

The half-track rolled over with a crash. Once it rolled and then settled on its side.

All was quiet.

As Dillard reached the CP, he was greeted by a peep bearing three bloody men from Sgt. Godfrey's squad. Suddenly sick with apprehension he peered in. Pfc. Lee rolled his head toward him and gasped. "Half-track ambushed—rolled over—Germans all over—Godfrey pinned in—we were thrown out—got back." Dillard went inside the CP; Capt. Knight showed him a message:

"Platoon ambushed—all vehicles destroyed by enemy. Need help."

It was signed by the CO of the 3rd platoon.

The 3rd platoon had taken the west road and had travelled up the road approximately a mile before dismounting from their vehicles. Freshly fallen snow glistened brightly in the moonlight across the field ahead. The road beyond narrowed and seemed to disappear between two ridges, where the evergreens cast dark shadows on the snow.

The men cautiously crossed the open field in single file—the platoon leader and S/Sgt. Archie Bowen in the lead—closely followed by the three squads.

The platoon moved past a bend in the road, halfway up the ridge. The vehicles were slowly following.

Suddenly, the sound of low voices and the shuffling of feet could be heard coming from the direction of a railroad track to the left. Whoever was approaching had yet to discover the engineers. The men laid on their stomachs and waited.

The shadows of the tall trees did not completely cover the road, and the platoon vehicles were undiscovered, although partly in view to the unknown troops along the railroad.

S/Sgt. Bowen went down to the road to get the vehicles turned around. The sound of the engines gave them away. Brrrrp! brrrrrp!

No question now, the troops were enemy. Murderous fire poured down on the trucks. The engineer platoon withheld its fire, for it was impossible to shoot through the trees that blocked the view of the enemy; and the enemy had not located the platoon. The Germans began to cover the entire area with fire.

There was nothing left to do, but to work back to Fourneau Neuf. The men started to make their way back to Company Headquarters in small groups of three and four.

In the CP, Dillard said: "One platoon knocked out, Godfrey's squad out! Jesus! What's to stop the whole German army from coming on down?" He turned to Knight.

"I'll get the 540th Engineers up there if we can get contact with them. How about it?"

For answer, the Captain picked up his phone.

Sgt. Joseph C. Reesor led his squad and Pfc Karl R. Kortlandt, demolition man of the 2nd platoon, up the hill and began preparing his section of the road for demolition. From the ridge line, he had a pretty good view of what was going on, since it was beginning to get light. About 1000 yards to his front he could see the double apron fence that his platoon had put up two days ago. It was changed considerably; for under it and hanging in it were dead and dying Germans. Some were hanging limply, some moved, some lay and screamed. They were covered with a light coat of new fallen snow; scattered for yards on each side were helmets, guns, bodies, all the debris of battle.

The German 88 fire was creeping closer to Reesor's position. "Wierump! Wierumph!" They were incessant.

Sgt. Walter Ludwick's squad finished preparing a road block and what was left of his men squatted down to light a cigarette. Day was breaking. Nine of his men were missing. Eight of them were stationed on blocks ready to blow them; one had been hit by a shell.

Dillard had gone to meet the Army Engineers. He stopped the first man in the column. "540th?" he asked.

"Yeah" a corporal answered. Dillard was waiting for the 540th Captain.

"Howdy, Captain, I'm Lieut. Dillard, 125th. I've been waiting to lead your company up that road. Squad up there knocked out, and maybe a few guys left from our 3rd platoon still around."

"Okay, I'm Capt. Green. What do you suggest?"

"I'll lead with a point of four men. Spread your men out. One platoon along the road on one side about a quarter way up each ridge. We'll go till we hit the half-track."

The captain turned to his platoon leaders and issued his orders.

At 0210 the point stopped. Ahead, and in a draw lay what was left of a half-track.

"Careful," Dillard warned, "Cover me."

The four men in the point settled down in the snow and watched him crawl along the ditch toward the half-track.

As he approached the vehicle, he could make out several bodies lying about. Was that a movement? Yes. One of the forms was digging something close to the side of the halftrack, Closer now—

"Godfrey!"

When he had recovered consciousness Sgt. Godfrey's first sensation had been one of extreme cold. He turned his head and tried to move his body. The movement brought a twinge of pain to his right shoulder; otherwise his upper body seemed to be all right. His legs were heavy, felt as though they were anchored in concrete. Looking down, he discovered the reason. They were under the half-track's ring mount. They didn't hurt. They were numb. Most of his clothes were gone; a German had stripped him except for his pants, even to his dog tags.

Looking around, he counted four of his squad lying in various positions. What had happened to the rest? He could see what had happened to the man closest to him. He had a bullet hole neatly between his eyes, and was stripped even to his shoes. Up the road, he could hear sounds of digging and once in awhile a voice that sounded like "gut." Once he heard an American voice loudly demand, "Where the hell are the umpires?" After a while it got quiet except that he could hear small arms and mortars off to his right.

The sergeant found a trench knife that the Germans had overlooked. He started digging his legs out. How long he dug he wasn't sure but it was a long time because he had blisters on his hands. The digging warmed him some, and started the pain in his legs. A slight noise to his rear startled him. He stopped digging. It was then that he heard Dillard whisper "Godfrey."

It was nearly daybreak when Capt. Green's outfit finished preparing its line. The men settled down to watchful waiting; and dawn brought with it a large German combat patrol. The engineers killed 20.

Dillard arrived at Sgt. Reesor's location at the exact minute that two 88's exploded. His driver swung the peep over to the ditch and they hit the ground.

It was 1100 hours and Dillard found Reesor munching a K ration.

"How's things, Sergeant?"

"Not too bad, sir. We've got about 1100 feet of abatis prepared and a thirty foot crater."

"Good deal," the officer nodded. Then, "Looks like we'll have to blow this one before long. Leave two men to blow her and I'll leave the peep to bring them out. No use killing 13 men when three can do the job."

At Sgt. Walter Ludwick's squad things were getting warm.

The small arms fire was getting closer, which meant that
the 2nd platoon was probably withdrawing.

The 2nd platoon had been called out to reinforce Company C-62. The men on their three squad trucks had headed up the east road as planned. The men dismounted about one-half mile from Bannstein and walked to a point 700 yards from the railroad track, where positions were set up. The ground was frozen and digging in was difficult. Mortar shells and artillery came in. Fighting was going on in Bannstein and scattered firing could be heard in the woods around the town. C-62 ordered one Engineer squad closer to the railroad track.

Sgt. Leonard Zuckman's squad moved up and began the difficult job of digging in again, this time setting up the squad machine guns on the edge of a woods.

Lieut. Uriel S. Ridings and Pfc. Oscar L. Boyd made their way through heavy fire into the town of Bannstein and were approaching the infantry CP when an artillery shell burst in the street, wounding Ridings. Boyd carried his platoon leader into the infantry CP and later returned to his squad with orders from Lieut. Ridings that S/Sgt. Wilfred A. Thompson take command of the platoon.

Murderous artillery and mortar fire began to fall in the area where Sgt. Zuckman's squad had dug in. A large force of German soldiers were seen going into a large barn; Sgt. Charles McDaniels opened up with his .50 caliber machine gun; several Germans fell and Corp. Lonnie Williams accounted for two more.

By now German tanks could be seen maneuvering in Bannstein itself. The automatic weapons jammed and several rifles froze. At 1220, orders came to the platoon to fall back; artillery fire was heavy so the men withdrew in small, separate groups.

Later that day, relieved by the infantry, the tired engineers rode the three remaining vehicles of the company to Reipertswiller.

The Brockways, dozers, maintenance truck, mess truck, air compressor and supply truck went to Baerenthal.

At 1130, Capt. Knight, Lieut. Dillard and about 50 men, including several men from the 3rd platoon who had reached the CP, withdrew under fire to Reipertswiller.

One half-track, one peep and three two-and-a-half ton trucks were missing, five men had been evacuated to hospitals, thirty-five men and one officer were still missing in action.

About 0800 the men were up again, took up defensive positions on the hills on the north side of town. They dug in fast, artillery was falling in the area, and enemy patrols were near. The same day they pulled out, headed for Weinbourg. On the way, the company was shelled. There, 17 men of the 3rd platoon rejoined the company.

The company reorganized. Supplies were the main prob-



lem. The 3rd platoon had lost every duffel bag and musette bag.

By noon on January 1, the Task Force Headquarters CP in Baerenthal had been surrounded and was receiving hostile artillery and small arms fire; communication with subordinate units was out. The enemy had cut the Phillipsbourg-Baerenthal and the Baerenthal-Mouterhouse roads; artillery fire had cut the telephone lines. Radio contacts failed except for the one with the 62nd; the 62nd reported strong enemy attacks over-running C Company.

Fighting off the enemy with small arms and machine gun fire, the men of Task Force CP and men of A-19 managed to hold off the German forces through the hours until the tanks of Company A-25 saved them. It was a scene from the movies, first the defenders with their small arms against the enemy, then the distant growl of tank engines, the creak of heavy tank tracks, the sudden wham! wham! of tank guns and the chatter of machine guns. One tank pulled under the window of the CP, turned its 75 on the opposite building and blew out a German machine gun. (Later Corps officially ordered: "There will be no sniping with 75 MM tank cannon." But Colonel Hudelson said: "I could have kissed that gunner.")

Moving ahead slowly over the frozen, ice-covered terrain, the tanks destroyed the enemy around Baerenthal; and one platoon was immediately dispatched to relieve pressure on the 62nd around Phillipsbourg. Colonel Hudelson did not know the extent of the cavalry predicament at Mouterhouse, because of the lack of communication; the decision to relieve pressure on the right flank with tanks was made so "control could be gained over at least part of the sector."

At 1145 on 2 January, D Troop of the 94th reported the enemy northeast, north and northwest of Wildengoth; the 2nd platoon had been ordered to withdraw. The 1st platoon had been driven back after holding in a fire fight all morning. The enemy broke through with infantry supported by a tank; S/Sgt. Taibi's section had been trapped in a fierce machine gun cross fire and Pfc. Carl F. Wedl wounded, D Troop pulled back to Wimmenau. The 1st platoon was sent forward to Reipertswiller. The platoon ran one patrol and was relieved (back to Wimmenau); a patrol under Corp. William L. Pemberton, Jr., was sent back; the patrol found 50 enemy in Reipertswiller, armed with automatic weapons and bazookas; they were fired on by a 20 MM from the hills; they pulled back.

F Company had had its 3rd platoon dismounted and put on outpost line; the platoon had repulsed two counter attacks; patrol clashes continued and Pfc. William E. Shearer, Jr., was wounded. The 2nd and 3rd Platoons had covered the other Troops when they were ordered to withdraw, until forced to fall back themselves before Mark IV tanks; the 1st platoon went to help the 125th men hold open the escape routes to Reipertswiller; the entire company withdrew to Ingwiller that day, and found the light tank crew that had fought in Baerenthal. E Company went to Wingen, when Headquarters Platoon outposted, then to Wimmenau and Reipertswiller.

A Company of the 136th Ordnance had been designated to support Task Force Hudelson. (Their test firing of guns brought American tanks to the scene to repel a counterattack, so tense was the situation.) Company A had sent up an inspection team to the combat units; and a team under S/Sgt. Edward P. Cooper was sent to give instruction in the care and cleaning of the BAR to the men of the 62nd. The men were too busy.

The German counter-attack forced the 136th to pull back; Headquarters and Headquarters Company moved to Saverne, B Company, supporting CCB, to Hangwiller, C Company to Saverne, and on January 3, A Company moved from Mertzwiller to Phalsbourg.

Later, B Company went to CCR, C Company to CCB and A Company to CCA. Capt. Franklin K. Kinsey was promoted to Major.

Then CCA (with A Company) moved to vicinity Soultz as part of Task Force Wahl, A Company set up a collecting point at Mertzwiller.

B Company of the 84th was in support of Task Force. Pfc. Herman Rempel of B Company was wounded in the bitter fighting at Mouterhouse.

Says B-84's report:

"The morning of New Year's Day, casualties began pouring into our aid station. All morning and afternoon our ambulances, loaded with patients, rolled into town, followed by all types of wheeled vehicles, carrying casualties from the various battalion aid stations. That day, B Company set a record for the number of patients evacuated in one day."

90 casualties passed through; four of the Division chaplains were in the station. Tec/5 Jack Thompson and Pfc. Carl Tessman were awarded the Silver Star for their work that day. They made a run from Mouterhouse to Offwiller under endless artillery fire, caught in a barrage at Baerenthal. Under fire, they ministered to two other wounded men, loaded them and brought them in; at Wingen they volunteered to go up to the front lines, crawling ahead of the outposts, working under fire.

B Company moved back to Bouxwiller.

A 4th Squad of Band MP's had been established at Portieux, with S/Sgt. J. S. Harmon and Tec/4 Harry Weinreb as assistant; and the squad had done road guide and security work, and PW Guard. The squad went to Baerenthal with Task Force Hudelson.

As was the usual procedure, two men, Pfcs. Barney Olson and Albert Meeker, were assigned to the 94th; two more to the 62nd, Corp. Samuel Swor and Charles Huddleston. Heavy small arms fire began to fall on the PW cage. The nine PWs were placed in the cellar under guard, sentries were placed upstairs and at the corner of the house. Corp. Earl Stoton tried to start the weapons carrier but was driven back. Sgt. Harmon and Sgt. Jay Riaff tried to get to some tanks moving into Mouterhouse but were pinned down. Corp. Norman Ewald tried to move the prisoners out. Seeing the German uniforms, the tankers opened fire; the German fire intensified. Ewald made a break for it, "It was agonizing to watch his hopeless dash across the open field, weighted down with overcoat, full webb equipment, shovel, weapon, and heavy shoes. Bullets kicked up all around him and he stumbled and fell on the edge of the field and crawled into the shrubbery." At last the tankers came to the rescue.

Corp. Charles Huddleson distinguished himself with the 62nd in Phillipsbourg by volunteering to go forward on foot, under fire, to relieve a forward outpost of its prisoners. He marched the PWs two miles back to the cage. Huddleson was awarded the Bronze Star.

Men of the regular MP Platoon, moved to Hochfelden and Leiterswiller, had seen a good deal of enemy air activity; and the Germans had bombed the Division PW cage at Surbourg, wounding Pfc. Irving Ducker, first casualty with the Combat MPs. The MPs were at Baerenthal with CCR; and Pfc. Abel Davis, Jr., was wounded there. (The Division MPs were not men in white gloves and enamelled helmets, directing traffic.) When the friendly tanks opened up, it was Sgt. Frederick S. Carlson who finally managed to get to them and explain the situation, later was awarded the Bronze Star. Also in the Baerenthal action, it was Pfc. Samuel F. Hansmeier who carried the Headquarters records-or that part of the records that were saved-back to Division. The MPs lost no vehicles, but did lose all their personal equipment. Moved back, sent to CCA and directing CCA to Hagenau, the MPs again came under enemy artillery fire; S/Sgt. Morty C. W. Walker, Sgt. Norman J. Francies and Pvt. Carl Cusano were wounded. Pfc. Howard J. McCarthy witness of the shelling, volunteered to stay at the intersection (road intersections were not safe places) and direct traffic: he was later awarded the Bronze Star. Directing CCA to Kuhlendorf, Sgt. Walker was wounded for the second time by shrapnel; and Pfc. Ralph W. Waycaster was wounded in a bombing. The MPs, shelled and bombed, established a straggler collecting point at the cross roads at Schwabwiller; the cross roads were bombed and a direct hit killed Tec/5 Franklin A. Baxter, wounded Pfc. Bertram J. Martin.

The 62nd held at Phillipsbourg.

A Company set a new record for the Seventh Army of Germans killed, wounded and captured during a single day. A Company had moved back, been strafed; near Phillipsburg A Company's lines were along a rocky and frozen hillside. Men of the 1st and 3rd platoons with only the ammunition they had been able to carry on their backs in the withdrawal (no mortar ammunition; a few rounds of bazooka shells; enough machine gun ammunition to last for an hour's firing), could not dig in that ground; they found an abandoned trench half way up the hill (only half of it faced the enemy) and prepared to spend the night. Lieut. James Bailey was in command of the two platoons, Lieut. Refford J. Blodgett having been evacuated; Bailey ordered the men to fire only at definite targets. It was still bitterly cold, the men were tense and waiting; there was firing all night. WOJG James Kolar of Service Company ran a peep up to bring in ammunition.

Dawn broke, and there was activity on the adjoining hill occupied by B Company; outpost Pfc. Michael Simone passed down word that the enemy had infiltrated the B Company positions; A Company opened fire. In spite of all the precautions (holding their guns under their clothes), the BAR's were brozen and would not fire automatic, and a machine gun would not function.

The battle continued for an hour; B Company had pulled back and communications were out; and the men of A Company had the hopeless knowledge they were outnumbered, out-gunned, their ammunition failing and they were all but surrounded. They fought with a hopeless, savage ferocity. Lieut. Bailey went out into the open, into the fire, to

try to find a route of withdrawal. He was hit and fell, unable to crawl back to the trench. T/Sgt. James H. Meeks left the trench, crawled out to the wounded officer and carried him back. A perfect target, enemy machine gun and rifle bullets ripping at the frozen ground around him, he was miraculously unhit. And no withdrawal route had been found.

Guns stopped firing for lack of ammunition.

A Company was helpless.

(In Phillipsbourg, Capt. Ianella was rounding up every available man, including cooks, for the attack.)

Then again there was a distant "Wham!", the whistle of a high velocity shell, the sound and fury of an explosion—on the German positions.

Again and again, and then the long chatter of machine guns; the 25th Tank Battalion tanks sent up by Col. Hudelson "to regain control over part of the sector" and affected their second miraculous rescue of the day; had come up behind Company A and were firing over them.

Men of A-62 almost cried with joy.

The Germans began to surrender by the score; two medium tanks had turned the tide of the battle.

Enemy casualties ran twenty-three to one in that engagement.

Men of the 275th Regiment, new to combat and sent out to take over the 62nd's position, moved up into their positions and looked at the dead, the dying, the wounded lying on the frozen rock-hard ground.

At dusk on January 1, Task Force Hudelson was relieved by the 275th, the Task Force was ordered South to Reiperts willer to stabilize a defensive position against impending enemy thrusts.

Radio messages were sent out to Task Force troops to fall back and assemble in the vicinity of Zinswiller; but since wire and radio communication was out with the cavalry units, they could not be contacted; and the 62nd was still engaged in the fire fight at Phillipsbourg, and did not pull out until the following day.

Said the Seventh Army Report:

"The Germans paid heavily in their New Year's Eve assault on the American lines. They gained several thousand yards of terrain in the attack but cost had been great in numbers of casualties inflicted on their forces. Some estimates placed the figures as high as 1500 along the Task Force Front."

Task Force Hudelson was dissolved.



## Chapter X

## DEFENSE

January 21 - March 15, 1945

COMBAT COMMAND A remained through February in the towns around Wilwisheim, Saessoelheim, and Furch hausen.

CCA was in VI Corps reserve; Col. Karlstad, his staff and subordinate commanders spent the month in preparing plans to meet possible counter-attacks in the Corps sector.

There was reconnaissance of the area by all units in preparation for future operations; there was training in patrolling, tank-infantry operations, and attack and defensive problems. Red Cross girls visited the battalions with coffee and doughnuts. Award ceremonies were held.

There was endless maintenance of vehicles and weapons; and there was special training for the replacements for the men who had been killed and wounded. There were memorial services for the dead.

The 154th Signal Company's message center forward handled, during the month of January, 8839 messenger messages; rear handled 3741 messenger messages, and an advance message center had been established for the advance Division Command Post, where speed was so essential that few records were kept.

The radio repair teams had repaired 168 radios, checked 131; and a third radio repair team had been requested—and received—from the 177th Signal Depot to service CCR. In that same period, Division used 1087 miles of wire (despite the open wire utilized) 2535 radio tubes and 8300 batteries; and 10,200 other radio items were used.

The Administrative section had lost four men in action during the month, had moved back to Phalsbourg.

The wire section, on January 11, had sent two teams of trouble shooters to Surbourg to maintain division lines constantly going out as a result of shell fire; and the next day an operating team had gone to Surbourg to install a switchboard. On the 14th a wire team went to CCR at Niederbetschdorf to tie CCR in with Division (call sign Fortune) and the 242nd and 315th Infantry Regiments: these lines, and the lines down to the 47th, the 19th, and the 94th, were maintained for the eight days of the battle; and the radio men worked under continual fire to keep those lines in.

A shell burst destroyed the switchboard in CCA's CP and killed Sgt. Clair W. Jobson, wounded Tec/5 Leo H. Neiberger. Pvt. Ernest L. Miles, lineman working under fire, was wounded.

The Division had been under radio silence until January 13, then the Radio Section had opened the nets; and in the heat of the battle, the lines going out as fast as they could be repaired, radio was sometimes the only means of communication.

The Signal Office Section was running a monitoring set during the battle; the battalions were fighting so savagely, radio messages had to be written and transmitted so quickly















that the SOIs were compromised again and again, and new ones had to be issued.

The 1st squad of the Band MPs had been on road patrol duties near Bouxwiller, Morsbronn and Hohwiller; and they had had to handle the long lines of refugees streaming back; the squad moved to Kuldendorf and Niederbeschdorf; and the Band and MPs guided the 14th's vehicles.

Company A-84 had been operating as a holding company during the battle. The company had received ever-increasing numbers of casualties from shell fire, and men suffering from trench foot, frost bite, frozen toes and fingers. Lieut. Frederick J. Schwind was promoted to captain. Major Arlin B. Cooper, Division psychiatrist, and Capt. Marlis Matthews, Division Dental Prosthetics Officer, operated with the Company. Capt. Schwind left the company and Capt. Gordon M Todd joined; besides providing medical service for Division Trains and Division Headquarters Rear, the company handled 367 casualties during the month of January.

B Company was assigned to CCB during the initial stages of this battle, later supported both CCB and CCR. Ambulances from A-84 were sent to B Company to help handle the casualties; and B Company worked day and night for nine days.

CCA had been supported by C Company; and C Company working as hard as B Company, suffered casualties of its own. Pfc. Arthur Crate was wounded by a shell burst, and Pfc. Joseph Ginley, giving aid to a wounded man lying in the street, was shot by a sniper.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company had been bombed and strafed; and Capt. Gerald W. Gleason, CWO Daniel R. Ansley, T/Sgt. Anthony Misterly and S/Sgt Harry E. Henry had to work day and night to keep the companies supplied; Tec/5 Ashley A. Briggs and Pfc. William Conley drove 150 miles a day to keep the companies in gas and fuel.

During this period, the 136th had given close support. A Company, moved to Mertzwiller, sent welding and maintenance detachments to Surbourg. C Company had a collecting point at Biblisheim. Company B had a collecting point at Surbourg.

At one time more than a third of the Division's tanks were in ordnance.

At this time, too, the Division got its first M4A3E8 medium tanks—wide track jobs with a 76 MM gun and muzzle brake; and the 136th issued replacement tanks for the ones knocked out in the savage fighting; in 36 hours—100 miles to the depot, inspecting the tank, decosmolining the guns, combat loading with ammunition, sand bagging and getting it up to the fighting men.

Liaison officer Lieut. Paul H. Wierts of A Company be came the Battalion's first casualty when he was wounded by artillery at Kuhlendorf; and A Company received its first shelling.

The ordnance men worked in Obertschdorf under fire and went up to the field outside Hatten, under the light of German flares, to pull out damaged vehicles; T/Sgt. Adolph Haugen took up a crew that worked 19 hours to repair the traversing mechanism of a damaged tank; and the ordnance men were strafed and bombed. Lieut. Robert H. Schlesinger and his driver, Tec/5 Charles H. Rabe were 300 yards from CCA's CP when it was hit.

The work done by the ordnance was endless, unceasing and had to be done at top speed in the cold. A Company had 12 peeps in its shops at one time. They were repaired (by a crew headed by Tec/4 Lawrence Webb, Tec/4 Booth Rhoads, and Tec/5 David Williams) by welding a good half frame of one peep to the good half frame of another. Company B was removing frozen cosmoline from 76 MM gun tubes by hitching a light tank to the bore brush. Lieut. Tony Pluth and Lieut. Robert Thompson, liaison officers, were given the Bronze Star for their work.

In the mud, the snow, and the cold, ordnance repaired, in the first 20 days of January, 104 tanks, 65 half tracks, 200 wheeled vehicles, 470 guns and instruments.

Combat Command B had pulled back, on the night of the 20th of January to Dettwiller; on the 23rd it moved to













Mommenheim; and on the 25th it moved to an attack position in the vicinity of Schweighausen, part of Task Force Wahl of the 79th Division.

At 1230 on the 25th, the 68th Armored Infantry Battalion jumped off in the attack.

The 68th had moved back to Waldwolwisheim; and two days later CCB had ordered the battalion to Batzendorf, 2000 yards behind the front lines, immediately available to be thrown into action if the enemy broke through the Infantry Division lines. Attached to the 68th were B Company of the 25th Tank Battalion and the 1st Platoon, B-125, the 499th Field in support.

The enemy broke through the infantry on January 25th.

The enemy crossed the Moder River and established a bridgehead in the Ohlungen Forest.

The 68th passed through the Infantry Division troops and launched its attack in depth. C Company with Lieut. Hyde's platoon of medium tanks in the assault, B Company with Lieut. Geneser's platoon following.

Headquarters Company (68) and Lieut. William A Close's platoon of B-25 were in support.

(B-25 had moved with the battalion to Littenheim; then it had been attached to the 79th Division and moved to Weitburch; then it had been attached back to CCB.)

The attack was to seize the town of Schweighausen and cut the roads leading to town. The LD was the line Batzendorf-Ohlungen.

The attack jumped off, moved slowly through the woods. Lieut. Hyde spotted an enemy machine gun nest in the woods, blasted it out with his 76 MM gun.

The Germans jumped from their foxholes as the first attack echelon passed, and were caught in a withering cross fire of tank, machine gun and infantry fire. Lieut. Close's platoon opened fire at point blank range.

S/Sgt. Edward H. Thomas led his section of B-25 through the woods to an open area, waited for the Germans to be flushed out; 75 of them surrendered to him.

The tanks withdrew to Ohlungen to refuel and pick up ammunition.

The Germans were killed, wounded and captured by the score in the sudden, savage attack. Many of them played dead. Capt. M. A. Reed stuck the muzzle of his carbine into one "dead" German, and the man jumped and surrendered.

As the tanks withdrew, the infantrymen dug in for the night; again it was cold and wet; the aid men treated the wounded and the casualties were evacuated to Capt. John L. Battenfield at the aid station.

Pfc. Kenneth L. Bandy found a new way to capture prisoners; he would fire a few fast rounds at a German in a fox hole, then rush forward and take him prisoner before he looked out again. Twelve prisoners were taken by this method.

The attack jumped off the next morning at 0800; resistance was light and the 14th's forces moved to the Moder, re-established the MLR. In the afternoon the men were relieved by men of the 79th.

(The 68th moved back to Batzendorf, held memorial services for its dead; Chaplain Paul Gebauer officiated.

(Training was started, and the men began to receive passes to Paris and Brussels; movies were shown. Headquarters Company supply truck came back loaded with German casualties of the Ohlungen Forest.)

At the time that the main attack of the 68th and C-25 had been launched, a platoon of tanks from A-25 (commanded by S/Sgt. Arthur E. Bachus) and a squad of infantry from A-68 moved out as a combat patrol to clear the enemy from the woods southeast of Schweighausen.

Bachus moved up, the Germans were flushed from their positions.

C Company of the 25th had been attached to the 79th Division and moved to Weitbruch; at Kaltenhouse they were involved in action. Corp. Albert W. Miller of Lieut. William H. Kekar, Jr.'s platoon knocked out a German tank across the Moder. On the 25th, the enemy put a foot bridge across the river and penetrated the lines between Kaltenhouse and Hagenau; the 2nd Platoon of C Company moved up, 130 Germans surrendered and 100 casualties were inflicted; and the lines were restored.

The German jet planes were still active, but the men could see the American P-47s bombing Oberhofen.

The 25th moved to Huttendorf, and C Company returned to battalion at Minversheim.

Capt. Burns' welders in the battalion were putting lugs on tank tracks.

The weather was clear and cold. The men went rabbit hunting, cleaned up and wrote letters, slept and did maintenance. The Recon Platoon did route reconnaissance towards Bischwiller.

CCB was released from attachment to Task Force Wahl and was attached to the 36th Infantry Division, and were ordered to move to the vicinity of Bischwiller.

At 1000 on the 1st of February, the Combat Command jumped off in the attack, the 25th and the 68th Infantry, to relieve the pressure on Oberhofen, where the 36th Infantry was trying to move forward.

C-68 and B-25 were to attack east of Oberhoffen and cut the town from the northeast; a squad of A-68 and a platoon of A-25 were to attack north of Oberhofen. B-68 was in reserve. A-25 was generally in support; the 1st and 2nd Platoons of C-25 went into position to provide protective fire, Lieut. Walton's platoon of the 25th was flank guard; the Recon Platoon set up an OP overlooking Oberhofen and the Mortar Platoon moved in with the 68th.

The attack jumped off; the wet ground, deceptively soft on top (the snow had begun to melt) slowed the attack; B-25 and Lieut. Walton's platoon were slowed by a series of irrigation ditches. A German 83 cracked from the edge of the woods near Oberhofen, and Sgt. Thomas' tank was hit; the driver was killed and three crew members were wounded, but Thomas was unhurt. This was the third tank he had had hit.

The infantry, too, was stopped, and regrouped for the night, mines and wire were laid out, and patrols were sent out by A and C Companies.

The next morning, A and C-68 jumped off with B-25 in an attack to the north of Oberhofen; B-68 and A-25 attacked to the south.

The men advanced slowly under artillery and mortar fire, and bitter small arms fire; and slowly the town was cleared. A fight built up around the church; but by nightfall the men were well established in the town.

The 25th had trouble with the German AT guns in the woods; they were almost impossible to spot; and the Assault



















Gun Platoon was called in to fire on the positions. The country was full of German bazooka teams. Lieut. E. Q. Wood said the bazookas looked like footballs coming through the air. The Germans infiltrated back into the American positions during the night; and during the day the 68th infantrymen and the tanks of the 25th went forward again and fought them, house by house; and the Germans set fire to the houses of the town, silhouetting the tanks sharply against the flames. The tanks moved into town with the infantry, and the Germans poured down artillery on them. A-25 pulled out to re-supply, and B-25 moved in in their place. Lieut. Close had moved his tank in between two buildings as a bazookaman hit it; then the German artillery landed on the house beside him and the whole wall collapsed over his tank.

The infantrymen fought close by the side of the tanks, pointing out targets to the tank commanders; and P-47s of the air force came overhead to bomb the German positions.

The 68th had taken possession of the church; the Germans counter-attacked, but the men of A Company beat them off; the following morning B Company moved through A Company of the 68th to resume the attack.

The tankers and infantrymen of the 14th took threequarters of the town, then infantrymen of the 36th Division relieved them.

The 25th went back to Hutterndorf, Morschwiller, Batzendorf, and Ohlungen; Capt. Warren E. Benoit and his men of A-68 joined the 25th there.

CCB's account of the battle says:

"B-25 came under heavy fire, but in spite of losing one tank, continued on the mission. Most movements, days or night, were covered with fire by the enemy. The enemy laid down heavy artillery and mortar fire but the attack was pushed forward; patrols captured Offendorf and began clearing Herrlescheim. B-125 had completed one foot bridge across the Moder southeast of Bischwiller and were working on a second.

"During February 6th active patrols were maintained and the towns outposted and on this day the Combat Command reverted to the 36th Infantry Division Reserve."

From February 7 to March 18, Combat Command B was in and out of the line; there was a great deal of patrolling, and endless maintenance of weapons and vehicles.

Along the defense lines, a continuous campaign was kept up to induce the enemy to surrender. The Combat Command S-2 Section (Maj. Glynn Prine) planned the patrols to capture prisoners, for the first time broadcasting systems were used to talk to the Germans, asking surrender; and artillery shells loaded with surrender leaflets were fired into the German lines.

Patrolling was not as simple as it sounded—the length of time the 14th was holding that defensive sector, the terrain so limited and so well known, it was like trying to run a patrol over the rug in your living room.

The 68th moved into Pfaffenhoffen, Uberach, LaWalck and Ringeldorf, relieving elements of the 103rd Division.

On February 24 the first large patrol was ordered out; Company B-68 was given the job. The mission was to take prisoners. The patrol moved out at 2230; before it had gone 300 yards it was discovered and pinned down by the heavy crossfire of German machine guns. (One of the men had set off a Schu mine—by now the German had almost literally

covered the area with mines, they had been there so long; you could watch across the river and see their defenses grow day by day.) The 2nd Platoon tried to move up to help the men of the 1st and 3rd, but they were cut down; and enemy riflemen began to infiltrate on the flank. The patrol was ordered back.

The patrol took no prisoners.

After eight days, the 68th was relieved by the 62nd, and the 68th returned to Saessolsheim.

The 25th, like the 68th, was working on its vehicles and guns, saw movies and listened to a band concert, took showers. It moved to Alteckendorf, Lieut. Frank L. Reissner took command of the Assault Gun Platoon (Martin took A Company) and the platoon moved out for target practice (The Mortar Platoon went up to support the 62nd along the Moder.)

B Company was relieved from the 68th, and C Company was attached (except for the 2nd Platoon, that went to the 19th).

The Assault Guns, and the Mortars, were sent to Pfaffenhoffen; Recon ran a 24-hour OP above the town. The Assault Guns fired on Kindwiller and Bischoffen; and the 25th drew a rocket tank.

The 47th Tank Battalion moved back to Kleingoeft, for maintenance, mail, and showers. Company D was ordered to outpost Division Headquarters, living peacefully at Dettwiller. S/Sgts. Pennington P. Smith of A Company and Feliz Prieur of C Company received battlefield promotions; S/Sgts. Edward Pigeon and Earl Simpson were soon to get theirs.

Then one platoon of D Company was ordered to outpost duty in Hagenau; and artillery and mortar fire came into that stone-and-cobbled city. The 79th Division left Hagenau and the 101st Airborne took over, D-47 continued rotating platoons there.

Tec/4 Robert E. Hogan saw one of the "infrequent" German mortar rounds tear apart a house next to where he was living; Sgt. Robert C. Smith, looking for a place to live, left one house and went to another; when he came back the first house had disappeared. Lieut. Clapper and Sgt. Albert Kazary, with Pfc. Owen Roberts, Headquarters Company Recon man attached to the D Company platoon, evacuated two wounded infantrymen from an ammunition truck hit by a mortar round.

There were softball games and movies for the men of the battalion not on duty; USO shows and a battalion show put on by Lieut. James Devaney and MC'd by Pfc. Jacob Weinstein.

There was guard duty.

The 47th's flame-throwing tank, on a demonstration for



the new men, blew up and several officers and men were hurt; firing ranges were set up.

The snow gave way to mud; defenses were set up for the towns. Lieut. Robert Harper and Lieut. Eric Orsini were promoted to captain; men wounded at Hatten came back to the battalion.

The 48th moved to Lupstein, Headquarters Company drew a rocket tank, commanded by Sgt. Everett Hamilton.

Sgt. Hamilton fired the rocket tank day after day for almost a solid month, first testing, then demonstrating (to the Division and to newsmen) and then against the enemy; and he was later awarded the Bronze Star.

Later, A-48 was assigned to the 103rd Division at Ingwiller, B Company to the 42nd Division at Wimmenau, and C Company to the 103rd at Bouxwiller. D Company was with the 42nd, also at Wimmenau.

The 62nd, meanwhile, had moved back from Rittershoffen to Ingeheim and Saessolsheim; there was a five week period of rest and training; and the battalion moved up onto the line. Action was light; it served to restore confidence to the battle-weary men of the 62nd, and to give a certain amount of seasoning to the new replacements. Louis P. Gold and G. W. Willis of Headquarters Company were given battle field promotions; and the 62nd put on a show.

The battalion drew a 105 MM howitzer for one of its assault guns.

In the line at Pfaffenhoffen and Ringeldorf, the Mortar Platoon built heavy gun emplacements; the Assault Gun Platoon received all assault tanks, and fired a mission against the Germans. The Company moved up to the Moder River line. The 60 MM mortars, commanded by S/Sgt. Nathaniel Shapiro, were organized as a battery, hung flares over the lines in Niedermodern every half hour.

There were "demonstrations" when every weapon in the battalion fired into enemy positions for five minutes at a





























time, then a propaganda broadcast was blared over to the Germans, Lieut. David C. Klein took command of the AG Platoon. (Lieut. David Klein had the 2nd Platoon.)

C Company, 62nd, after running tank-infantry problems, was moved in its turn up onto the line. (It was while C Company was on the line that the demonstration rocket tank was brought up to fire over at the German positions; one soldier said "Kee-rist! Something else to draw fire!")

S/Sgt. Edward Malla described that defensive-line work best.

"Everything's fine," he said, "till those trees start forming a column of two's and marching around your foxhole."

The 19th Infantry was following the same program.

Capt. William F. George took command of Headquarters Company and Lieut. Gray Thoron took B Company. Now—Capt. Jack R. DeWitt took C Company. Pfc. Leland Anderson wrote a battalion song. Problems of attacks on towns were held (alternate companies attacking and defending) and tank-infantry problems were worked out with the 47th. On 19 February, with C-25, the 19th moved up to take over the line.

Capt. George A. Hager set up a forward aid station in Pfaffenhoffen; S/Sgt. Clinton H. Hildabrand took the first patrol (four men) from C Company out into the wellpatrolled terrain.

Supplies had to be carried in during the night or on foot, because of the small arms fire and occasional barrages.

Lieut. Joseph Osborn and seven men from C Company, on patrol, located a three-man German machine gun near Bitschoffen; two days later Osborn took 20 men out to capture the outpost, but it was gone.

Photo interpreters from Capt. Robert D. Morgan's Photo Interpretation team of Division Headquarters came down to show and explain photographs of the enemy positions. Lieut. John Meyer was forward observer.

The action was so tight that a twenty man patrol could be sent out to get one prisoner, and would return empty handed

An enemy observer was discovered. S/Sgt. William John son set up two machine guns. S/Sgt. Weldon Schnickel set up mortars; the forward observer was ready to call in artillery. Pfcs. Elmer Hornback, Robert Holyoke, and Earl Duncan were on the machine guns. Pfcs. Howard J. Wruck, Delmus E. Brooks, Kenneth Barrett and S/Sgts. Erwin Eisele and William V. Johnson were also on machine guns.

All to get one enemy observer.

S/Sgt. Knud V. A. Jensen of C Company; S/Sgt. Steven L. Zabloudil of B Company; Lieut. Joe Levine of B Company; Lieut. Mike Auer of A Company, led sterile patrols to capture just one prisoner. Lieut. Robert Lingle led a patrol.

Capt. Jack R. DeWitt led a company raid, without artillery preparation, on Bitschoffen.

The 1st and 2nd Platoons were in the assault; the night was bright and clear, the moon almost full.

The attack moved slowly, silently, the men going carefully to avoid the mines, until suddenly the 2nd Platoon was cut by the deathly flicking tongues of German machine guns, cutting across it, and the platoon was pinned to the ground; then all the German guns opened up. The 1st Platoon was pinned down by mortar and small arms fire. Corp. Gordon Johnson of the AT Platoon set up a machine gun for protec-

tion; the company was forced to pull back. Three men had been killed.

The situation was static, but tense; outposts could not be relieved unless warned by phone that relief was coming.

Lieut. Auer took out a 55 man patrol to get prisoners; they had to fire under friendly flares, and their location was disclosed. They returned without a prisoner.

The 19th pulled back from its positions, and was not returned to the line until March 10, when again it moved up, in the dark and on foot, to take over a sector.

Again the positions were only a few hundred yards from the Germans; you could look across the river and see them. In the midst of one barrage a line of German vehicles pulled up to a house across the way, and men began to carry typewriters in. The Germans were setting up a CP.

Lieut. Joe Levine took out the first of the new 19th patrols and still no prisoners were taken; the men dug deep in their foxholes, improving them day by day and putting logs over the top to protect against tree bursts.

"It was funny to look a couple of hundred yards and see the Germans looking back at you," men of the 19th said.

The artillery came in spasmodically, and occasionally there were fire fights. A tank pulled up beside a 19th house and fired into the German positions, then pulled back. The shooting was fine, but shortly thereafter the Germans adjusted artillery on that position, and the men in the house went into the cellar.

Lieut. Auer took out another patrol; the patrol had to crawl a hundred yards through ice cold water. No prisoners.

And there were coordinated battalion fire plans to harass the Germans.

When the 19th moved out, the 68th took over.

CCA had relieved CCB in command of the sector, but the units were not changed.

Division Artillery had not been idle during this period. Of all the units moving from Hatten and Rittershoffen, the Division Air Section had one of the most difficult times. The withdrawal was made in a blinding snowstorm, and the pilots had to fly at times as low as 50 feet, and to make pancake landings in six inches of snow.

Divarty and the Field Artillery Battalions got something of a chance to rest, though Divarty was attached to the 36th Division, the 499th with the 79th, the 500th with he 103rd, and the 501st with the 36th.

On February 5, when CCB was attacking Oberhoffen, the 501st was put in support; when CCB was shifted to the defensive sector, Divarty and all the battalions were shifted to general support.

On February 24, General Smith came down from Division Headquarters to pull the lanyard on a howitzer in B Battery of the 499th (commanded by Sgt. Payne Bigelow) to commemorate the firing of the Division's 100,000th artillery round.

And when CCA took over the defensive sector from CCB, the artillery remained where it was, shifted from one command to the other. Corp. Walter O. Lawrence became supply sergeant; Capt. Richard H. Cloud took over the battery; Capt. Robert J. Inness and Lieut. Donald H. Singer spent a week each on the OP; Pvt. William C. Graves made lieutenant; and Sgt. Theodore E. Heussner's metro section took their 200th metro. On January 25, Divarty's planes were

stranded in a foot of water (Capt. Cloud managed to get up and fire four missions) and the engineers laid a steel mat on the field. Lieut. Robert L. Harlem just finished registering on a cross road when a patrol of Germans walked across it. He fired for effect.

The 499th reinforced the 36th, the 79th, the 101st Airborne, and—of course—the 14th; it remained generally in the area around Winterhouse, near Hagenau.

Maj. James H. Blue briefed General Smith and his party, when they came down to mark the firing of the 100,000th round, on the operation of the FDC as a mission was being fired on enemy personnel by air observation. General Smith presented Sgt. Bigelow with the Bronze Star Medal during the firing ceremony.

The 500th moved back from Hatten, battery by battery, to Surbourg and Uhwiller and Guttendorf. The battalion moved to Geudertheim to reinforce the 36th; a C Battery half-track was knocked out by mortar fire; on the 25th, in the midst of a driving snowstorm and with three-foot drifts on the road, the battalion moved to Uttwiller to reinforce the 103rd.

In the defensive lines, the men got to saying.

"One Kraut is good for a battery concentration, two for the battalion, three is a counter-attack." Maj. Maurice Adams complained the 105s were being used for sniping.

The Red Cross girls came to the 500th and Lieut. Howard T. Graber flew them over the positions in an observation plane; and "Going My Way" was the first picture the men had seen since they had been committed in November.

The battalion was registering in for the 103rd when it accidentally hit a German ammo dump.

Lieut. Norman Jahnke, Lieut. Philip Wrathal, Lieut. Robert Hocker and S/Sgt. John W. Bailey were awarded the Bronze Star Medal; the pilots, Lieut. Alvin E. Delong, Lieut. Arthur W. Dorland, Lieut. Maurice D. Keller and Lieut. Vincent Lucari, were awarded the Air Medal.

The 501st had moved to Ettendorf to reinforce the 103rd; then in a blinding blizzard to Weitbruch to reinforce the 36th; and finally back to Bitschwiller and fired Battalion and Corps artillery on gun positions discovered at night. Heavy harassing fires were maintained. The battalion then moved to Kurtzenhausen.

While observing for B-25, the FO tank of Sgt. Henry F. McWeeny was hit by an artillery shell; but the men (McWeeny and Sgt. Harry O. Miller, Corp. Paul D. Price, Tec/5 Harold M. Trainer, Pfc. Troy Burlison) kept on with the attack.

The battalion laid 437 rounds of HE in Drusenheim one night; the next day marked the town with red smoke for the First Tactical Air Force to bomb.

The front was quiet (except for the long range "Alsace Alice" German 380 MM railway gun that laid 15 rounds in town one night); a rest center was set up and the M-7s were sent, in turn, back to ordnance, one by one. On February 15 C Battery knocked out two enemy tanks and long range, B Battery one.

Battalion moved to Ettendorf, the firing batteries to Grassendorf, and Service Battery to Scherlenheim. McWeeny was given a battlefield commission.

Another Flash Base was set up: Ringeldorf-Grassendorf; Lieut. McWeeny and Sgt. Harry O. Miller went out with a B-62 patrol and when the patrol was pinned down, radioed



























back to the three artillery battalions for fire support to get them out. Another patrol of B-62, on the 27th, was aided when pinned down by enemy fire when Lieut. James E. Ncholson located the enemy guns and brought fire down on them.

For a little over a month starting on February 6, the entire Band, with the exception of a small squad guarding the Division warehouse, was reunited to resume playing. The two dance bands, "A" led by S/Sgt. Eugene O'Brien, and "B" directed by Sgt. Jay Riaff, played constantly for the various units and were featured in a soldier show written, directed, and produced by the entire band. Every member played a part of it.

The concert band loaded into six-by-sixes every morning and toured the Division, stopping in villages and playing short concerts for the troops. The dance bands, besides playing swing concerts for every unit, furnished the music for two battalion shows. Sgt. O'Brien's band played for the 62nd show and Sgt. Riaff's men worked with the 19th show. Several dances were given for enlisted men and officers and the concert band gave two concerts weekly for the VI Corps, in Saverne.

During February, the 154th, like the other units of the Division, trained and did repair and maintenance work. Dummy traffic in code was sent to train the Code Clerks on the M209 converter.

During the month, Forward Echelon Message Center handled 6563 messenger messages, 273 teletype, and an estimated 10,840 unregistered messages; Rear handled 1774 messenger messages and an estimated 12,600 unregistered. In that static period, the number of wire messages increased immeasurably; radio traffic ceased. The messenger peeps did an average 5000 miles.

The administrative section was in Phalsbourg, set up an advance wire dump at Detwiller; the Signal Supply Section drew 707 miles of wire. The Wire Section, however, laid only 80 miles of wire, due to the use of open wire and the taking over of existing circuits.

The radio section was operating only one set—an SCR 399 to Corps, and continued training operators—four hours a day for CW operators. Stearns' repair section checked 54 radios, repaired 70; Mabie's checked 38 sets and repaired 70. Maj. Schofield toured the armored divisions to check on how their signal systems operated.

The first two weeks back from Hatten and Rittershoffen, the 136th Ordnance had "a staggering job of repair and resupply"—to quote its own account. Later, emphasis was shifted to inspection work, six-month gun checks, installations of flame throwers and rocket launchers on medium tanks.

Battalion was in Saverne again; and General Smith came down (as to other battalions) to present awards; Lieut. Schleshinger was promoted to first, and M/Sgts. Frank J. North of A Company and William H. Barnard of C Company were promoted to lieutenants.

At Saverne, "Alsace Annie," a German 380 MM railroad gun firing from 30 miles away, was laid in on the supply installations in the city, and the Germans fired every Wednesday and Saturday night.

And at Saverne, from this gun, the 136th suffered its gravest loss. One round hit squarely in a C Company barracks; 11 men were killed and 13 wounded. Tec/5 John W. Benner came out in the fire to give first aid to the wounded, and the men of Headquarters and A Company were alerted to dig out the wounded men. C Company moved to Hochfelden.

This was the time when many of the men of the 14th were attacked by rabbits and deer; and C Company had venison for supper when S/Sgt. Charles E. Skenadors was so attacked.

T/Sgt. Edward Edsall, Tec/5 Conrad Davis, and Tec/5 Clarence Brunner went up to the "quiet" front and came under artillery fire.

The ordnance men were doing inspections, and were welding steel cleats on the steel tracks to try to give the heavy vehicles better traction on the endlessly icy roads.

Tec/4 Glenn Vance built instrument tools from salvage. B Company's Sgt. Cletus Wagner made a safety device for the unsafe M-3 submachine gun, later applied to every gun in the Division; T/Sgt. Kelly M. Taylor of A Company made a fixture for the collimation of binoculars. With German lathes and German equipment, men made VTR propellor shafts, commutator bars, cocking forks and gun pintles, distributor shafts. Even 155 MM guns were put into action by making screws for the firing mechanisms.

T/Sgt. Gordon J. Guthrie of A Company and CWO William R. Fennell of Headquarters Company were commissioned.

In this rest period, ordnance repaired 275 tanks, 159 halftracks, 493 wheeled vehicles, did over 1500 instrument and armament jobs.

During this period, the 84th had been having quiet days. Tec/5 Briggs and Pfc. Conley of Headquarters were commended by the Commanding General, Seventh Army, for saving 1000 army gas cans they had found along the road; Tec/4s Robert W. Fraker and Earl A. McKee were working on the company light generators; Sgt. John B. Gorman and Sgt. Stephen J. Szuromi received commendations for the work they had done on their vehicles. Capt. Robert D. England organized French classes; Tec/4 Van E. Cowger became

Sergeant Major, replacing M/Sgt. Robert M. Maslanko, who had been evacuated; there was a dance at Phalsbourg, with Alsatian girls for partners.

A Company was still operating as a holding company, handling its patients, doing training. Lieuts. Frederick R. Levy and Daniel J. Westerbeck were promoted to captain. On March 8 A Company was relieved of its holding company duties (replaced by B-84) and moved to Hochfelden, attached to CCB.

The latter companies had been called on to send replacements up to the combat battalions, for the medics killed or wounded.

Company B-84 supported CCB in the action at Schweighoffen, moved back to Hochfelden, supported CCB while it was in defense along the Moder River. The Company stayed at Hochfelden till it became the Division holding company.

C Company, during this time, had been in Marmoutier and Monswiller; and C Company men were called in when the Ordnance Barracks in Saverne were hit with the 380 MM shell. Capt. Schwind, Capt. Ralph M. Wade, T/Sgt. Denzil S. Jennings and Pfc. Harold E. Stahlman led in taking care of the casualties.

Except for that, the time for C Company passed much as for the other companies. Tec/5 Emmet C. Scott, Tec/5 Linus S. Kluemper and Pfc. Floyd E. Karns were commended for the condition of their vehicles; the company moved to Hochfelden.

Twelve enlisted men were added to the MP Platoon as a guard for General Smith; Sgt. Guy B. Christensen of the MP Platoon was sent to Infantry OCS near Paris. Mr. Hutchinson of the Red Cross submitted his report; in the quiet weeks his office had been swamped with calls from the men, personal problems, requests for the locations of brothers and friends in other units. 457 cases were handled by the Red Cross during the month of February; a Red Cross day room was opened for the men. (During March, the Red Cross was to handle 501 cases.)

The 125th Armored Engineer Battalion had finally moved back to assemble in Schweinheim, for rest, warm billets visits with Alsatian girls, invitations to home cooked meals, resting, writing—and inspections and maintenance.

Also, it was snowing; and the 125th had to keep the roads open. The Maintenance Section of Battalion Headquarters rigged up snow plows; and the battalion trucks ran hour after hour carrying gravel to keep the roads sanded.

The second and third class Alsatian roads, faced with the

problem of carrying the traffic of an armored division, soon became the engineers' nightmare. (Later, tanks were ordered not to use the roads except in case of emergency.) Company A-125 opened a quarry near Saverne to supply rock and gravel; and the engineers worked day after day fixing the roads, dumping fill, cutting ditches, shoring up sides, drain ing—all to keep the roads ready for the Division to move.

All the companies were engaged in this work.

Then, as the thaws of the very early Spring came, the roads developed "frost heaves;" and there was nothing to do but rebuild the road from bed rock up. Bulldozers were used to scrape the road off, down to the foundation. Planks were used to build the road from Dettwiller to Hochfelden. C Company built the by-pass from Dettwiller to Lupstein; A Company built landing strips for the artillery planes. And there were the routing jobs—the firing ranges and all the rest. Capt. John A. Hanson, security officer, held a "dry run" of his security plan, and the civilians of Schweinheim thought it was an attack and prepared to leave.

Company B was attached to CCB in the Moder defense line. Besides taking care of the roads in that sector, Company B built a foot bridge and a treadway bridge across the Moder near Bitschwiller; that bridge was built under enemy artillery fire.

The B Company men, also, spent a good deal of time sweeping for the mines the Germans were continually laying; and B Company built concertinas and "Daisy Chains" of mines for the infantry.

There were classes for the engineers, particularly for the replacements, and the latest types of German mines were discussed.

Battalion moved to Oberbetschdorf; A Company to Schwabwiller, B to Ringendorf; and C to Bersheim. This was the month of March.

The 94th Cavalry closed in the area Maenholsheim Wolsehheim. Lieut. Kraker was given command of A Troop; Capt. Carl P. Keiser, Jr., was made Squadron S-3; Lieut. Anthony C. Nanna was made D Troop Commander.

Like the other units, the Squadron devoted its time to rest maintenance and training. B Troop was ordered to establish a reconnaissance screen across Army boundary from Olwis heim to Marlenheim, relieving the 12th Armored Division Cavalry.

(The 12th Armored had moved up to the front to give Seventh Army its second armored division.)







D Troop took over part of the reconnaissance screen, and C Troop was attached to the 35th AAA Brigade. (Later, D Troop went to CCB and A Troop took over its patrols.) Headquarters, E Troop and F Company were the only units not in the line. Col. McCollom was transferred to CCA as executive officer and Maj. England took command of the Squadron; the S-3 Section put out training schedules. Later, a platoon of E Troop went to CCA and another to CCB. On February 4, A and B Troops were relieved of their duties. C Troop reverted to Squadron and B Troop went to the 35th AAA Brigade. D Troop reverted to Squadron; Lieut. Nanna went to Squadron as S-2 and Capt. Francis J. Hendron took command of D Troop; E Troop received a 105 MM howitzer for an assault gun. Lieut, James P. Lowman, liaison officer, reported that D Troop, once relieved, would report back to CCB.

B Troop, on the line, was patrolling the sterile, winter-bare front lines; Lieut. Rak led a patrol to Bittschoffen that ran into a fire fight; and OPs were established on the high ground. A volunteer patrol led by S/Sgt. Robert C. Allison penetrated the enemy lines and remained out 36 hours; and they were forced to return under heavy machine gun fire and enemy flares.

C Troop, similarly, went on patrol on the front lines; and one daylight patrol was hit by savage German fire before it had gone more than 600 yards; most of the patrol escaped by diving into a creek bed and spending the day there; but two men had been killed by the first blast of fire.

The 1st Platoon of D-94 went into Schweighausen with the 68th under intense mortar, artillery and small arms fire; later, in the bitter cold, it ran liaison patrols with the Frst French Army; it moved to Bitschwiller and Oberhoffen with the 68th, and ran again into the heavy German fire. In the fighting there Tec/4 Edmund Karowsik was wounded; Sgts. Taibi, Paul L. Strack and William Pemberton led patrols dismounted, through and out of Oberhoffen to keep contact with the enemy.

On February 5 the platoon moved to Weyersheim, advanced to Offendorf and ran dismounted patrols to the Rhine River. The river bank, and the Maginot pillboxes in the

woods and swamps were checked, and there was no enemy Later, D Troop also moved onto the defense line; Sgt. Taibi and Sgt. Pemberton led out patrols; Lieut. James Sturgis took out a four-man patrol. All the patrols met the same conditions—heavy fire and no prisoners. A piece of shrapnel punctured Pfc. Winfred McKinney's helmet, and he was not wounded. Corp. James Minn ran a listening post.

The 2nd Platoon went through the similar experiences; at Oberhoffen Pvt. Charles Schaub and Pvt. Walter Hamm chased an artillery shell across a field as it rolled without exploding.

The 2nd Platoon came through.

S/Sgt. Joseph F. Crossen led a four-man patrol that did capture three prisoners of war (Crossen and Tec/5 Melvin Bukoff were later awarded the Bronze Star) wanted so long and so desperately by Division, Corps and Army G-2.

Lieut. John Sawyer was made Troop executive officer; Lieut. George Bennett took over the 3rd Platoon; and the 3rd Platoon ran its patrols over the icy Winter roads. The 3rd Platoon went to Ohlungen and Schweighausen; and to Bitschwiller. The men used every weapon they had—machine guns, bazookas, BARs—to outpost; the German artillery and the Nebelwerfers began to pour in on the factory they lived in; they tried to count the rounds coming in, "but we didn't have an adding machine." S/Sgt. Dallas Schuler took a patrol into the woods northeast of Pfaffenhoffen; another 12-man patrol was driven off by enemy mortar fire after engaging in a fire fight.

A Troop had been patrolling for the 1st Armored Group; D took over the duties and A Troop moved up to join CCA on the Moder. Sgt. James L. Sims and Sgt. Chester R. Pietrasz repaired telephone lines under fire; their town was shelled and the 48th Tank Battalion brought up its rocket tank to fire.

F Company's history says:

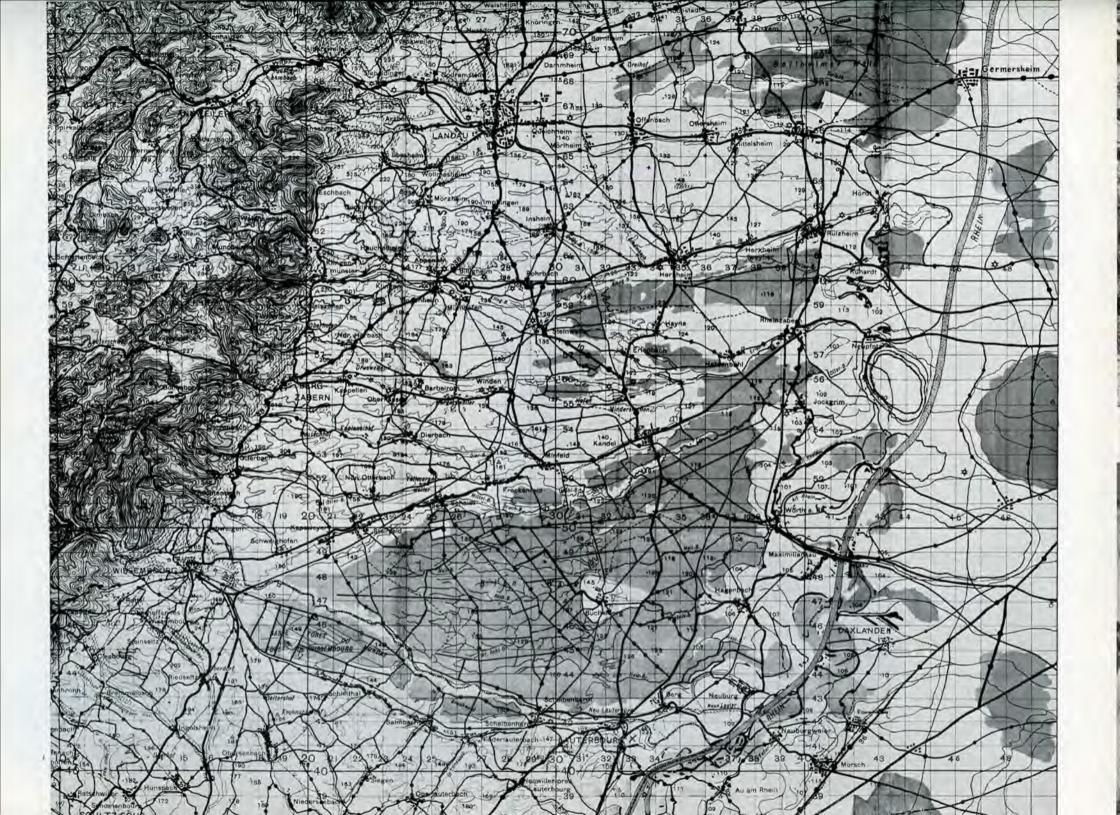
"A few days rest and garrison duties. Classes, inspections and night problems. Entertainment, and the Red Cross girls came to visit us."

F Company moved to Morschwiller.

On the last day of February, the 94th Headquarters were in Maennolsheim; A Troop was with the 1st Armored Group at Phalsbourg; B Troop was in training at Waldowisheim; C Troop was with CCB on the line; D Troop was in training at Lockwiller; E Troop at Jetterswiller and F Company at Walseheim, both also training. The Squadron held a command inspection.

There was even talk about the war being almost over; but the war was not over.









## Chapter XI

## BREAKTHROUGH

March 15 - March 31, 1945

Y OU COULD SEE IT COMING FOR DAYS: the truck loads of ammunition coming north, being stacked in endless piles along the roadside; the heavy guns moving up, the new division patches showing up as more soldiers came into the line. Day after day, day after day.

The Seventh Army attack struck in the middle of March. The 36th Infantry Division passed through CCA's defensive lines along the Moder to open the attack; and CCA was immediately regrouped to push through the 36th, in turn, and exploit the breakthrough.

Three forces were formed by CCA: Headquarters and B Companies of the 68th, Company B-25, 1st Platoon Troop C-94 and 1st Platoon Company C-125 in one force; Headquarters and C Companies of the 25th Tank Battalion, Company A-68, 3rd Platoon Troop C-94 and 2nd Platoon Company C-125 in the second; and Task Force Blue, under command of Major Robert H. Townsend, with Company C-68, Company A-25, 2nd Platoon C-94 and 3rd Platoon C-125. With CCA Headquarters were Company D-25 and the Headquarters of C-94 and C-125.

The Command assembled in the vicinity of Ringendorf and early on the morning of March 18, moved out to pass through the 36th Division.

The 25th's Recon Platoon had set up an OP at Schweighausen, under the thunder of the Division and Corps guns that were supporting the attack with an almost endless barrage; and from that OP they were directing the fire of the Battalion's Assault Guns. The 25th's mortars also went into position along the Moder.

Capt. Lloyd I. Sexton, battalion surgeon, and Corp. William A. McKinney, driver of the command half-track, were wounded by the enemy rounds that fell into Ohlungen.

The 25th Tank Battalion column led CCA as it moved into the attack; the 2nd Platoon of C-25 led the way through Pfaffenhoffen and the Hagenau Forest, through the familiar towns of Mertzwiller, Morsbronn, Surbourg and Hohwiller to Leiterswiller. Here a blown bridge halted the column; the engineers replaced it and the column continued. The column passed through Oberroedern, Oberseebach and Geitershof.

The column passed through nine towns, took 18 prisoners and met not the slightest resistance. The Germans were falling back to the Siegfried again. The head of the column stopped at Geitershof for the night, and Capt. Benoit sent a platoon of his infantry company ahead to see if they could reach Altenstadt. The infantrymen were halted at a blown overpass, pinned down by mortar and artillery fire; and pulled back. Lieut. Reissner brought up his assault guns to fire on the enemy in Wissembourg. Sgt. Dean L. Rumburg and Sgt. Robert D. Short were running liaison.

Next morning, the tanks moved out, past the blown overpass, the infantrymen of A-68 with them; an anti-tank gun spotted by the edge of a woods was blown out.









The column entered Altenstadt on the Lauter during the morning.

The German artillery began to come in.

Lieut. Reissner and his driver, Pfc. Edward C. Kistner, Jr., went forward to look for assault gun positions and were caught in a barrage; and Kistner was wounded.

The enemy had blown the Altenstadt bridge, and had pinpointed the location with artillery; every time the engineers went to work a barrage came down on them. Maj. Shedd went to Wissembourg; the bridge there was in, and the column moved around through the 36th Division and crossed at Wissembourg.

The tanks and infantry advanced to Schweighofen again; and the Recon peeps were at work all night, as the German heavy artillery and the nebelwerfers screamed in, leading the tanks into position for the attack.

Tracers cut through the night as the shells exploded; and flares hung almost motionless, slowly descending in the sky, lighting the entire countryside in a cutting white light.

The attack was using "artificial moonlight" somewhere nearby, batteries of anti-aircraft searchlights turned across the battlefield, blinding the enemy and throwing the world into black and white relief; it was like a scene in inferno, with men for devils.

The 68th column came through Rittershoffen, side by side with the 3rd French DIA; and had conquered Salmbach; and on the 19th moved to Schweighoffen.

Patrols were sent out to test the Siegfried again; and the Siegfried was as strong as ever. The night sky was alight with the flames of war. (At Hatten and Rittershoffen there was not even the savage life of war; the farmers had begun to till their fields again, and there would be a farmer in the fields, slowly filling in a foxhole or a trench; and the men were filled with a strange bitterness and nostalgia to see those towns again.)

Task Force Blue attacked Schleithal and continued on to force a crossing of the Lauter River.

Early the next morning two platoons of B-68 and a platoon of B-25 jumped off from Schweighoffen to assault the Siegfried town of Kapsweyer, the rest of the companies following in support; the town was taken and the attack continued on northeast toward the installations of the Siegfried.

The infantrymen came under the same fierce artillery and mortar fire they had met on their first trip to that blood-and-concrete line, and grazing machine gun fire cut at them. They were forced back to Kapsweyer. C Company of the 68th moved into positions along the railroad south of town.

At noon, after a seventeen minute artillery preparation (the last two minutes smoke) and under the support of the tank guns of the 25th, the attack drove out again toward Steinfeld. B and C Companies of the 68th were to move forward under the smoke screen and clear the Dragon's Teeth; but the smoke dispersed too quickly, and only the 1st and 2nd Platoons of B Company were able to drive as far as Steinfeld. They captured four houses on the western edge of town.

It looked as though it was going to be a repetition of the bloody, casualty-heavy, deadly fighting the 14th had known before.

The other men of the 68th, caught in the open by the

slashing German fire, dug in under the German artillery, mortar and rocket concentrations.

There were 23 men from the 68th in those first few houses of Steinfeld, and now they were cut off from the rest of the company, cut off and subjected to a murderous barrage. They stayed there for a day and a night.

In the group were eight men from the 2nd Platoon led by Lieut. James Napier, and 15 men from the 1st Platoon, led by Lieut. Harry Kemp.

Here is their story:

"The 1st Platoon had 500 yards of open field to break across and the 2nd had 700. Dug-in machine guns and the mortars and heavy weapons in the pill boxes had the field plastered with fire and we didn't think any of us would make it.

"Some of us prayed, others just stared into space. We all had the same idea—we'll never get there,

"Eighty-five men started the dash. The enemy waited until the men were about 30 feet from the Dragon's Teeth, then opened up with a murderous screen of machine gun fire."

Those who got that far, hit the dirt among the teeth.

Bullets ricocheted with an unearthly whine on the concrete teeth and whirled crazily from one tooth to the other.

The men began working their way slowly and painfully under the rain of fire toward the first two houses of Steinfeld.

Pfc. William H. Camp crawled from a foxhole to drag a wounded comrade to safety.

With them, the men had two radios—two pieces of equipment that were to be of immeasurable value.

"We didn't know whether we should make a break for the second house or not," said Napier, "but finally we decided we'd have to, or the Krauts would be sure to get us."

Half of the men broke for the second building and made it safely.

At 1230 they held the two houses.

The wounded were feverish, and during the day and night, all water carried by the men in their canteens was given to the wounded.

The two houses were outposted. Fire poured in.

German artillery opened up. American artillery, trying to knock out the pill boxes, fell all around them.

Napier directed artillery fire on the larger pill boxes, but it had little effect, so he called for direct fire from the tanks.

One pill box to the south was knocked out by the tanks and fire was eliminated from that source.

Platoon Sergeant Dale Riggle noticed a sniper who was continually poking his head out of a trench to take a quick shot. After following his actions for a while, Riggle drilled a hole through the center of his helmet as he stuck his head into view.

Night fell, but the red glow from the burning factory across the road lighted the surroundings as bright as day.

In the whole group there were no automatic weapons and the only "heavy" fire power were two rifle grenades that were saved in case of a counter-attack.

Artillery was becoming more and more accurate.

"We all would have liked to have hit the cellar for protection from the artillery but we had to stay at the windows to spot any possible attack," said Pfc. Maurice Landrin.

The minutes dragged by. Hungry, thirsty, and dead tired,



the men stayed at the windows and at about 0200 the German began to close in.

Pfc. Manual Lamboy saw three enemy silhouetted in the red glow of the burning rubble and fired three fast shots. One of the enemy fell to the ground and the others took cover.

"If it wouldn't have been for the light from the burning building, we'd have been goners," said S/Sgt. Harry Roberts, "as it was, nobody could sneak up on us unseen."

Shortly before 0600, the radio buzzed with a code message. They were to expect an American attack, preceded by a heavy artillery preparation, and another unidentified explosion.

A few minutes later the explosion rocked the houses—the engineers had blown a gap in the Dragon's Teeth.

Then came the thunderous artillery, 2500 rounds were being fired in preparation for the final crack of the West Wall.

At 0600 came the attack. This time the men were relieved. The men of C Company had been pinned down by machine gun fire and rocket fire from the turreted pill boxes near Steinfeld and just inside the Bien Wald. They could not inch forward.

That night, the engineers, with T/Sgt. John Sailors and Pfc. Ricardo Sanchez of A-63, crawled forward into no man's land to blow a path for the tanks through the Dragon's Teeth. (Sailors and Sanchez crawled over 400 yards of open terrain with fifty pounds of TNT on their backs.)

CCR was ordered up to give added strength to CCA; and was attached to CCA. Col. Karlstad, commander of CCA, was in command of the operation; Col. Hudelson, however, was in command of the 62nd (with A-48) and of the 68th; and finally, the 25th Tank Battalion was made available to CCR.

Next morning, the 62nd Infantry passed through the 68th and took up the attack on Steinfeld.

The guns of Headquarters Company, 62nd, supported the attack; in B Company, the 3rd Platoon was to assault frontally, the 2nd from the flank, while the other platoons were to be held in reserve initially.

The artillery barrage crashed at the pillboxes, snapped at the periscopes; and the momentum of the infantry attack carried it well into town.

The men ran into the first pillbox houses—innocentseeming farm houses; but when artillery shells blasted against their sides, the tiles crumbled off and revealed sixfoot-thick reinforced concrete walls; and the windows came away and revealed tiered, recessed gun ports, nasty-snouted enemy flat trajectory guns spitting out of them.

Heavy enemy counter fire rained down on the men of the 62nd in Steinfeld. The platoons attacked, not down the streets, but through back yards, from window to window. The 1st Platoon and the mortar sections, the Anti-Tank Platoon, dismounted, and a section of tanks entered the town and added their weight to the fight.

All through the long day the bitter fight raged back and forth, and the day was never quiet with the scream and explosion of incoming shells, the crack of rifles and spit of machine guns, the screams and the shouts.

The wounded were put on the rear deck of the tanks and carried out; and three times that afternoon, the German counter-attacked trying to drive the Americans back out. At



ranges of 200 yards, the mortars laid down fire 50 yards in front of the riflemen; from far back the Corps and Army heavy guns, the 8-inch howitzers and the Long Toms, were called into the fight.

The attack continued into the night. Here is B-62's description:

"Throughout the night men fired across alleyways at fleeting targets, two company CPs were demolished, one after the other, by artillery fire; the burning buildings fatally outlined the men crouched near them. Every cellar was a foxhole. The machine gunners rested the barrels of their guns on window ledges, fired them without tripods, bazookas fired at point blank ranges so you had to watch the splash; and pillboxes that had been cleared began to fire again, and had to be cleared again. Armor piercing 76 MM shells ricocheted off the six-foot-thick reinforced concrete walls, white phosphorous and fragmentation grenades were thrust by hand through the pillbox slits, lobbed into trenches."

The Germans began to surrender.

One by one, slipping down the streets, waving a bit of white cloth, and then in groups of three and four and five and ten.

Company C-62 came into town from the left, two platoons abreast, following close behind the supporting artillery. Pfc. Robert J. Stone and Pfc. William R. Clemons were out in front; the company moved through the steep anti-tank ditch, half-filled with the water of early Spring, past the barbed wire and the interlocking maze of pillboxes, into the town. Capt. Trammell moved up with the support platoon, the 3rd, into town under a deadly hail of small arms, mortar and artillery fire.

The assault squads of the lead platoons, under the veterans S/Sgt. Edward C. Malla, S/Sgt. Robert M. Highsmith, S/Sgt. Roger D. Johnson and Sgt. Elmer A. Taylor, had already begun clearing the houses. Sgt. Benedict J. Kaczmarek was killed by fire from a pillbox; Sgt. Wilbert H. Tebbe, trying to get one of his crews out of an exposed position, was killed.

The Germans launched the first of their counter-attacks. S/Sgt. William F. Maier, S/Sgt. Clarence D. Weaver, S/Sgt. George F. Kall and S/Sgt. Eugene T. Weichecki led the defense of the 3rd Platoon.

A night counter-attack reached the company CP itself before it was driven off. Sgt. Carl Henderson established himself on the roof with grenades and a BAR and became a one-man outpost, He lobbed his grenades while observers on the floor below gave him fire direction orders. One enemy soldier tried—unsuccessfully—to grab a machine gun by the muzzle and pull it out the window.

Pfcs. Howard W. Shanks and Raymond S. Leverton, advanced to a house by themselves; they were not ordered to withdraw and so they stayed there all night and part of the next day, firing their machine gun.

Then Company C, too, began to receive surrenders; Steinfeld had been taken.

The Battalion was moved back to Kapsweyer for reorganization; the 68th pushed through.

The 68th pushed through Steinfeld in a heavy artillery barrage, and at 0450 the next morning took off again in the attack to clear the town of Schaidt. A and C Companies were in the attack; Headquarters Company Machine Gun Platoon protected the right flank.

After a "devastating" artillery barrage the two companies jumped off and crossed the long, open, Spring-wet fields leading toward Schaidt; thrown back by devastating fire, they reorganized, advanced again.

The fire was incredibly vicious; the 68th could make no headway at all, and the men were pinned down outside Schaidt the entire day. The 25th Tank Battalion was made available to CCR; and the next morning, with the tanks, the 68th jumped off again.

Before the dawn had broken, the men of the 68th had gained the first houses of the town.

Then began the bitter house-to-house fighting that had characterized the taking of the other two towns; but after five hours Schaidt had been cleared, and the infantrymen, mounted on tanks, were circling the town going to pillbox after pillbox to clear it of enemy. Lieut. Harold Hanhardt mounted his platoon of infantry on the tanks and started in pursuit of the now retreating Germans.

This time, the second time, the Siegfried had been cracked. Two 88 MM guns were silenced on the way to Freckenfeld, and the battalion advanced to the fields west of town where it bivouacked for the night; next morning moved toward Bellheim.

For their work, the infantrymen and the tankers of CCA and CCR were commended by Col. Karlstad and Col. Hudelson.

In this action, C Company of the 25th had at first supported with fire from Kapsweyer; Lieut. Martin and his A Company rejoined the battalion.

On the morning of the 22nd, over a treadway built by the engineers, the tanks of the 25th moved across the anti-tank ditch into the town of Steinfeld. S/Sgt. Warren F. Roberson's tank of A-25 was hit and knocked out; Sgt. John E. Ried's tank was hit so hard, while he was attacking a pillbox, that it spun around, and Sgt. Joseph H. Stalling's tank received a direct artillery hit. Lieut. Klinefelter was wounded.

Lieut. R. J. Ferguson's Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company laid down a smoke screen, and the Assault Guns moved up to take firing position. Corp. James W. Hall's 105 was hit, and the ammunition trailer started to burn; Pfc. Alfred D. Crawford jumped out and tripped it loose. Hall was evacuated by the medics, who were running peeps up into the Dragon's Teeth.

It was on the night of the 22nd that the 25th was made available to CCR, the night the 68th was pinned down outside Schaidt, unable to move; in the morning, the tanks jumped off with the infantry, A-25 on the right and C-25 on the left, B-25 and A-48 in reserve.

In the vicious fight that followed, that started almost as soon as the tanks jumped off, B Company of the 25th lost two tanks. Lieut. Geneser, Sgt. Vincent A. Corio, Corp. Andrew Juga, Pfcs. John D. Teeters and Cleophas Swain were killed. A Company was held up in the wet, marshy ground; and B Company was stopped momentarily by the fire of the AT Guns, picking off the tanks as soon as they showed themselves. Lieut. Chrisman of C Company, moving on the left flank, knocked out five pillboxes and silenced the AT guns that had been holding up B Company.

A-48 was committed.

















The AT ditch outside Schaidt stopped the tanks; and a tank dozer was called up to fill in the ditch. Smoke was laid on the far side of the ditch, and the dozer filled in three passages; and A Company moved on into Schaidt. Lieut. Chrisman went on to Freckenfeld with the infantry.

D Company, on flank guard, had run into continued heavy artillery fire; and later they moved into Kapsweyer to fire on pillboxes. The 37 MM guns had no affect on the fortifications. Sgt. Robert F. Leatherman's tank was punctured when a rocket round landed a few yards away.

In Company A-48, Lieut, Edgar D. Woodard was wounded before the jump-off when his tank struck a mine; Lieut. Vernon Peterson, with the 2nd Platoon, took over the lead and moved through the Dragon's Teeth into Steinfeld; Lieut. William Kidd of the 3rd Platoon was wounded by a direct mortar hit on his tank.

Company C of the 125th Engineers took a major part in the breaching of the Siegfried.

The 1st Platoon was with the 68th, the 2nd with the 25th and the 3rd with Task Force Blue; they had watched the big guns move up, seen the attack jump off, and looked at the towns blazing against the sky at night.

The 1st Platoon went into Schweighoffen with the 68th; next day, a beautiful Spring day that was a nightmare of artillery, the men went to Kapsweyer. The cellars shook, and dirt and plaster showered down on the men, as the heavy shells landed outside. (And there is a peculiar sadness to war, in the Spring, when the weather is first turned lovely and still the high explosive screams in.)

Lieut. H. B. Hewitt woke his men that night.

"We've got to do it tonight," he said. "It's darker than all hell."

The half-track had been parked outside town, to avoid shrapnel, and the charges had been made ready. The men who were handling them wore no gloves.

The men started out just after midnight, staggering under the weight of a total of 300 pounds of TNT. It would have been dark, too, except that the buildings in the town were blazing with fire, and the artillery was still coming in intermittently.

They stopped at the 68th CP, and talked for a few moments with the men of the 68th, who told them of what they had gone through that day, trying to get to Steinfeld.

It was not an encouraging conversation.

The men moved out, not talking, at 30 yard intrevals.

(If a man were hit with that TNT, no use losing two.)

It was hard to see the man ahead of you in the darkness, with the flickering, wierd light of battle at night. The stink of burning houses was in their nostrils.

It seemed they would never get there; finally, dimly, they could see the Dragon's Teeth in the light from the fires, like headstones in a graveyard.

Quickly, the first man was over the wall in front of the teeth; then the second man, and the third. Not a sound was uttered. The men tied their charges. The job was finished, finally, the men started back.

Before they were in town, there was a lightning flash, a terrific explosion, and 300 pounds of TNT blasted the night. The job was done.

The 2nd Platoon of C Company, meanwhile, had also moved up. At Hunspach, they built a bridge, using a German











tank, lodged in midstream, for the pier. Mine fields kept them on the road; at Altdorf, they had to stop and take a quarter ton of dynamite out of a road crater; and two other craters had to be filled in. The platoon moved to Altenstadt, where the German artillery fire was so heavy that no bridge could be installed; and they moved to Schweighoffen; and men from the 2nd Platoon went up to the Dragon's Teeth to place charges. (On the night of the 21st, 14 men of the 2nd Platoon went back up and planted more charges.)

Pfcs. Robert Snodgrass and Nicholas Pusi were killed by a tank recovery vehicle.

The men followed the infantry toward Steinfeld; they were to remove all barriers, clear debris, and fill the antitank ditch. They proceeded down the road on foot in the haze of battle smoke. An artillery barrage forced them to the ground; Pfc. Herman A. Bounds was wounded. Creeping, crawling and running, they moved on; in town they ran from yard to yard, house to house. Lieut. John C. Copes was wounded by a machine gun; S/Sgt, Orlando Thomas took command of the platoon. Tec/4 Roy O. Seitz and Pfc. I. H. Stutz flanked the gun; and Sgt. Ray Hodson suddenly charged the gun, shouting: "Achtung, you Kraut bastards!" The Germans surrendered and Hodson brought them back; then he found the clip of his gun was empty. He had fired the last round.

Pfc. Gerald Goldenberg talked several enemy into surrendering; then he was wounded by a shell fragment.

Four men were ordered back to the south end of town to maintain the road at the treadway bridge; Corp. Warren R. Shelley and Corp. Ralph Breedlove were wounded by shrapnel there. The artillery was coming in so heavily it was almost impossible to move, even from house to house. Pfc. Benjamin J. Rencher, Jr., was wounded trying to dash from one cellar to the next.

The platoons were ordered back to Schweighoffen. (The 2nd Platoon was being led by Lieut. Copes because Lieut. Charles Bardwell had been injured when his peep ran into a tank in the dark.)

Their job, filling in the anti-tank ditch, had not been accomplished because of the volume of fire.

Lieut. John Delmay, native of Brussells, volunteered to take up an open-turreted VTR to do the job; a round landed in the vehicle and Lieut. Delmay was killed.

The 3rd Platoon, meanwhile, moved with Task Force Blue to Schleithal. After clearing the town, the engineers put in 300 feet of bridging along concrete flood retaining walls along the Lauter; they laid corduroy roads for the tanks.

On March 20, they were moved to CCA to do their part in blasting the Siegfried; they moved to Kapsweyer. Lieut. Anthony Wise and Corp. Arthur E. Goldapske went forward to the infantry outpost; the Germans counter-attacked, and he was cut off for 36 hours.

Sgt. Forrest L. Johnson, and Pfcs. Eugene J. Lucien and Pat R. DiCicco went forward with their charges to blow the Dragon's Teeth; they were pinned down by small arms, mortar and rocket fire. Two infantrymen, 25 yards ahead of them, were killed by machine gun fire; and they withdrew. Later, they made a second, and successful trip. Tec/5 Carlo Cascegno and Pfc. Joseph Fallat were killed, and two men wounded. Sgt. Robert R. Lukins, with his 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon, and some men from Headquarters Section, laid a











36-foot treadway bridge across a crater in the road so that the tracked vehicles could cross; Tec/5 Alfred Zimmerman was wounded by shrapnel while operating the crane on this job. For the job here, T/Sgt. James Beeson, Tec/5 Claude Williamson, Tec/5 Zimmerman and Pfc. Lewis Davis were awarded the Bronze Star.

The bridge completed, Sgt. Johnson was ordered to take his squad into town and clear the road blocks. In cellars while raking fire outside swept the streets, they prepared their charges. Two fifty pound boxes of TNT were placed against each road block and they were blown out.

For the rest of the 125th, Headquarters was at Obersee-bach, many of the men working with the line companies; and a new device was tried—worked on by Capt. F. R. Wallace and Capt. Joseph Mangan and the maintenance men—of welding three sections of treadway bridge together (36 feet) and cabling it onto the front end of a VTR, so that it could be carried up under fire and lowered into place. Headquarters later moved to Altenstadt.

Company A was filling road craters and repairing roads between Schwabwiller and Surbourg, running bridge reconnaissance; A Company moved to Oberbetschdorf and swept the road between Hatten and Salmbach of mines, clearing rubble and debris (including knocked-out tanks) from the roads to open them to traffic. Roads were repaired, craters were bridged over; charges were prepared for Company C to use; the 1st Platoon built a fixed bridge at Altenstadt on the 21st; the 2nd Platoon was sweeping the road between Trimbach and Altenstadt.

Near Kapsweyer, sweeping the road under artillery fire, the men found a new type German magnetic mine. The company moved up to Schweighoffen, began to clear the roads as far as Minfeld.

Company B, attached to CCB, moved to Reimerswiller. The company was sweeping roads, looking for mines and booby traps; Tec/5 John Critchley stepped on an S mine and was badly wounded. The 1st Platoon at this time was attached to the 19th Infantry, the 2nd to the 47th Tank Battalion, and the 3rd remained with Company Headquarters,

On the 21st, the 1st Platoon was ordered to help build the bridge at Altenstadt; and on the 23rd, the company took off with CCB on that command's mad dash to the Rhine.

(Even the first aid men, at the end, were bringing in German prisoners. Company B took 45 prisoners. The removal of wounded and dead presented a major problem of its own. On the 24th, the CP moved to Rohrwiller; two men in the 1st Platoon of B Company—Corp. John R. Molinaro and Pfc, Earl M. Harmon—were wounded by shrapnel. The 2nd Platoon was removing demolition charges; and on the 25th, the company moved to Bellheim.)

Col. Francis J. Gillespie's Combat Command B had moved to Berstheim, to relieve elements of the 36th Division; and for three days it remained in that area, patrolling and doing reconnaissance; the command was then ordered to assemble at Silz, to pass through the 103rd Division, and drive to the Rhine.

CCB broke free at Klingenmunster.

In the 47th Tank Battalion, the Assault Guns had been firing into Germany, Lieut. Lawrence Harding's Recon Platoon had run night patrols along the fringes of the Siegfried, and Lieutenant Maynard Boucher had taken his light tank platoon into the Bien Wald.

Company C had been attached to the 19th Infantry to act as the advance guard; Lieut. Sidney Hack's 2nd Platoon, with a tank dozer commanded by Sgt. Daniel Fox, were in the point.

The command rolled up through the narrow, twisting mountain roads, woods reaching high on either side and the growling of the tank engines reverberated heavily.

It was clear, and sunny-warm, actually; and a German column had been caught on the road, by aircraft, artillery, and tanks; the unbelievable, the unending litter and wreckage lined the roads. A German infantry and artillery column, that was, horse drawn and winding its slow way along the clear roads of Spring before the shells began to scream in and the men to run and the horses to plunge; and as the Combat Command passed now there were the carts and the guns tangled along the sides of the roads, and the slashed and bloodied and bloated horses (and other horses, cut loose, munching grass in the early green Spring fields) and broken rifles, scattered papers, field desks, sodden uniforms, all the infinite paraphernalia of an Army, and German dead and American dead, a soldier lying by the side of the road, staring vacantly and white-faced to the sky, the dust from the tank treads settling on his face, his shirt torn and his chest white-bandaged where the medics had tried to save his life; and a still form under a blanket, only muddied combat boots showing at the bottom and one lifeless hand lying on the grass, a wedding ring glinting faintly on the fourth finger.

And further on, piles of carrion where the tank dozers had scraped the wreckage, carts and horses and men together, into a pile off the road. A tank burned out, the crew dead, half out of the tank, in the grotesque stiff poses of death, still smoldering, and woods cut to ribbons by the shell fire.

The attacking vehicles smashed forward with all the speed at their command, anxious to keep in touch with the retreating Germans, to keep them knocked off balance, to get to the Rhine and cut the retreating German forces to pieces.

The roads boiled with traffic, tanks and half-tracks and trucks going up, every imaginable vehicle in the army, and ambulances coming back, ambulances and trucks and heavy, slow moving VTRS,

The engineers, in the column, spent two hours working on a road crater; one section of CCB's vehicles got by the crater before the snarling tangle of tanks and men and trucks boiled up so it was impassable; and the head of the column kept going, so anxious was the pursuit, with the rest of the column two hours behind; and beside the road the sun-lit streams ran rusty with the blood of men and horses, and floated gasoline.

The combat command passed through the villages of Germany, white flags hung from every house; and the German soldiers surrendered by the score.

Sgt. Walter Pomykacz, in the lead tank, shot up a Mark IV tank and an anti-tank gun at Rohrbach before the surprised Germans fired a shot.

It looked very easy-at first.

Then CCB hit the town of Herxheim.

The 19th Infantry had been ordered to the command. A Company was attached to the 47th Tank.

(At first, the 19th, too, had been on a sector along the



Lauter. The men went over to look at Hatten and Rittershoffen; the battalion pulled into Schleithal and Salmbach, side by side with the French; there was reconnaissance work and patrolling.)

It was at Rohrbach, that the 19th first dismounted; then Sergeant Pomykacz knocked out the enemy guns, and after a short fire fight the men of the 19th cleared the town; the column moved on.

(At Rohrbach, a civilian tossed a white phosphorous grenade into a 125th half-track, burning two men to death and injuring three; and the men cleaned that town out, and went through German towns with machine guns aimed at the house windows.)

At Herxheim, the Germans decided to make a stand.

Herxheim was a close approach to the Rhine; if the enemy wanted to save any of the troops still left west of the Rhine, he must keep some crossings open; at Herxheim, he decided to play for time.

As Combat Command B's column of tanks and half-tracks, peeps and armored cars rolled across the open, sun-lit road, the 88s and machine guns opened up again, the flack guns and the snipers' rifles. The column ground to a halt.

Herxheim was a Siegfried town; the country was flat and open and lovely in the early Spring; but there were the Dragon's Teeth again, and the anti-tank guns.

The sudden blast of fire from the strong points in the town, within a few quick and horrible minutes, knocked out three of the 47th's tanks, the tank-dozer, a half-track and a peep.

The column deployed; the artillery, back in the column, moved up to get into position.

The tanks of Company C-47 moved out across the fields, the 2nd and 3rd Platoons moving between the road and the woods, in the field, and the 1st Platoon moving up on the right.

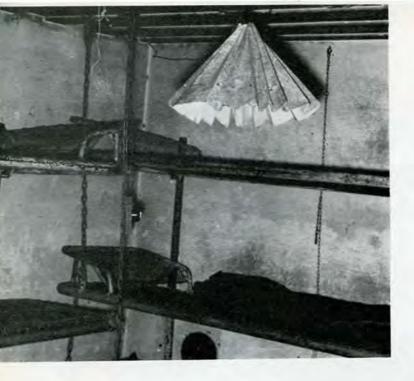
As the 1st Platoon started to deploy, the AT Guns opened up again and four tanks were hit almost simultaneously. (Only one was permanently knocked out.) The tanks returned the fire; then laid down a smoke screen and withdrew.

Sgt. Fox, in his knocked out tank dozer, was having his troubles. Not only had the tracks been knocked off, but the dozer blade had been driven into such a position that the cannon couldn't be lowered enough to fire; and the tank was in plain enemy sight. Fox, Corp. Sidney Rosen (gunner) and Pfc. Herman Botts (loader) worked their way back into the tank and stayed there for two hours. The German thought the tank had been knocked out, and paid no attention to it; and Sgt. Fox and his men stayed inside and directed American artillery fire over the radio.

C Company continued the attack savagely; but before the afternoon was over, C Company had run out of ammunition and Companies B and D moved up.

B Company drove straight on the town while D Company made an envelopment from the left. Darkness was falling. Lieut. Morris Hitzig was wounded by shrapnel and Lieut. Pete Berger took over command of the 1st platoon of D Company. (Capt. Robert W. Harper, former Assault Gun Platoon leader, now had command of D Company; Capt. Tilden had gone to Battalion Headquarters as S-3.) In the falling dusk, the tanks and infantry entered town.









(Artillery, mortar and assault gun fire had been poured on the town by the guns of the 499th and the Platoons in Headquarters of the 47th and the 19th.)

Men of B-19 assaulted the wire-entangled Dragon's Teeth, and the company had to pull back as the German fire slashed across the ground. Two men were killed and 14 wounded, including Lieut. Gray Thoron, the company commander. Capt. John E. Donahey, advance party leader, had been wounded; Lieut. John Conroy took command of the company and hurriedly reorganized it; the company attacked again.

This time, the 2nd Platoon got into the houses past the Dragon's Teeth, and the 1st and 3rd Platoons moved in behind them. S/Sgt. Jack Crider and Pvt. Donald L. Stamps rushed the first few houses; S/Sgt. Willard S. Elliott, himself wounded, refused to leave his platoon and stayed to help evacuate the wounded.

The 1st and 2nd Platoons of C-19 had been on B Company's flank; now they too swung into town.

The tanks and infantry moved through Herxheim, clearing it house by house.

Sgt. Ray Capps, of the 47th, left his own tank and crossed fire-swept terrain to go to another tank that had been knocked out, to determine the fate of the crew; and an infantryman from the 19th climbed up on the back of a medium tank and sprayed the crew of an 88 MM gun with .50 caliber fire.

The order was given that night to drive to Germersheim on the Rhine as quickly as possible; and, if possible, to capture the Rhine bridge there intact.

Capt. Ernest M. Spokes took A-19, 1-B-47, 1-B-125, 2-B-94 and A-500 to drive to Germersheim to try to get to the bridge and hold it until the rest of CCB could catch up; Spokes took off, the tanks and half tracks rolling down the roads almost wide open; and as they neared the objective, they began to come under heavy artillery fire. It was evident that the enemy intended to hold Germersheim if he could.

The terrain was against Spokes. Germersheim is set on the flat, open, low country of the Rhine Valley; around it lie endless open fields. The only woods stand along the road into the city, and these woods were occupied by enemy troops.

Spokes' troops became involved in a pitched fire fight.

77 and 88 MM direct fire was laid on the men, artillery, small arms and mortars; and over Germersheim a black pillow of smoke puffed slowly skyward.

The Rhine bridge had been blown.

The main body of CCB came up, to find this bitter fight; the command reorganized and Company D-47 was given the mission of finding a way into the city. The light tanks were firing cannister against the Germans in the woods; and again the enemy soldiers began to give up, first one by one, then group by group. An enemy bazookaman fired at S/Sgt. Gerard E. Star's tank and was cut in half by a machine gun.

The artillery moved up and began to pour shells into Germersheim; and the P-47s of the supporting air began to dive angrily on the city in fast, quick, long dives.

The 47th Tank Battalion, complete, attacked Germersheim in line formation.

The "shock power" of a battalion of medium tanks in line, growling their slow and relentless way across the fields.





their guns speaking fire and death, was too much for the German defenders.

Men of the 19th, A Company on the left and B on the right (C initially in reserve) moved along with the tanks.

The Germans in Germersheim fought bitterly at first; their artillery screamed in among the advancing tanks and blew the infantrymen apart; the AT guns spoke and one tank and another stopped; and German machine guns sprayed across the fields. The tanks kept going.

The AP cut the trees off like toothpicks; a German ammunition dump was hit right in front of the advancing men of A-19, and blew up with an incredible explosion; four men were killed and 19 wounded.

The infantry slowed up in the artillery and small arms fire. The tanks kept going.

Sgt. Louis D. Hobbs of B-47 saw an anti-tank gun trying to pull from position and blasted it.

Lieut. Charles Wallace's tank was hit and he was killed. Lieut. Smith was hit and wounded as he manned his .50 caliber gun; Corp. Charles Hudson saved his life by quick first aid work; Lieut. Rael was hit and wounded.

Lieut, Francis Marshall's tank hung up in a shell crater under anti-tank gun fire; he ordered the crew to abandon it and himself made his way to another tank. He saw a wounded tank crewman, carried him to a shell hole and gave him first aid; then he got onto the back deck of another tank. He couldn't get the tank commander to hear him, and had to stay there, riding the back deck through the fire; the tank stopped and Marshall saw five German infantrymen approaching him. He had no weapon; he picked up an empty

76 MM shell case and prepared to fight with that poor weapon; and the Germans surrendered. Another tank commander saw Marshall's predicament, opened a hatch and tossed him a tommy gun; and more Germans surrendered. Marshall took command of the tank and moved into town; and again he was hit. This time he stayed with the tank and fought it from a stationary position.

C-47 reached town without loss.

In A Company, Sgt. Thomas Nunes began to fire his .50 caliber at a building the Germans were using for a strong point; the street was so narrow he couldn't fire his heavy gun. After a short and bitter fire fight, the Germans began to surrender; they marched out of the building until Nunes had counted 100.

Capt. Harper was wounded.

The tanks moved into the town and outposted it; the infantrymen followed them in and began to clear the city.

Company B-19, just inside Germersheim, was caught in a machine gun cross fire; the tanks eliminated that. Lieut Joseph Levine, leader of the 3rd Platoon, was wounded in town while leading an attack on a dugout.

Fighting around the town toward the bridge, T/Sgt. Ronald Henwood of the 2nd Platoon spotted a German in a house; he took two men and from that house, and the next one, the three infantrymen took 250 prisoners.

The German defenses west of the Rhine had collapsed.

A-19 entered town and though the small arms fire, the sniper fire, the artillery continued, the infantrymen moved on.

C-19 came into town in their half-tracks; as A and B Companies moved around the city, the men of C Company





went straight through the heart. They, too, were met by a hail of small arms fire, and fought through it.

Battalion followed C Company in, and through the evening the infantrymen continued clearing Germersheim; the prisoners came in by the score.

With the 19th had been the 2nd Platoon of B-94.

Lieut. Joseph B. Rak, Pfc. Arnold M. Moen, Tec/5 David L. Brownell and Tec/5 Ernest H. Brooks, had led the column through the gently rolling hills.

At each town there were the snipers. Pvt. Jack Kirk was shot by a sniper while driving Corp. Fred H. Macnamara in a peep. Surrendering Germans flowed from every bush and gulley. The PW bag became enormous. Germans tried to run, and Pfc. James T. Sloper shot two with three rounds of his .50 caliber.

Rak had led the column to Herxheim. In ambush and surprise, the enemy had opened up; AT guns and mortars hit the column. Five leading vehicles were knocked out; Rak's M-8 escaped when Tec/5 Brownell slid the car into defilade. Rak and Moen manned the guns to cover the withdrawal of the dismounted men.

Pfc. John Hurin was killed here.

The tanks and infantry passed the Recon men and attacked Herxheim; when the march resumed, S/Sgt. Harvey C. Allison, Pfc. William H. Cuddyer, Tec/5 Milton D. Allsup, and Tec/4 Francis J. Hennelly, took over the point. The column crept by pillbox after pillbox on the way to Germersheim. The bridge to Germersheim had been blown; S/Sgt. Allison and crew found an alternate route. Allison's car entered the woods at top speed. A retreating enemy was shot up; a German demolition crew, at one bridge, was killed and the tankers' fire was successfully directed to knock out enemy tanks. During this time, Sgt. William C. Spirito, Pfc. Cecil S. Loomis, and Joseph Marchism kept bazooka teams down.

Sgt. Elmer B. Shupe, and his armored car crew of Tec/5s Trinidad Rameriz, John Rzmek, and Dwayne Hanson, did artillery sensing.

That night, in Germersheim, was not a quiet one; German artillery and mortars from across the Rhine continued to scream in.

In the morning, the cleaning-up was continued. A German officer appeared outside 2-C-19 CP, waving a white flag; when Pfc. Henry Ferry went out to accept the surrender, he insisted on speaking to an officer; and to Lieut. Robert E. Lingle he turned over his sword and his company of four officers and 54 men. A naked German officer, sopping wet, was captured after he swam the Rhine to Germersheim. The town was cleared by 1400 and B Company occupied positions along the river bank.

Lieut, Hack of the 47th rode a bicycle through the sniper fire in town to make contact with a patrol,

The town was outposted; it was not safe, for occasional fire still came in from across the river; the road leading in and out of town was under enemy observation, and the supply trucks coming up or going out were blasted; but in the town the men were riding bicycles up and down the streets. More than 1000 prisoners had been taken in the drive, and the 19th had suffered 141 casualties.

By the 26th, CCB had pulled back and reassembled near Dierbach. Lieut. Evan Jones was made commander of Company B-19; Lieut. Coxe was made commander of D-47 and Lieut. Boucher went to Company C as a Platoon leader.

The Band had been divided into MP squads again. T/Sgt. Ben Amar came as a replacement for T/Sgt. Evans and was put in charge of a fifth band squad. In reality there were still only four squads since four members of the 4th squad went to the warehouse and the remainder worked with the 3rd squad for the duration maintaining the division PW cage.

Back at the old routine, the 1st squad joined CCR in Wilwisheim on the 17th of March. On the 20th, the combat command was committed at Wissemberg and the following day a PW point was established at Kapsweyer, Germany and many PW's were processed. Heavy artillery came in. The next cage was established in Steinfeld, and enemy fire hampered operations. Hundreds of prisoners were taken and evacuated. Next came Schaidt where Pfcs. Martin Helmus and Heber Holland cleaned out a pillbox single handed. At this time, two cages were functioning in two different towns. The 25th found the squad in Minfeld and the 26th in Bellheim.

The 2nd squad followed the same pattern as the 1st except that it was attached to the MP headquarters for the duration and handled the PWs, processed them and trucked them back to the division PW cage. From the 17th of March to the 3rd of April, the squad operated in Neiderbetsdorf, Ober Seebach, Wissembourg, Schweighofen and Altenstadt.

The 3rd Squad ran the Division PW Cage; moved up past Hagenau and Hatten.

Headquarters of the 84th Medics had moved up to the fields south of Wissembourg, bivouacked during the drive.

Company A followed CCB through Hagenau and into Soultz; Corp. Joseph Pyle and Tec/4 Leonard Wright drove an ambulance up to the edge of a mine field near Hagenau, walked themselves out into the field to evacuate two American soldiers—who had been wounded by those mines. The company moved to Oberseebach, followed the command to Germersheim, "handled many Germans, but comparatively few American casualties."

B Company, with Division Trains, moved up into Hagenau, moved into a hospital, and then to an open field near Schaidt.

C Company, supporting CCA's drive, sent ambulances with each column of the Command, set up clearing stations in Mertzwiller and Hohwiller, to Oberseebach and Schweighoffen.

The breakthrough found the 154th Signal Company beginning to have the troubles that were not to end until the war was over; as the Division rolled ahead, the 154th was to continue to get in the communications, and conditions became increasingly difficult.

As CCB moved out, communications were moved to it; so with CCA, and so with CCR. When the Division CP moved to Schweighofen, the wire team with CCR worked under almost continuous enemy fire; Col. Hudelson commended the men of the wire team attached to his command, and every man on the team was recommended for the Bronze Star. At one time the wire team's weasels were out ahead of the tanks, waiting to move up, at the Dragon's Teeth. Wiremen with CCA were forced to crawl alongside the wire to repair



breaks, because of the intensity of the artillery fire.

A radio link station was put in to give better communication with Corps; the Company was moved to the Division Supply Point and moved with it. Toward the end of the month, the only communication between the forward and rear message centers was by peep.

During the breakthrough, A Company of the 136th was with CCR, B Company with CCB, and C Company with CCA. A Company, too, was to take care of the work of the 4380th Quartermaster Truck Company, attached to the Division.

Lieut. John Dodson was made liaison officer to replace Lieut. Robert Thompson, who in turn was made Division ammunition officer in place of Capt. Chapman. Chapman went to Military Government. The Battalion moved up to the Hagenau-Surbourg area; then to Schaidt, Freckenfeld and Dorrenbach; and two B Company men captured a German major general, hidden in a Siegfried pill box and trying to make his way back to his own lines. (Tec/5 Robert C. Ketters and Pfc. Vernon Wikston.)

On March 22, Tec/5 Roland Senften and Tec/4 George Wilson of C Company repaired a tank dozer at Schaidt, under fire, when the dozer's oil line was knocked out by shrapnel. S/Sgt. Lester E. Carter, Tec/4 William H. Barber and Tec/3 Urban K. Smith repaired 31 flat tires—from shrapnel fire—in one day. The men in Wissembourg repaired tanks under shell fire.

Ordnance supply picked up 20 spare tanks to be used for replacement; in this short period, 113 tanks were repaired, 56 half-tracks, 227 wheeled vehicles and 500 guns and instruments.

During the drives of CCA and CCB to the Rhine, the 48th Tank Battalion, minus, had been taking part in the push.

The 48th was attached to the 42nd Infantry Division; on March 22, two infantry companies were attached to the 48th,



and the tanks and infantry assembled at Ludwigswinkle, Germany.

At 1630, the column, under Maj. James N. Studer, moved out, passed through the lines of the 42nd. The column was led by Lieut. Paty's 2nd Platoon of B-48; then Lieut. Alvin R. Eberhardt's 1st Platoon; then Lieut. John A. Stair's 1st Platoon, with Capt. Robert G. Elder. Capt. John D. Wilson's Company C-48 followed; and infantry were mounted on all the tanks.

The column rolled up to Salwoog, east to Dahn; and the road was littered with the junk of the retreating German Army.

On the road to Dahn, an artillery piece was blasted out and there was a brief engagement; the column moved on, and the first of the prisoners started to flow through the 48th's hands.

The 48th's commanding officer, Maj. John C. Gavin, ordered the column to move as fast as it could; it rolled into Dahn so swiftly that the German seemed surprised more than anything else, soldiers and civilians alike. Outside Dahn, the lead tank was fired on by two panzerfausts, but the rockets exploded harmlessly against the sand-bagged front. At 2030, the column reached Busenberg and outposted for the night.

Maj. Cavin moved to the head of the column in a peep, ahead of the tanks; the air liaison officer was with him, the supporting cover of P-47's overhead. This was to be a perfect example of tank-aircraft teamwork.

















The planes watched ahead of the column; if the tanks hit a strong point, the air liaison officer radioed them from Cavin's peep; within a matter of seconds, the planes were strafing the enemy forces, and before the enemy could get back onto the guns, the tanks were on them.

The 48th's column collected 1300 prisoners on this drive. The 94th Cavalry had had units in all elements of the attack. On March 14, the Assault Guns of Troop E had fired on enemy attempting to cross the river. One man in A Troop was killed; the following day A Troop received heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire; B Troop was again attacked, and the assault guns of E Troop again were called into action.

On the 18th, the Squadron moved to Surbourg; and C Troop was sent to reconnoiter to Wintzenbach.

Tec/4 Thomas Lavenduski of A Troop was killed by a mortar shell. A Troop moved to Schleithal and to Altenstadt. The troop began to run patrols, mounted and dismounted, through the Bienwald; Tec/4 Richard Horney stepped on a sleeping German soldier and shot him; Tec/5 Paul Ellis shot another. Sgts. Faye E. Miller and Martin Roark penetrated to enemy positions.

The troop moved to Kapsweyer.

"The air was filled with powdered plaster and cement, reeked with the smell of burning buildings, animals and men. The streets were littered with the dead and dying, civilians and soldiers. One German lay dead in a pool of blood, twisted gruesomely, one arm outstretched as if he were pointing the way ahead."

Lieut. John F. Kraker directed his platoon through the Dragon's Teeth.

Troop A moved in to Hoerdt, the 2nd Platoon leading; Lieut. Kraker, with Lieut. Sidney S. Kweller, Sgt. Angelo R. Carino, Tec/5 Enno A. Bunting and Pfc. Ralph B. Russo ran into a road block and were fired on by an anti-tank gun and by small arms. All escaped range of the fire except Carino.

B Troop also was patrolling the Bien Wald for CCB, in the Schleithal-Schaidt area; then moved to Rohrbach with CCB, the 2nd Platoon with the 19th Infantry, the 3rd Platoon with the 47th; the 2nd Platoon ran into the bitter fire fight of CCB, and Pfc. John Huren was killed. With CCB, the troop moved into Germersheim, captured 133 prisoners.

C Troop was with Task Force Blue and CCA; reconnoitering routes, they were held up at Uberach and again at Mertzwiller. At Neewiller, the 3rd platoon leader was killed when the platoon ran up against dug-in infantry and mortar fire. The troop moved to Altenstadt; 1st Platoon with the 68th, 2nd Platoon with Task Force Blue and 3rd with the 25th; in the patrols around Kapsweyer, the 2nd Platoon lost one man; and after the breakthrough the troop was pulled back to Hergerswiller.

Also in the Siegfried line action was D Troop; the peep section of the 1st Platoon moved from Hohwiller to Schleithal. Sgt. Paul Strack took two armored cars out through the woods, north to the Lauter and then west to Altenstadt. Under artillery fire, the Recon men assisted in bridging the Lauter. The 1st Platoon, with a platoon of light tanks from F Company, moved up to try to reach Schaidt. Under heavy fire during the day and that night, Sgt. Taibi

moved up to find that the French already had their hands full fighting in the area, and the platoon withdrew.

The 2nd Platoon was patrolling in the same area; men of that platoon took eight prisoners, including an officer who came in with an enlisted man carrying his pack.

Lieut. Lester E. Jackley of the 3rd Platoon was given the mission of removing a mine field; no one could find the field, so they tied ropes to the steering wheel of a peep and drove it down the road by remote control. There was no mine field.

The troop moved into the Steinfeld area.

Sgt. Joseph F. Crossen's section of the 2nd Platoon captured several pillboxes after the men got into one, and used the telephone to call the others and talk the Germans there into surrendering.

F Company moved to Schleithal and then to Altenstadt, and fired on road blocks. Sgt. Robert W. Wadley's tank was struck under artillery fire; Sgt. Robert R. Johnson and his crew later pulled it out. The company moved to Kapsweyer; Lieut. George N. Bennett and Lieut. Larry E. Reynolds were so cold they went into a burning house to get warm, and fell asleep.

The Division pulled back to reassemble for the move across the Rhine.

On March 19, the War Department announced the promotion of General Smith to Major General, and Colonel Karlstad to Brigadier General.

Division Artillery, charged with reinforcing the fires of the 36th Division initially in the breakthrough, moved to Niedermodern. When CCA passed through the 36th Division. Divarty returned to support the Division; and Divarty moved to Oberseebach, where the first "weasel" was received.

The 499th and the 501st supported the tank-infantry drive on the Siegfried with masses of fire. Divarty moved into Kapsweyer.

The Air Section was not only flying missions, they were also called in to report the location of the head of the columns of CCA and CCB; the little "grasshopper planes" averaged six hours a day in the air.

The Air Section moved into Schweighofen.

The 499th moved into Schweighofen and up toward Schaidt in support of CCA's attack.

As the 500th moved up in support of that same attack, Lieut. Howard T. Graber and Pfs. Martin Gerberg went over to look at Hatten; as they were standing in the street a little old woman came out of one of the cellars and handed them a cigar box.

They opened it. In it were the dog tags of the Americans who had been killed, and left, in Hatten. (The American soldiers were buried, by the Alsatians, in the tiny graveyard; and slept there still under the ground where the AT guns and the machine guns had fired.)

Supporting the action of CCA, Capt. Donald C. Alexander set up an OP outside Kapsweyer. Tec/5 Gunther H. Manthie was hit by a shell fragment while repairing wire, and was killed; and Tec/5 Russell E. Moore and Pvt. Harry L. Saper were also wounded.

The 500th was ordered back to support CCB in its attack toward Germersheim; when the command ran into its trouble at the Siegfried town of Herxheim, Lieut. Edward J. Wenzel radioed back, and Battery A was off the road and in position in one minute, in three minutes had knocked out enemy anti-tank guns.

The Battalion moved into position at Bellheim, and Sgt. Octavio Ponzi, No. 2 gun of A Battery, alerted his crew (Tec/4 Raymond F. Schmidt, Corp. William E. Schneider, Jr., Pfc. Carmen R. DelPriore, Edward C. Huntley, Hollis J. Lemmon and Sam Sustin) and Lieut. Albert J. Elgin gave the command, "Fire"; and the first round was fired over the Rhine River. That night the battalion fired over 1000 rounds over the Rhine; a diversion was being made as XV Corps crossed.

The 501st, meanwhile, moved from Niedermodern to Oberseebach to Altenstadt; and the men of the Battalion could tell that the tempo of the attack was increasing.

On March 21, the battalion fired 1354 rounds; 1635 rounds on the 23rd.

A 499th half-track, observing in direct support of the attack near Steinfeld, was knocked out; Lieut. John P. Meyer of the 501st, with S/Sgt. Herbert C. Clark and Tec/5 Lynn B. Shaw, immediately assumed the duties of directing the fire.

(Tec/5 Richard Kudrle of Service Battery brought up the VTR with which Lieut. John Delmay filled in the anti-tank ditch near Schaidt; when Delmay was killed, the VTR was knocked out, and Kudrle stayed with it, vainly trying to save Delmay's life. Later Kudrle was awarded the Silver Star.)

The Battalion went into position at Kapsweyer, and later B Battery displaced forward through the Dragon's Teeth.

In position, they discovered enemy personnel, and an 88 MM gun in a draw about 200 yards away; reinforced with a gun of the 499th they reduced the AT gun and captured the enemy personnel.

At the end of the drive through the Siegfried, the battalion moved to Vollmersweiller.

While the infantrymen and tankers ground against the Siegfried, Lieut. William McKay's wiremen laid their lines and kept them operating.

Laying wire in Germany was no novelty for them.

Lieut. McKay led his crew into Germany when the 14th Armored first captured Wissembourg, and laid the first wire in Germany by the Seventh Army.

This was a different story, however.

Capt. Hudelson said:

"The wiremen were out for three days and nights, laying and repairing wire. They went out again and again under a furious hail of mortar, artillery, and rocket shells to keep the lines in.

"While all around them the tanks were firing, buttoned up, and the infantrymen were fighting, they scooted through the Siegfried line in their weasels as though they were back at Paris.

"I have never seen their bravery exceeded."

They fought mines and booby traps and the most ingenious concrete-and-steel fortifications that the Germans could devise; they fought 88s and artillery and mortars and small arms.

They fought for three long and bloody days; they in cross fire and death traps. And they kept the wire in.

The Division moved back into the Siegfried area; for a short while there was to be a rest period.

The engineers were clearing out the pillboxes, welding shut the steel doors; there were tours of some of the more elaborate pillboxes, the men were brought through the seven floors of their depth,

There was maintenance, and policing, and the men were in Germany, where they had "come as conquerors."

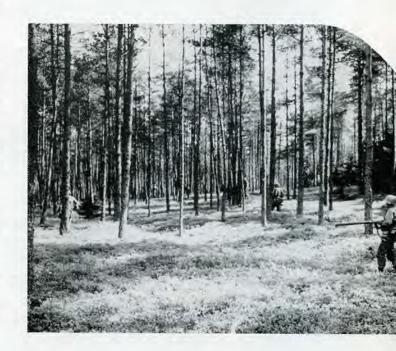
Wrote General Devers to the VI Corps Commander:

"In reviewing the operations of the Seventh Army for the past 12 days, I once again wish to express to you and your gallant troops my appreciation for the outstanding job which they have done. As one of the tried and proven veteran Corps of our Army you have again demonstrated your superiority over the enemy. You have added another victory to your already well known campaigns of Salerno, Anzio and Southern France.

"On 15 March you were ordered to attack the German defensive positions along the Moder River and, continuing that attack, breach the Siegfried Line. With the 3 DIA and CC6 of the 5 DB attached, you soon cleared the city of Hagenau and by 18 March had captured Lauterbourg. Wissembourg fell to your forces on 19 March. Task Force Monsabert, including the Allied forces already attached to you, was formed on the 19th. The VI Corps continued its attack and by 22 March had breached the Siegfried Line. In cooperation with the other Corps of the Seventh Army and the Third Army you then completed the mopping up of the Saar pocket and closed to the Rhine River.

"No such difficult operation could have been completed in so short a time had it not been for the brilliant leadership and sound application of tactical principles by you and your commanders and the efficient execution of orders by your troops.

"I desire that you express to every officer and man in the VI Corps, including the attached Allied troops and attached supporting troops, my sincere appreciation for your past deeds and my complete confidence in you in the battles to come. I will always be proud to have the VI Corps as part of my command."



## Chapter XII

## **PURSUIT**

## LOHR, GEMUNDEN, NEUSTADT, HAMMELBURG

April 1 - April 8, 1945

THE 14TH ARMORED DIVISION crossed the Rhine River Easter Sunday Morning, 1945. It had been a long, nearly-200-mile road march for the Division. The west bank of the Rhine had been completely cleared of Germans; the Division was shifted north and crossed the river on a pontoon bridge in the vicinity of Worms.

It was a long, cold drive, with headlights on the whole way; the men sat endlessly in their vehicles and tried to get some sleep, ate K rations. If you had been in a plane, you could have seen the endless columns of headlights of the American Army, moving up and converging on the bridges of the Rhine.

It was April 1st, April Fool's Day, Easter.

The convoys began crossing the bridge long before daybreak; and well after daybreak they were still crossing.

For many of the men, dawn was just breaking as the long lines of vehicles turned off the good German roads near Worms, swung down the banks and onto the bridge approaches; the pink and blood red of the cold-rising Easter sun streaked the gray morning sky with strips of gentle color, and the land of Germany revealed itself, clearer and clearer, the flat slightly rolling, brown-green fertile farmland of the Rhine Valley, gray and cold that morning, the twisted gray trees marching in files over the hills.

The Rhine was a disappointment for some of the men, used to the undisciplined wild rivers of America, the milewide rivers. The Rhine was about 500 yards wide; a quick-running stream in neat grassed banks, the water smooth and roily and gray-brown, very neat and well ordered (except for the tangled rust-steel wreckage of bridges, and sunken barges).

The pontoon bridge gave easily to the heavy vehicles as they crossed, the anchor ropes taut and the water boiling slightly about them; and the men knew this was it, this was really Germany somehow, and somehow it was hard to feel. On the banks, the AAA guns pointed their multiple snouts skyward.

All was quiet and the 14th was crossing the first of many rivers.

The 14th Armored Division passed to the control of XV Corps.

Combat Command A closed in the area Dieburg-Gunder hausen.

The Command (48th and 68th, Troop C-94 and Company C-125) was ordered to pass through the 3rd Infantry Division and attack northeast.

Attached to Division now, besides the 398th AAA Battalion, the 395th and 4380th QM Truck Companies, was the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, and A-636 was attached to CCA.

The Combat Command was divided into two columns: one principally of the 68th, with A-48; and one principally of the 48th, with A-68.

The 1st Platoon, C-94, together with the 68th's Reconnaissance Platoon, led the 68th's way in the attack; the column passed through the outposts of the 3rd Division and drove ahead. The column crossed the Main River at Gross Wallstadt, just south of Aschaffenburg (where a major action was to develop days later) and ran into stiff resistance at Partenstein.

The reconnaissance was stopped dead by sharp automatic weapons fire; and the infantry dismounted to attack.

Partenstein, in the windings of the Main, is in the hill country, wooded and steep.

B and C Companies of the 68th attacked; the fight went through the night house by house, and by early morning the town was cleared.

The column had moved 15 miles.

Moving out of Partenstein that morning, the 68th column continued to run into nasty resistance: not full-fledged





















counter-attacks nor last-ditch stands, but continued sniper fire and automatic weapons fire, and defended towns and road blocks in the hilly, wooded country; and each strong point meant dismounting, and attacking, fighting and deaths The 68th fought its way north that day to Rengersbrunn.

The next day brought the same story: a series of sharp small battles along the road, and then a bitter, savage, hours-long fight into the city of Burgsinn; and there the 68th column captured the bridge of the Sinn River intact. The attacking force crossed the Sinn and forced its way on through the narrow, twisting roads of the hills; and in the late afternoon made its way to Grafendorf.

The column halted; and Lieut, Graham P. Madden and Lieut, Robert M. Billhymer took a patrol up to the outskirts of town to find if it was occupied.

It was.

Machine guns covering a road block opened up, and two men in the patrol were killed. The infantry companies spent the rest of the night in defensive positions on the hills outside the town; next morning, C Company led off in the attack, and the town was cleared through the morning; and the Germans began another of their favorite tricks—not only fighting as the men came into town, but also as they started out again. As men of the 68th and A-48 started out of town. German defensive forces ahead blasted back at them again; the tank cannon and the .50 calibers and the heavy .30s plus reinforcing fire from the 69th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, cleaned out the enemy; the column proceeded.

Maj. Franklyn H. Walls, S-3 of the 68th, went out to check a flank outpost; he was cut off by a patrol of SS men, was wounded in a fire fight, and was taken prisoner together with an enlisted man. That night, Maj. Walls distracted the guard's attention, the enlisted man snatched the guard's pistol; when the battalion moved forward, Maj. Walls and the man were freed.

The attack continued on to Wartmannsroth, and the column ran into vicious fire. The Germans lowered their multibarrelled anti-aircraft guns and laid in on the infantrymen; and the tank-infantry column, charged with the mission of striking as swiftly and strongly as possible at the crumbling German defenses, turned from the powerful enemy defense and swung north to reach the town of Volkersleier.

The column outposted at Volkersleier for the night, next morning jumped off again north through the difficult, wooded, hilly terrain towards Schonderling; the town was taken and the column moved to Bischofsheim.

Near Regensbrunn, Sgt. Walter R. MacElhaney's tank was hit by a bazooka round and knocked out; near Waldheim, when the reconnaissance men were suddenly blasted with automatic weapons fire, Sgt. Clyde R. Hazeltine and Pfc. Lloyd Montgomery dismounted from their lead tank and moved the wounded men to safety, in that fire, and gave them first aid. (They were later awarded the Bronze Star.)

Moving into Polling on the narrow winding road, twisting among the heavily wooded hills, the tankers found a crater blown in the road before them—a crater blown with 2000 pounds of TNT, 50 yards long and the width of the road—and the infantry dismounted and went on ahead. The infantry ran into heavy fire, and were pinned down; and the artillery was called in.

A 12-year-old German boy came out of the woods, crying.

"Nichts schiessen mehr, nichts schiessen mehr," he wept; the artillery was systematically demolishing the houses in town, inevitably killing civilians. (Later, many a German civilian, man or weeping aged woman, boy or burgomeister, was to run, stumbling, from shelled towns to the American guns, asking mercy.) The SS troops, the boy said, were forcing the fight; the townspeople wanted to surrender. The boy went up to the forward OP, with a pair of field glasses, and pointed out the location of every German gun and strong point in the village; and the American guns blasted them out one by one.

The column went on.

On the way to Bischofsheim, the column was held up at Sandberg; German tanks opened up on the Reconnaissance elements, and the Recon men pulled aside to allow the tanks, the tank destroyers and the infantry ahead; men of Company B-68 attacked across an open field, and the town was cleared. Near Killanshof, too, the column was stopped by machine gun fire.

The task force reached Bischofsheim and was ordered to Unsleben to seize the river crossings there; by nightfall the column had sped on (behind and ahead again of the outposts now of the 45th Division) and hit Unsleben and established a bridgehead over the Streu River.

Next morning, tank and infantry outposts were established in the triplet-cities of Ober-Streu, Mittel-Streu and Heustreu to hold the bridgehead, and the main part of the task force remained in Unsleben.

The 48th Tank Battalion column, meanwhile, had moved from its assembly area at Neuhutten, through Frammersbach, and on toward Lohrhaupten and Mittelsinn.

The 48th's story could be called the story of three days fighting—three days of fighting and three days of white flags.

The 48th column fought up the valley of the Sinn,

The Sinn is a tributary of the Main; it flows through a land of gently rolling fields that stretch to the distant horizon, and it flows past steep wooded hills where the fragrance of the pines fills your nostrils.

It is a narrow stream, twisting gently to the fields, bor dered by close-clipped willows and rushing gushing through the valleys. It looks as if it might have trout.

It was Spring, the fields were green and the farmers out plowing. It was a lovely countryside, and if you were a few thousand yards away, all you would see of the battle would be two or three columns of smoke rising from a village, and a tank inching cautiously across a field.

The men of the column didn't notice the countryside. The men in the half-tracks and peeps and the tanks—this is more what they saw:

#### FIRST DAY

"Tanks!" said the regimental commander. "We've had 'em before. They clog the roads, they tear up the turns, they draw fire, and they don't do a damned thing."

Major Cavin said nothing. After all, orders were that the 48th column spearhead the breakthrough for the 3rd Division.

Major Cavin said:

"How many tank battalions have you worked with before, sir?"

"No battalions," the regimental commander answered









"But we've had tanks attached to us. They tear up the roads--"

"You give me the okay to start through this town and I'll clear it in five minutes."

"Forty tanks in five minutes?"

"I'll do it."

"Take off," the regimental commander said.

Cavin cleared the town in five minutes.

Three days and 115 miles later, the regimental commander told Cavin he had the best tank battalion in the army.

The column passed through the 3rd Division. The first town, Lohrhaupten, gave up without a struggle. White flags hung from the windows of the village as the troops roared in; not a shot was fired.

Cavin looked up the valley. Ahead was Aura; a big town—and promising to be a nasty one.

"How do I get to Aura?" Cavin asked a civilian.

"Well, there's a good road-"

The 48th had had experience on good roads before—and those experiences included fighting two hours to get by a roadblock.

"How about this back road?" Cavin asked, and the natives looked at the tanks and shook their heads.

Cavin sent out his reconnaissance, and determined the good road was too dangerous. So, on foot through the enemy-held woods, he led his battalion in the back way to Aura.

Aura lay in the valley, along by the stream; the back road wound up along the sides of the hills, mounted the hill behind Aura, then dropped sharply into the town.

When the 48th topped the rise, there in the town below were an estimated 500 Germans running over the fields, turning Volkswagons around, hitching horses to artillery pieces.

They had gotten word of the advance and were trying to retreat.

The battalion deployed along the ridge and the 76 MM guns began to fire down into the Germans. With their base of fire established the tanks suddenly roared down the slope and into the city.

The white flags began to fly again; and the German soldiers—those who hadn't been killed—surrendered by the score. Some tried to run for the woods; tanks took out after them and they surrendered and marched back in platoons.

Night had fallen before the battalion had assembled in Aura, and the men of the tank battalion and of A-68 were going through the streets and the houses, cleaning out the prisoners still left.

It was a black night and the tankers on guard could hear someone bumping his way along.

"Who goes there?"

"Kamerad, kamerad, where do I surrender?"

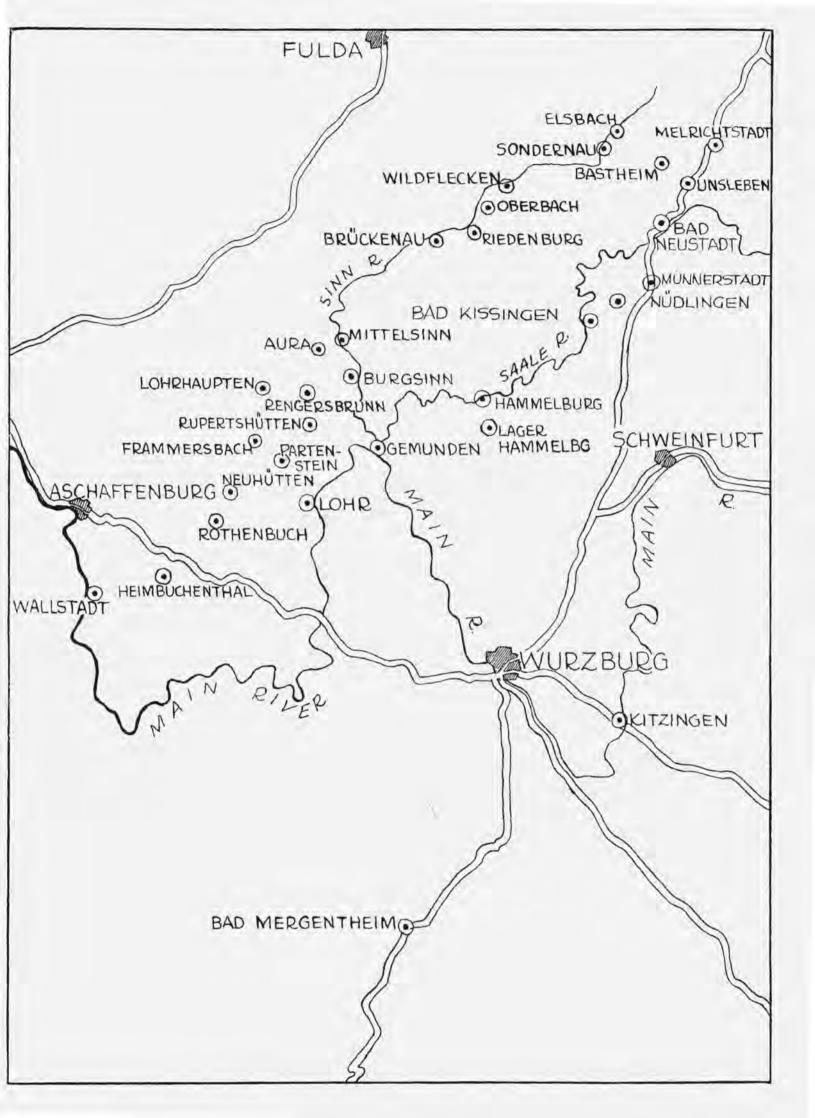
That was the first night.

#### SECOND DAY

At dawn, the column started up the valley; and within an hour's time had arrived at Rossbach.

The tanks ground into town without firing a shot—and there was the German garrison just getting ready to sit down to breakfast being served by Italian prisoners. German soldiers—and women.

Ninety prisoners were taken, and 20 women; and the



Italians asked the men of the battalion if they wouldn't like to eat the German breakfast. Also, the Italians, overjoyed at being freed and trying to kiss everyone, wanted to know if they couldn't get into the tanks and fight.

Told they could not, they took German rifles and joined the 68th.

That morning Rupboden, up the valley, fell to the 48th. Only the white flags were flying and the civilians crowded the sidewalks to watch the tanks.

As the column moved on out, a tank commander looked back and saw a German running down the streets of the city, urging the civilians to pull down the white flags. The tank commander swung his turret and cut the man down with his machine gun. The column moved on. It encountered stubborn resistance: enemy infantry, self-propelled guns, and tanks. Resistance was broken with the aid of the artillery, observed by Lieut. John Paul, commanding the 2nd Platoon of A-68. The hospital center of Bad Bruckenau, resort center with 80 doctors and nurses and 400 patients, was captured without firing a shot, Tec/5 Elmer Fisher's crew fired on an anti-tank gun outside town and captured five of the gun crew.

Ill fortune accompanied the next action. There was a stiff fight and after three hours hard fighting eighteen men battled their way into the first two houses of Bruckenau; and heavy bazooka firing set fire to the first house. The 1st Platoon suffered heavy casualties from artillery, attempting to get up to those 18 men. The besieged men hung on grimly through the night; the next morning the American attack on the town was successful. It was during this attack on Bruckenau that a four man patrol from A Company undertook a daring mission. Four volunteers: Pfcs. Read M. Bisswell, Carl E. Benson, Royal A. Parks, and Ellwood M. Hoover, proceeded several hundred yards in advance of the main attack to determine whether the road was free of obstacles. The route was down the main road and across two hundred and fifty yards of flat, open, treeless terrain. The men were informed that several hundred enemy troops had been reported in the town during the night, and that many bazooka-men were presumed to be along the main road in the woods. The patrol moved fast across the field, harassed by a mortar barrage and sniper fire, got to the besieged eighteen men, and brought back information that allowed the column to overrun the town.

At Bruchenau the column picked up two prisoners of war who told them that they came from Romershag—the next town—and that Romershag wanted to surrender but that there were SS men who said Hitler had told them if they surrendered they would be shot.

Maj. Cavin put the PWs on a quarter ton with a white flag and drove them to the outskirts of town. The prisoners went on in to tell the people if the town surrendered there would be no shooting and the quarter ton came back.

An hour later Maj. Cavin went up to the town in a tank with a white flag; but the tank was fired on and turned back.

Romershag was taken that night. The two original prisoners were found in a cellar with two SS guards; the PWs said the SS had refused to let them make the peace terms known.

It was not all a drive from town to town.

At Romershag and later at Neustadt, and at other towns, there was fighting. The 500th Field—so anxious to keep up with the fast moving column that at one time its artillery pieces got up into the point and the forward observers were behind it—would go into position and the 105's would bark. The tanks would deploy and the 76's would speak; and the walls of the neat little villages would erupt into geysers of smoke and rubble; and the tanks would roll forward, and there would be anti-tank guns and bazookas and snipers, and soldiers would die.

The tankers and the infantrymen lying dead alongside the road didn't know that the war was almost over, and that this was a glorious victory.

That was the second night of the breakthrough.

#### THIRD NIGHT

By the third day a neat little system for marking roads had come into use.

The maintenance vehicles and kitchens and other battalion administrative vehicles following the tanks and half-tracks were finding it a little difficult to follow the fighting troops; and it was no place to get lost.

So, every time the tanks came to a turn, they simply marked a "V" with machine gun bullets in the side of the house to show the way they'd gone. No one got lost.

Oberbach was taken easily; and the column was ordered to by-pass Wildflecken and go straight to Bischofsheim—but Wildflecken wouldn't have it that way.

As the column started to pass Wildflecken, it was fired upon from the flank; so it turned and went into the city. It turned out to be a nasty little fight to get in there.

Three hundred prisoners were taken—there were three German military camps there, and hospitals; and there were taken some of 300 railroad cars.

In Wildflecken an hour, the 48th was notified that the 3rd Division was going to attack the city, and that as a pre-liminary it was going to drop a TOT in.

"No, no, no," said Cavin.

"If the 3rd had really started to take the town," said Maj. Cavin, "I wouldn't want to be one of the people in there trying to keep them out."

That was the town, too, where Sgt. Charles Wolfram of the 68th picked up a German soldier riding a bike up to his house. The German didn't know the town had been taken—he had gotten a furlough from Italy after months of combat and was just getting home.

From Wildflecken, the column went to Bischofsheim; and met the 68th column; and from Bischofsheim it turned south to Neustadt.

The move from Bischofsheim to Neustadt can be described only as a rat race.

There were the tanks, medium and light, moving in column at 15 miles an hour; there were the half-tracks with the men of the 68th and the men of the 125th; armored cars of the 94th; and the whole column was smashing through a disorganized resistance.

There was the German infantry, trying to retreat, and breaking ranks and running for the woods and the tanks caught up with them; there was the artillery, German horses galloping and leaping crazily and crumpling as American mobile artillery caught them on the road.

There were knots of resistance.

Fifteen German artillery pieces and a nebelwerfer on a

half-track were run over by tanks on that 14 mile jaunt, and God knows how many infantry ran into the woods—besides those that were lying beside the road or in the fields.

Lieut. John R. Scott led the column into Neustadt in a light tank; he ran through the streets into the main part of town, through the snipers fire and the bazookas, turned around and said into his microphone:

"Gentlemen, the rat race is over."

It wasn't quite.

The tankers and infantry were still fighting in the stree's, fighting civilians and fighting soldiers. Two German soldiers ran out with a panzerfaust and aimed; but the bow gunner in the next tank aimed and fired; he hit the noze of the pan zerfaust and it exploded.

Pfc. Walter Hammonds, driver for Maj. Albert O. Kingsley, tried to follow a tank into town with his quarter ton, and German soldiers shot the man riding with him.

The Germans were taking Hammonds prisoner when the battalion medics came up.

"Go on through," the German told the medics.

"Can we take these men?" the medics asked.

"Take this man," said the Germans, pointing to Hammonds' passenger, "He's wounded. But you can't have the driver."

Hammonds said he had hurt his knee getting out of his vehicle.

"Can we take a look at him, too?" the medic asked, and the Germans gave them permission. The medics shook their heads as they looked at Hammonds knee. It had a slight scratch.

"This leg will have to come off," they said, and Hammonds was freed.

The fighting went on.

In the face of the stubborn defense, a small group of volunteers from A-68 were sent to try to reach the burgomeister to negotiate a surrender of the town. Despite the deadly and accurate enemy fire, the men made their way from house to house, with S/Sgt. Eilif P. Dahl in the lead. Two men were wounded, but Dahl moved forward a mile through the streets; he reached the burgomeister, but the burgomeister was killed going back with him to the American lines. There was no surrender. Later Dahl was awarded the Bronze Star.

(Lieut. John A. Stair, Lieut. Raymond Franklin, Lieut. John K. Chatlain, Sgt. William D. Urschell, and Pfc. Joseph Tencza were all wounded in the fighting; Lieut. John R. Scott, 1st/Sgt. Harold W. Summers, S/Sgt. Harold F. Gadberry, Tec/4 Mike J. Montoya, Corp. Curtis Mabes, Tec/5 Leo W. Knottner, Pfc. Thaddeus V. Chronowski, and Pfc. Casey A. Kucharski, all of C-48, were later awarded the Bronze Star for their work in taking care of the wounded under fire.)

That night Capt. Carl Bernhardt, 48th battalion maintenance officer, moved into town with his vehicles, and in the darkness, set up shop between the American forces and the German forces.

Next morning, as the maintenance started to work on a disabled vehicle, they found themselves between two fires.

Capt. Bernhardt promptly organized his men into a combat platoon, launched an attack, and captured nine prisoners without a casualty.

There are many stories that can be told.



















Lieut. Anthony Wise, of the 125th, was told to reconnoiter the bridge into Breuckenau, but didn't know he was expected to wait until after the column attacked; so he went up alone, ahead. He was looking at the bridge and found the German guard standing beside him. He got a bullet hole in his helmet.

There were the Poles, freed in one of the little towns captured, who picked up German rifles and joined the Italians fighting with A-68—A-68 had quite an added bit of power after they finished liberating allied prisoners of the Germans.

And T/Sgt. Charles B. Nagy, who captured 198 Hungarian soldiers in one day by his ability to talk them into surrendering—in Hungarian.

And Tec/5 Wymon A. King, cooking for the men of the battalion in the midst of the fighting, looked up to see two Nazi soldiers standing in front of him. They wanted to surrender.

There are endless stories in a breakthrough.

Stories of capturing eggs and champagne, stories of the heat and tiredness, the endless moving, fighting 115 miles in three mad days, the dirt and grime and firing.

And there are stories that are always in war—attack or defense, major battles or minor patrol—stories of the heroism of men, and the death of men.

CCA's report said:

"The 68th Infantry advanced 25 miles capturing 11 towns and seizing crossings of the Saale River at Unsleben. Some resistance was encountered in Sandberg from enemy tank fire. The 48th Tank advanced 14 miles capturing the towns of Unter Weissenbrunn, Wegfurt, Schonau, Brendlorenzen and Neustadt. The advance progressed rapidly, destroying many enemy guns and vehicles. Intense sniper fire (soldiers and civilians) was encountered in Neustadt and the town was reported cleared at 2230 on April 7. The main Neustadt bridge was seized and held intact."

The German war machine was collapsing; the German nation was being overrun.

On April 5th the 94th Cavalry was attached to CCA; the Squadron was ordered to advance in the center of the zone, clearing the resistance between the 48th and 68th.

The towns of Weissenbach, Modlos, Ober Leichtersbach, Breitenbach, Schondra, Mitgenfeld, Schildeck and Geroda fell to the 94th with light resistance; the towns of Platz, Waldfenser, Burkardroth, Stangenroth and Gefall were cleared; and the 94th ran into heavy tank and small arms fire in the town of Langenleiten and was forced to withdraw.

Combat Command B, meanwhile, was also driving ahead.

The Command—composed principally of the 47th, the 19th, and the 499th—had moved to the Gross Zimmern area from west; the men had expected to have a few days to get their vehicles and equipment into shape after that 200-odd-mile road march.

At 0300 on April 1 the Command had started its 200-mile march; at 0300 on April 2 it moved out of the Gross Zimmern area on the way to the attack.

Combat Command B also passed through the 3rd Division outposts.

The Command moved for almost 75 more miles, resistance limited to road blocks and sniper fire. CCB crossed the Main River at Woerth, and approached the town of Lohr.

The honeymoon ended at Lohr.

"Leading elements encountered heavy small arms fire," the CCB report said. "It was impossible to by-pass the town, and an attack was launched. Resistance was extremely stubborn."

The Lohr Valley, too, was pleasant and Springlike; the river gurgled fresh and clear, and the woods rising up the steep hillsides on either side were fresh and fragrant with the new growth; and the woods would part and show the green and lovely countryside,

And the woods suddenly lashed forth with machine gun fire and burp gun fire and sniper fire; and the guns of the half-tracks and the tanks clattered sharply back; and the sound re-echoed in the valley until it sounded like a Division barrage; and men were wounded.

Capt, Ernest M. Spokes of Company A-19 was wounded, and Lieut. Francis X. Bingham took command of the company.

The city of Lohr is located at the junction of the Lohr and the Main Rivers, and the only approach is down its own valley. There was no by-passing.

C Company of the 47th, and men of the 2nd Platoon of C-19 were in the lead as the column struck for Lohr, the infantry riding on the tanks; the attack began at 1700.

Lieut. Felix Prieur's gunner, Corp. William Miller, knocked out three German self-propelled 75 MM guns, but Lieut. Prieur's tank was bazookaed and Prieur was killed by a sniper. In the first bitter action, the 47th lost three medium tanks; and four men were wounded—Tec/4 Emil Zynda, Tec/4 Lyle Clute, Pfc. Stanley Gerla and Pvt. Ernest Nystrom.

C Company, and the infantry, were in the outskirts of town, fighting savagely, progressing slow and bloody inch by slow and bloody inch; and Lieut. Coxe took his light tanks around on the flanks and entered the town from the rear; he knocked out three horse-drawn 75s and suffered no losses.

By now darkness was falling.

More and more infantrymen had been moving up. The 3rd Platoon of C-19, mounted, by-passed the 2nd Platoon.

The town was afire from the shelling, the flames leaping through the darkness and crackling through the madness of the firing; the smoke was in your eyes and nose, and the weird shadows of the men running, and of the tanks, and of nothing at all (at night, in a burning town, in war) leapt and jumped along the walls.

Battalion Headquarters and the Medics of the 19th moved into town. The machine guns and mortars and assault guns and the men of B Company moved up.

B Company began to fight through the southern part of town while C Company was to fight to the north, then swing east.

The fighting went on; Tec/5 A. J. Thompson of B Company began to evacuate casualties in his half-track.

Artillery fell through the night, and the attack jumped off again the next morning, A-19 and 47th tanks attacking straight east through the main street of own, B and C-19, with 47th tanks, to hold the flanks; when A Company was half-way through, B-19 and the tanks were to attack south and then west; C would attack east and north.

The artillery, the mortars and the assault guns had a perfect OP just north of the main street and were ready to fire. Company A-19 and the tanks met heavy and stubborn resistance, sniper and machine gun fire, and Lieut. Parko's tank, of B-47, was bazookaed and burned. Other tanks were knocked out, a driver was wounded and his tank, out of control, crashed through a stone-and-plate glass store front; tanks blocked the streets and the infantrymen fought from behind them, and smoke swirled from the burning buildings and plaster and stone poured into the streets as the buildings were blasted by the artillery and tank guns; half-tracks were knocked out and German tanks were burning fiercely.

A Company reached its objective, C Company jumped off and met the same resistance and slowly forged ahead.

B Company, and the tanks with it, fought along; men were wounded and men were killed, and the dead lay sprawled in the streets; and part of B Company drove its way to tie in with A Company; B Company reached the banks of the Main and was receiving direct fire from the enemy across the river; a tank was knocked out by an AT gun on the other side. Lieut. Evan Jones was wounded and Lieut. John Conroy took command. The west bank of the river was slowly cleared.

The Germans attempted to withdraw, but the tank guns and the artillery and mortars, the heavy machine guns now cut them down; the main bridge over the Lohr River had been blown, but there was a small bridge left; and as the enemy pulled back in disorganized retreat, the tanks and infantry pursued him over this bridge to the next town north, Sackenbach; air support was called up, and the Command fought to Sackenbach.

The light tanks of the 47th's D Company led the way, and S/Sgt. Willie Duffet of D Company was killed in the fighting there.

Sackenbach was taken, CCB hastily reorganized (Company B-47 passed through Company D, and the infantrymen from Company A-19 scrambled onto the tanks) and continued with the pursuit.

Moving out of Sackenbach, the infantrymen were forced off the tanks under heavy mortar fire, but the column pressed ahead toward Nantenbach. It was getting dark again and along the road to Nantenbach the ground sloped gradually up, rising to a ridge that was parallel with the road.

Here, again, the enemy was defending; German infantry was dug in along the slope. As Capt. Beaty's tanks moved along the road the German infantry began to rise from their foxholes and bazooka the tanks, Capt. Beaty's tank was hit and he was wounded; the infantrymen hit the ditches and the fire fight grew intense; the enemy, dug in above the Americans, began to roll grenades down the slope and the grenades exploded among the foot troops. Lieut, Marshall rolled his tank up to cover the fight; his heavy tank gun and his machine guns sprayed the hill. Marshall got out of his tank and lifted Capt. Beaty to the rear deck.

The Americans charged; the fiercely fighting troops closed in a deadly hand-to-hand struggle. T/Sgt. Herbert J. Leese of the 1st Platoon of A-19 was found dead later, his fingers locked about the throat of a German who still had a bayonet in his right hand; Sgt. George W. Bennett and Pvt. Henry Bochner were killed going to Leese's aid. Pfc. Aubrey W. Finley was found dead in front of a German machine gun position—and in the position were four dead Germans.



Gradually the Germans were forced back; and that night the tanks and the infantry fought into Nantenbach.

(Back in Lohr, where the rest of the battalions were closing, Tec/5 Robert E. Tate and Pfc, William J. Rudometkin of the Medical Detachment, 19th, had gone forward to recover men of the 94th, wounded, whose armored car had been knocked out by bazooka fire. They were captured and Tec/3 Robert S. Munson, who went out to look for them, was captured also; next day, as the city was cleared, all three were rescued.)

On April 4, CCB set out for Langenprozelten.

Company D-47 was in the lead with the infantry. Approaching the town, the enemy opened up again with mortars, machine guns, and bazookas; Sgt. Virgil Bardwell's tank was hit and two men killed. Barwell and his driver, Tec/5 Lloyd Burnett, were both burned as the tank burst into flames and Burnett was wounded by a sniper as he crawled out of the tank.

The men of C-19 dismounted and began to push forward through the sniper and machine gun fire; and the fire stopped them.

Then the air support planes, already overhead, were called

tar fire started falling on them; the air support was called in again, the artillery moved its fire to Gemunden, the tanks pulled up onto a ridge to lay direct fire on Gemunden.

The fighter planes snarled down at vicious speed, the bombs dropped like specks and exploded like booms of thunder, and columns of black smoke arose. The town was afire and burning badly; and the infantrymen crouched on the hill outside, waiting.

The tanks of Company B-47 started on the road into Gemunden, infantrymen of C-19 working their way along the railroad tracks alongside.

At the railroad junction at the west edge of town, a murderous sheet of automatic weapons fire pinned down the infantrymen. Lieut. John Quinn's tank started through the railroad underpass, a German bazookaman rose and fired, Lieut. Quinn and another man were killed. Lieut. Marshall moved up and he was hit and wounded.

The 47th was short of officers. B Company was now under command of 1st Sgt. Elmer Harr. Lieut. Travis Coxe was transferred back from D Company to command B, and Lieut. Eugene Marsack was given command of D Company.



down and the tanks opened direct fire on the town; the artillery opened up from the rear. Company  $\Lambda$ -19 moved up.

The Germans began to pull back, began to surrender, and C Company moved on into town, followed by A Company and the tanks; the troops pushed through the town and the next town was Gemunden.

Gemunden was defended.

Before Combat Command B's advance tank and infantry recon men even moved out of Langenprozelten, enemy mor-

Company A-19 was sent up again to support the attack, to give close support to the tanks; Lieut. Francis X. Bingham was wounded and Lieut. William M. Driscoll took command of the company; under mortar fire A Company moved up beside C Company, and it, too, was pinned down.

Artillery fire continued to pour into Gemunden, tank and mortar fire, and the rocket tank was called up to launch its 64 vicious projectiles; another air support mission was called. Gemunden was thoroughly ablaze, afire from one end





to the other; the smoke drifted up into the late afternoon sky; and still the enemy defended.

Men of the 19th began to inch ahead. The 2nd Platoon of A Company got into the railroad station and the 1st and 3rd Platoons of C Company got into two houses near the railroad station; the 2nd Platoon of A Company and the 2nd Platoon of C took the next houses, and the men began to move into Gemunden; house by house they fought their way to the river. (The Saale and the Sinn flow together just north of Gemunden, and at the town they flow into the Main.)

The bridges were blown and there was no way across.

The Companies held there for the night; in the early morning engineers from B-125 put assault boats in the river and ferried the 1st Platoon of C-19 and the 2nd Platoon of A-19 across the river; then a creek had to be crossed and the first span of that bridge had been blown; the infantrymen took a house next to the bridge, went into the attic, and jumped to the second span. Sniper fire snapped at the streets as the men ran from house to house. Lieut. Joseph Osborn, with two men, was captured in one of the houses; S/Sgt. Joseph Antolik came up and was shot by one of the guards. The three captured men were freed three hours later. Pfc. Andrew Dahl came into the house in which they were being held, and came downstairs and shot one of the guards with his BAR; the other two guards surrendered.

The 2nd Platoon of C Company crossed the river in assault boats and joined the 1st; and both platoons were under "considerable sniper fire" from Germans in the boxcars along the railroad. Tanks fired into the boxcars and set them on fire.

Both A and C Companies were assembled by then, and the infantrymen started the job of clearing the town, house by house; the fires were so bad it was hard to see, and hard to breathe; and every now and then a building would crash into the street as the fire ate through the timbers.

By 1800 the 62nd Infantry had been brought up into the fight, and the town was cleared; and infantrymen from the 3rd Division entered the town from the East.

The artillery continued to fall, and the engineers moved up to build a bridge; artillery fell on the engineers, but the bridge was finished; the next morning CCB moved out of the still-burning town.

Combat Command B was ordered to cut free and capture the German Camp for Allied Prisoners of War at Lager Hammelburg, just south of the town of Hammelburg.

Combat Command B cut loose.

The bull-dozers and tank-dozers were scraping smoldering rubble off the streets of Gemunden as the Command moved out in two columns.

The 19th was to seize all roads south and east of the prison camp; the 47th was to strike into the camp from the north.

The 47th ran into its first trouble a short distance from Gemunden, when three A Company tanks were knocked out by German tanks along a ridge near the town of Hessdorf; five men were wounded. TDs from the 636th TD Battalion





knocked out two of the German tanks, and the column moved on.

The tanks took off cross country, rolling fast across the fields and moving so fast that they hit the prison camp, miles away, at 1345.

Col. Gillespie, informed, called back for a verification that the tanks were really there.

The 19th column, meanwhile, had been moving toward the prison camp, fighting. The column had started out: 1-B-94, A-47, A-19, 1-B-125, the rest of the 19th and Trains.

The head of the column hit a road block two miles out of Gemunden.

Hessdorf, Bonnland, Hundsfeld, their route was, and A-19 men dismounted to fight this first road block.

A squad of A Company men moved up on the ridge to the left of the road, at the road block, to flank the road block and come down on it from the rear; and the Germans surrendered. The block was inspected for mines, then the tank dozer came up and scraped it out of the way.

The column moved on and at Hessdorf the head of the column missed a turn and the column went into Hollrich. Anti-tank guns opened up.

Two tanks were hit, and the AP pierced the front armor plate, but neither was disabled. Mortar and artillery fire fell among the men, fired from a ridge on the column's left; the guns of the column opened up on the ridge; and men of A-19 assaulted dismounted. The ridge was cleared.

As the 19th column moved back from Hollrich, enemy tanks opened up; the artillery converged on those tanks, and the 47th's tanks and the TD's knocked them out; and when the men got up to them they were captured American Shermans.

The column moved on.

The terrain through which the 19th was moving now was studded with an occasional pillbox; and though most of them were undefended, the tanks and tank destroyers took a crack at each one with their high velocity guns just in case.

A German soldier came staggering out of one and surrendered.

Near Bonnland, the column was subjected to mortar fire again; but moved on and reached Hammelburg.

This is the story of the capture of Hammelburg:

At 0900 they first heard the distant whine of a tank engine. It sounded like an airplane, Then it stopped; and then there was the rattle of a machine gun.

They crowded to the 10-foot wire fences and listened with bated breath. The machine gun fire increased in intensity; then there was the sudden sharp crack of a 76 MM high velocity gun, carrying clear on the morning air.

"They" were the men in Hammelburg; "they" included American lieutenant colonels down to enlisted men; Australians; British; Russians; Italians; Serbs. Over 4,000 men. A Serbian General. A Belgrade newspaper correspondent.

Some had been in German hands five years; some a few months.

They all listened to the sound of the distant firing, looked occasionally at the German guards. The guards were listening too.

Now came the sound of German artillery, the shells passing overhead; but still, in between, the tank engines whined and died away; and the firing sounded closer. The prisoners who were tankers themselves could see the battle in their mind's eye—the tanks firing, then suddenly moving forward to another position, one by one, then firing again. That was how the sound of the engines rose and fell; that was how the firing started and stopped and started again.

Hammelburg, besides being a prison camp, was a training camp for the German army; the guards and the defense personnel and the troops in training were all out firing at the on-coming tanks.

At 1100 the prisoners could hear a tank engine rise to a scream; over the rise of a distant hill they first saw the awkward grey-green bulk of an American tank appear and disappear; and the German guard fled on foot.

The tank column split, one half passing west of the camp, and all but a few of the rest of the tanks going east. The bulk of the tank force did not stop but sped on by, intent on destroying the Germans and advancing further to the north and east.

A few tanks roared straight at the camp, crashed through the fences and gates, clanked down the concrete streets.

The prisoners roared their cheers—British, American, Russians.

An American enlisted man said;

"The American flag on that tank looked as good as the Statue of Liberty."

A Serb saw a 14th Armored Division shoulder patch, picked it up, beaming. "I have this?" he asked. "I frame it, for my children and grandchildren."

There was an execution wall in the camp. A lead stop five feet eight inches from the ground, to stop the bullets. The block of lead was pitted and scored. It was stained dark red. Two stretchers lay nearby; both stained red also. Beside it was a small concrete building with two rooms. A waiting room with a mural of Christ and the words in German:

"I am the hope and the life," and a morgue with a pool of blood on the floor.

Maj. Alton Kircher, Exec of the 47th, sent Lieut. Boucher with a platoon of tanks and a section of the 94th Recon to clear the enlisted men's section of Hammelburg. They found American officers there, wearing Serbian clothing, put on to escape being marched further back; they found Englishmen from Dunkirk and a 14th Armored Division lieutenant who had been captured at Lohr.

Lieut. Hack, with a platoon from C Company, was ordered to clear the woods of stragglers and to outpost.

The country was a maelstrom of shouting, cheering, liberated prisoners, looking for chickens or lamb or eggs or bread—anything to eat—and wine or schnapps or cognac—anything to drink—or were roaming just for the joy of being outside the gates.

35 of the guards were captured and interned.

The command moved on in the attack,

(Lann of the 47th and Lieut. Col. Green of the 19th fought so well through this action that Col. Gillespie recommended both of them for the Silver Star.)

The 47th by-passed the town of Hammelburg, drove through Fuchstadt without opposition, ground cross-country to Sulzthal where Company D knocked out a German medium tank, an AT gun, a German ammunition truck, and an estimated 10 flak wagons; the battalion took Ramsthal and Arnhausen and struck into Bad-Kissingen on the morning of the 8th.

Lieut. Harding's Recon Platoon had scoured the country endlessly in front of the tanks, finding road blocks and blown bridges; they took off at night cross country and through dense woods, to look for a route for the battalion.

The 47th launched itself at Munnerstadt. (Pfc. Fred S. Howard was injured when a peep rolled over a railroad embankment on that night march); Lieut. Hack went into Munnerstadt with Lieut. Harding, in a peep, and in the town they made a turn. They found themselves driving head on at a German Volkswagen, driven by a German officer also on a reconnaissance. Both slammed their brakes on. Both skidded to a stop. Both were thrown into reverse and took off back.

Hack led his tanks into town; at an archway of the ancient city, he was fired on by an anti-tank gun; his tank was hit seven times, the sand-bags blasted, but no one was wounded; and another tank got the AT gun.

The 19th's column spent half an hour reducing a defended road block on the road to Fuchstadt; the column passed through Gressthal and came under enemy time fire, so heavy that the vehicles were dispersed in the fields. Off on the right flank friendly vehicles could be seen; they were from the 62nd (part of CCR) and they told men of the 19th that the next town ahead, Wasserlossen, was defended.

A five-minue artillery preparation was laid on Wasserlossen, and Company C-19, with its accompanying 47th Tanks, moved into town. An American tank with German markings was spotted in the edge of the woods; the tanks of the 47th knocked it out.

The tank-infantry team cleared the town; Company A-19, still under the time fire, had suffered a number of casualties.

The 19th column moved toward Orlenbach; at dusk the column approached the outskirts of town, and saw the civilians running for cover. That meant a fight. (If the civilians put up white flags and came out to meet you, that meant there were no German troops in town and there would be no fight; if they ran for cover it meant they were getting out of the way of the gun fire.)

Men of C-19 dismounted from the leading tank of A-47, and the tank-infantry team made its way into town; it reached the junction west of town and found 45 soldiers standing in formation; because of the darkness it was impossible to identify them immediately. When they saw the Americans, they scattered and ran; and the guns cut them down. They were Germans. Some of them got back to Orlenbach and opened fire; they were captured.

Anxious for speed, pressing on, the column continued after dark. The men were tense and strained as the vehicles rolled along.

The column reached the outskirts of Klinghausen. Two Germans running across the street were captured; one was an officer. He said the town contained a number of German troops, but the town had not been outposted because the Americans had not been expected for two or three days.

Enemy mortar and artillery fire began to fall in the street; the small arms fire began to cut the streets; and the houses began to burst into flames from the artillery rounds. Resistance was disorganized; and instead of fighting it out, the column passed on through the blazing town, leaving the Germans behind. The battalion moved through the night, through Bad-Kissengen and Nudlingen to Munnerstadt. The battalion was ordered to outpost Burglauer and Niederlauer.

Combat Command Reserve was composed principally of the 25th Tank Battalion and the 62nd Infantry.

The command, with the rest of the Division, had crossed the Rhine, through Rohrbrun and past Lohr, where CCB had fought.

(Dead Germans lay still in the fields; the buildings were shattered and quiet, and the supply trucks roared down the roads.)

Lieut.—soon to be Capt.—Thomas R. Day of B-62 took his company, recon men and a platoon of tanks, fought into Morleasan, a small village hidden in the treacherous, sniper ridden mountains; rifles and machine guns opened up on the half-tracks and the tanks, and mortar rounds landed the lengths of the narrow streets. A tank was knocked out during the night of outposting Morleasan, two men wounded, and a recon man was wounded with shrapnel.

Next morning, the 3rd Platoon of B Company fought its way through the woods, flushing the snipers; and the small group was recalled to CCR. The turning of the Combat Command columns of the 14th cut off its advance.

Sgts. Charles Shank and Clarence Champion made staff sergeants; the company moved to Mellrichstadt.

Company C-62 moved up to Gemunden to help the 19th; the men crossed the river in assault boats, came in to help at the end of the fighting.

C Company rejoined the battalion, moved through Monster, Schwenmelsbach, Ostenheim, Streudorf, Stettin and Kainach; there was fighting, but there were no battles, Capt. Trammell was evacuated with yellow jaundice, after leading the company so long, through so many bitter battles, and Lieut. Edward Kosik took over.

The 25th rolled down the roads, through the towns with white flags; they met little opposition.

The Division now was roughly along the Saale River, headed southeast and still driving.

Men of the 125th Armored Engineer Battalion had worked and fought to help get it that far.

The 1st Platoon of Company C-125 had been attached to the 68th column; the 2nd Platoon—initially—was in reserve with Company Headquarters,

The men had put in bridges, filled in craters, gone into the fire-scarred towns to clear debris while the fighting was still going on.

At Bruckenau (where Lieut. Wise went up on his reconnaissance mission with Sgt. Charles F. McClure and Tec/5 Lyle E. Mowers) a by-pass was used in place of the treadway being prepared; the 3rd Platoon put a treadway in near Rupboden. At Neustadt, the platoon came into the fight raging there; Tec/4 Norman M. Allport, manning a .50 caliber machine gun, was killed and Corp. Frank W. Lorenc was wounded.

The 2nd Platoon, in reserve, had been called to build a bridge near Lohrhaupten, and Tec/5 Roland Kaiser was injured working in the darkness; the platoon built a 40 foot bridge near Bruckenau and a 35-foot span near Rupboden.

Company B-125 had travelled with CCB through Lohr, Gemunden and Hammelburg. Lieut. Melvin O. Robinson, reporting back to the Company, found it along the road west of Lohr as the fighting raged in the town. Lieut. Robinson and his driver, Pfc, George A. Bartels went forward to make a reconnaissance. They found a Mark VI tank by the road, and were approaching it cautiously to see if it were manned when they were suddenly almost surrounded by enemy soldiers; the Germans opened fire and in the first blast Robinson and Bartels were wounded. Then the Germans threw down their weapons—all this had happened so quickly that neither Robinson nor Bartels had had time to fire a shot—and surrendered to the two Americans. There were 21 Germans in the group. Robinson brought them back; he and Bartels were evacuated. S/Sgt. Thomas J. Needham took command of the platoon; Lt. Robinson had been back with it an hour.

On the road to Neuendorf, Tec/5 David Stentiford, on a halt, went out to the deserted German foxholes to pick up a souvenir. Stentiford picked up a couple of German guns, then the wind caught the flap of a camouflaged German shelter half over one of the foxholes and Sentiford found himself looking into a pair of eyes. He dropped the German guns and aimed his M-1; a German got out of his foxhole, Dead drunk he was, too; as Stentiford went over to him he saw in the German's foxhole a rifle and 300 rounds of ammunition, a panzerfaust, and a supply of grenades.

The platoon moved up to lay a bridge at Gemunden; and the German artillery began to lay in on them. Lieut. James B. Quinn, Sgt. Charles Mooberry, Tec/5 George Schneider and Corp. Edward Preiss were blowing the jagged edges of the blown bridge to lay the new one when a German round landed squarely among them. Quinn and Preiss were killed; Mooberry and Schneider were wounded.

With CCB, the engineers moved to Hammelburg and Munnerstadt, from there to Ebertshausen.

Company A moved with CCR, through Gemunden and the heavy fire fight at Hundsgoch, to Mellrichstadt and Bedheim.

125th Headquarters, meanwhile, moved to Sommerau, Weisthal and Rieneck, into Hammelburg and on toward Lebonhan.

A bivouac party of Maj. Odell D. Williams, Capt. John A. Hanson, Lieut. Richard W. O'Neal, S/Sgt. Norman Edwards, Tec/4 Claire Russell, Tec/5 Leex Langley, Pfcs. Elmer Swanger and Herbert Zahn moved out ahead of the headquarters and ran into trouble. Halted by a road block, a mortar round hit the lead peep. Langley was killed instantly and Sgt. Edwards wounded; and the rest were taken prisoner. Later that night, the 14th moved in and released the men.

S/Sgt. Lawrence Floyd, that same night, and Tec/5 Robert Robinson were captured as they attempted to take a liberated British prisoner of war back to the 84th Medical Battalion.

(At Lebenhan, the operations section of Headquarters used a winch truck to pull box cars away from a fire, to save the lumber in the cars.)

Artillery had played its part in the battles.

Artillery had crossed the Rhine and Divarty moved in to Georgenhausen; and Chaplain Lyndall D. Logee held Easter services.

Divarty followed CCA in general support of the action; Col. Kurtz attached the 499th to CCB, the 500th to CCA and the 501st to CCR. In addition (besides its attached 4380 and 395th Quartermaster Truck Companies the 398th AAA, the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion), Division was now to have attached two artillery battalions. One was the 69th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, with 105 MM self-propelled guns, and the other was the 975th Field Artillery Battalion, with towed 155 MM howitzers.

Capt. Stanley H. Gaylord and Corp. Jimmy C. Stevens reconnoitered the route for Divarty's advance. The wind was so bad the day Divarty moved out that it took the Air Liaison planes 35 minutes to get to the front and an hour and a half to get back; the men of Divarty saw the bombing of Aschaffenburg.

The column moved out, bivouacked at Rothernbach, and the next day, with the rest of Division, tried to pass on the same narrow winding roads being used by the 3rd and 45th Infantry Divisions. Tanks, half-tracks, ducks, peeps, wreckers, ambulances, VTRs, ton-and-a-halfs, all boiled and snarled (Col. Kurtz straightened out several of the jams) and Divarty finally got to Frammersbach. The 69th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was attached to the 68th's column, relieving the 500th.

Divarty, and the 975th, moved up behind CCA and were ordered to move back; and the 975th had hell's own time turning those towed 155s around; and the command moved to Fellen. Lieut. Donald H. Singer and the crew of an armored car took off for the woods to rout out snipers, but the car got stuck; Capt. Gaylord organized defense of the column. Divarty was moving through the disorganized German army, and was taking prisoners. Divarty moved into Grafendorf, the 69th and the 975th firing their first rounds for the 14th.

Moving the air strip was a problem; the tank-infantry team ahead of Divarty was moving so fast that a new strip was needed nearly every day; and the air section had its first casualty—Licut. Delong's plane was splintered by machine gun fire from the ground and Lieut. Luceri took the controls.

The next hot Spring days, Divarty and the two attached battalions moved up behind the combat commands as Bad Kissingen and Neustadt were taken, and closed in Wechterswinkel.

The 499th took part in the Lohr battle; and the attached guns of the 398th were turned against German ground roops.

The AAA men would turn the clip-fed 37s against sniper hideouts till the buildings caught fire, then fire the 50s as the Germans ran out.

Men of the 499th took German prisoners; the Battalion moved up through Neuendorf and Langenprozelten to fire on Gemunden.

(The German commander at Gemunden said one great reason for the collapse of his superior defensive position was the volume of artillery fire; it was estimated that 1200 enemy were killed or captured at Gemunden.)

The 499th moved to Hammelburg; and American officers and enlisted men, who had been prisoners at the samp and escaped, came out of the woods and cried as the 499th received them.

From Hammelburg, the battalion moved out in two columns. A and B Batteries were in one column, C Battery in

the other. C Battery went into position and was subjected to intense counterbattery fire. A description of this was written by Pfc. Norman M. King, aid man for C Battery, who was decorated for his part in it:

"It was a beautiful spring morning when the battery pulled into firing position just outside Eltinghausen. Dismounting from the vehicles, the men set about digging their foxholes George Koontz, one of my buddies, and I discovered a ready made German foxhole. George and I were sitting near the foxhole admiring the smoke patterns of the 88's bursting behind us. We saw vehicles moving on the road 1300 yards away. We had come into town in front of the infantry. We took about 150 prisoners. I went for gas and came back, and had just set my two gas cans down and crossed the road. meeting George on his way up with his two cans when an 88 came screaming in. It's a sound one isn't apt to forget right away. When I heard it coming, I hit the dirt and lost track of George till later in the day. I hit the dirt just in time, too. I looked up a second or two after the shell hit and saw one of the boys coming down out of the air. He never knew what hit him.

"By the time I got guts enough to move, they had zeroed in on us and were shelling the hell out of us. It was too hot for me so I headed for the foxhole. I heard someone call for an aid man. I headed for the half track to get my first aid kit. The prisoners were starting to scatter out and find shelter, but one of the guards leveled his gun on them and told them to hit the dirt right where they were, or he would shoot their pants off.

"Getting my aid kit, I ran up across the road to where the guns were. I took a quick look at Smitty and knew he didn't need any help from me. More shells came and I dove under an M-7. I fixed up one of the men who had been hit in the leg by fragments and took him over near a wall for cover. Then I went back and got another who had been hit in the



arm. Most of the vehicles had moved in cover of the buildings along the street and the men were rounding up the prisoners and getting them into the cellars of the houses. One of them was a medical officer and with a little persuasion, he helped fix up a few of the boys who weren't in very bad shape. After making out the EMT tags for the wounded men, I sent them out in an ambulance."

The battalion moved out of Munnerstadt; the German prisoners passed back through the battery positions; in one afternoon the battalion, fighting as infantrymen, took 200 prisoners in fire fights around the gun positions, lost one officer and one man in B Battery. The battalion closed in Eberhausen.

The 500th's story, with CCA, was similar. A Battery, advance guard battery, fired on German troops trying to board a train to escape from the infantry; and an anti-tank



gun and self-propelled gun were destroyed; and prisoners were taken.

Capt. William B. Rice, commander of Service Battery, was taken prisoner while reconnoitering for a position for the battery; and Sgt. Alfred R. Hall, with him, narrowly escaped. Hall hid in a water-filled ditch while German artillery passed on the road alongside.

When CCA split into two columns, the 48th and 68th, A Battery went with the 68th and the rest of the battalion with the 48th; then A Battery was relieved by the 69th Field, and rejoined Battalion. Sometimes, the advance was so fast, the artillerymen could hear fighting behind them, the infantry troops cleaning up while the armor pushed ahead in front.

When the 48th entered Neustadt, Lieut. Milton O. Turner and Lieut. Frank Cotten were with them as forward observers.

Lieut. Turner's observer tank was fourth in column, and fire began to rain on its sides. Turner opened the turret to investigate and was instantly killed; his gunner, Corp. John Rossi, was wounded by the same bullet.

Lieut. Cotton, following the column in his half-track, sprayed the buildings with his .30 caliber gun, trying to keep the snipers and bazookamen down; enemy artillery and mortars and nebelwerfers screamed in. Two men in C Battery were wounded; A Battery was firing direct fire; and then Neustadt was taken.

The 501st was with CCR (and moved so fast that the battalion occupied 22 positions in the month of April, compared to weeks spent in a single position back during the Winter); the 501st was moved up to Neuenbach to render direct support for the attack on Gemunden. The 501st moved to Aschfeld and Wilberhausen,

At Wilberhausen, Sgt. Martin B. Antaramian took three men in a half-track to clear the village of Neu Bessingam. Entering town, they were told by a liberated PW that the Germans were entrenched behind the village. Antaramian moved up; the half-track came under heavy small arms fire; and when it was over Antaramian had taken 85 prisoners. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

During this drive, the 136th Ordnance had been spread out for 200 miles along the axis of maintenance. Companies were split into separate detachments, working 40 to 50 miles apart.

The first trouble came on the long march up to the new



combat area—the heavy tanks, travelling continually at high speed, blew bogie wheels like toy balloons. 200 bogies were blown, and a serious shortage developed in the Division; and ordnance men had to go back as far as the Rhine to pick up tanks, and were strafed as they worked.

C Company was with CCA, B with CCB and A with CCR; and A Company had a second casualty at Ebensfeld when Tec/5 Russell LaPlaca was killed; after Lohr had been taken the Battalion moved in there.

C Company moved out to catch up with CCA, and that was when the splitting began—a detachment always had to be left behind to finish the work, and a detachment always had to go ahead, to set up the next collecting point; and the combat elements were moving so fast that C Company claimed they received a weasel for the infantry, processed it, moved so much it was worn out and salvaged before it was ever delivered. C Company became involved in a small fire fight at Wildfelcken, captured several prisoners.

At Lohr, B Company was bogged down with work—26 tanks in for repair; and tank repair crews were furnished them by A Company.

When CCR moved out, A Company's emergency repair crew men captured a German company—118 prisoners. A Company moved to Bad Neustadt.

The 1st Squad of the Band MPs and the regular MPs had guided the Division in this long move,

The 84th Medics moved behind Division, through Lohr.

A Company, supporting CCB, set up a clearing station near Rechtenbach, within ten minutes was receiving casualties from the fight at Lohr, American and German.

Pfcs. Phillip Boeing, Bert Layton, Robert Abrell and Roy Staples, loading wounded into ambulances in Lohr during the height of the fighting, came under enemy mortar fire. One shell disabled both ambulances, and some of the wounded were re-wounded; and the four men, in the midst of the fire, changed tires and fuel pumps, to get one of the ambulances running. Finally they were able to get the wounded out.

When the battle was over, the company moved to Lohr, and Gemunden, and Hammelburg.

B Company also had moved into Lohr, and a call was received for ambulances, medical supplies, and medics to be sent to Hammelburg; two ambulances were sent, ran through the action still being fought in the rear.

With CCR committed, B Company was operating at once a holding company and supporting a Combat Command; and B Company moved into Gossenheim before the tanks had passed through. Several German soldiers surrendered to them. The Company moved to Bad Neuhaus, with Headquarters, shared a hospital with the Germans.

C Company moved to Gundernhausen, reformed to follow CCA, was strafed twice on the road, moved through Bad Bruckenau to Linden.

The 154th Signal had been running into continual difficulty—mountainous terrain hampered the operation of the radios, and the speed of the Division advance strained the wire facilities, however much open wire was utilized. The Company supply trucks averaged 400 miles a week hauling supplies, and 350 miles of wire was used in a month. The Division lost 39 radios in combat; all had to be replaced.

Radios were used increasingly because of the difficulty of

keeping the wire up with the far-flung, fast-moving commands. A secondary command net had to be set up to handle the traffic, using the Division Air Request Net Frequency. Of a total of 928 tactical messages cleared at Division Headquarters, 768 were sent by radio. Forward echelon message center handled 6565 registered messages and made 135 messenger runs; rear processed 1372 registered messages. Over 200 radio sets were repaired in the month of April, 100 checked.

The Signal men, too, captured their share of prisoners.

The men of the 94th—much of the time leading the tanks and infantry—had been as busy on this drive as they ever were to be.

A Troop spent a nasty day on a muddy hillside, turned over all its trailers, and a patrol of five men led by Sergeant Martin Roark took the town of Wombach, captured 53 German enlisted men and three officers, and were under friendly artillery fire in doing it. The troop moved to Rossbach, and in cleaning out that town took 47 prisoners and three more German officers.

Moving toward Geroda, the Recon men became involved in a stiff fire fight, fighting as infantry with artillery support, to take the town; Maj. England, Capt. John Kraker, and Sgt. William D. Froeschner were at the head of the fighting, and 143 prisoners were taken. Enemy casualties included 15 killed and wounded; and a 100 MM artillery piece, a halftrack and a number of trucks were captured.

A Troop moved on out ahead of CCB, reinforced with two of the 636th's 90 MM high velocity guns, F Company's light tanks, and the Assault Guns of E Troop, and ran into a large convoy of German infantry between Gefall and Langenleiten, opened fire on them. The Germans were devastated; they called in artillery and the 94th's column was forced back to Gefall; then armor, infantry and artillery of the 14th came up and the force pushed on. E Troop set fire to Langenleiten and Walberg.

Sgt. James L. Sims, Sgt. Chester R. Pietrasz and Pfc. Leonard Kubacki, Jr., were detailed to destroy the enemy wire communications. The troop moved to Wolbach and later to Bunglauter, where two bridges were seized, and into Stangenrath. Next day, the troop moved to Iweinfeld, sent liaison to the 11th Armored Division and the 45th Infantry.

The Squadron, meanwhile, had been attached to CCA, minus F Company (which had moved toward Hammelburg with the reinforced infantry company from CCR).

B Troop was with CCB; the 1st Platoon was with the 19th Infantry and the 3rd with the 47th Tank.

In the fight at Lohr, Lieut. L. E. Jaeckle was captured as he tried to push through the city; his armored car was hit by a bazooka, and burst into flames. Tec/5 Rex Walker, in the car, was killed; and Tec/4 Malcolm Green and Tec/5 George Bailey were wounded and captured; they were retaken by the 14th when the hospital at Lohr was taken the next day. Pvt. Burt H. Rolfe was killed by a shell fragment while he was moving through Lohr in a peep.

B Troop took off on the race to Hammelburg; the 3rd Platoon, with the 47th, took off with misgivings; no one knew what lay between them and the prison camp, 20 miles away.

They ran into trouble just outside Gemunden; but the fire power of the column (and Chaplain Paul Gebauer's surrender talks over the loud speaker; Chaplain Gebauer spoke German perfectly and had often come up into CCB's front lines to talk the Germans into surrendering) pushed through.

Lieut. Robert Newkirk was in the lead; the column came up to the hill overlooking Hammelburg, and the tanks went through.

"The tank attack looked like a perfectly run problem on maneuvers," the Recon account ran; and Lieut Jaeckle, captured at Lohr, was liberated—in a Serbian uniform in which he had disguised himself. S/Sgt. Allison was wounded in the drive.

The troop moved on to Munnerstadt; Capt. Charlie V. Dixon and the 1st Platoon tried to capture a bridge to the north; they didn't get the bridge, but they did capture 15 PWs and four German 105 MM guns; and the troop moved to Ebertshausen. 22 Pws were captured on that move.

C Troop was with CCA, the 1st Platoon with the 68th and the 2nd with the 48th; the 3rd in reserve. On the second day out, the 1st Platoon ran into the first of its fire fights; the lead armored car missed being bazookaed at a cross roads by inches, and from then on it was an endless running fire fight. On April 7, the 3rd Platoon relieved the 1st Platoon; till then the 3rd Platoon had been liaison between CCA and CCR.

On the 1st day, the 3rd Platoon ran into trouble; the first armored car was fired on from the front by a machine gun and the commander raised himself to fire his machine gun back; then a German machine gun opened up from the rear and he was cut down. The enemy machine guns sprayed the Recon vehicles, and the peep crews were pinned down. Four men were lost in the bitter, savage action. Then the tanks came up, and the enemy guns were overrun. The column moved on.

C Troop moved to Bruckenau and then to Brenlorenzen, then to Hohenroth.

The 1st Platoon of Troop D, acting as flank security for CCR, ran into enemy resistance at Breitenback. The men were fired on by 37 MM guns and mortars; the platoon moved through to Mitgenfeld, and took 28 PWs. In Mitgenfeld, the enemy opened fire with AT guns and artillery, but the men managed to move through to the north edge of the town; and an armored car and a peep were destroyed. The men took cover and waited for artillery support to knock out the German guns; then once again they were able to move



out, to Shuldeck. At Sandberg, the platoon kept contact with five enemy tanks, retreating before the American advance, until American tanks and infantry could come up to destroy them. The platoon went to Bad Kissingen and Rentwerthausen. The mission was to go as far as possible; but a well defended road block held them up and they were ordered back. In Gleichamberg they found the enemy fighting fiercely, tanks and German OCS youths, getting their combat before they had become officers; and they were strafed and ran road reconnaissance.

The 2nd Platoon men were acting as engineers, clearing road blocks and felled trees. At Grafendorf, they ran into a road block that had already been passed by CCB; and the 2nd Platoon moved to Manslau. 47 Germans were taken prisoner; and the platoon went to Heldburg.

D Troop's 3rd Platoon led the 48th and 68th to Partenstein; there the lead armored car was fired on by an AT gun from the edge of town; and snipers opened up. The platoon took cover and opened fire until the infantry and tanks were brought up.

The platoon moved to Weisthal and then to Wernarz (where it got into a fire fight with a German SP gun) and then to Bruckenau, and found the 47th Tank ahead of it; the platoon moved to already-taken Geroda.

Next morning, the 3rd Platoon took the lead, and had gone only a mile when an enemy tank fired on the lead armored car and it burst into flames; the occupants escaped. The column backed under cover, security was put out and a patrol under Corp. Paul Duggan went forward to keep the enemy tanks under observation. The 636th TDs came up to the head of the column, and the column started again. The TD gunner had his tube laid on the danger spot; the enemy tank appeared and he pumped nine rounds of 90 MM into it, stopping that tank. Sgt. Chester D. Adkin and Corps. Erie Cunningham, James Pattee and Richard Cashin were sent

out on patrols; then the platoon was radioed to return to Stangenroth.

F Company had been split up in the action. The 1st Platoon went with A Troop, the 3rd with D Troop. The 2nd stayed with the company, which was reinforced with a recon platoon from A and B Troops. Lieut. Kweller's 1st Platoon moved out in the wild drive, taking towns and breaking through road blocks; billetted in Mittel Streu; the 3rd Platoon was working with the 3rd Infantry Division. The 1st Platoon, with A Troop, fought into Geroda; Lieut. Ben nett's tank was hit with a bazooka and turned over; and he was captured.

The 3rd Platoon, after passing through a town, was at tacked by five German medium tanks; S/Sgt. Edward J. Szymoniak drew them into the line of fire for the supporting TDs, and the TDs knocked out one of the tanks.

Szymoniak's tank was stuck in the process and had to be destroyed; and the platoon also moved into Geroda.

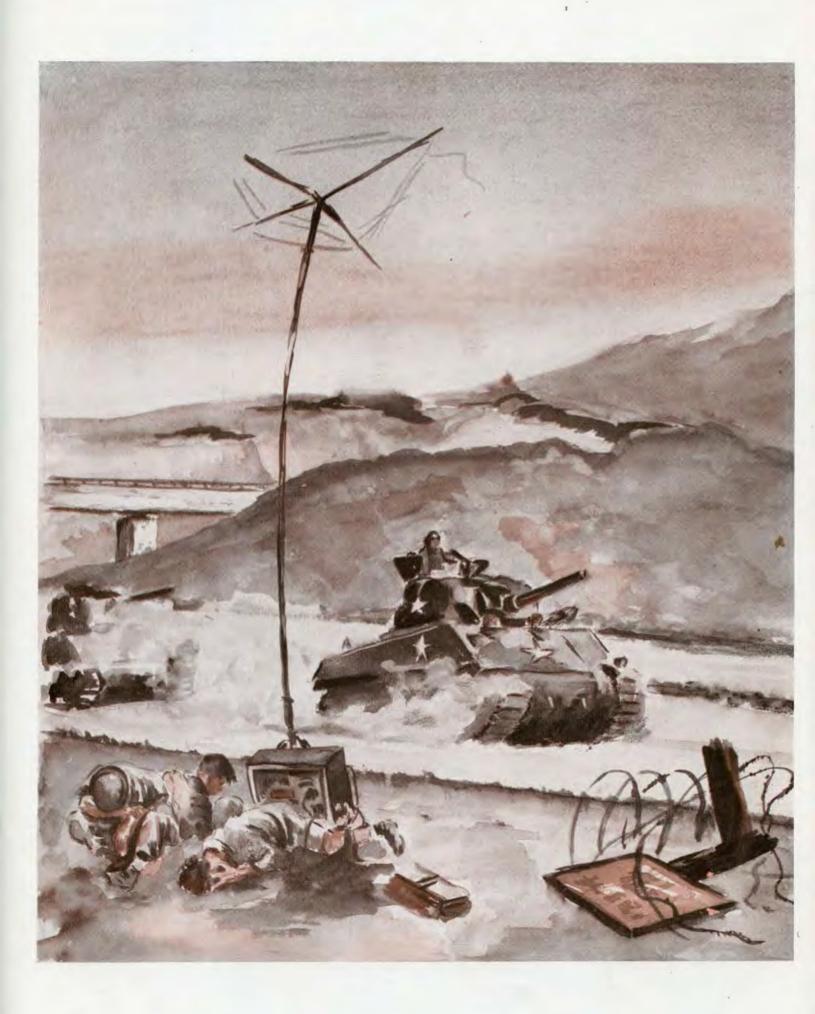
The 1st Platoon, meanwhile, had tried to get into Langenleiten and was twice driven back by the enemy fire; and the artillery was called on to blast the town. Tec/5 Floyd D. Curtiss pulled a wounded infantryman out from under a burning, knocked-out half-track, under fire.

Company Headquarters, at Stangenroth, had been to Hammelburg; and they were calling themselves CCZ.

The company moved to Stangenroth (the 1st Platoon had been sent to seize a bridge at Burglauer) and then to Eyerhausen, where the platoons were reunited. Lieut. Bennett returned to the company; he had succeeded in escaping from his captors.

The Squadron now was in possession of the river crossings of the Saale River from Bad Kissingen to Aschbach.

The Division was across the Saale River, generally on a line, faced to the Southeast in the heart of Germany, and poised for the final drive.



## Chapter XIII

# THE BATTLE OF THE AUTOBAHN THE DEATH OF A STATE

April 9 - April 21, 1945

It is hard enough to write the account of a battle. It is not only that there are so many stories—the story of the commander, dealing with the whole, and of his S-4, worrying about supplies, and of each of the men fighting and dying or living—the stories do not always agree, for each man has seen it through his own eyes; and there is so much happening at one time.

To tell the story of a battle you need a sort of medical chart, where the first page shows the skin, you raise that and there are the veins and the arteries, you raise that and there are the muscles, and so on; and that would not do.

But now—now, to tell the story of the 14th Armored Division in April, 1945—it is immeasurably more difficult.

For there is no single specific action; there is a series of actions, some brief and some bitter, and related only in the sense that they were all in the same area and for the same end.

That end was the killing of the German state.

The state had been mortally wounded when the 14th and the other vast forces of the Allied Armies driving deeper and deeper into Germany had thrust across the Rhine.

Now the German state was in its death throes; and the men of the 14th were to see it die.

The tanks and the half-tracks, the armored cars and the self-propelled howitzers, the tank destroyers and the AA guns, roared through the lovely land of central Germany; and the men said again and again: "With a country like this, what did the Germans want to start a war for?"

With nature's infinite capacity for irrelevance, the land was in the fullest flower of Spring.

The milk-green streams tumbled down the hills, frothing at every turn and at every rock.

The woods on the steep hillsides, thick-grown but without underbrush, were turning to green from the wet black of Winter. Pale grass grew in the shadows. In the gentle valleys, the fields rose softly to the far horizon, lush green of pastures or pale yellow-green of daffodils and dandelions, full fresh brown of newly turned furrows. The fields asked your eye to run a hand over them and feel them.

The red tile roofs of the farm houses, the white stucco walls danced in the sun.

The land sparkled as though God had made it yesterday out of brand new sheet aluminum, and had painted it with fresh green-and-white paint.

The country, the land, remained eternally life-giving, the neat furrows, the baby-green fields of wheat, the cows moving placidly across a slanted green pasture, a farmer and his wife patiently working their ways down the rows.

It was the works of men that were dead, the cities, the

towns, the bridges, the railroads, the super-highways. In his exuberant idiotic energy, man had destroyed as thoroughly as he had built.

The streets of the cities were the streets of the dead,

Dead block after dead block, nothing recognizable as a building, as a house, as a street. There were lanes, cleared by bull-dozers and there was rubble piled forty feet high, a few jagged walls still standing. There were holes through the rubble where men still lived in the cellars or their own shambles.

The state of man was dying.

The state, built by those who once lived in these shattered hulks of masonry, was hysterically thrashing its corporate body the length and breadth of the land as its own poison wracked its countless limbs.

After the Allies crossed the Rhine the war was lost for the Germans in physical fact.

The German high command announced it could not keep in contact with Corps—which, if true (it was true), put it in the position of a quarterback trying to run plays without being able to tell anyone else on the team what the plays would be.

The 14th's mission was to keep moving, keep hitting, keep advancing, keep the German from organizing.

It was a strange warfare—strange even to men who can rationalize warfare to sanity.

(It is generally hard to understand a tank battle. Watching from a hill you can see ugly slugs deploy on the plain beneath, one stops and fires, you see the black-red spurt of flame from the muzzle of the gun, and the smoke, and you can follow the flight of the tracer, even unto the riccochet. But you can't see what he's shooting at, you can't see whether he hits or misses. Another fires and you see a sudden angry puff of bloody-red smoke and black against the distant earth, and still it makes no sense.)

Now there were no lines, and no one knew where the next battle would be. At a hill, or a ridge line, or a town where a few hundred enemy decided to make a stand, and frequently, by the time Division Headquarters knew that the combat elements were in a fire fight, the fight was over and the troops had moved on.

Some of the Wehrmacht wanted to surrender (and did, by the thousand) and some to fight, and the SS fought, and sometimes fought the Wehrmacht for not fighting. A Wehrmacht captain turned his pistol on an SS officer who had captured six Americans, shot him, then calmly turned his gun over and surrendered to the Americans.

Sometimes it was funny, in the bitter way that things are funny when men die for laughter. This was the war of the break-through.

Division, one day, was moving south. The southernmost combat element was attacking south. The next element north was attacking back north. You could look out the windows of Division Headquarers and see the artillery marking the front lines with white phosphorous, 800 yards away on the opposite slope—not a reassuring sight to men armed with pistols and carbines—and Division Trains, the rearmost element of all, with its precious stores of gas and rations and ammunitions, was in a fire fight all its own—with enemy infantry.

Division Trains Command Post was in the front room of a house in Herrsbruck; Lieut. Robert H. Thompson sat in it and looked across at Maj. Naphtali Meltzer.

"You know," Thompson said, "the way Division is going—" He stopped, shook his head, and began again. "Division is south of us, attacking south. CCR is south of Division, attacking back north. The 94th is the furthest south of all, attacking south."

Meltzer agreed that it was a strange war.

"We'll be fighting ourselves yet," said Lieut. Thompson, and knocked on wood.

Division Trains was not designed to fight; it had enough to do, in this warfare, to keep the Division supplied with gas and ammo and food. It particularly did not want to get into a fire fight back at the supply point, sitting on several thousands of gallons of high test gas, and several thousands of rounds of high explosive ammunition.

Lieut. Thompson knocked on wood; and half an hour later he was in a fire fight.

German artillery and mortar fire began to come in, among the piles of ammunition; and then, worse, small arms fire began to cut the town, the quick heavy stutter of the burp guns, and the rifles. Hastily the men took up the defense, the Quartermaster men and the Division ammunition men, men from the 154th Signal and the 136th Ordnance, men of the 4380th and the 395th Quartermaster Trucking Companies, and a small detachment of regular infantry, plus Capt. Smith's tanks from the 25th Tank Battalion. Sgt. Stanley J. Rossi of the 500th, with three broken ribs and on his way to Nancy, took up the fight, with Sgt. Edwin C. Robinson of the 154th and Corp. Harley C. Raymond, Jr. A sniper was in the tower of the castle, but a Russian DP got the sniper.

Capt. Smith brought up his tanks to fire on the hills just outside town where the enemy infantry had infiltrated; and the 398th AAA moved up their quadruple .50s and slashed at the enemy positions; and the men went through the houses one by one and the tanks edged irresistably further and further out.

Three quarters of an hour, that nasty little fight lasted, and two men were killed, and two wounded before the Germans were driven off.

The 94th Cavalry played a large part in the drive south, in the shifting, dissolving battle southeast through Germany.

East of Bayreuth, east of Nurnberg runs the autobahn, one of Germany's military superhighways, all six lanes wide and under passes and over passes and cloverleaf intersections. This was the battle of the autobahn.

A Troop captured Windheim, Burglauer and Niederlauer; captured the bridge at Burglauer; D Troop moved to Bad Kissingen, and the squadron crossed the Saale River at Aschbach, assembled at Burkardroth. 19 PWs were captured, two machine guns and a flak wagon destroyed, two 15-car railroad trains captured.

The troops continued to reconnoiter in the Division zone; the Squadron CP moved to Haina. A and D Troops were screening the area around Heldburg to capture enemy stragglers being flushed from the northeast by the 2nd Cavalry Group; C Troop got into a stiff fire fight at Ummerstadt, captured 29 PWs. The squadron was attached to CCR and started on one of its wildest drives. C Troop was assigned to CCA.

The peeps and the armored cars, the tanks and the assault guns, rolled down the roads through the disorganized German Army, seeking a way across the Main River at Lichtenfels.

D Troop ran into small arms fire at Lichtenfels, and the 25th Tank Battalion passed through to take up the fight; and the 94th turned south and just below Lichenfels found a bridge over a dam. The bridge was captured and the column rolled on.

The squadron headed for the Bayreuth-Nurenberg autobahn. At Tannfeld, D Troop captured a German OCS school —200 candidates were just returning from a problem, expecting a critique and the hot meal that was being cooked on the ranges. The recon cars cut into their midst; the students were captured. F Company, E Troop and Squadron Headquarters picked up stragglers in the woods; and Lieut. Col. Ernest C. Watson of the 25th picked up one of the instructors as he returned from a trip to Bamberg.

The 94th's D Troop moved into Weismain, Freinfels, Hollfeld and Schonfeld; 500 PWs were captured, 20 trucks and other vehicles were captured or destroyed. Squadron moved to Trumsbach.

Next day, the squadron moved out again; A and D Troops, with a section of TDs apiece, reconnoitered in two zones; the fast-moving reconnaissance, fighting moderate re-











sistance, machine gun and rifle fire, overran 17 German towns.

Bayreuth and Nurenberg were cut off; the 94th had crossed the autobahn.

The recon men met a Swiss Red Cross column on the autobahn, captured the German guards and liberated the Canadians who were driving the trucks; they destroyed an enemy wagon train on the autobahn, and captured 500 prisoners when they drove into the surprised town of Pegnitz. There were so many PWs by now that two platoons were employed in setting up a PW cage at Linderhardt, and a total of 1500 prisoners were shipped back there by the troops.

An aircraft, automatic weapons and submarine factory was taken at Trockau; a maintenance shop loaded with equipment was destroyed at Pegnitz.

In Creussen, A Troop discovered a factory making antiaircraft weapons and cheap rifles for the Volksturm; 600 overjoyed slave laborers were freed, and the German owner and employees of the factory were taken into custody.

A large supply of enemy ammunition was destroyed and 15 half-tracks and trailers were destroyed along the route; three 100 MM howitzers, six tractors, 12 wagons and three busses were captured.

The 94th closed in Creussen and tucked its tail in. All the troops were called in, and Maj. England sent back a call for reinforcements.

Fifteen miles to the east a training center for German Panzer troops was in operation; and Maj. England heard of task forces sent directly from this school, medium tanks and foot troops, to strike at the advancing Americans; he had moved so far and so fast that day that the main forces of CCR were almost 15 miles behind.

It was tucking in its tail that saved the 94th's bacon, that and the call for reinforcements. Col. Hudelson sent up a company of infantry from the 62nd that night, and a platoon of medium tanks from the 25th.

The 94th was deep in the heart of enemy territory, and the enemy was not yet dead.

The German struck back.

Late in the evening of the 14th, the evening the squadron closed in Creussen, an enemy observation plane flew over.

The next morning, at 0945, 94th outposts reported that two enemy tanks were approaching from Schnabelwald. The 25th tankers knocked them out.

(By now, defensive positions had been set up at Creussen, with the infantry and tanks as a squadron reserve, and the TDs were covering the route of approach. The 94th did not have enough men to handle the situation; the liberated slave laborers were armed with the guns the Creussen factory had been making for the Volksturm—"They aren't much good, but they're good enough to shoot Germans," one said—and the freed men were pulling guard for the 94th, the captured Germans were pulling KP.)

By 1030 in the morning, enemy tanks and infantry had surrounded Creussen on three sides, south, east and north.

E Troop had gone into firing position in the hills just northwest of the town, and E Troop's assault guns were caught in the crossfire of five German tanks. E Troop knocked out three of the attackers, lost an M-7, an M-8 and a half-track, and finally managed to pull back to Creussen.

Headquarters Troop Commander, the Squadron S-4, and the Squadron liaison officer were captured near Gottsfeld (one of those roads that had been open only an hour before, but the Germans had cut it again), and all but the liaison officer escaped later.

Two of the Squadron gas trucks were knocked out in that same area, and the drivers killed.

The Squadron situation did not look promising; a PW said that a German task force of 50 tanks and several hundred infantrymen had left the panzer training camp with the mission of recapturing Creussen and Bayreuth. By now the only route out of Creussen was to the north; A Troop, running that road, had succeeded in contacting friendly forces.

The enemy attacked Creussen.

The enemy attacked, not once, but several times; and each attack was driven off by the recon men, the tankers and the infantry, the TDs and the supporting artillery that had moved into firing position; even air support was called up.

Col. Hudelson, back in Trockau, sent up two more platoons of tanks from the 25th and a platoon of infantry; this small force ran into the enemy at Gottesfeld, and knocked out five enemy tanks. The force cleared Gottesfeld, and a strong point was set up there; the Creussen-Trockau road was patrolled.

By the close of the day the defending forces had accounted for 17 enemy tanks, 43 PWs, an unknown number of enemy killed. Four towns used by the enemy for assembly points had been levelled.

(And again the Germans, a 70-year-old lady and her children, came stumbling across the green fields, across the railroad tracks, out of the smoking shell-torn town, crying to Maj. DeWitt C. Armstrong, 94th Exec, begging that the firing be stopped.)

The 94th still held Creussen and the attacking force of the enemy had been so badly lacerated it never got to Bayreuth.

During the night there was considerable enemy tank activity in the woods south of Creussen; and several times the 94th's outposts were engaged in fire fights as the enemy attempted to send patrols into the positions; the next day A and D Troops were continually patrolling; and artillery was continually called in on the German tank and infantry positions. There were no more heavy counter-attacks.

The Squadron continued to patrol and then came orders attaching the Squadron to CCA, to protect the Command's left flank as it moved south on the autobahn; the Squadron pulled out and began to move south toward Velden.

Tec/5 Leslie R. Perry and Tec/5 Wilman T. Daley, truck drivers for the 94th, were to be recommended for DSCs for refusing to take cover under the attacks, but fighting tanks with carbines.

In A Troop, on the way to Hellingen, Sgt. Faye E. Miller was killed; the troop captured 16 Germans; Lieut. Kraker was promoted to captain; and one of the attached TDs crashed through a concrete bridge and fell into the stream below.

The troop pulled into Schomfeld, taking a total of 205 PWs and three officers. Six Australian prisoners of war were liberated.

Near Creussen, A Troop passed a shoe warehouse being

looted by German civilians and slave laborers. One slave laborer said:

"I've been barefoot for four years, and now I'm getting even with these bastards!"

He had eight pairs of shoes.

The Troop collected prisoners all along the way.

Corp. Ray Oestrich opened a barn door, out walked 100 enemy soldiers, seven officers and two nurses; 438 prisoners assembled in a churchyard were captured; later the troop total swelled to 957. Many of the captured men were grounded Luftwaffe fliers, awaiting shipments of rifles. The troop intercepted a three-truck convoy of rifles.

At Creussen, Lieut. Glenn R. McKenzie's platoon captured 50 German soldiers; and CCR's Seventh Provisional Rifle Company (colored) came into the fighting.

Troop A moved out for Velden.

The 1st Platoon of D Troop, meanwhile, had moved to Lichtenfels and to Busbach; had destroyed four enemy vehicles and took 256 prisoners. Sgt. Paul L. Strack's 37 MM gun failed, but he continued to fire, using a .30 caliber cartridge as a tripper; and D Troop moved to Creussen, taking 400 prisoners en route.

At Creussen, D Troop outposted with the Czech slave laborers, then moved out to go south along the autobahn.

The 2nd Platoon, taking prisoners, was strafed by German planes and moved to Busbach; and moved into Pegnitz (where there were storehouses of German liquor, and many a souvenir pistol). PW total for the platoon was 598.

The 2nd Platoon saw the colored troops fighting in Creussen. Their journal comments:

"And were those guys good!"

The 3rd Platoon frequently rode the attached TDs; they had lost many of their vehicles; they moved to Lichtenfels and Reundorf. The platoon, behind the others, was handling the flow of prisoners on the way to Busbach. The platoon outposted that town.

Moving into Pegnitz, the 3rd Platoon handled more prisoners than they ever thought existed.

And the 94th, by then, had picked up as many German trucks and half-tracks and trailers and sedans and Volkswagens as they had American vehicles; seeing the outfit going down the road, it would take more than a hasty glance to decide whether it was American or German.

The 3rd Platoon moved into Creussen, and took part in the defense,

In B Troop, meanwhile, Capt. Charles V. Dixon had taken a task force to Division Trains, when Trains were attacked. By the time Capt. Dixon arrived there, the enemy had been driven off.

Ist Sgt. Vincent DeMartino and Tec/4 Francis H. Tousley of B Troop went ahead on a billeting party; and when the rest of the troop arrived in town—Konigsfeld—neither could be found. They came back later; both had been captured, and escaped, and Sgt. DeMartino had been wounded.

Troop B was attached to CCA at Pegnitz; did patrolling and captured eight prisoners; on the 17th, the troop was reassigned to CCB, the 1st Platoon went back with the 19th Infantry, the 3rd Platoon to the 47th Tank.

Troop C had taken the town of Ummerstadt, with the assistance only of the assault guns of E. Troop. The 3rd Platoon was assigned to contact Third Army troops on the north









flank—12 miles away through enemy held territory, and the 2nd Platoon was sent to Coburg; the troop outposted the town and the platoons, after completing their missions, returned.

Next day, the troop was assigned to CCA, the 2nd Platoon with the 48th Tank, the 3rd with the 68th Infanry. The troop crossed the Main; the 3rd Platoon, leading the 68th, got into a fire fight near Kirchenbirkig with the withdrawing Germans; the Germans were moving over a hill and the platoon laid in on them with .50 caliber guns. The attached TDs moved up to fire on towns on the reverse slope of the hill, and set afire a group of German barracks. One of the platoon's armored cars was hit by an enemy round; the driver and the radio operator were wounded, the car commander was blown out of the turret and the gunner was wounded.

On April 15 the 1st Platoon had an interesting time: moving toward Sutzbach (25 miles from the Czech border) the lead armored car was missed so narrowly by a bazooka round that a bedding roll on the rear deck was set on fire; the platoon ran into an ambush at a road block, and reduced the block without a casualty.

The 3rd Platoon, with an armored car from headquarters, men from the 125th Engineers, and two TDs were ordered to move southeast as far as possible; the small task force ran into a force of enemy infantry; with the TDs it drove the enemy back; and then a road block stopped further progress. The 125th Engineers enlisted the local civilians, and with them cleared the road block; then moved out.

The 2nd Platoon, with the 48th Tank, helped capture 300 prisoners near Pletz; and one section of the platoon was left to guard the prisoners as the column moved on. The guards saw a column of white vehicles coming toward them. They were alone in enemy territory and with 300 disarmed enemy on their hands. The vehicles turned out to be International Red Cross vehicles.

The platoon moved into the town of Hohenstadt, and next day came, with the 48th, to Neumarkt.

F Company had crossed the Main; the 3rd Platoon marched prisoners back along the autobahn. (To become a familiar sight, those columns of several hundred disarmed Germans, in their bedraggled field gray uniforms, led by a peep or a tank with its turret turned back, followed by a peep with a machine gun or a light tank, docilely marching to the PW cages.)

F Company fought the German counter-attacks in Creussen, knocked out two enemy tanks, and directed the fire of the supporting howitzers from their OPs; and F Company started for Velden.

Combat Command A, meanwhile, had attacked in two columns from its positions along the Saale River, with the mission of seizing and securing crossings of the Main River near Ebensfeld.

CCA's report states:

"The attack progressed along difficult roads meeting no enemy resistance. The Main River was reached at 1220 and all bridges over the river in the zone were found destroyed. The river was crossed through a ford east of Doringstadt and the final objective was reached with dismounted infantry (68th) at 1600. Bensfeld and the high ground north and east were cleared, thus securing the crossing."



Next day, the attack was launched with the 48th in the lead; and the report was similar:

"At 0630 the 48th Tank Battalion attacked with the mission of seizing and securing crossings over the Main River in the vicinity of Staffelstein. At 1120 the river was reached and all bridges were found to be blown. The river was crossed by means of a ford vicinity Unnersdorf. The town of Staffelstein was entered and cleared against slight opposition. Both columns advanced 40 miles during the day."

Next day men of Company C-125 built a bridge at Unndersdorf.

The attack continued; the 48th ran into small arms resistance at Hollfeld. The 68th fought through endless and determined enemy resistance, moved slowly; Troop C of the

94th was reconnoittering the Bayreuth-Nurenberg autobahn.

The 68th attacked to the objective Neuhaus-Sachsendorf-Aufess; and Troop C-94, with rifle and anti-tank squads from the 68th, pushing down the autobahn, took Neudorf, Horlach and Wollenberg. A platoon of tanks from the 48th cut the autobahn when the rest of the column was held up by the bad roads; by 1240 the column was on the autobahn.

That afternoon, a small force made up of a tank platoon of the 48th, a TD platoon of the 636th, and two platoons of infantry from the 68th was given the mission of attacking Pottenstein; the force was stopped at Wannberk when it ran into short, savage enemy resistance at a road block.

Enemy anti-tank guns and riflemen held up the force that night.

The 68th launched an attack down the autobahn next morning, the wide concrete road unrolling straight over the hills, woods on either side, and seized Riegelstein, Eichenstruth and Wallsdorf; tanks and foot soldiers attacked Gusswenstein and pushed on to Betzenstein.

The 48th, and troops of the 68th, were dispatched to help in the clearing of Pottenstein that morning; and the powerful force moved through at 0900.

The 68th drove on down the autobahn, ran into trouble at Plech, small arms firing from the town, and mortar fire falling among the men; the infantry by-passed Plech and moved through Riegelstein, where they ran into sniper fire.

The resistance was sporadic, spotty. Everyone knew that the war was over. Everyone except the men who could hear the high-pitched, irritable whine of a sniper's bullet, the blast of a mortar shell,

The towns of Eichen, Struthgerheim, Henneberg, Illafeld and Bernhof were cleared; and the 68th contacted the 45th Division troops at Schittach along the Pegnitz River.

Plech was cleared finally; and the Command moved on. A hospital was captured at Ruppechstegen, with a staff of 20 and 165 patients.

On April 17 Combat Command A's CP at Bentzenstein was counter-attacked by a German tank-infantry force; and Company D of the 48th, Company A of the 636th, Company C of the 125th and Headquarters Company of CCA beat off the attack. One enemy tank was within 100 yards of the CP building when it was knocked out.

Men of Headquarters Company, CCA, deployed along the ridge-cooks and clerks with carbines and grenades, peep drivers with sub-machine guns, radio and signalmen with bazookas, Maj. Dan R. Gentry, S-2, and Lieut, James S. Russell, Motor Officer, rushed from the CP via weasel to adjust artillery fire. From their vantage point on the left flank, Maj. John G. Montgomery, S-3, Capt. A. R. Schaffer Company Commander, Tec/5 Harry Corey, and Tec/5 Leroy Witt, cook, picked off a German tank crew below them Lieut. Norman J. Murray and S/Sgt. Walter F. Conklin brought their tank section-lusting for their first shot against a real enemy-around the right flank of the ridge. Having lost their initial advantage of surprise, the enemy, at this point, apparently thought of his badly exposed flanks -with medium tanks of the 48th summoned by the Commanding General, racing back up the autobahn toward them and withdrew at 1000.

At 1230 the 68th launched an attack to seize Polling; the infantrymen moved out, in their half-tracks, and took the town of Rasch. It captured Altensittenbach, large quantities of medical supplies were taken. Contact was made with the 106th Cavalry Group, and the 94th was attached to CCA

The next day Polling was taken; and the 48th Tank Battalion, on its way to Neumarkt, had reached the town of Richteim.

Said CCA: "The 48th was encountering considerable small arms fire and anti-tank gun fire."

On April 19 the 68th sent reconnaissance to Neumarkt to determine whether it was defended.

It was.

The 48th tanks and the 68th infantrymen attacked at 0930, entered Stanna, the next town, and encountered heavy anti tank fire from Neumarkt.

Neumarkt was one of the last of the German strongpoints, and it was to be a two-day nut to crack, bitter, savage fighting.

The 68th had moved up through Poppendorf and Rothen burg, Nierderau and Dittersbrunn; had come through Scheszlitz and Wissentfels. There, the battalion fell on an enemy convoy trying to escape from Drosendorf, and decimated it moved to Neuhaus. B and C Companies cleared Auffess and Rauenberg; the battalion ran into stiff resistance at Gossweinstein and Betzenstein; and it had by-passed the enemy at Plech and Lieut. Madden had taken a small force to contact the 45th Division.

The battalion headed for Polling, moved over muddy, winding, narrow mountain trails and cleared Hausheim. Recon was stopped going into Polling, and B Company dismounted (C Company was taking the town of Berg) and made the attack across a long open field, under cover of smoke laid down by the Mortar Platoon; the company drove its way into Polling. The 125th Engineers fixed a by-pass around the crater and the vehicles were brought up.

The 68th converged in Polling to attack Neumarkt, where A Company, with the 48th, was already engaged in a savage fight.

The 48th had moved down from Neustadt through Staffelstein and Unnersdorf to Neudorf; and that night the Germans launched counter-attack after counter-attack; and all through the night the machine guns and the burp guns and the tommy guns fired.

The 48th's tanks succeeded in driving into Neumarkt; and the German bazookas and AT guns, the artillery and mortars and machine guns drove them back, cut down the supporting infantry. It was the worst action the 48th had seen since Rittershoffen.

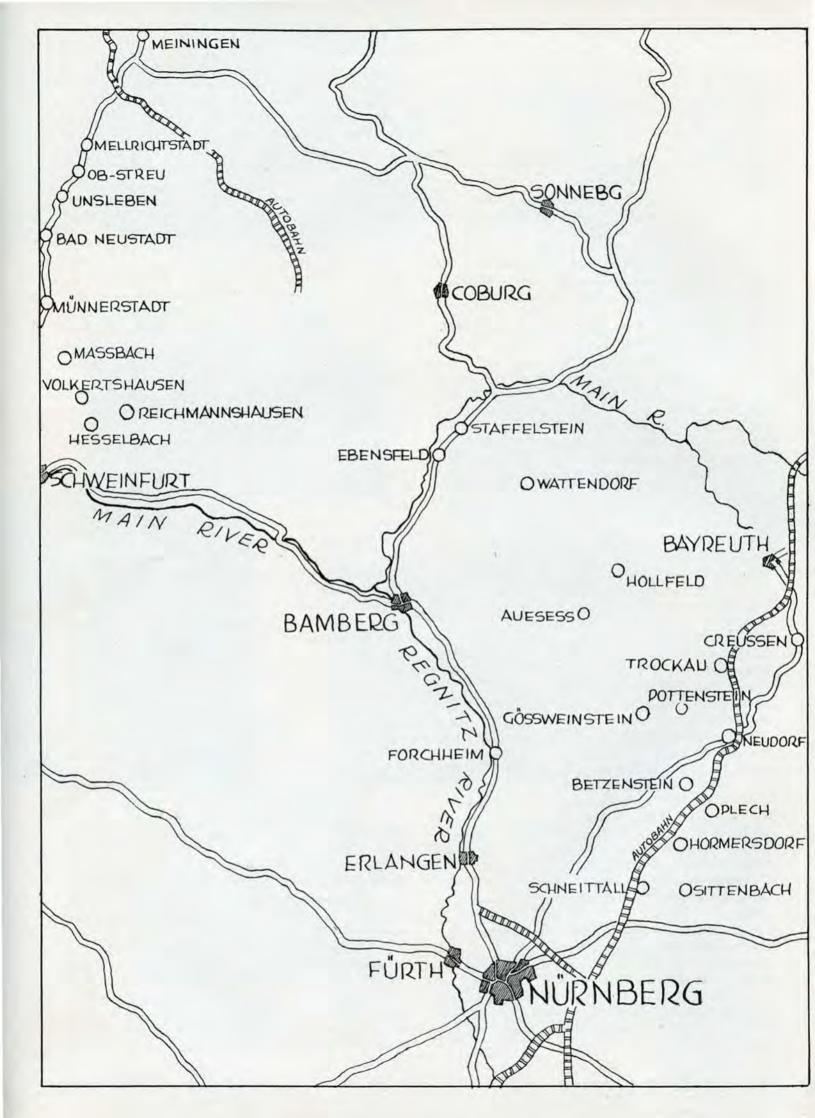
The 68th moved out in the attack on Neumarkt, C Company and a company of TDs from the 636th on the left and B Company with A of the 48th on the right.

The assault wave reached the canal at Neumarkt. The bridge in C Company's sector had been blown; the railroad bridge in B Company's area was still standing, and heavily defended.

T/Sgt. William M. Rangold, 3rd Platoon, C Company, lcd a squad forward to find a way to get over the canal. Under fire the men laid wood in the canal till they had a bridge of a fashion, that reached to within five feet of the opposite bank. They ran across that bridge, one at a time, and jumped for the opposite bank deployed along its length. S/Sgt. Richard D. Seiders, loaded with his heavy fighting equipment, fell into the water; and Rangold went out through the sniper fire to get him.

Rangold then led his squad across several hundred yards of fire-swept terrain and got into town; he was almost immediately counter-attacked by two German tanks, but drove them off with bazookas; and by then the rest of the company was coming into town behind him.

T/Sgt. Walter C. Felty led the 1st Platoon across the canal under heavy fire; he put his men in defensive positions and went forward himself to find the enemy strong points and reduce them; then he, too, moved his platoon into the outskirts of town. The 1st Platoon, also, was attacked by enemy tanks; Felty got into the open to direct the fire of a bazooka team, and when one of the bazookamen was wounded, he



took over the firing. Felty knocked out one tank and drove the others off.

Lieut. Harold Hanhardt, meanwhile, taking his 3rd Platoon across the canal and over an open field on the company's right flank, found himself under a hail of tank and small arms fire. He worked his way, with his men, to the edge of town and stood up in the fire to direct the fire of his bazookas; and the 3rd Platoon was in town.

C Company and the 48th Tanks, attacking from the opposite direction, made juncture. Hanhardt and Felty were awarded the Bronze Star, Rangold the Silver Star,

While this was going on in C Company's area, B Company had run into even more vicious fighting. The 2nd and 3rd Platoons were in the assault and the 1st in reserve; and the platoons got to the edge of the canal, where the volume of fire was so heavy they were ordered to dig in.

CCA's report said:

"Advancing slowly from the west, elements of the 68th encountered heavy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire from Neumarkt. One platoon of C Company entered town at 1300 and at 1725 established contact with elements of the 48th Tank Battalion entering from the north. At the close of day the 68th held 10 houses. The 48th Tank attacked Neumarkt from the north against very heavy mortar and AT fire; dismounted troops of the 48th entered town at 1600 against resistance and made contact with the 68th."

Next day, all troops were recalled from Neumarkt for the purpose of flying air missions on the town; and the men pulled back (CCA Headquarters was on the hill outside Neumarkt) and watched the planes come in again, again and again, snarling down on the town and blasting it, and the artillery came up and began to hammer it in long volleys of explosions.

Then CCA was ordered to keep moving, to by-pass Neumarkt, and the 65th Infantry Division was brought up.

(The 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, in continuous combat since landing in Southern France August 15, 1944, had been attached to Division March 29, moved 120 miles from Arzheim to the Main River to Join Division.

(Company A was attached to CCA, then sub-attached with the 1st Platoon supporting the 68th, 2nd Platoon in CCA reserve, and the 3rd Platoon supporting the 48th Tank Battalion. Company B was attached to CCB in general support. Company C was attached to CCR with the 1st Platoon supporting the 25th Tank Battalion, the 2nd Platoon in CCR reserve acting as CP security, and the 3rd Platoon supporting the 62nd.

(At Lohr, B-636 destroyed one SP gun. Moving on through the town and up the Main River, Pfc. Clyde Ware, tank destroyer commander, sighted a number of enemy crossing the river on a barge. Wheeling his gun around in position, he used one round to destroy the barge.

(Both Company A and Company B-636 engaged the enemy on April 7. Company B encountered German-manned American tanks. Two M-4 and three M-5 tanks were destroyed by the 90 MM guns. Company A made contact at a German strong point in a house at Mitgetfeld that held up forward elements; but 12 rounds of 90 MM HE brought what was left of the group out to surrender. In the vicinity of Gefald, Company A's 3rd Platoon spotted a German column; gunners accounted for six cargo trucks, two half-tracks, one

horse-drawn vehicle, two Mark IV tanks and one Mark V tank. Approximately fifty enemy were killed.

(Company A sent its 3rd Platoon with the 94th Reconnaissance Squadron during the 9th and 10th of April; destroyed five enemy vehicles and an anti-tank gun in the vicinity of Hasselbach.

(On April 17th the 3rd Platoon of Company A was assigned the mission of protecting the command post of Combat Command A. The 1st and 2rd Platoons were placed in support of the 68th Infantry and 48th Tank Battalions. On April 17, CCA headquarters moved from Bronn, Germany, to the town of Betzenstein. The platoon of destroyers, together with two platoons of light tanks of D Company, 48th Tank Battalion, took up road block positions upon arrival.

(Three 636th men were wounded there, one killed, two German tanks and two TDs knocked out.

(In the vicinity of Altenhann Company B's 3rd Platoon on an outpost position was attacked in the early morning hours by enemy infantry manned with bazookas. In the ensuing action one tank destroyer was destroyed by bazooka fire and one tank destroyer damaged from hand grenades thrown into the open turret. Two men were killed, two wounded, and one enlisted man and officer reported missing in action. Companies were bogged down due to road conditions and scattered enemy resistance. Rain kept roads in bad condition and the armor rutted the roads and broke down road shoulders.

(Company C was attached to CCR. Two platoons were working with the 25th and the 62nd Infantry. During the action around Altdorf the 25th Tank Battalion was pulled into a bivouac area on either side of the autobahn at Altenfelden, were attacked by enemy infantry supported by tanks and self-propelled guns. The 1st Platoon, Company C, was in road block positions on the southern end of the bivouac area. Two tank destroyers pulled up to a crest and opened fire upon two self-propelled guns, destroyed one. The 1st Platoon was ordered up to join the leading elements of the 25th Tank Battalion; the last destroyer came under fire of an enemy tank and was knocked out and burned. Three men were wounded.)

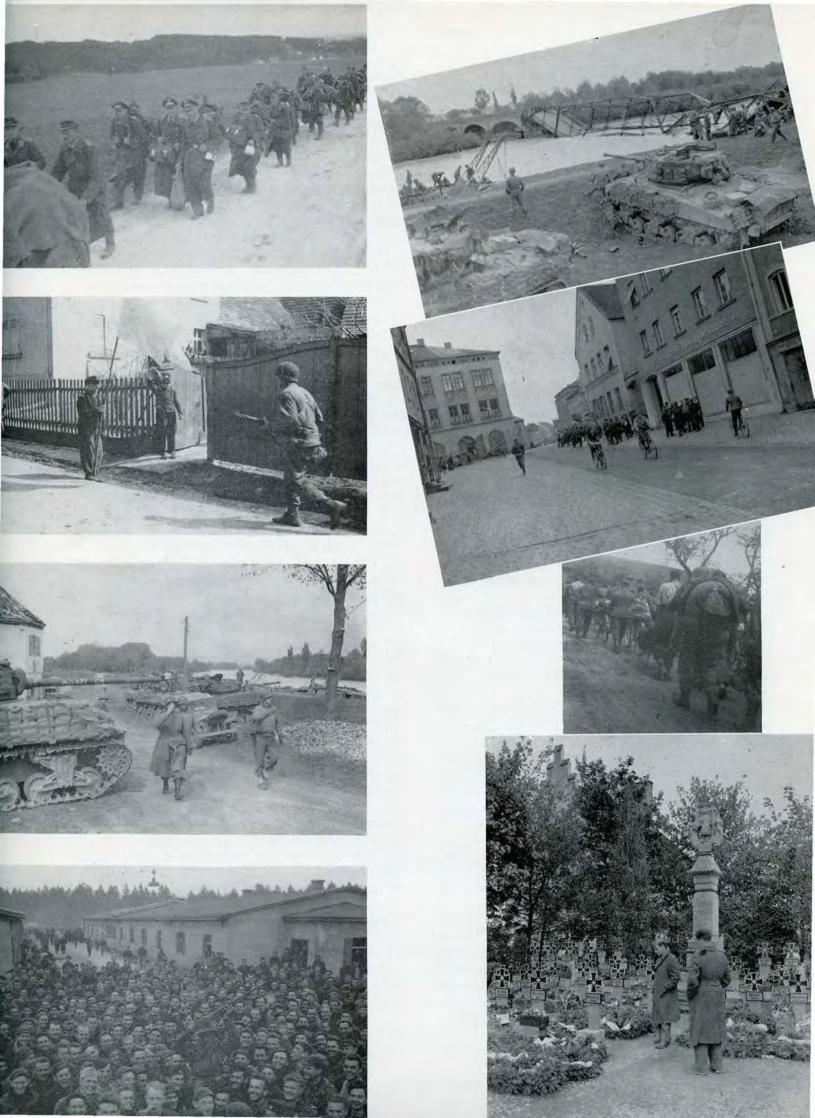
The Seventh Army Infantry Company No. 4, Provisional, was also in the action at Altenfelden.

(The company had been attached to the 19th Armored Infantry, a Negro company of 240 enlisted men, the officers from the 19th, 62nd, and 68th. Commanding Officer was Capt. Derl J. Hess; other officers were: Lieut. George A. Whiten, Lieut. George R. Irwin, Lieut. Bernard H. McNally, Lieut. Raymond Gravelle, and Lieut. Lee Ross.

(The company was placed on duty with Combat Command Reserve where it was known as the CCR Rifle Company.

(The company moved to Niederhausen, to Lohr and Frickenhausen. At Frickenhausen the 2nd Platoon was committed in an attack on the town, resulting in two enemy killed and seven captured. A patrol became engaged in a fire fight, captured seven more prisoners.

(The company moved toward Lichtenfels where the first real engagement was had. Lieut. Irwin's and Lieut. Gravelle's platoons crossed the Main River and, after a bitter fight, took the town. The company moved to Haag, Germany. The 4th Platoon, under Lieut. Gravelle, was attached to B-25. The platoon was given the mission of crossing an open field



900 yards long and with very little cover. The platoon moved into town in the face of small arms fire. The platoon moved into Creussen and helped hold the town for two days. At Allersberg, the company ran into trouble.

(Working with the 25th Tank Battalion, the company was moving on the town when the 4th Platoon was hit by heavy small arms and artillery fire. One man was killed and five wounded. Continuing the attack the next morning, the company ran into enemy heavy tank and artillery fire, suffered several casualties and lost two vehicles. The attack continued and the 1st Platoon, with a platoon of tanks, cleared the road junction. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Platoons passed the road junction in half-tracks and trucks; proceeded to Polsdorf. A radio message came telling that the remainder of the company was being attacked from all sides, and to return to Atlenfelden. One platoon of tanks and the 3rd Platoon finally made it to Altenfelden where they reinforced the 25th Tank Battalion.

(At that time a call came to go to Gogglesbuch to help C-25. The move was made immediately and, upon arrival, a meeting was called to determine the strength of the forces there. The total was three platoons from the colored company, three platoons from A-62, eight tanks, two assault guns, and one TD. An order then came for an attack to be made on the town of Allersberg to relieve the pressure there. The colored company led off through the woods; two Tiger tanks were spotted, and the bazooka men made several direct hits; but they were not knocked out and kept firing. When the tanks were only fifteen yards away, Pvt. Percy Smith of the 1st Platoon fired one round of bazooka and disabled the tank. He was killed by fire from the tank.

(The company was forced to withdraw to Gogglesbuch to reorganize.

(The company was ordered to move on to Untermassing and then on to Schutzendorf. Here the company was notified that a group of SS troops were 800 yards away. Without waiting for further orders, strong patrols were sent from each platoon with a mission of cleaning out the woods. Within an hour, the patrols had come back with eight prisoners; several of the enemy had been killed. A volunteer patrol went out again to search the woods and found another group of SS troops. Four prisoners were brought back.

(The company attacked Landshut. The attack jumped off at 0800, met heavy artillery and direct fire from across the Inn River. The company suffered 21 casualties before the town was taken.)

CCB, meanwhile, had jumped off to seize Reichmannshausen and protect the Corps right flank. In spite of frequent small arms, artillery and bazooka fire, rapid advances were made. Resistance was by-passed, left for the 3rd Infantry Division, coming up behind; six towns had been captured by 1500 and a distance of 40 miles had been covered by the Command.

CCB moved to Rossbach and to Konigsfeld; the 19th Infantry fought its way into Konigsfeld and southeast to Katzendorf; the 47th cleared and occupied four towns.

The 19th had driven through Hoppachasdorf, even Battalion Trains had taken prisoners and had been in fire fights; and a combat patrol of tanks and infantry was out on its flank for protection.

The battalion dispersed in a field outside Hoppachsdorf,

and were ordered to attack Hesselbach. Enemy artillery began to come in; C Company pulled out for the attack.

The supporting tanks of the 47th and TDs of the 636th moved up, fired on an enemy column leaving town and destroyed all the vehicles except six, which escaped to the southwest and were caught by the flank patrol. C Company took Hasselbach, and A Company, with tanks, moved through and captured Otterhausen.

The towns were outposted; one patrol, trying to contact friendly forces, ran into the enemy and two men were wounded in the fire fight that followed.

The battalion moved to Treunitz; C-19 and A-47 continued on to Wisenfels and occupied that town; A-19 and 47th Tanks moved to Konigsfeld.

With the patrol going to Konigsfeld was an advance guard of a light tank, a squad of infantry in a half-track, and two peeps. As the patrol approached the town from the west, an enemy anti-tank gun fired on the lead tank; the tank was hit directly, burst into flames, the basic load of ammunition blew, and the entire crew was killed.

The rest of the patrol started forward on foot; a peep went back for reinforcements,

A Company came up; machine guns were trained on the crew of the AT gun to keep the crew down, and a 47th medium came up and blew out the gun with one round.

German infantry was dug in on the slopes east of town, artillery, mortar and tank fire was laid on the positions, and six emplaced machine guns sprayed the entire slope. The 19th, with a platoon from the 47th, moved into town and cleared it, moved out and assaulted the ridge. The entire German force was decimated by the 19th and the 47th.

Next day, the 19th went to Weiher, where it sent patrols to CCB, the 47th, and the 499th; and the town was outposted.

The 19th stayed in Weiher for the next day, and a platoon of C-19 with a platoon from D-47 were used as a screening force; and the screening force captured 35 prisoners.

The 19th moved out again, still headed southeast; the 47th moved out on a parallel road, with B-19 attached.

When the 19th hit the autobahn, a rifle platoon, a section of medium tanks, and a section of the 94th Recon were sent down a parallel road for security. The patrol kept running into small groups of enemy and sending them back as prisoners; and the battalion was ordered to clear the entire wooded area between the autobahn and the railroad running parallel to it.

The woods along the super highway, along which, cutting back and forth, all elements of the Division were travelling, were alive with small groups of enemy, snipers and machine gun nests; and the enemy was constantly infiltrating back into the woods after the advance combat elements had passed.

C-19 and A-19 were the assault companies in the drive through the woods, each company supported by medium tanks from the 47th.

A Company made good progress along a road through the woods; but C Company went slower, through underbrush so thick you could step on a German machine gun, or a sniper, or into a foxhole, before you saw. It was getting dark; but the tanks and infantrymen cleaned the woods, took 85 prisoners and killed 50 Germans, with a loss of two men. Three 77 MM AT guns were destroyed.

Driving through the scattered resistance of Ezelsdorf, A Company and the tanks found a complete supply and passenger train with steam up, ready to pull out; the train was captured.

A Company went to clean out sniper fire at Oberferrieden. Headquarters Company moved into Ezelsdorf and C Company was sent to clear Grunsberg of 60 SS troops reported by a civilian to be there; the town was unoccupied, but the task force ran into stiff resistance at the edge of the woods outside, and it took a good deal of fighting to clear it.

That night an enemy patrol of 50 attacked the engineers outposting the canal crossing at Dorlbach, killed one and captured 19 of the 20 man engineer patrol. Tanks moved out to secure the crossing, and the next day the C-19-A-47 team was called back to come up on Dorlbach from the rear. Twenty-five enemy were killed in foxholes outside Dorlbach.

The enemy was continually infiltrating back; security and guard was increased, and Ezelsdorf was attacked twice that night. Twice the attacks were driven off. Next morning, again, A Company and a platoon of tanks from C-47 was ordered to clear Oberferieden again; the Mortar, Assault Gun, and Machine Gun Platoons supported. Moving through sniper fire, and following a short artillery barrage, A Company and the tanks drove their way into town, cleaning out the snipers; near the church in the center of the town a panzerfaust was fired at one of the tanks, missed it, exploded and wounded several men. The enemy fire increased; four men in A-19 had been killed and six wounded, and the company was ordered to pull back.

The attack was reorganized; C Company was to move on the flank and seize the high ground from which the enemy was doing the heavy firing, and A Company was to launch another frontal assault.

The town was pounded by artillery all morning; the rocket tank was brought up and whished its deadly projectiles in; the mortars and assault guns fired steadily.

The town was ablaze from one end to the other, almost every house was on fire; the attack jumped off and C Company took the high ground easily. A Company moved through the town. The place was cleared, taken, and almost burned to the ground by 0930.

The 47th Tank Battalion drove from Munnerstadt to Reichsmannshausen, took 103 PWs, 1 AT gun, 5 trucks and a half-track.

(Lieut. Marsack, on patrol with infantry, came out of a woods and into the clear and found himself looking into the muzzle of the gun on a Mark IV tank a few hundred yards away; the Mark IV turned around and pulled out.)

The 47th moved to Railsfeld, to Altdorf and Altenthann: Sgt. Earl Hooks was wounded by sniper fire. The sniper fire increased; mortar and artillery fire, burp gun and machine gun began to cut into the battalion. Bazookamen hit one of the 636th TDs and set it afire.

At Burghann, the enemy counter-attacked. Tec/4 James Hurley kept his tank in outpost position, inflicted an estimated 75 casualties on the enemy, and covered the withdrawal of out-numbered infantry; Sgt. Virgil Bardwell kept his tank in place despite heavy machine gun and bazooka fire, and several times exposed himself to enemy fire to rescue wounded infantrymen. Cooks, mechanics and clerks went on the line for the 47th.

On the 19th, A Company drove to Ezelsdorf, where the enemy had launched the counter-attack; the town was devastated, and the men of the 47th saw children's toys lying in the smouldering rubble of war.

The battalion was ordered to move out of Altenhann, leaving the fighting; many of the men had spent 36 hours in foxholes. The 47th ran into stiff resistance at Allersberg, fought its way through, advanced that night and the next day through artillery fire and a driving rain to Johnsdorf. Pyras was mined and that held up the advance; and more mines were encountered at Eysolden. The German infantry, backed by tanks and artillery, made a stand in Eysolden; but the battalion drove through by that night. German infantry counter-attacked out of the woods and were driven back.

The tanks ground relentlessly over the hill-and-valley country, stopped at Alpershausen. The battalion set up for the night, made a check to capture hiding German soldiers, outposted. Artillery set up in town and fired, intermittently, all through the night.

The 47th moved out the next morning, toward the Danube; and the Recon platoon saw enemy infantry withdrawing from Kosling.

The artillery laid in on the retreating column and blasted it; but resistance from Kosling continued and Col. Lann ordered the column to clean out the town.

Lieut. Harding, Recon leader, took a section of his platoon and led the tanks to the town; and the dismounted crews went through the town. The battalion pulled in, captured 113 PWs and a large stock of ammunition and weapons.

A Company moved into Pforring and there, in the closing days of the war Capt, Richard A. Tharpe was killed. Capt. Tharpe, in the attack on Pforring, had marched on foot into the town, with the infantry, armed only with a pistol. That night the enemy began to shell the town and a round of HE landed on the house in which he was billetted.

Lieut. James A. Devaney took over the company.

The counter-attacks continued, increased.

The 47th was counter-attacked by several hundred SS Troops, supported by mortars and artillery, and armed with automatic weapons and panzerfausts. Two tanks were lost, two TDs, there were many personnel casualties. The counter-attack was driven off. The 19th was counter-attacked by enemy infantry; that was repulsed; and the 47th was counter-attacked again.

On the 21st the 47th was relieved from CCB and went to CCA; the 48th was relieved from CCA and went to CCB; and both battalions kept fighting.

The 25th Tank Battalion, with CCR, had moved through Lichtenfels. (Col. Watson and Capt. Emmett, looking over the bridge situation at the main, came under mortar and machine gun fire and were pinned down till a tank came up and covered them.) The Mortar Platoon laid down a smoke screen on the opposite bank, and the infantrymen of the Seventh Army Provisional Rifle Company fought their way into the town. C Company tanks supported their attack, and the town surrendered at 1500.

The Battalion moved to Roth and Haag; two platoons from B-25, and a platoon of the Provisional Infantry Company, were ordered to Creussen to assist the 94th. On the way, the force ran into trouble near Gottsfeld, and two tanks were put out of action by enemy AT fire; two others were hit.

Col. Watson and Capt. Swager made a foot reconnaissance to town, and heard enemy tanks moving in the woods. B Company tanks moved up and just then three enemy tanks moved into the open. Corps. Joseph J. Orff, Charles N. Hurl and Donald W. Stroffrigan knocked out the three one after another, later two more were knocked out.

Service Company of the 25th, meanwhile, moving into Haag, had run into quite a situation. Two German boys came up to Tec/5 Chris Schwabauer, told him there were a "large number" of German soldiers in the nearby area; and Schwabauer told Capt. Arnold H. Green. Green assembled 25 men and took off, the two German boys leading. They broke into a clearing and ran into a complete German supply battalion. Not a shot was fired; 433 prisoners and 10 women surrendered to Capt. Green's men.

Lieut. Chrisman moved his platoon, and a platoon of the Provisional Rifle Company, into Gottsfeld; 17 PWs were taken, and there was no resistance.

The battalion moved to Litzllohe (and was bombed and strafed; but there were no casualties). Moving towards Allersberg, enemy artillery opened up and the rounds began to land among the men of the Provisional Rifle Company; there were several casualties. C Company knocked out the church steeple at Gogglesbruch; and supporting artillery went into position and fired on Allersberg. The battalion moved into Altenfelden for the night.

Next morning, moving out, three German medium tanks were sighted on the high ground south of Allersberg; C Company tanks and the TDs took them under fire at great range, and one was knocked out.

The battalion moved out, and at the autobahn overpass near Gogglesbruch, the Germans had zeroed in on the intersection. An 88 MM round hit S/Sgt. Leonard R. Shelton's lead tank and knocked out his 76 MM. The Assault Gun Platoon was following C Company; Tec/4 James G. Anderson's tank was hit through the left sponson; Pfc. Gilbert Chapman was killed and Tec/4 Edward A. Berg was wounded. The tank went up in flames, burning Anderson, Corp. Raymond Burriss and Pfc. Glenn L. Holt. Other tankers jumped to give aid to the wounded men; Pfc. Edward C. Kistner, Jr., under direct fire from the enemy, climbed into the burning tank and helped evacuate the burned men.

A TD was moved into position to fire on the German gun; it was hit and knocked out, and the crew was fired on by artillery as they jumped to safety.

The position of that enemy gun had to be spotted; and Capt. Swager of B Company went up on foot to make a personal reconnaissance; he and his driver were pinned down by machine gun fire.

Capt. Swager was killed.

Meanwhile, back at Altenfelden, a counter-attack was in progress. Col. Watson's tank was in position overlooking the town; Tec/5 John Curran looked up and saw German infantry working their way to the tank. He jumped on the rear deck and opened fire with the .50 caliber; the artillery observer began to call for artillery, and the Mortar Platoon laid down fire. B Company tanks and a platoon from C Company were called back from Gogglesbruch, past "88 Junction" to help. A tank pulled up behind the foxhole of Tec/5 Winfred E. Jones and fired over his head; Service Company

men were in the line, fighting off the enemy as infantry.

Two B Company tanks were knocked out; the bitterness of the fighting increased. As more tanks pulled up, the Germans withdrew.

The woods along the roads were so heavily infested with enemy that Lieut. Fraser was ordered to patrol the autobahn between Altenfelden and Feucht with his light tanks. On the third night of his patrol, his tank was ambushed by a bazooka team and put out of action. Fraser and Corp. Harold A. Martinez were burned; Tec/5 Joseph J. Caldron was wounded; Sgt. Charles H. Abbot and Tec/4 Marvin F. Williams in the following tank opened fire on the enemy, and helped evacuate the casualties. S/Sgt. Robert J. Gilliland and Sgt. John E. Sopczynski took over the patrol.

C Company and the Provisional Rifle Company again tried to enter Allersberg, and were driven back; and the next morning it was found that the enemy had pulled back.

The 62nd Infantry was also driving to the south, moved to Buchenrod and Wonsees. Lieut. John Flanagan joined B Company as motor officer, Lieut. Day was promoted to captain; the company moved with CCR to Trockau.

B-62, moving down the autobahn, ran into trouble at Altenfeld; the half-tracks and tanks pulled off the road, dug into a circular defense; the enemy was cut down, and the 62nd moved on to Hilpolstein.

C Company of the 62nd had been sent to Creussen, participated in that engagement; moved to Lindenhardt, Gebertshoffen and Schwandburg.

Lieut. John W. Pleacher's 1st platoon moved into Hilpolstein, then the rest of the company; and the situation was so fluid that a German truck driver and motorcyclist drove up to S/Sgt. Earl H. Metz' outpost. Both were captured.

A Company of the 125th, after a three day rest at Mell-richstadt, resting and cleaning vehicles and guns, moved out with CCR. The column reached the Main River; the 1st Platoon repaired the bridge at Bann. A squad of the 3rd Platoon were guards at the dam crossing, and a squad was guarding the ford near Lichtenfels. The 1st Platoon left a squad to maintain the approaches to the dam, and two more squads moved up with the 62nd Infantry.

At Wonsees the 3rd Platoon was repairing a crater in an arch in a small brick bridge by blowing the bridge into the creek and using a bull dozer to make the road.

A Company moved to Trockau with CCR, and the 3rd Platoon helped handle the thousands of prisoners flowing back.

(And the trucks of the attached 4380 and 395 Quartermaster Trucking Companies were going day and night, taking the prisoners back, sixty at a clip, rolling fast down the winding roads.)

A-125 moved on, acting as guides at road craters and maintaining by-passes, pulling knocked-out enemy vehicles off the roads to make them passable.

The company moved up with the 25th to Altenfeldon.

The next morning Pfcs, Karl R. Kortlandt and Ilmar S. Mackis saw infantry on the hillside toward the town; they thought the troops were American. Then the German artillery began to come in. The weapons of the 25th opened up; and the engineers dived for their weapons and their foxholes.

The company held that position for 12 hours, and the weather changed to a pouring rain.

Pfc. Jack Rowe and Pfc. Daniel Guan went back to Tec/5 Carl Berrier's truck to get some equipment; a round landed near them, missed Guan and seriously wounded Rowe.

By late afternoon, the air compressor had been hit; and Headquarters and the 3rd Platoon were ordered to pull back to get the expensive (and irreplaceable) equipment out of danger.

Pulling back the men ran into a fight behind the front lines; infiltrating enemy fired at a radio half-track with a panzerfaust, missed; a hand grenade bounced off the mess truck and exploded; and the vehicular machine guns opened up.

The 2nd Platoon stayed in the lines all night; next day, the company moved to Hilpolstein.

B Company, meanwhile, pulled out of Ebertshausen to Konigsfeld and Kirchahorn and Altensittenbach. Capt. O'Neal was transferred to battalion as S-3; Lieut. Martin S. Cullen took over the company.

The company moved to Rasch; Tec/5 Roger M. Hess was wounded and Tec/5 John E. West took over his job; and the men could hear firing on three sides as CCB pushed through the enemy.

The 1st Platoon, guarding the canal passage, was attacked by the German infantry; Pfc. Elmer Adamson rallied the platoon while Pfc. Gustav O. Laurel kept the enemy off with his .50 caliber.

Laurel fired his gun till he was wounded; then he was captured. A savage fight developed around the CP, rifles, burp guns, hand grenades and panzerfausts firing at point blank range. Tec/5 Augustus Witherite was killed; Tec/5 James J. Sullivan killed a German as he attempted to come in the door. Laurel was sent in to tell the men to surrender; but they refused and the fight continued. Artillery began to fall on the house; and it was obvious the men were heavily outnumbered. After four hours fighting, with many wounded, the platoon surrendered.

(The men were put in their own half-tracks and driven back to the German lines with the headlights on; for nine days they marched 120 miles, sleeping in barns without blankets, eating soup made of potato peelings; Pfc. Gerhart A. A. Radtke was hit by a German vehicle and evacuated; Laurel and Tec/5 John Ryan were evacuated to a hospital; the rest of the men were taken to Moosburg.)

Meanwhile, the 2nd Platoon was having trouble; outposting Altenthann with the 47th, they ran patrols through the woods to clear out snipers; they were ordered to clear a small village of snipers. With a tank from the 47th, they formed a skirmish line and moved in; 25 yards from the town, in the open, they were met by a barrage of artillery and mortar fire, falling among them, and machine guns and burp guns opened up from the nearest houses.

The tank moved ahead, and another came up; and the men began to work their way into the town, Tec/5 Bernard J. Groos was wounded. The men got into the first house and found four men in civilian clothes; the fire did not abate. It was too much for a platoon; Sgt. August Waltrip ordered the men to fall back. Covering the withdrawal, Sgt. Harry Lockwood, Pfc. William Kaminski and Pfc. William Domin were killed; Sgt. Stanley Siola was hit.

The rest of the men moved back; CCB sent up more troops to clean the bloody little town. C Company had had a brief rest; Lieut. Charles Bardwell, Lieut. Anthony Wise and Sgt. Forrest Johnston were awarded the Silver Star.

The company moved out with CCA, the 1st Platoon with the 68th and the 2nd with the 48th.

The 1st Platoon was near Neumarkt, building a bypass around a crater when Corp. Howard S. Rice was injured; and the men saw the attack on Neumarkt,

The 2nd Platoon reached the Main at Douzgstadt with the 48th, built a ford for the tanks. Three trucks broke down and they were put in reserve and sent to Hollfeld to outpost for the infantry. There, two 545-pound aerial bombs were removed from the road, and the post office was de-booby-trapped.

The platoon moved to Bonn, and next morning Lieut. Clyde Humbert took Sgt. Woodrow Howard's 3rd Squad and went out with the 48th and the 94th on advance reconnaissance; Howard and his squad ran into a couple of road blocks; the first was undefended, but as Lieut. Clyde Humbert and Tec/4 Roy O. Seitz moved up to the second, they were fired on. Lieut. Humbert and Seitz crawled over a wounded man; Seitz gave him first aid and Humbert crawled back under fire to get a tank to evacuate him. The two men lifted him onto the tank when it came up, and sheltered his body with theirs as he was taken back. (Later, Humbert and Seitz were awarded the Silver Star.)

The road block was cleared, and the platoon moved to Betzenstein.

Betzenstein was attacked the next morning by three German tanks and some infantry; but the attack was driven off. The company moved to Altdorf and Berg; and saw the fight at Neumarkt, They helped CCA get its vehicles up that hill overlooking Neumarkt; it had been raining for three days, there was no bottom to the mud, and the gradient was 15 per cent. The engineers had to build 400 feet of corduroy road. The road was built under intermittent fire; and Pvt. Bernard E. Czarnecki was wounded; and the 2nd and 3rd Platoons were called in to help with the job.

Headquarters Company of the 125th had moved from Lichtenfels to Maggendorf, bombed and sniped at. A practice alert was held in the woods near Schreadorf—and a stream of enemy soldiers, waving white handkerchiefs, came out. The Germans thought it was an attack.

Corp. Warren Hargrave, medical aid man, was missing in action.

The company moved to Altdorf.

The 1st Squad of the Band MPs in this period, processed over 5,000 German PWs and evacuated them to the division PW cage. Two men were located with a tank battalion and two with an infantry battalion during this period for the purpose of transferring PWs from these units to the cage; it was while performing this duty that Tec/5 William Jenkins and Pfc. Heber Holland were captured by the enemy near Trockau, Germany, on April 17th. They were forced to march 50 miles and ended up in Amberg PW cage. Locked in a room they managed to cut a hole in an oak door with a pocket knife.

The 2nd Squad moved to Partenstein where a great number of forced laborers and civilians crammed the cage. The entire squad guarded a hospital for convalescent German soldiers, then moved to Hammelburg. Tec/5 Hank Caron of

the 2nd Squad was wounded at Paulishoffen. While process ing prisoners in Germany the squad was constantly on the move, never staying in one place more than three or four days; there was a constant flow of PWs through the cage. At Hersbruck four Czechoslovakians joined the squad and helped them until the end of the war.

The 3rd Squad, constantly in charge of the Division PW cage, handled over 45,000 prisoners, among them were five generals and several war criminals.

The 5th Squad under T/Sgt, Ben Amar acted as road guides.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 84th Medical Battalion, following Division, moved to Bad Neuhaus and Herzbruck, and was strafed and bombed, was in Hersbruck when the Germans made their attack there. Pfc Russell J. Deer, in his truck picking up rations when the German artillery began to come in, was blown from his truck The 84th went to Hilpolstein.

A Company, moving through the madhouse of the drive. lost an ambulance. Pfc. Joseph Barba and Tec/5 John R Kearney, with a load of casualties from the 19th Infantry. took a wrong turn, ran into a squad of German infantry. were captured. Twelve hours later they were liberated at Schraudenbach when the 12th Armored Division captured that town. The company moved to Bad Kissingen, and to Ebertshausen, where the station went under canvas in the rain, and then to Steinfeld.

B Company moved over the muddy, rain-drenched roads to Romhild, and stuck vehicles and lost vehicles; and the company went under canvas. The company moved to Mistelfeld and Wonsees; the trailer of a vehicle driven by Pfc. William Kirchner overturned and while maintenance was righting it, German planes strafed the men. At Trockau, the next stop, the company was so close to the front that casualties were brought directly there instead of a battalion aid station.

C Company, from Weissen, moved to Weiher, Broon and then Betzenstein; the company, too, was strafed, and the fighting was all around them—they could see the fighting, and the wounded being brought back.

The 84th moved to Sandezhausen and Taufkirchen.

For the wheeled medical vehicles, the moving had become something of a nightmare.

A-84's Lieut. Harold D. Floyd, motor officer, spent his hours with the maintenance men, trying to rescue ambulances and trucks that, trying to ford creeks where the tank tracks had dug holes three feet deep, were stalled. And men of A Company saw the fighting at Bronn. Moving up later, following CCB, B Company mired vehicles in the tank mudholes at the fords, set up in the fields outside Altdorf. The area was shelled and bombed. The company moved over traffic-jammed roads to Unterderrieden and to Hilpoltstein, then to Kaldorf, where casualties from the Beilngries engagement were received; the fighting had become so sporadic that the company moved in CCB trains, setting up only when necessary.

B Company had become acquainted with "Bed-Check Charlie"—the German plane that bombed Trockau every night; and in the move down the autobahn, blackout and in the danger, an ambulance ran head-on into an MP peep, killed two MPs and injured three men. A second ambulance,

following the first, crashed into the wreck and two more men were injured. The company moved to Unter Rohrenstadt, Stockelsberg and Feucht; and was no longer a holding company—each company was to hold its own patients.

C Company, in Betzenstein, was strafed, and was in the town when it was counter-attacked; enemy tanks got within 150 yards of the station before they were knocked out, and rifle and burp gun fire sounded at the approaches to town. C Company was cut off for several hours. C Company moved to Altdorf, was strafed twice, moved to Meilenhoffen. The roads were so bad that one section of the company was evacuating casualties by weasel.

With the CCA column, the company moved through Grafenburg, Koaching, to Mauern.

On April 11, B Company of the 136th was switched to support CCR, and A Company to CCB. B Company was also to support the Division's attachments, the 395th Quartermaster Truck Company, the 4380th Quartermaster Truck Company, the Seventh Army Infantry Company, and the 636th TD Battalion.

A Company learned that the 47th had a medium tank still back at Hammelburg, awaiting repairs. It needed a power train and transmission; Tec/3 Arthur DeHart, Tec/4 Edward Perko, Tec/4 Michael J. Capella, Tec/5 Joseph T. McGuffie, Pvt. Richard Frederick and Pvt. James Carson took off to bring the tank in with a wrecker. On the way they spotted a knocked out American tank, on its belly. They dug a hole under the front end (the wrecker couldn't lift the tank), removed the bolts and took out the power train and transmission, picked up a German trailer and took the replacement to Hammelburg, fixed the 47th's tank, and drove it back.

The 136th followed Division southeast towards Nurnberg, and in the mad, unstable situation, a C Company man was shot and killed by a sniper as he went back to a former bivouac area; and the 136th had as much—or more—trouble as the other battalions in trying to operate through that time. The men took prisoners, were sniped at, strafed, worked.

Moving toward Trockau, Capt. Jay W. Hornbeak, commanding B Company, was captured.

Battalion started to move into Pegnitz, had to pull back out.

C Company moved into Bronn; Tec/4 Manuel Buderus, Tec/3 Archie D. Lince and Tec/5 William V. Lyman, driving up a new tank, saw enemy infantry in the woods. A few bursts of machine gun fire brought them 10 prisoners. Tec/4 Forbes Baker and Tec/5 Charles Stevenson missed a turn and travelled 12 miles into enemy territory before they discovered their error; they made it back safely. The Germans counter-attacked Bronn, and C Company pulled back to Trockau.

In the fast-moving action, MP Pfcs. Frank N. Bittner, Earl G. Hagy and Harvey B. Strong, delivering PWs to the Division collecting point, were captured by infiltrating enemy; the next day Sgt. Homer W. Reynolds and Pfc. Boyce R. McElya were captured at Pegnitz; and on the following day the MPs were involved in the peep-ambulance accident. Lieut. Stanley W. Masters was in charge of an MP convoy; the vehicles were passing down the road between two steep banks, and enemy soldiers began to roll heavy

rocks down the slopes onto the vehicles. Two of the peeps were wrecked; Pfc. Ralph W. Waycaster was killed and Pfc. Jay B. Shapiro and Pfc. Robert E. VanSickle were injured. Moving back to take the injured men to medical aid, the remaining peep hit the ambulance, Sgt. Walker was killed and Lieut. Masters and Corp. Steven M. Crnobrja were injured.

The Division's Red Cross unit, under Mr. Hutchinson, had been busy. Not only were 978 cases handled for men of the Division in eight weeks, freed prisoners of war, at the rate of 10 to 200 men per day, had been coming to the Red Cross office, were given a meal, a change of clothes, a can of delousing powder; and the Red Cross sent messages to their homes. Two box cars of International Red Cross Prisoner of War food packages were found by the Division at Beilngries, and the Red Cross got Division transportation to carry it for freed PWs. 50,000 pounds of food, five trucks full.

Divarty, meanwhile, was in general support; the 69th Artillery had been put in support of the 25th Tank Battalion, and the 975th stayed with Divarty.

Divarty moved into Zeilfeld (the survey section drove into a ditch and the FDC operated out of the CP truck).

Divarty moved out over the narrow muddy roads and blown culverts, and the prisoners flowed into their hands. Lieut. Donald H. Singer and Sgt. William P. Gawel captured eight.

Divarty moved to Frauendorf and was strafed, set up and was ordered to move out again; and this time moved to Krogelstein. Divarty was strafed and bombed again and again—two artillery battalions and an air strip out in the open may have been the target. Early in the morning of the 14th, nine ME 109s roared suddenly in over the tops of the trees; the attached 398th AAA got three and Tec/5 Paul C. Martin got another; and Divarty moved to Trockau with CCR; the 501st, the 68th and the 975th were firing into Creussen.

The 17th of April was a bad day.

Col. Kurtz and Tec/5 Robert H. Worrell were chased along the road by two enemy self-propelled guns; Lieut. Col. Carl C. Neely and Tec/5 Martin came over a hill and found an enemy tank 300 yards away; Maj. Christian B. Herter and Corp. Alvis E. Street, reconnoitering new gun positions for the 975th, ran into a large group of enemy infantry. The progress of Divarty slowed up; the 975th, a battery of the 500th, the 499th and the 48th Tank Battalion's assault guns were all set up in a field and dug in.

The firing began. The Air OP, sitting beside a 5000-man PW cage at Poppendorf, had the busiest day of the war. The weather was perfect and the pilots could see enemy tanks, horse drawn artillery and infantry moving over the country.

Volley after volley roared out from the guns as the observers fired in.

Col. Kurtz attached the 499th to CCB, the 69th to the 48th, the 501st was left with CCR, and Divarty, the 500th, and the 975th stayed with CCA.

As the column moved out in the afternoon, it was strafed four times; and the vehicles began to bog down in the water-soaked terrain. Divarty set up at Altdorf, April 19 was Hitler's birthday, and the Division was alerted for a German civilian uprising; but none came. Divarty's air strip was shelled and strafed; infiltrating enemy infantry were two kilometers away, and the air section prepared 5 gallon cans of gas to burn their planes. CCA was fighting at Neumarkt and CCB was being counter-attacked south of Altdorf; the 69th's Service Battery had been ambushed at Minfeld. (The 68th was relieved from Division and attached to VI Corps; the 250th Field (truck drawn 105's) were attached and put in direct support of the 62nd; and the 173rd Field Artillery Group (the 182nd and 961st, both 155 MM howitzer battalions) and the 194th Field Artillery Group (the 989th Battalion, 155 MM guns) were to reinforce the Division fires.)

Divarty moved to Feucht.

The fighting was so strange, so vicious and so quiet, so spotty and so confused, that at one time two 105 MM battalions were shooting directly at each other, 500 yards apart.

The 975th was left with CCA, the 182nd put with CCB, and the rest of the heavy guns with CCR.

The two days at Feucht were cold and rainy; and the fighting continued. "It was worth one's life to go down the autobahn to CCR." The highway was cut two and three times a day, and the 501st almost lost two batteries complete. Eight tanks were ordered up from the 47th to protect the new heavy artillery.

On the 23rd, the drive had started pushing rapidly south again, and Divarty moved to Hilpolstein.

On the 17th the 499th Field had been firing along the autobahn; then CCB reached Altdorf and the battalion pulled in to Weinhof, firing on enemy troop movements in and out of Nurnberg; after one day of firing, the battalion came under heavy, observed, counter-battery; the battalion pulled back to Altdorf itself.

The 500th, with CCA, had a battery with the 48th and the rest of the battalion with the 68th; air activity increased as the Division cut deeper and deeper south; and the men of the 500th saw the AA guns of the 398th open up again and again, the heavy chatter of the .50s cut with the rhythmic pom-pom-pom-pom of the automatic 37. In one air attack, when the AA and the .50 caliber guns of the 500th itself had suddenly blasted loose at a plane, 74 SS troops came out of a wood, in columns of two and carrying a white flag.

A Battery was not having a quiet time:

"Four enemy planes FW came over our position. One was hit and seen to crash. Enemy counter-attacked this morning with infantry. Battery fired 300 rounds. Battery laid on compass 4800. Fired several rounds then changed to compass 2400. Then two guns laid on compass 4800 and three on compass 2400. Battery fired in opposite directions at the same time."

On April 16, Capt. William B. Rice, missing in action since April 4, returned to battalion; he had escaped his captors.

At 2000 hours on April 16, Capt. Rice was taken prisoner again. A battalion party was ambushed; Capt. Ezra Newman led some of the men to safety.

The battalion moved to Grubb, and there become involved in the savage fight for Neumarkt; when the troops were pulled back, the 500th was one of the battalions that fired Neumarkt so savagely that two days later it was still burning.

The 500th was transferred to CCA and put in support of the 68th.

The 501st, meanwhile, was moving to Oberstreu, Oberlingheim and Krogelstein; and the 501st began to come in for its share of the strafings; moved down to Sindlbach to assist in the fight for Nurnberg; and supported the 94th Cavalry's fight at Creussen. Lieut. Vernal L. Hostetter directed battalion fire there for 48 straight hours, received the Bronze Star Medal.

The 501st was attached to CCR, started pushing down the autobahn; and when the tank-infantry of CCR began to run into the counter-attacks and heavy resistance near Allersberg, the 501st went into position along the autobahn north of Altenfelden.

The 501st laid down smoke on "88 Junction" to get the tanks of the 25th into Allersberg; Forward Observer Lieut John L. Larson was engaged in a fire fight with his own tank

cannon and machine guns while calling down artillery support for the 25th.

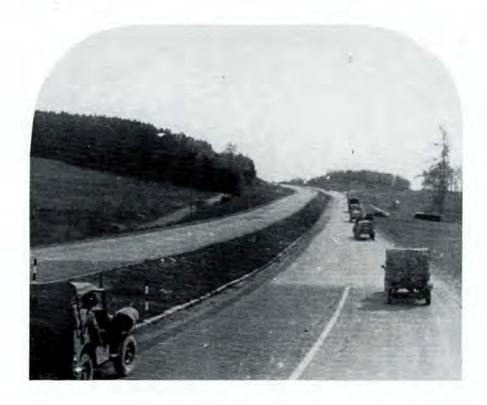
Fierce fighting continued; Service Battery was ordered back to Feucht and Headquarters Battery back up the autobahn a mile, and still enemy rounds continued to fall in the battery positions; A Battery on the left flank was subjected to high bursts, attacked and almost surrounded; and the artillerymen had to pull back 1500 yards.

In the Allersberg action, the 501st fired 1187 rounds the first day and 995 the second.

The next night, enemy infantry infiltrated on B Battery's positions, small arms fire began to cut through the battery guns; the outposts were pulled back and the 501st prepared for a last ditch stand. The other battalions laid fire around the battery, a ring of HE, cutting down the enemy infantrymen.

The enemy defense was broken; and the battalion moved out to Pyras.

The 14th Armored was on its way to the Danube.



# VICTORY

April 21 - May 8, 1945

COMBAT COMMAND A REPORT:

"The 48th Tank Battalion moved to seize crossings over the Danube River, advancing to Postbauer, where it was held up by AT fire. Attack was launched on Postbauer at 1915 and at 2020 the battalion had troops in the northwest corner of town.

"The 48th continued its attack in the morning after an artillery preparation; the battalion was forced to withdraw by AT, bazooka and sniper fire; the artillery barrage was repeated and the troops attacked again, clearing the town by 1600. The attack continued, still encountering flat trajectory and intense small arms fire. The enemy was elements of the 17th SS Grenadier Division.

"The 68th attacked to clear Kermath and encountered determined enemy resistance, intense small arms, AT and artillery fire; the 68th captured Rittershof and Tyrolsberg against enemy small arms and artillery fire. The 48th attack had carried to Heng; a tank-infantry attack was launched but was unable to advance due to heavy enemy artillery, AT and small arms fire."

The 48th, talking of the battles at Postbauer and Heng, said:

"Here we had some of the roughest battles of the war."

The last closing days of the war, but the war was not over, for the living.

CCA was given the mission of protecting the Division rear and CCR went into the attack.

CCR's 62nd Infantry Battalion moved to Lenting, rolled through the lush flatlands of the Danube, reached Ingolstadt on the Danube, already in American hands.

C-62 had fought into Stauf, shelled by artillery and tank fire, the Company's AT Platoon shelled the castle overlooking the town; and Capt. Kosik swung his men into town from the flank, cutting down the German garrison. Pfc Edward D. Umbarger killed two SS guards, snap firing his BAR from the hip; Lieut. John W. Pleacher, Jr., killed another with Capt. Trammell's gun; and C Company moved into Ingolstadt.

The 25th Tank Battalion had attached B Company to the 341st Infantry Regiment and C Company to the 342nd. Maj. Shedd went with C Company as liaison; Lieut. William C. Hampton went with B Company.

A-25, meanwhile, was with the 62nd.

A Company, and the Recon platoon, in the dash across Germany, worked out this SOP:

The Recon peeps would go up to a town; if they were fired on, the tanks would move up and open fire; if not, the column would continue on. Near Gresthal, there was a brief fight when the fast moving vehicles caught up with a retreating horse drawn German outfit. Sgt. Dean L. Rumberg and Pfc. John H. Pierce spotted an American tank with German markings; it was fired on, but it managed to pull back. The lead peep moved on; it was fired on, overturned, and threw the men out; the men returned the fire and the tanks moved up; and the resistance ended. Lieut. Walton's platoon met a German column head on and fought its length. At Lichtenfels the Recon Platoon returned to the 25th, and for the Ingolstadt crossing, A Company returned.

C Company, meanwhile, with the 342nd, fought through Eichstadt; Lieut. Chrisman was wounded and Sgt. Eddie Parrish assumed command of the platoon. At Rothenstein, Sgt. Stanley C. Kicinski's tank was hit by an 88; but there were no casualties.

B Company ran into no trouble until Ingolstadt was reached; the bridges were blown there, and the platoon supported the infantry crossing of the river. Lieut. William H. Kekar, Jr., moving in from the East, ran into anti-tank fire at Hepberg and his tank was knocked out; an enemy tank was knocked out and 200 enemy were captured.

The tanks assembled to wait for a bridge to be put in over the Danube.

The 19th, meanwhile, had attacked toward Ryrbaum through a drenching rain, C Company in the lead with A-47 tanks. The attack ran into a long road block of felled trees; the town was finally approached, the vehicles deployed, and a tank-infantry team led by Lieut. Robert Lingle moved into the town. The Germans let them come in, then surrounded them; and the tank-infantry team fought its way out. The tank was mired on the muddy, rain-sodden ground, the weather wet and cold; and A Company, moving up to attack the town, had great trouble with its vehicles.

Artillery was laid in on the town, the tanks and infantry jumped off in force, and Ryrbaum was cleared in two hours.

On April 23 the Division was relieved from the Seventh Army and assigned to the Third Army.

The 19th was ordered south to seize crossing of the Altmuhl River. At Obermassing, the bridge over the swollen stream was out; the engineers, with drafted civilians, put one in; but after the bulk of the battalion got over, the bridge broke. The advance elements went on with the attack.

There was a right flank patrol of a rifle squad, a section of medium tanks from the 47th, and a section of the 94th Recon; and the 19th moved through the towns of white flags.

Sgt. Bernard Schmaltz of the 94th was heading the right flank patrol; he would drive ahead to every town and ask the burgomeister to surrender. Most did; the PWs continued to flow back.

At Littershoffen the column ran into road blocks and mine fields that the engineers cleared, and then the 19th







started moving up the valley to Beilngreis. The 48th converged on the town, and the town was taken without a fight. Two bridges were taken, but a third, on the same road had been blown and would have to be replaced; the 48th and the 19th outposted the town, and artillery and mortar shells then began to come in from the ridge beyond; as darkness fell the power of the enemy shelling increased. The bridge site was being plastered; and the infantrymen in their foxholes were cold and shivering (it was to snow on May 3) in the barrage.

The 19th was ordered to attack the next morning to take the ridge from which the enemy fire was coming.

Beilngries lies in the valley of the Altmuhl, and the gray drizzling land, all open fields, slopes upward for a long and murderously gentle slope to the ridge; at 0900 A and C Company jumped off in the attack, supported by the artillery (499th) and the tank guns.

Hardly were the infantrymen across the river than the German guns opened up, automatic weapons, small arms, mortar and direct tank fire; and the men were pinned to the ground.

The artillery and tanks and assault guns and mortars increased their fire on the enemy positions, but the enemy fire against the infantrymen did not lessen. A Company was taking heavy casualties, and there was no way to get the tanks across the river.

Casualties had to be carried out by hand; and the enemy was firing on the Medics. Pvt. Joseph Bienlein was killed giving aid to a wounded man; Tec/3 Robert S. Munson and Tec/4 Francis LaForge tried to get a weasel across the river. It flooded and stalled; later they got it over, drove through the front lines, and were captured.

C Company casualties began to mount; C Company was getting them back by rubber boat. Tec/5 Daniel Sperberg stood up on part of the blown bridge holding a large Red Cross flag, and Corp. Ernest Guenette ferried the boat. When the flag was up, all firing, German and American, ceased; when the flag was down, all firing started.

Pfc. Dominic R. Scala of A Company risked his life again and again to keep in the wires between Lieut. Michael Auer and the Mortar Platoon; A Company was taking such heavy casualties by now it was ordered to pull back and Sgt. James J. Hanover ran back through the artillery fire to call for smoke.

C Company managed to fight its way up and into the woods, and were engaging the enemy with machine guns,



bazookas, rifles and hand grenades; and it was here the Lieut. Joseph Osborn, veteran platoon leader, was hit and killed.

The enemy in C Company's sector had fallen back to Paulushofen; C Company dug in on the ridge and called for artillery on the town. The artillery, mortars and tank guns pounded at Paulushofen and the town was in flames.

With C Company moving ahead, the pressure on A Company was relieved; C Company launched a dismounted attack on Paulushofen, and A Company moved up with them. The battalion outposted the town for the night; and that night the engineers got the bridge in, and the tanks began to come up.

Pushing on to the Danube, the 19th fought through Forcheim, moved down the narrow, wooded, soggy roads blasting at the disorganized swirling segments of the Ger man Army, taking prisoners, and the tanks and infantry made a dash for the Danube. The lead tank was actually on the bridge when it was blown by the Germans—a crew of teen-age boys. The battalion pulled into the town and out posted for the night; and all through the night the enemy plastered the town with mortar and artillery fire, and nebel-werfers; the artillery and the assault guns and mortars opened up on the enemy across the river.

With the switch of the tank battalions between the combat commands, A-19 went to the 48th, and A-48 went to the 19th; the 47th attachment was dissolved.

On April 28, CCA moved out again with the mission of seizing a crossing over the Isar River. The 68th, fighting through small arms, bazooka and mortar fire, drove to Mainburg; the 47th drove through Kirchdorf, on to Horgertshausen; the 68th reached Pfettrach and captured Alt dorf after a bitter fight against heavy small arms fire and tank fire.

At Lindkirshen, the 68th's Recon elements ran into auto matic weapons, sniper and bazooka fire; C Company men dismounted and attacked the town; and the list of men killed in the closing days of the war increased—Lieut. Bill hymer was killed when a panzerfaust caromed off the side of a tank.

After A and C Companies had reduced Altdorf, a platoon of A Company was sent ahead to test the strength of the enemy defenses at Landshut on the Isar.

Landshut was heavily defended by automatic weapons and tank guns; and the platoon withdrew. B Company of the 62nd (the battalion transferred to CCA, the 68th to CCR) and the Seventh Army Provisional Rifle Company, moved up to attack Landshut.

B-62 had had a major accident—the 3rd Platoon's machine gun half-track turned over, killed two, burned the entire crew.

The 1st and 3rd Platoons of B-62 assaulted their sector of Landshut. The Anti-Tank Platoon brought up its guns; the men fought their way into the rubble of the city, through the junk heap of bombed-out railroad yards; the Provisional Rifle Company suffered 21 casualties in the city.

While the assault on Landshut was going on, the 47th Tank Battalion had jumped off in the assault on the Moosburg Prison Camp.

Here is that story:

It is 0600, 29 April, The attack of Combat Command A is

due to be resumed at this moment. The command post is located in Puttenhausen, Germany.

The 47th Tank Battalion is eight miles to the southeast where it halted operations at 2300 last night. Lieut. Col. Bob E. Edward's 68th Armored Infantry Battalion is three miles north of the command post, having run into hard resistance late the preceding day and having been ordered to halt in Mainburg to avoid running into a known night ambush.

Soon now, reports should arrive that the battalions are moving, and the guns of Joseph J. Murtha's 500th Armored Field Artillery Battalion should be heard. At one minute before 0600 a strange group strode into the headquarters of Combat Command A, to meet Brig. Gen. C. H. Karlstad, Combat Commander. It consisted of a German Major, representing the commander of the Moosburg Allied Prisoner of War Camp, Col. Paul S. Goode of the United States Army and a Group Commander of the British Royal Air Force, the senior American and British Officers respectively, imprisoned in the Moosburg Camp; a Swiss Red Cross representative; and Col. Lann. The German Major brought a written proposal from his commander for the creation of a neutral zone surrounding Moosburg, all movement of Allied troops in the general vicinity of Moosburg to stop while representatives of the Allied and German Governments conferred on disposition of the Allied Prisoners of War in that vicinity.

The German proposals were rejected and the party was given until 0900 to return to Moosburg and to submit an unconditional surrender offer—or receive the American attack at that hour; a CCA staff officer was dispatched to General Smith.

German SS troops moved outside the city and set up a defense perimeter. They opened the fight.

By 1030 the SS were lying dead in the fields and along the roads, grey-white faces and open mouths, twisted and staring sightlessly at the cold, blue sky above; and American medium tanks were roaring through the cobbled streets of the ancient city.

The 47th had split in two columns, one led by Maj. Kircher and the other by Col. Lann; and Gen. Karlstad went into the city with the 47th. Gen. Karlstad picked up a German officer as guide, and with Lieut. Joseph P. Luby and Lieut. William J. Hodges took off for the prison camp proper.

The peep mounted a .30 caliber machine gun; as it swung up, there were several score armed German guards outside. Luby rolled into their midst, his peep stopped, and with his hand on the gun called: "Achtung!" The group surrendered.

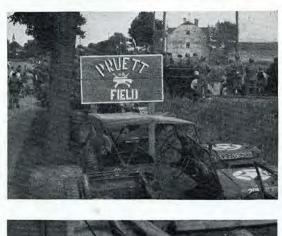
General Smith arrived at the camp shortly thereafter; an American flag was raised.

Official estimates of the total Allied prisoners freed at Moosberg were 110,000, including an estimated 30,000 Americans, officers and men. Besides a series of seven prisoner of war camps, the Division captured a German garrison of 6000 men at Moosburg.

Once the sharp, pitched battle by the SS was over, the German defenses crumbled. The 600-man 47th Tank Battalion took 2,000 prisoners; the 600-man 94th Reconnaissance Squadron took 2,000 more. Division total for the day was set at 12,000.

Scenes of the wildest rejoicing accompanied the tanks as they crashed through the double 10-foot wire fences of the







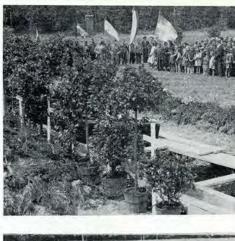
















prison camps. There were Norwegians, Brazilians, French, Poles, Dutch, Greeks, Rumanians, Bulgars. There were Americans, Russians, Serbs, Italians, New Zealanders, South Africans, Australians, British, Canadians—men from every nation fighting the Nazis. There were officers and men. Twenty-seven Russian Generals, sons of four American Generals. There were men and women in the prison camps—including three Russian women doctors. There were men of every rank and every branch of service, there were war correspondents and radio men.

Around the city were thousands of slave laborers, men and women.

All combined to give the 14th the most incredible welcome it ever received. The tanks were finally slowed to five miles an hour as they went through the camps—the press of men in front of them was so great. Men, some of them prisoners five years, some American Air Corps men prisoners two years, cried and shouted and patted the tanks.

"You damned bloody Yanks, I love you!" shouted a sixfoot four Australian and threw his arms around a peep driver.

A weary bearded American paratrooper climbed on a tank and kissed the tank commander. Tears streamed from his cheeks. The women had flowers, and they threw the flowers on the tanks and in the peeps. Italians and Serbs, tired and drawn, jammed arround the vehicles, eagerly thrusting out their hands to touch their liberators, weeping.

An American Air Corps lieutenant kissed a tank.

"God damn, do I love the ground forces," he said.

"This is the happiest day of my life!"

"You were a long time coming, but now you are here!"

There were no words to express the feelings of these men.

As the German guards were formed in columns of four and marched away, each man carrying two or three loaves of black bread, some of the tankers took the bread from them and tossed it over the fences to the Allied prisoners.

Tec/5 Floyd C. Mahoney of C-47 freed his own son, a lieutenant in the Air Corps.

In roaming the town, the 47th and the 68th uncovered almost a score of arsenals, loaded with German machine guns, pistols, rifles, panzerfausts, all sorts of small arms.

The tanks of S/Sgt. Claude E. Newton, S/Sgt. William T. Summers, Lieut. Hack and Lieut. Boucher led the chase through town; Moosburg was not all the battalion wanted. There was a bridge across the Isar; and this bridge was blown as Newton's tank moved into the first span.

Among its own men liberated, the 47th found Tec/5 William Weichelt, Corp. Laufor Cobbledick, Tec/5 Edward Kulawiak, Corp. Gilbert Maines, Pfc. John Nestorek, Tec/5 John Wertz, Pfc. Verle A. Kruger, and Corp. Robert D. Hills.

German prisoners taken included boys of nine, fully uniformed and armed, and girls of 17 and 18—also uniformed and armed.

By night, the Division was established along the Isar, and behind it were unbelievable scenes—mile long columns of German prisoners being marched to the rear, a light tank in front of the column and a light tank in the rear—each with its lights on full blast—and fields with 2000 Germans in a bunch, being guarded under lights, while among them lay the burned out German vehicles caught in the fight that morning, the German dead lying in grotesque positions as

Graves Registration Officers moved among them preparing for burial—all the bloody incredible litter of a battlefield just passed, under the bright lights of the overwatching vehicles.

And through the streets roamed streams of Allied prison ers, newly freed and not quite sure what they wanted to do, but wanting to do something.

They broke into liquor—schnapps and champagne and cognac and wine—in cellars and kitchens and wine shops and warehouses.

They got into food—chickens and pigs and lambs and geese, potatoes and eggs and ham and bread—in pantries and kitchens and living rooms and stores.

They found clothes—shoes and pants and shirts and coats
—in closets and trunks and windows and suitcases.

Ex-PWs and ex-slave laborers, ex-concentration camp inmates, soldiers and civilians, men and women, young and old, from every nation in Europe, drunk or sober, crying or laughing, they roamed the streets that night and reeled along the sidewalks, singing, shouting, kissing, wearing tall silk hats gotten from God knows where, carrying stoves, geese, pictures, cross-bows and sabers.

There was rape that night and pillage, and plain and fancy robbery, and the German civilians hid indoors.

Through that seething jam the American Army was trying to move back more German prisoners of war, columns four men wide and half a mile long.

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Up through the mad bacchanalia the combat troops were trying to move, tanks and endless lines of silent infantrymen from the 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, faces set and hardly seeing the weaving scene about them, eyes straight ahead and with trick men have who are going into combat of catching their lower lip and holding it caught between their teeth.

The dying nation dissolved into a snarling, giggling montage of human shapes, like a color fantasy on a movie screen where the eye is not able to see nor to understand, but only to snatch at endlessly shifting swirling jumbles of shapes of the wildest human emotions, and joy is translated into a dissolving cone of orange fading quickly into red and black and green and ravage.

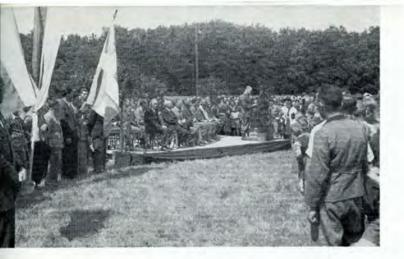
British ex-prisoners of war rode bicycles through the towns—freed prisoners took most of the bicycles and motorcycles and autos with which Germany was so well supplied. Slave laborers, men and women stood by every road, making a "V" with their fingers and grinning and throwing flowers.

"Endlisch frei, endlich frei," said one, and a private first class of the French army introduced himself and gravely said:

"It is very fine that our governments understand each other, and our generals and ministers, but I would like to tell all the American privates first class that I am eternally indebted to them and eternally grateful."

The next day, the 47th and the 68th established bridge heads across the Isar at Moosburg, still encountering small arms, tank and mortar fire, falling in the town; and Company C-125, with the 998th Treadway Bridge Company (once part of the battalion) put in a bridge over the Isar.

The next mission was the next river.









The Inn, slate-white in its run from the Alps to the Danube.

The 62nd Infantry advanced Aichbuch-Vilsheim-Altfraunhofen-Villsbiburg against scattered enemy resistance—small arms fire, bad roads, blown bridges.

The 62nd (that had found S/Sgt. Czarnecki, Sgt. William J. Bradley, Jr., and Sgt. John E. Lillick at Moosburg) had a small amount of action getting over the Isar. Lieut. Kosik and Pfc. Okruch made a reconnaissance; the 1st and 3rd Platoons moved out to the high ground, the 2nd Platoon and B-68 following. The artillery came in, and there were cas ualties. Pfc. Ernest Andrews took a patrol to the powerhouse; communications broke down and S/Sgt. William F. Maier and S/Sgt. George F. Kall ran through the enemy fire to get to them; then the platoons moved up.

Near Togging, the company exchanged shots with the enemy; and found the enemy was civilians. The company moved to Muhldorf and Ampfing.

The 47th, meanwhile, had advanced to Eberspoint. The tankers refused to take prisoners, waved them back.

C Company sent tanks ahead to Muhldorf under Lieut Boucher; enroute the tanks overtook a German horse drawn convoy on the road and destroyed it. The convoy was just outside Ampfing; when the 47th took Ampfing it found elaborate German installations:

A Jewish concentration camp where inmates told Military Government two thousands persons had recently been cremated. The Jews said their members had revolted as the tanks appeared, and they had clubbed the Gestapo commander to death; they broke free and ran to the dead horses of the German convoy and tore at the flesh with their teeth and hands. They kissed the shoes of American soldiers.

There were three large slave labor camps, a munitions plant with 15,000 tons of high explosive (and the 14th had to keep on making TNT for weeks, so it wouldn't blow up in the middle of the process); and a camp where Jewish women were kept for the slave laborers, and gassed when they be came pregnant. There were two large airfields, crowded with German planes, and underground factories, seven stories deep, sodded twelve feet thick, with trees growing on the roofs.

Munitions and aircraft parts were manufactured in that enormous installation, hidden in the woods. The streets were so many, and so winding, the woods so thick and the buildings so well camouflaged, driving a peep through the area was like driving in the Labyrinth.

Stories—there were all the mad, insane stories the brain could stomach of the sadistic perversions of this great society, civilization of the black, brutish depths of man's mind.

They were stories in the past tense.

The victims, the oppressed, were free.

They were raging across the countryside, mad with laughter and tears.

The Nazi state was dissolving in hysterical sobbing through which there sounded a note of laughter—a wild and crazy laughter, to be sure, hard to distinguish from the sobbing—but still laughter.

Past Ampfing, Lieut. Boucher's tanks captured the bridge over the canal outside Muhldorf, and moved through the city; and again, Lieut. Boucher and Corp. Robert A. Allwein's tanks hit the bridge, it was blown. The 47th stayed in Muhldorf.

A bridgehead over the Inn at Muhldorf was established.

The 48th Tank Battalion, meanwhile, with CCB, had moved to Manching; 19th infantrymen deployed with the tanks and flushed the enemy out; it took the 19th and 48th three hours fighting to get into Manching.

CCB moved its CP to Forchheim, and on the way the column was attacked by by-passed German artillery. Maj. Philip B. Daniels, Combat Command Surgeon, and Capt. Marvin E. Parsons were wounded; in the midst of the fire, Chaplain Paul Gebauer ran to the wounded men and gave them first aid. Pfc. Felix R. Flores and Pfc. Robert Bernstein of Trains Headquarters Company were wounded. (For his actions here, Chaplain Gebauer was later awarded the Silver Star.) The command fought its way through.

(Later, Col. Swanson was to commend those unrewarded Trains Headquarters drivers of Lieut. Jefferson W. Pate and Lieut. John G. Brophy's section, and the maintenance section.)

The command crossed the Danube, crossed the Isar at Moosburg; and then Combat Command B was ordered to secure a crossing of the Inn River.

Combat Command B got one.

Col. Cavin, commander of the 48th, sent out tanks commanded by Maj. A. O. Kingsley; the task force travelled all night and the next morning captured the bridge at Jettenbach intact; the rest of the command hastened up to protect this crossing—a Corps objective.

The 48th, also, received the surrender of what was defined as the only jet-propelled wing in the Luftwaffe.

Col. Cavin, acting on information from civilians and captured Germans, took two peeps and two light tanks, crossed the bridge at Jettenbach, travelled 35 kilometers through enemy territory, accepted the surrender of the wing and its 1000-man organization, drove back.

The 19th Infantry moved as far as Erdmansdorf (the march marred only when a medium tank fell through a bridge) and was held up by self-propelled gun and small arms fire; B Company dismounted, and under artillery, tank and assault gun fire, cleared the town.

The column moved down the muddy roads, by the soggy, water drenched fields, across the swollen streams.

The 19th's flank combat patrol of two medium tanks, some infantry and recon, ran into the well-armed tail of a retreating German column at Taufkirchen, lost both tanks, a peep and four men in a short and savage fire fight.

The battalion was moving at night. It had snowed, the weather was cold and wet and dark, and the roads grew constantly worse. There were detours around craters and blown bridges, and the roads had taken such a pounding from the tanks they were little more than trails.

At Velden, the men saw overturned half-tracks, stuck vehicles, tanks being winched through the mire.

The battalion moved to Aschau and Gars.

The 68th had moved across the Isar, and to the Inn at Muttersdorf, fighting; and the 25th Tank had moved to Ingolstadt and Furth; and A Company had gone to join the 62nd in their action at Landshut.

Next morning the battalion, with recon platoon leading, moved to Hilpolding and Dorfen.



















The 94th had moved into Velden ober-Bayern on April 17, captured 200 PWs, and discovered an enemy poison gas dump.

The squadron moved out the next day, captured and cleared four towns; and A Troop was held out of Lauterhofen by four enemy tanks. D Troop was unable to move to Pilsach when enemy tanks and AT guns opened up on the vehicles at Troutmannshofen.

The troops were bombed and strafed; the armored cars rolled through the villages of Germany, the curious townspeople watching them go by, the children waving; and the displaced persons by the scores and by the hundreds along the roads, waving makeshift flags, crying with joy.

A Troop came on a road block near Eidelberg so recently built that the blossoms on the fruit trees that had been used to make it were not even wilted; and the townspeople were called out to pull it down.

D Troop, fighting southeast and fired on by enemy tanks. identified the tanks as from the 17th Panzer Grenadier Division-by capturing the Division's entire order of battle.

The squadron destroyed two self-propelled guns, a halftrack, a tank and a flak-wagon.

The 94th was ordered to reconnoiter for the crossings of the Danube at Inglestadt; and both A and C Troops raninto the resistance along the autobahn near Altenfelden and determined it to be two companies of SS troops, with tanks and SP guns.

C Troop slipped by to the south, took four towns; A Troop by-passed and captured two towns; and friendly artillery fire landed on A Troop, killing two men and wounding four.

Next day, the squadron moved on, A Troop from Brunnau, driving through four towns against moderate resistance, at Unter Rodel ran into considerable small arms fire, artillery and SP fire. C Troop captured seven towns; and E Troop's guns drove off two enemy tanks at Mindorf and captured 51 PWs.

The troops moved into the Eysolden-Pyras area, ran into a minefield and the stiff resistance, and stayed for the night in these towns as tanks and infantry of the Division smashed at the resistance.

Moving out the next day, C Troop was with the 62nd Infantry and A Troop with the 47th Tank Battalion; and the recon ran into the heavy resistance at Alfershausen; the tanks and infantry pushed through, and then the Danube was reached. The troops reconnoitered the enemy positions on the opposite bank; that night C Troop was counterattacked by enemy infantry and forced to pull back to Phaldorf; 17 towns had been taken during the day.

Squadron crossed the Danube at Ingolstadt.

The squadron report for April 29 read:

"A Troop moved out, captured 21 towns. Fire fights at Pfeffenhauser, Oberneuhauser, Glain and Ergolding, Liberated two POW camps with 4041 Allied PWs, British, Polish, Czech, American, French, and Russian. A Troop met enemy column attempting to escape from Landshut at Glain and dispersed it by calling for tank and artillery fire. Cut enemy escape route. C Troop captured 6 towns. Encountered resistance in all towns. Liberated 15 American officer POWs. E Troop supported squadron, fired five missions, drove off



one enemy counterattack trying to flank squadron at Takaried. F Company broke up attack on squadron trains at Neuhauser. One section of F Company's M-24 tanks supported A Troop. The squadron destroyed: four enemy tanks, one armored car, one SP gun, six trucks, one sedan, one AT gun. Captured one locomotive, 16 box cars, eight passenger cars, one 150 MM gun, 600 PWs."

The squadron had had a busy day. (It was the first mention of M-24 light tanks, with the 75 MM gun.)

In A Troop, Sgt. Hubert J. Bookeloe had done reconnaissance for a bridge site; and the troop was surrounded by American guns moving up, tanks and infantry, the indescribable confusion of those days of the rushing American Army pushing ahead over river after river, fanning across the open country and coming together again for the bridges, and the shattered German Army breaking apart under steel hands. The battlefront (if it could be called that) and for five miles back in either direction, was a mass of boiling, entwined armies. A Troop's Tec/5 Warren H. Fry was killed by flak from AA guns firing at German planes; and in the rain the men saw the desolation of Ingolstadt.

At Velden (Bayern), the entire troop bogged down in the mud, and were pulled out again in three hours. It was still raining, a bridge near Velden gave way and the men repaired it.

B Troop was now commanded by Lieut. Kweller; and Corp. Raymond O. Giesse was wounded in the advance; Sgt. Bernard D. Schmaltz was in the lead of one of the columns trying to seize a bridge across the Danube, his car was 20 yards away when the bridge was blown. Lieut. R. C. Newkirk had taken that patrol up to the Danube ahead of the 48th, his armored cars rolling at 25 to 30 miles an hour through the wooded hills and across the open country, but the Germans were waiting.

C Troop had been stopped at one point by a crater; the attached TDs were parked around a turn in the road and every now and then a German vehicle would come rolling down the road toward them from the opposite direction. The TD guns were laid in on the road, and knocked off vehicle after vehicle.

The platoons of the troop took turns leading; moving out of Pyras, a 3rd Platoon peep hit a mine and three men were wounded; the 2nd and 3rd Platoons attacked the town of Stauf, and were driven back by enemy artillery and small arms fire; and the 1st Platoon was forced back out of Alfernhausen. The troop by-passed to Pfahldorf. There, they were heavily shelled, and the enemy launched a counterattack; and the troop was withdrawn, by-passed the next morning.

Approaching Ranna, D Troop, 1st Platoon, opened fire on the enemy observer there, and after a brief defense the enemy began to surrender. 63 prisoners had been taken when a Mark V tank moved up, and the platoon was forced out—with the prisoners.

At Trautmenshoffen the lead vehicles were taken under fire by a German tank; Pfc. Richard E. Kling managed to get his lead peep under cover; there were no casualties. A peep and an armored car were destroyed, and the 636th TDs pulled up and covered the withdrawal with their heavy guns. Next day, Lieut. Joseph W. Simmler's car was knocked out.

The 1st Platoon, moving south from Hirmstettin, was fired on by bazooka and small arms fire; the lead peep was knocked out again, and again there were no casualties.

Sgt. William Pemberton and Corp. James Minn, Jr., moving on patrol to Albertsdorf, got all the way through town when a sentry challenged them.

A German sentry.

He challenged, then opened fire; they managed to pull back. Sgt. James Taibi and Pemberton led the sections up toward Moosberg, pulled aside during the fire fight; the men captured one SS officer in town after a chase over the roof tops.

D Troop's vehicles also were bogged down.

The 2nd Platoon lost Pvt. Charles Schaub at Heng; Tec/5 Frank A. Bianchi, Pfc. Stephen Yokas and Pfc. Donald E. Overton were wounded by artillery. The 2nd Platoon continued its reconnaissance against heavy opposition, heavy and spotty opposition; Tec/5 Melvin Bukoff, Pvt. Ralph Costa, Pfc. Axel H. Johnson, Pfc. Albert T. Renda and Pvt. Henry Schlatter knocked out machine gun emplacements. In the 3rd Platoon, two peeps were strafed by friendly aircraft, three newly-liberated American PWs were killed, and Corp. Eric Cunningham, Tec/5 William E. Gravelle and Pvt. Glenn C. Bolyard were wounded.

Testing enemy defenses down the Kenmath road, an enemy machine gun opened up, Tec/5 William Snyder was killed, and Sgt. Chester D. Adkin, Corp. Paul Duggan and Pfc. Clyde E. Coulson evacuated the wounded; the town was outposted under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. At Lirchfeld the platoon gave covering fire to the infantry in a two hour battle to take the town.

The squadron moved into billets around the Inn.

Headquarters of the 84th Medics was in Taufkirchen; A Company had moved to Lobsing (and received casualties from the Danube River crossing fight of CCB). Moving to Forscheim, Pfc. Marion Cochran, caught in enemy artillery fire, saw a soldier wounded in both legs. Crawling from under his vehicle, Cochran reached the wounded man. dragged him back, treated him and sheltered him with his own body until the shelling was over. A Company had moved to Geisenfeld and Ober Munchen and Hubenstein. (The company moved 22 times in one month, covered 523 miles.) At one time every vehicle in the company was stuck, were pulled out with Corp. Raymond H. Farrnad's half-track. If the fighting had been bad, evacuation would have been impossible, roads were so bad. The company went to Sterneck and Weidenbach and finally to Geissenhausen.

From Feucht, B Company had sent a detachment to Altenfelden; but the infantry was still fighting in the town and artillery was falling in; so the detachment dug in in the fields outside, and was shelled. B Company's report said:

"Things began to get pretty hot, treating the casualties, so no one was surprised to see Chaplain Matthew J. Casey show up. He was usually where the chips were down." The section was pulled back to Feucht. The company moved through Hilpolstein to Eysolden, Ingolstadt and Hohenpolding, finally to Ober Bergkirchen.

When the war ended (it was funny to see the lights on



again and not be afraid) B Company detachments were sent to take over two German hospitals, one at Ecksburg, one at Ampfing. At Ecksburg, Capt. T. B. Schwartz, detachment leader, found 300 former inmates of Dachau, physically starved and mentally tortured.

Said B Company's account:

"Conditions in the hospital itself were indescribably bad. Sanitation did not exist. Medical attention was poor. There were no medical supplies and little food, and bedding and clothing were as bad as at Dachau. Patients were crowded 12 to a room, suffering from dysentery, typhus, and other diseases. There were lice, starvation, and unbelievable filth. A few nuns from a neighboring convent were doing what they could to handle the situation."

Much the same conditions were found at Ampfing; the medical men brought in plasma, set about their work; in a week, most of the patients had begun to respond, and the place was clean; but for many patients the help had come too late.

C Company moved through the mud to Velden and Mittenheim; and at Mittenheim they were brought a patient by the MPs, told to do what they could to keep him alive. He was a German, suffering from an overdose of self-administered sleeping pills; and when he was finally brought to consciousness, it was learned he was Lieut. Col. Martin Weiss, assistant commandant of Dachau and commandant of the concentration camp at Ampfing.

The 136th moved into Altdorf, set up its defense prepared to drive off any possible counter-attacks. There was sniper fire and air activity. B Company took 45 prisoners in 3 days in this period, A Company 20.

Battalion moved to Hilpoltstein and Ingolstadt and then to Moosburg, and to Toging.

"In the closing days of the war it was simply a matter of trying to keep up with the combat troops," the 136th's account says. In 30 days the battalion, without rest or maintenance halt, had maintained an armored division in a 550 mile drive through enemy country.

The end of hostilities meant greater work for the men of the 154th Signal Company. The Division, spread out over its great area, had to be linked together by wire. The three combat commands and trains were run into Haag Switch at Haag, when Division eventually set up its last CP in Gabersee, near Wasserburg. Four lines ran to Corps, seven from Division to Haag. Eventually traffic became so heavy that besides the Fortune Board, another board, Fortune Switch was added. The Signal Company discovered a great deal of German equipment, that was put into use. Eight miles of locals were in use at Division, and 100 miles of field wire

was laid; four times that amount of German wire was in use; and radio ceased operation.

Enough paper to level an entire forest was used by the Division, in its map section alone, during its series of drives.

A total of 62.1 tons of maps, of all scales was necessary to keep the Division moving.

Capt. Clifford E. Robinson, of the 125th Engineers said the total bulk of maps represented nearly a million individual map sheets.

In the 125th, Maj. George R. Watkins had assumed command.

Col. Morrison had been killed when his peep struck a mine, the Division's second battalion commander to be killed; killed with him were Tec/5 Chester Watkins, and Pfc. Joseph Cornaccia.

The Engineers' big trouble, in these closing days of the war, was roads. Roads, and bridges. Bridges and culverts, and craters.

In A Company, the 1st Platoon was with the 62nd, the 2nd with the 25th and the 3rd with the 47th.

The platoon's jobs for the first few days consisted principally of removing mine fields—Corp. Albert C. Powell, Tec/5 John A. Stokes and Pfc. Carl R. Munyon, demolitions men, blew them in place and the craters were filled. The



German civilians, and captured Wehrmacht prisoners, were more than willing to point out the mine field locations.

The 1st Platoon also was clearing minefields, and cleared a road block near Alferhausen; Tec/5 James Meehan rolled his six-by-six into town ahead of the tanks.

At Gungolding, on the Altmuhl, with the 998th Treadway Bridge Company, Company A was to put in a treadway bridge.

The pontoons were being taken off Tec/5 Carl O'Brien's truck when the trouble started; enemy artillery and mortars began to pound the bridge site, and the engineers with the infantry became engaged in a bitter fire fight. The engineers were driven into the shelter of houses; Tec/5 Ishmael W. McElhannon was running liaison between the platoons.

That night the company was ordered to pull back; the engineer equipment had been slashed with shrapnel and every pontoon except one had been punctured with shell fragments; the bridge was put in early the next morning. The 3rd Platoon was given the job of destroying the heavy German guns—155 MM guns—that the 47th captured, and to destroy German ammunition; the company moved to Ingolstadt.

On the 28th, the 1st Platoon was switched to support the 25th Tank Battalion, the 2nd to the 68th Infantry; and on May 1 the company crossed the Isar at Moosburg, in a driving snow-and-rainstorm; and then the roads began to fall apart. Fuel and ammunition trucks couldn't get up to town because of the roads, and for two days solid the engineers worked on the road. One section built was a 380 yard plank road.

In Company B-125, the 2nd Platoon was with the 48th, the rest of the company with the 19th Infantry; and they ran into the same troubles—bad roads and blown bridges, mine fields and road blocks.

At Bielngries, the engineers were called on to build a bridge for the 19th—to bring back the infantrymen casualties who had crossed the bloody little Altmuhl at that town.

S/Sgt Lewis Debardi, Pvt. Thomas Needham, Pfc. Otto Bombach, Sgt. Charles Doane and Pfc. Paul Bordlemny went into town and set up a ferry system, a rubber pontoon running on a rope between a tree on one side of the river and Bordlemay's truck on the other. Both Sgt. Debardi and Pvt. Needham were wounded by shell fragments during this operation.

Meanwhile, Lieut. Richard W. Eddington and Lieut. Martin S. Cullen, M/Sgt Willard F. Sherman, Tec/5 J. E. West, and Pfc. Frank J. Stech, Jr., had driven upstream to the next bridge site to see what could be done there, They reached the bridge site and the enemy opened up.

Sherman was killed. Eddington and Cullen were both wounded. West started back to the OP and told what had happened.

At the OP was Lieut. Lemuel Bryan, arrived at the company that day. Bryan and a group of volunteers (Sgt. Harold M. Davis, Tec/4 Melvin A. Moeller and Joseph P. Marasco, Tec/5 John Murphy and Lawrence E. Biddle, Pfcs. Louis W. Martin, James V. Kocis, John Kolodzien, Samuel J. Teti, Arly S. Aday and Charles F. Cramblett) went back up to that site. A .30 and a .50 and a BAR, were set up. Stech told them the situation. All the party, except Lieut. Bryan and Martin, took firing positions, and Bryan and Martin started forward to the wounded men. The enemy opened fire and their own machine guns chattered over their heads. Martin, under fire, got to Lieut. Cullen, and Cullen told him Eddington needed more help than he did. The wounded men were brought back; and Lieut. Bryan, his first day in the company, became company commander.

The bridge over the Altmuhl was built that night, and CCB moved out; a short distance away they ran into 400 yards of abatis and that had to be cleared by the engineers.

Moving up through the hills above the Altmuhl, and along the rolling country toward the Danube, Pfc. Oran Williams was wounded in a strafing; the Company entered Forscheim under fire. The town was under artillery and mortar fire all night; Tec/4 Donald E. Shannahan was wounded. The Company continued to sweat and fight its way south.

Company C's 1st platoon was with the 68th Infantry, and they too were building roads and bridges; near Altdorf the men came under mortar fire as they repaired a bridge; at Moosburg, the 2d platoon built a foot bridge over the Isar for the Infantry; in the snow and wet, the entire company built bridges and repaired roads, the men worked at Veldon one day and one night to get the traffic going at Ruprechtsburg. Company Headquarters put in a treadway; on the way to Muhldorf, the roads and trails were so bad that finally the 1st platoon had to cut down 50 yards of trees to find a way through.

Divarty had been supporting this final drive. On the transfer to Third Army, the attached artillery battalions had been withdrawn, leaving the three organic battalions. Divarty moved from Hilpoltstein to Hoistetten; and then new artillery units were attached: the 220th Field Artillery Group (the 809th (155mm howitzers) battalion and 240th Field Artillery Bn (155mm. guns); and the 240th fired on Inglostadt. Lieut. Vincent F. Van Scoy of the Air Liaison Section saw two friendly columns converging on each other, shooting at each other; he was able to straighten that out. Divarty, moving through the miserable weather and the beautiful country of the Bavarian Spring, found countless thousands of rounds of abandoned German ammunition, and at least 150 heavy guns. The Air Section drew an L-5 plane.

Divarty found it heavy going, on the bad roads with the towed guns; and the by-passed enemy was a constant source of danger. The Headquarters Battery itself captured 300 PWs, and accepted the surrender of five towns.

May 2, Divarty worked down to Ampfing, fired the last rounds against the enemy, began to round up PWs and try to straighten out the DPs. British soldiers, freed and armed, took over the guarding of the PW cages.

(On May 2 Lieut. Holton fired a mission on an enemy plane trying to take off, and knocked it out.)

The Battalions, moving with the Combat Commands, ran into the same conditions. The firing was sporadic; the main job was moving to keep up with the tanks and infantry. Lieut. Henry R. Heyburn of the 499th fired registering rounds to guard the 48th's bridgehead at Jettenbach; and those were the Battalion's last rounds. The 499th fired more than 65,000 rounds in combat.

At Moosburg, Sgt. W. A. Thomas of the 500th had found his brother among the liberated prisoners.

On May 2, over the radio came the familiar words:

"Fire mission, fire mission, enemy vehicle, will adjust . . ."
Lieut. Vincent J. Hanneken talked to Sgt. Michael F. Messick on No. 1 gun:

"Base deflection right four zero, elevation two seven zero . . ,"

The 500th fired its last rounds against the Germans.

The 501st, moving south under sporadic enemy shelling, firing sporadic missions, crossed the Isar at Moosburg, and fired its last rounds on May 2 in the town of Hohenpolding.

The war was over.

For the 14th Armored Division there was to be peace and deactivation.

The celebration at the end of the war was, generally, quiet. There were the rumors, the endless rumors that had preceded it; and the 14th had still been fighting when divisions in other Army Groups had been accepting wholesale surrenders. And there was—then—the threat of the other, still active, theatre

Division Headquarters, at Velden, moved to Gabersee,

Wasserburg, on the Inn. Division covered an area 50 miles broad and 30 deep, and settled down to administer it.

The men of the 154th Signal had their hands full, stringing endless miles of wire, tying in open wire, restoring German communications.

Prisoners continued to flow through the Division cages for the next few days and weeks at an incredible rate—some 150,000 Germans were disarmed and processed by the Division.

Displaced persons, of every nationality in Europe, were handled by the thousand and tens of thousands. These people had to be released from where the Germans had centered them—in the filthiest stalags imaginable—fed and clothed and processed and started to their homes; and the trials of the G-4 Section, providing trucks for transportation and gathering food, would fill a book in itself. The difficulties of Lieut. Col. Grant T. Apthorp's G-5 Section, charged with the administration of the vast problem of Military Government, were as great.

There was the problem of fraternization; and discussion of how potent a factor in politics sex may be.

There was the final Division review, for Gen. George S. Patton, and General Smith was "highly commended for the superior performance."

The 14th Armored Division was to have an existence of almost exactly three years. It trained for two years; and in combat....

The 14th Armored Division captured, in armed conflict, 64,000 prisoners, not including an estimated 20,000 taken and turned over to supporting infantry divisions.

Liberated 200,000 Allied prisoners held by the enemy. Freed 250,000 Displaced Persons.

Destroyed and captured 500 German tanks.

Took 100 self-propelled guns.

Put out of action 500 enemy artillery pieces.

Overran 400 anti-aircraft guns.

Destroyed or captured 100,000 small arms.

Captured or shot down 400 enemy aircraft.

Destroyed or captured 50,000 tons of enemy munitions.

Took 2000 railroad cars and 100 locomotives.

Captured or destroyed 200 factories.

Liberated or captured 1000 cities, towns and villages.

The Division entered the combat area through Marseille; and left for home from Marseille. (Only the 14th Armored's Band, under CWO Carr, was left as a unit in the ETO.) The personnel had changed almost completely, due to the point system; but to the men who fought with it, it was still the 14th Armored Division.

The Division's vehicles had traveled in the ETO an average of 2000 miles, from October 29, 1944, to May 8, 1945; and had used four and a half million gallons of gasoline.

Its .30 caliber machine guns had fired 2,150,000 rounds; its rifles 640,000 rounds; its tommy guns 315,000 rounds; its 50s 348,000 rounds. Its tank guns had fired 36,000 rounds, its artillery pieces 120,000 rounds; its men had thrown 8,800 hand grenades.

From Nice to Jettenbach, from Barr to Muhldorf, 581 14th Armored then lay buried. Hundreds were in hospitals.

They had been civilian soldiers, those men, they had been drafted, or enlisted, activated into a Division and trained for war, men of America. They had entered combat, not unafraid but brave, they had fought, and they had taken their defeats. They had taken their defeats, and they had fought again.

And they had been victorious.





Pvt. Kenesaw Goheen

Cpl. Leslie Perry

Lt. Lawrence F. Doyle

Sgt. Forest Gable

Cpl. Wilman Daley









Gen .A. C. Smith, shakes hands



with

Capt. Jack R. DeWitt







Lt. Col. John R. Morrison



Lt. Col. Forrest B. Alspach

## AWARDS 14th Armored Division

#### AMERICAN

Medal of Honor Turner, George B., Pic.

Distinguished Service Cross Dewitt, Jack R., Capt. Gable, Forest, Sgt. Perry, Leslie R., T/5 Goheen, Kenesaw, Pvt.

Recommended:

Doyle, Laurence F., Lieut. Maiorana, Joseph R., T/3 Kramer, Richard L., T/4 Flotketter, Bernard E., Corp. Daley, William T., T/5

> Distinguished Service Medal Recommended

Smith, Albert C., Maj. Gen.

Legion of Merit

Karlstad, Charles, Brig. Gen. Hill, James P., Col. Seneff, George, Jr., Lt. Col. Megica, George M., Ll. Col. Lambert, Joe C., Lt. Col. Cooper, Arlin B., Maĵ. Battenfield. Capt.

#### Recommended:

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Bardwell, Charles M., 1st Lt. Kudrle, Richard A., Tec. 5 Lemhouse, Jack B., S/Sgt. Holden, James C., Sgt. Shear, Ronald L., Pic. Hudelson, Daniel H., Col. Karlstad, Charles H., Brig. Gen. McDonald, Wayman F., Pvt. Wise, Anthony, 1st Lt. Manley, Leonard G., Pfc. McLain, Minor H., Pic. Delmay, John P., 2d Lt. Johnston, Forrest L., Sqt. Porter, Thomas B., Tec. 4 Nichols, Paul E., Cpl. Perkins, John L., 1st Lt. Rankin, Knott C., Jr., Cpl. Woost, William H., Pfc. Kiehne, Harold H., Sgt. Kienholz, Marfred J., 1st Lt. McCauley, William E., S/Sgt. Zitter, Russell J., Pfc.
Massey, George W., Pfc.
Solari, Henry J., 1st Lt.
Ling, Theodore C., 2d Lt.
Nelson, Sherwood M., Pfc. Scott, Glenn W., Tec. 3 Tessman, Carl E., Pic. O'Brien, William J., Sgt. Bowsky, Willard G., 2d Lt. Kweller, Sidney S., 1st Lt. O'Neil, Francis C., Tec. 4 Pleacher, John W., Jr., 2d Lt. Shuster, Gerald R., Pfc. England, George W., Jr., Maj. England, George W., Jr., Maj. Barber, John H., Sgi. Hull, Walter A., Tec. 4 Thompson, Jack R., Tec. 5 Bojorques, Augustine C., S/Sgt. Tessman, Carl E., Pic. Mog, Frederick A. O., Sgt. Shortl, Maurice E., Sgt. Mohr, James, Capt. Meeks, James H., Pic. Rensch, Preston N., S/Sgt. DeWitt, Jack R., 1st Lt. Smith, John W., Tec. 5 Struble, Lawrence J., Pic, Hooks, Earl, S/Sgt. Lockwood, Harrz, Sgt. Brown, Carlyle P., Tec. 3 Wellens, Arthur P., S/Sgt. Fisher, Cecil W., Capt. Gold, Louis P., 1st Lt, Klein, David, 1st Lt. Lohof, Raz F., T/Sgt. Shannon, Ed F., S/Sgt. Sorell, Henry P., S/Sqt. Sowell, Ozene H., Pfc. Steinmann, Francis E., Plc. Thompson, Roy F., Pic. Cox, Alvin J., Sgt. Braley, Ian, Sgt. Gomez, Felix J., Pic. Hoff, Richard A., Pfc. Hultman, John R., Pfc. Johnson, Gordon W., Cpl. Lambert, Wilbur D., S/Sgt. Larson, Roy C., Pfc. Osterholt, John D., Jr., Sgt. Rosenblum, Walter, Tec. 4 Wellens, Arthur P., S/Sgt. Allison, Robert A., 1st Lt. Billhymer, Robert M., 2d Lt. Christensen, Arvid E., Pvt. Gilbert, Marion C., Pvt. McDevett, Charles W., 2d Lt. Tharpe, Richard A., Capt. Wemple, Norman B., WOJG Anders, James N., Pic. Brothersen, Harold R., S/Sgt. Brown, Carlyle P., Tec. 3 Bruns, Elmer E., T/Sgt. Dickson, Walter R., 1st Lt.

Young, Richard M., Jr., 1st Lt. Gaudette, Leo J., Sgt. Grainger, David L., 1st Lt. Harding, Willis K., 1st Lt. Harrison, Joseph H., Lt. Col. Heyburn, Henry R., 1st Lt. Hood, Frank M., 1st Lt. McArdle, Vernon D., 1st Lt. Meyer, John P., 1st Lt. Reed, M. A., Capt. Stuart, Leo R., Pfc. Vance, Robert L., Lt. Col. Vandegrift, Arthur A., Cpl. Warshawsky, Jacob B., Pfc. Whiten, George A., 1st Lt. Williams, Alfred M., 1st Lt. Woodard, Edgar P., 1st Lt. Wrathall, Phillip, 1st Lt. Harper, Robert C., Capt. Orsini, Eric A., Capt. Harrigan, John F., Cpl. Lann, James W., Lt. Col. Darzbach, Vincent E., 2d Lt. Tebbe, Willard, Sgt. Allison, Harvey G., S/Sgt. Atwell, Alwin C., T/Sgt. Broadwater, William E., Capt. Burge, James R., S/Sgt. Cox, Alvin J., Sgt. DeRose, Harry, Jr., Tec. 5 Geiss, Arnold W., Tec. 5 Hanover, James J., Sgt. Hitzig, Morris M., 1st Lt. Kaufmann, Richard G., Pfc. Parker, Walter P., Capt. Piniaha, Steve, Pfc. Suttles, Loister A., Pic. Whipple, Leland J., Maj. Wood, George E., S/Sgt. Blackwell, Menefee, Maj. Gambrell, Arlus L., Maj. McWeeny, Henry F., 2d Lt. Roark, Martin G., S/Sgt. Beck, Elliot C., Tec. 5 Benoit, Warren E., Capt. Walton, Robert S., 1st Lt. Wood, Elmo Q., 1st Lt. Quinn, John T., 1st Lt. Retz, George J., 2d Lt. Sherman, Willard F., M/Sgt. Hack, Sidney, Capt. Martin, Russell O., S/Sgt. Stephens, Albert R., Lt. Col. Conroy, John J., 2d Lt. Lowinger, Joseph H., Pic. Miller, John H., Pic. Persky, Harold D. Woodard, Edgar P., 1st Lt. Hurin, John, Pfc. Burke, Edward J., S/Sgt. Collings. Johnnie R., Sgt. Cunningham, John J., Tec. 5 Czajkowski, Edward H., T/Sgt. DiPalma, Ezio R., Pfc, Froeschner, William D., S/Sgt. Grandmaison, Arthur J., S/Sqt. Harrigan, John F., Cpl. MacNamara, Fred H., Cpl. Nebrich, Walter C., Cpl. Olberding, Wilfred, Pfc. Thouin, Laurence O., Capt. Wittich, LeRoy A., Cpl. Thomas, Curtis R., 1st Li. Simpson, Earle A., 2d Lt. Zieler, Edward W., Pfc. Martin, John E., Capt. Martin, Louis W., Pfc. Nicholson, James E., 1st Lt, Cavin, John C., Lt. Col. Goetz, Gerard G. G., Pfc. Vierling, Clifford E., Pfc. Alexander, Donald C., Capt. Houston, Francis A., 1st Lt. Kraker, John F., Capt.

Trammell, Howard A., Capt. Marshall, Francis E., 1st Lt. Gerla, Stanley R., Pfc. Hull, Robert M., Tec. 4 Laws, Howard L., 2d Lt. Brown, Robert D., Pfc. Holderman, Steven W., Pfc. Howard, J. C., Pfc. Iannella, Daniel R., Capt. Miller, Burton R., S/Sgt. Richards, Arthur J., Maj. Hyde, Arthur P., Jr., 1st Lt. Steinmann, Francis E., Pfc. Taibi, James T., S/Sqt. Duffet, Willie G., S/Sqt. Brown, Carlyle P., Tec. 3 Day, Thomas R., Capt. Kircher, Alton S., Maj. Edwards, Bob E., Lt. Col. Hennelly, Francis J., Tec. 4 Klein, David C., 1st Lt. Kurtz, Maurice K., Col. Watson, Ernest C., Lt. Col. Lambert, Joe C., Col. Sowell, Ozene H., Pfc. Swanson, Dale V., Col. England, George W., Lt. Col. Barron, Melvin C., S/Sgt, Miller, Faye E., Sgt. Morrison, John R., Lt. Col. Thomas, Lewis E., Cpl. Adams, Stanley T., Tec. 5 Hill, James P., Col. Lynch, Eugene M., 2d Lt. Garrison, William A., Pfc. Jones, Dean T., Capt. Martin, Lloyd R., Pfc. Metzner, Elmer J., Capt. Osborn, Joseph, 1st Lt. Benson, Russell F., Pfc. Biernat, Robert L., 1st Lt. Crider, Jack B., S/Sgt. Kennedy, David F., S/Sgt. Stamps, Donald L., Sgt.

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Croix de Guerre Ordre de la Brigade Harshbarger, Grant H., S/Sgt. Thomas, Orlando, S/Sgt. Lukins, Robert R., Sgt. Loop, Homer J., Tec. 5 Usher, William H., Pfc.

Croix de Guerre Ordre de la Division Watson, Ernest C., Lt. Col. Lann, James W., Lt. Col. Myers, James H., Lt. Col. Edwards, Bob E., Lt. Col.

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Awarded by 21st Army Group 28 March 1945

Military Medal

Mog, Frederick A. O., Sgt. Meeks, James H., Pvt.

Military Cross

DeWitt, Jack R., Capt.

Distinguished Conduct Medal Hull, Walter A., Tec. 4

## 14TH ARMORED DIVISION

## Killed in Action ★ Died of Wounds ★ Missing in Action ★ Wounded in Action

#### KILLED IN ACTION AND DIED OF WOUNDS

25TH TANK BATTALION

Chapman, Gilbert A., Pvt. Corio, Vincent A., S/Sgt. Crook, Lewis L., Pvt. Derr, William H., 1st Lt. Drake, Eldon C., Pfc. Geneser, Wilson A., 1st Lt. Hampton, James A., Pic. Holmann, Paul M., Pvt. Juga, Andrew, Cpl. Knight, James E., S/Sgt. Mayes, Jack D., Tec. 4 Nila, Elio S., Pvt. O'Brien, William J., Sqt. O'Donnell, Ronald F., Pic. Porter, Clyde N., Cpl. Simmons, Eugene, Pvt. Solari, Henry J., 1st Lt. Swager, Homer L., Capt. Swain, Cleophas, Pfc. Teeters, John D., Jr., Pic. Tomey, Jess P., 1st Lt. Tucker, Porter C., Tec. 4 Williams, Harry, Pvt.

#### 47TH TANK BATTALION

Allen, Morris O., Pic. Barcus, Leslie M., Jr., Pvt. Carpenter, William E., Pic. Chambers, Mylett E., Tec. 4 Duffett, Willie G., S/Sgt. Fidler, Mark H., Tec. 4 Geiger, Kenneth C., Sgt. Hamilton, Deral W., Tec. 5 Harris, Rodney W., Pic. Herbert, John W., Sqt. Hooks, Earl, S/Sgt. Klanderman, Harold K., Sgt. Kruse, Andrew J., Cpl. Laddison, Edgar M., Tec. 4 Lawless, Henry L., Pic. Leichtle, Philip, Tec. 4 Linne, Walter J., Sgt. Marozsanyi, John J., Pvt. Marsh, Ned C., Pvt. Meharg, John F., Sgt. Monty, Earl F., Pvt. Owens, Monroe J., Pic. Perkins, John L., 1st Lt. Prieur, Felix C., III, 2d Lt. Quinn, John T., 1st Lt. Redman, Harvey L., Pic. Robling, Everett E., Sgt. Rusnak, Mike S., Jr., Tec. 4 Ryan, James K., Pvt. Sane, Mack C., Pvt. Schaefer, John, Jr., Sgt. Sprague, Seth, Jr., 2d Lt. Tharpe, Richard A., Capt. Tucci, Francesso F., Cpl. Van Erden, Herbert L., Pfc. Verdier, Jerry L., Pvt. Wallace, Charles B., 1st Lt. Yohn, Carl W., Cpl.

#### 48TH TANK BATTALION

Arriola, Vicente M., Cpl.
Ball, David R., Cpl.
Berg, Raymond E., Pvt.
Boyden, Samuel E., S/Sgt.
Brock, Newell E., Tec. 5
Brooks, Donald R., S/Sgt.
Brooks, Harold K., Cpl.
Browne, William H., Sgt.
Bryant, Gordon O., Pic.
Buller, Melvin E., Tec. 5
Carey, Charles B., Pvt.
Ciuli, Alvin J., Cpl.
Conard, Joseph A., 2d It.
Crawford, Charles M., Cpl.
Dauer, Edward J., Tec. 5
DeCarr, Seymour E., Tec 4

Dampsey, Howard C., Tec. 5 Gable, Forest, Sgt. Greene, Clarence E., Pfc. Hanheide, Vernon, Pvt. Herbert, George H., 1st Lt. Hoover, John D., Tec. 4 Jacobs, Ralph M., Cpl. Karles, Walter, Pfc. Kaufman, Robert J., 1st Lt. Keuper, Paul E., Pvt. Kinnunen, Carl J., Tec. 5 Kitchen, Ray F., Pvt. Lashomb, Donald A., Cpl. Loper, Lawerance G., Sqt. Maas, Walter, Pic. Malloy, Richard F., Pvt. McAfee, Nathan G., Pfc. McDaniel, Leroy, Tec. 4 Morrison, Dalton H., T/Sqt. Norton, Silas E., Cpl. O'Donnell, Raymon'd T., Cpl. Oliver, J. L., Pvt. Parker, Ray C., Cpl. Patosky, Robert C., Jr., Pfc. Polanowski, Raymond J., Tec. 5 Rabinowitz, Saul, 2d Lt. Rankin, Knott C., Jr., Cpl. Rigsby, Charles E., Jr., Sqt. Roberts, John W., Sgt. Rothstein, Robert L., Pfc. Schwartzman, Henry, Pvt. Small, Charles E., Jr., Sqt. Spellman, William J., Sgt. Stansfield, Gilbert W., 2d Lt. Sykes, Guy B., Pic. Traugott, Arnold H., Pvt. Viscomi, William, Pvt. Vacanti, Andrew J., Sgt. Warren, Ahythel A., S/Sgt. Watson, Russell, 1st Lt. Weidner, Walter S., Pyt. Weldon, Howard C., Cpl. Whatford, John E., Tec. 4 Wygal, George G., Pic. Young, George M., Tec. 5

#### 19TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

Allison, John H., Sr., Pvt. Allman, William E., Pvt. Alspach, Forrest B., Lt. Col. Anderson, Robert E., T/Sqt. Antoine, Paul F., Pic. Antolik, Joseph A., Tec. 5 Araujo, Robert P., Pvt. Backus, Lawrence D., Sgt. Bailey, Robert, Pyt. Barnes, Raymond H., Pvt. Bartus, Leo J., Sgt. Beine, George K., 1st Lt. Bennett. George W., Jr., Sgt. Bienlein, Joseph J., Pfc. Benson, Lee L., Pvt. Bills, Grover J., Pvt. Bochner, Henry, Pvt. Bohnsack, Robert L., Pic. Booher, Albert S., Sgt. Boring, Vall E., Pfc. Bounds, Edward F., Pvt. Bowlin, Clyde, Pfc. Bradley, James C., Jr., Pvt. Brand, John B., Jr., Cpl. Bullard, Edwin A., Tec. 5 Burger, Herschel H., Pic. Chandler, James R., S/Sgt. Christensen, Arvid E., Pvt. Clong, Floyd O., Pvt. Colby, Adelbert E., Pic. Cooper, Thomas E., Capt. Conroy, John J., 2d Lt. Darragh, Hugh, 1st Sgt. Davidson, Ivan J., Sgt. Davis, John D., Pvt. Dill, Cecil E., Pvt.

Divisano, Anthony C., Pvt. Donniacuo, Anthony F., Pic. Dunn, Dale D., Pvt. Dunn, Simon C., Pvt. Emerick, Robert W., Pic. Engle, Emmett B., T/Sqt. Finley, Aubrey W., Pfc. Floyd, James H., Pfc. Frazier, William B., Pvt. Frugoli, John L., Pic. Garnstrom, Alrick P., Pvt. Gasik, Joseph L., Pfc. Gilbert, Marion C., Pvt. Gill, Donald F., Pfc. Grudzien, Chester J., Pvt. Hanback, Lloyd B., Pfc. Harman, Fred P., Pvt. Harley, Harlan P., Ptc. Harris, Frank M., S/Sgt. Heath, Robert R., Jr., Pic. Herold, Carl, Sgt. Holcombe, Lloyd V., Pic. Holt, John M., Pvt. Kappes, Raymond C., Pic. Kershinski, Francis J., Pvt. Kibler, Virgil D., Pfc. Kock, Irving A., S/Sgt. Larsen, Einar E., Jr., Sgt. Leese, Herbert J., T/Sgt. Levesque, Alexander B., Pic. Magnusson, Melvin J., Pfc. Margro, James, Pvt. Martin, Leo D., Pic. Mason, Jim E., Pvt. McNear, Lee, Pfc. Michael, Robert W., Pvt. Moorefield, Walter K., Pvt. Morton, William M., Pvt. Muschelewicz, Albert A., Pvt. Nardi, Emil S., Pfc. Newman, Zolen M., Pic. Olson, James E., Pic. Osborn, Joseph, 1st Lt. Pagels, Herman H., Pic. Paluchak, Gene J., Pic. Phillips, John H., Jr., Pvt. Reaugh, Don H., Pic. Riccardi, Fred E., Cpl. Rodahaver, Harold F., Pic. Rudicel, Harold D., Sgt. Russell, Melvin, Pfc. Sherry, Arthur W., Pvt. Shepard, Lee L., Pic. Smith, Raymond L., Pvt. Solis, Richard H., Pvt. Steiner, Earl N., Pfc. Struble, Lawrence J., Pic. Tervo, Uno V., Pic. Tice, Kenneth G., Sgt. Tidwell, Arnold E., Pic. Trent, Thomas A., T/Sqt. Veigle, John M., Pfc. Vitti, John J., Pvt. Vogt, Oscar L., Pic. Wardlaw, Udell, Pfc. Watson, Robert J., Pfc. Weiss, Marvin H., Pfc. Wiederhorn, Charles B., Pfc. Wood, Lyle J., Pvt. Woost, William H., Pic Zabloudil, Steven L., S/Sgt. Zdep, Joseph J., Pic. Zybczynski, Joseph S., Pic.

#### 62ND ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

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Brott, Adelbert H., Pfc. Cady, Richard E., Pfc. Caler, Charles, Pvt. Campbell, Robert G., Pic. Corvino, Frank J., Pfc. Cox, Theodore C., Pvt. Craft, Richard E., Pfc. Darzbach, Vincent E., 2d Lt. Davidson, Olan E., Pfc. Deeken, Edward F., S/Sgt. Denten, John F., Sgt. Dickerson, John D., Pvt. Dougherty, Joseph L., Pfc. Edwards, Thomas M., Jr., Pic. Egnal, Louis R., Pfc. Ehrk, Keith C., Pfc. Elder, Robert S., Pfc. Evans, Thomas J., Pvt. Forsythe, Lester B., Pic. Franiak, Theodore, Pvt. Garnes, Loran W., S/Sgt. Gleary, William E., Pfc. Gleason, Harvey J., S/Sgt. Good, Richard J., 2d Lt. Griffeth, Donald L., Pvt. Haase, James W., Pic. Hanes, Ralph D., Tec. 5 Harvey, Dwight E., Pic. Harris, Carl A., Pfc. Heib, Norman R., Pic. Herrera, Ernest, S/Sgt. Hill, Jerry, Pfc. Hudack, Edward A., Pfc. Isenberg, Marvin, Pfc. Jackson, Carl W., Pvt. Jackson, Randall M., Pyt. Kacmarek, Benedict J., Sgt. Kedrowski, Richard R., Pvt. Kozman, Joseph J., Pic. Koziol, Raymond B., S/Sqt. Kramer, Emil, Pvt. Krzion, Walter F., Pfc. Lapadura, Joseph C., Pvt. Larson, Clifford F., Pvt. Lesjack, Anton F., Pic. Liscow, Ray L., Pfc. Luna, Leandro, Sqt. Maddaloni, Nicholas J., Pic. Maiorana, Joseph R., Tec. 3 Mann, John, Jr., Pfc. Marley, John J., Pfc. Martin, Lloyd R., Pfc. Molloy, Thomas A., Pfc. Moody, Charles F., Tec. 4. Mountjoy, Norman, T/Sqt. Muto, Michael N., Pfc. Narsted, Norman L., Pvt. Perry, George Y., Ptc. Poston, Talmage E., Pvt. Pugh, William E., Pfc. Radliff, Donald D., Pfc. Rasmussen, Robert, Pic. Rodriquez, Raul V., Pvt. Sardona, Carlo F., S/Sgt. Schmidlkoter, LeRoy F., Pic. Schreiner, Walter H., T/Sgt. Sheridan, Frederick G., S/Sqt. Smith, Jack E., Pfc. Smith, William G., Pvt. Smolock, Casimir F., Sgt. Speer, Louis K., Pfc. Spilly, Victor M., Pfc. Stevenson, Robert J., Pic. Tast, Gunnard H., Sqt. Tebbe, Wilbert H., Sqt. Thomas, Lewis E., Pic. Toscano, Carlo S., Pvt. Tramo, Michael P., Pic. Trost, Vincent J., Pic. Veselka, Daniel C., Pvt. Vickery, John J., T/Sqt. Wehmeyer, John, T/Sgt. Wesolowski, Stanley S., Pic. Workman, Christopher L., S/Sgt. Woertendyke, Clyde E., S/Sgt. Wubbels, Ward W., S/Sgt. Wullenweber, Kenneth F., S/Sgt. Zarobila, Edward J., S/Sgt. Zavisky, Joseph, Pfc. Zazzara, Manley D., S/Sgt.

#### 68TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

Arellano, Moises, Pic. Arnold, Tovel O., Pic. Bedell, Harry N., Jr., 1st Lt. Bedient, Zane H., Pic. Belstadt, Joseph, Pfc. Belt, Melvin L., Pfc. Bessonen, Lawrence W., Pfc. Betters, Garold W., Cpl. Billhymer, Robert M., 2d Lt. Blann, Edward C., Jr., Pvt. Bullard, Elmer C., S/Sgt.
Burchell, George W., Jr., Pic.
Caifrey, James E., Pvt.
Carwile, Melvin, S/Sgt.
Diers, Martin C., Sgt. Dixon, Paul C., 1st Lt. Driscoll, Paul B., Pic. Dunn, Richard J., Pfc. Eggleston, Richard N., Pvt. Fleniken, J. P., Pfc. Fossitt, Wenton, Pfc. Foster, Wiley H., Pic. Fuchs, Raymond J., Pic. Fugett, Colonel. Pfc. Gaudette, Edward W., Pfc. Germershausen, Charles, Pvt. Goetz, Gerard G. G., Pic. Gaidos, Arnold S., Pvt. Gonzales, Pablo, Pic. Gorman, Joseph P., Pic. Gorod, Sherman, Pic. Gosselin, Edward, 1st Lt. Greene, William M., Pfc. Grigg, Jack H., Pfc. Halyvi, Ernest T., Pic. Heller, Stanley, Pic. Henley, Dolan E., Pfc. Holland, James E., Sqt. Houselog, Henry J., Pfc. Howe, Otis E., Pfc. Huff, Ralph F., S/Sgt. John, Robert F., Jr., Pic. Jordan, George H., Jr., Pic. Karnes, Herman J., Pic. Kemp, Larry W., Pic. Kern, Melvin J., Cpl. Kirchner, Willard R., S/Sqt. Koshollek, Joseph C., T/Sqt. Kotecki, Clarence J., S/Sqt. Kovarsky, Jerome, Pic. Kreeger, Emory L., Pvt. Kusel, Frank, Pvt. Lage, Leon C., Pfc. Lee, Henry H., Pic. Lehman, Wayne A., Pvt. McKinley, Marvin D., Pic. Mainz, James F., Pic. Mann, Kenneth R., Pvt. Manos, Michael, Pfc. Means, Cornelius C., Sgt. Monroe, James W., Pfc. Mullen, Charles M., S/Sgt. Murray, Glen D., Pfc. Murray, Johnnie E., Pic. Nelson, Charles F., Pic. Nicholas, Freeman M., Pic. Oreilly, John P., Pic. Orr, John, Pfc, Pagliaroni, Mark F., Sgt. Parks, Royal A., Pic. Parks, Stanley R., Pic. Partee, Curtis J., Pvt. Pruett, Luster, Pfc. Putfark, Donald H., Pfc. Quattlebaum, Drexel F., Pvt. Raleigh, Joseph W., Cpl. Retz, George J., 2d Lt. Ringeisen, George J., Sgt. Robertson, Landye, Pic. Rowe, Herman L., Pic. Ruby, George A., Pic. Sanders, Larry W., Pic. Saward, Walter G., T/Sgt. Schiller, Frederick U., Pic. Schultz, David L., S/Sgt.

Sims, Herny E., Pic. Souther, Earl C., Pic. Spoerl, Alvin A., Tec. 5 Stanzione, Alexandro R., Jr., Pfc. Stephenson, Juel J., Pvt. Stever, James E., Pfc. Stoots, Buster, Pfc. Stoyanoff, William W., S/Sgt. Straughn, Fay L., Pic. Stuckert, William A., Pic. Sutherland, William R., Frc. Sutherland, William R., S/Sgt. Talbott, Roy H., Pfc. Temple, Waymon E., Pfc. Uelmen, Lester J., Pfc. Unkuski, Charles J., Pfc. Usher, William N., Pfc. Wemple, Norman E., WOJG Woods, Bud. Pfc. Woods, John K., Pic. Wright, Charles E., Pic. Young, John D., Pic. Zasuly, Lester, Pic.

#### 499TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

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#### 500TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Cerrato, Michael A., Cpl. Green, Paul B., 1st Sgt. Manthei, Gunther H., Tec. 5 Stephenson, Warren R., Sgt. Tassi, John L., Sgt. Turner, Milton O., 2d Lt.

#### 501ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Bemis, Lou C., Tec. 4 Donahue, Charles L., Pvt. Sedgley, Walter F., Jr., Tec. 5 Sheasby, Roy E., Tec. 5

#### 94TH CALVARY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, MECHANIZED

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Vierling, Clifford E., Pfc. Thacker, Richard S., Sgt. Walker, Rex R., Tec. 5 Wilkerson, Pearl B., Tec. 5 Zembek, Frank W., Tec. 5

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84TH ARMORED MEDICAL BATTALION Ginley, Joseph W., Pfc.

#### 125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION

Allport, Norman M., Tec. 4 Cascegno, Carlo, Tec. 5 Cornacchia, Joseph A., Pfc. Delmay, John P., 2d Lt. Domin, William S., Pfc. Fallat, Joseph, Pfc. Kaminski, Eugene, Pfc. Langley, Leo O., Pfc. Locking, Walter E., Pfc. Lockwood, Harry C., Sgt. Marcus, Michael M., Tec. 5 Marinaro, Dominick F., Tec. 5 Morrison, John R., Lt. Col. Patterson, Joseph W., Jr., Pfc. Preiss, Edward W., Cpl. Quinn, James B., 1st Lt. Sherman, Willard F., M/Sgt. Snodgrass, Robert N., Pic. Twardy, Louis F., Tec. 5 Watkins, Chester D., Tec. 5 Witherite, Augustus H., Tec. 5

#### 136TH ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE BATTALION

Buckley, William J., Tec. 4 DeFiore, John, Tec. 5 Dowling, Joseph F., Tec. 5 Heitstuman, Thomas B., S/Sgt. Knutson, Edan T., Tec. 5 Leigh, James R., Tec. 5 Skaggs, Bert L., Tec. 5 Spindler, Henry, Tec. 4 Stavel, Walter M., Pic. Stephens, Matthew I., Tec. 4 Wille, Richard H., Pyt. Wendler, Paul, Jr., Tec. 4

154TH ARMORED SIGNAL COMPANY Jobson, Clair W., Jr., Sgt. Steward, Ralph J., Tec. 5

#### COMBAT COMMANDS A. B AND RESERVE

#### DIVISION TRAINS

Dennison, John A., Pfc.

14TH ARMORED DIVISION BAND Ewald, Norman W., Tec. 5

#### MILITARY POLICE PLATOON

Baxter, Franklin L., Tec. 5 Walker, Morty C. W., S/Sqt. Waycaster, Ralph W., Pic.

#### 7TH ARMY INFANTRY COMPANY 4

Coppola, Eugene M., Pvt. Green, Lonnie, Jr., Pvt. Jackson, Barney, Pfc. Munnings, Roland A., Pvi. Perkins, Hazelee, Pvt. Smith, Percy, Pfc. Westbrook, Edward J., Pfc.

#### MISSING IN ACTION

#### 47TH TANK BATTALION

Bunde, Maurice, Pvt. Carlson, Lewelldean L., S/Sgt. Chambers, James W., Pvt. Clarke, John R., Sgt. Frazier, William R., Jr., Pic. Gibson, Samuel W., Cpl. Jergensen, Forrest C., Tec. 5 Kahl, Charles R., Pfc.

Palmer, Noyes F., Jr., Pfc. Plum, Clayton C., Tec. 5 Scarcitelli, John A., Cpl. Schulz, Edward W., Pfc. Smith, Howard E., Sgt. Thompson, William M., Cpl. Tinsley, Fred P., Sqt.

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#### 19TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

Brewer, Raymond O., Pvt. Campbell, Charles L., Pvt. Drake, Henry E., Tec. 4 Gough, Austin C., Tec. 5 Guzey, Gregory, Sgt. LaForge, Francis S., Tec. 4 Monks, William H., Cpl. Robbins, James E., Pfc. Weinberg, Stanley H., Pfc.

#### 62D ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

Alexander, Arnold A., Pvt. Aukee, Lauri J., Pic. Botto, Emanuel S., Pvt. Cottingham, Robert H., Pvi. Cross, Clinton H., Pfc. Eschmann, Charles O., Pic. Estill, Paul E., Jr., Pic. Happeny, Manuel E., Pic. Harrington, Neil F., T/Sgt. Humphries, David L., Pvt. Isbell, Millard H., Pvt. Kimbrel, Alton F., Pvt. Lacy, Joseph, Pvt. Long, James A., S/Sgt. Luger, Irving J., Jr., Pic. McKennan, Robert I., Pvt. Newberry, Leon C., Pfc. Plotzker, Irving, Pfc. Rabenius, Lennart A., Pvt. Rebackoff, Herman, Pvt. Shaffer, Vernon B., Pvt. Smith, Leonard L., Jr., Pvt. Snook, Wilbur R., Pvt. Swede, Frank L., Jr., Pvt. Trauman, Frederick A., Pvt.

#### 68TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

Beaudoin, James E., Pvt. Clarke, Charlie, Pvt. Comuzzi, Henry, Pfc. Gilbert, Earl F., Pfc. Gioia, Larro, Pfc. Goebel, James A., Pfc. Gomon, Howard G., Pfc. Jensen, Lawrence E., Pfc. Kelly, Milton W., Pfc. Kron, Edward J., Pfc. Mauzy, John R., Sgt. Shepherd, Grover C., Jr., Pic. Sottiaux, Derrill L., Sgt. Taylor, Francis H., Sgt.

#### 94TH CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON MECHANIZED

Corino, Angelo R., Sgt. Hines, George C., Maj. Martinez, Daniel, Pfc. Sluty, George W., Tec. 5

#### 125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION

Aquila, Salvatore S., Pvt. Bates, Charlie, Tec. 5 DiLorenzo, Frank J., Pvt. LeFevre, George A., Tec. 5 Ridings, Uriel S., Jr., 1st Lt.

#### WOUNDED AND INJURED IN ACTION

#### 25TH TANK BATTALION

Albie, Richard M., Tec. 5 Anderson, James G., Tec. 4 Armbruster, Willard H., Sgt. Bacon, Alex, Tec. 4 Bakeman, Donald G., Pic. Balcom, Earl R., Pic. Barina, Richard J., Tec. 4 Bauer, Jack J., Pvt.

Beamgard, Donald I., Tec. 5 Benedict, Neil W., Pfc. Berg, Edward A., Tec. 4 Bielecki, Matthew, Tec. 5 Bilyeu, Julius C., Pfc. Blumke, Gilbert H., Tec. 4 Bruce, John M., Tec. 4 Burge, James R., S/Sqt. Burriss, Raymond, Pic. Calderon, Jose J., Tec. 5 Caldwell, John M., Sgt. Cali, Ross J., Pfc. Cavallario, Samuel, Tec. 5 Chelli, Quinto G., 1st Lt. Chrisman, Robert R., 1st Lt. Close, William A., 2d Lt. Colburn, Robert D., Sgt. Colonna, Amaday P., S/Sqt. Cost, Joseph J., Tec. 4 Curtin, Michael J., Cpl. Davidson, Orville E., Cpl. Davis, Alfred W., Pfc. Delfucco, Joseph M., Pvt. Dent. Jess J., Tec. 4 DeRoller, Clarence T., Pvt. Fink. Louis R., Pfc.
Fitch, Harry L., Tec. 5
Fodge, Charles B., Tec. 5
Forner, Henry, Pfc. Eder, Charles E., Pic. Fraser, James D., 1st Lt. Freauff, Walter, Pic. Frillman, Louis W., S/Sgt. Fuquay, Maurice C., Cpl. Gandara, Feliciano P., Cpl. Gisse, Fred H., 2d Lt. Gisse, Fred H., Zd Ll.
Goldberg, Albert F., S/Sgt.
Greenwald, Raymond F., Pvi.
Groves, Ross W., Tec. 5
Hahn, Russell W., Cpl.
Hall, Lyman D., Tec. 5 Hamilton, Douglas K., Sgt. Hanson, Ben H., Pfc. Hargraves, Norman E., Sgt. Haven, Donald L., Pvt. Hayden, Seymour, Pvt. Hensley, Osba E., Cpl. Hernandez, Gilbert A., Pvt. Hill. Edward G., Jr., Sgt. Holt. Glenn L., Pfc. Holt. Montford E., Cpl. Hood. Everett L., Pfc. Howard, W. H., Tec. 5 Huffman, Roy D., Pfc. Hurl, Charles N., Cpl. Jackson, Thomas E., S/Sqt Kekar, William H., Jr., 1st Lt. Kell, William G., Cpl. Kelly, Edward F., Sgt. Kemming, Victor E., Tsc. 4 Kierski, Charles, Pvt. Kimbley, James W., Jr., Sqt. Kirby, Hilliard F., 1st Lt. Klinefelter, Paul M., 1st Lt. Kohn, Theodore J., Pvt. Lamson, Edward B., Tec. 5 Lanehart, Emory N., Pvt. Laskowski. August L., Pvt. LaRosa, Sam M., Pfc. Lillibridge, Earl F., Pfc. Limberg, Thomas H., Cpl. Linke, Marlyn J., Pvt. Linsmeier, Earl W., Tec. 4 Lovro, Edgar L., Cpl. Lucke, Ferdinand R., Tec. 5 Martin, John R., 1st Lt. Martinez, Harold A., Pic. Martinez, Mike T., Pic. Mazzone, Peter, Pvt. McAlee, Daniel L., Pvt. McCormick, James H., Sqt. McCoy, Henry M., Tec. 5 McKinney, William A., Tec. 5 Meidinger, Paul, Sgt. Meiers, Calvin A., Ptc. Mello, Manuel, Sqt. Menzel, Robert V., Pvt. Mielke, Raymond P., Cpl. Miller, Albert W., Cpl. Miller, Earl W., Tec. 4 Miller, Leo J., Tec. 5 Mitchell, James W., Tec. 4 Morris, David C., Plc. Mullins, Arthur E., Pvi.

Murphy, Patrick J., Pfc. Neeman, John R., Pvt. Nelson, Myron A., Tec. 4 Nielsen, Wendell C., Tec. 4 Norton, Roscoe E., Tec. 5 O'Dell, Gilbert W., Cpl. Osmond, Ralph S., Cpl. Ott, Raymond A., Pic. Pavlica, George, Pvt. Pifer, Franklin H., Tec. 4 Pocs, John, Tec. 5 Price, Thomas, Sqt. Ratelle, Herman J., Cpl. Reed, John E., Sgt. Reis, Daniel M., Tec. 4 Reissner, Frank L., 2d Lt. Ritchie, Clifford E., Cpl. Roberts, Dan W., Sqt. Roberts, Dan W., Sqt. Roberts, William G., Ptc. Rossa, Leonard D., Sqt. Rudd, Horace C., Sqt. Rush, Elmer, Pvi. Savolis, Alphonse C., Pfc. Schloss, Irvin P., Pic. Schnell, Maynard A., Tec. 5 Schwabauer, Chris, Jr., Tec. 5 Sechrist, James L., Pfc. Seibert, Glenn H., Pic. Sexton, Lloyd L., Capt. Sica, Joseph G., Jr., Cpl. Sikora, Michael W., Cpl. Sikora, Richard J., Pvt. Simpson, William P., Cpl. Skidgel, Ira D., Pvt. Smith, Ernest I., Sgt. Smith, Frederick G., Pvt. Smith, Gerald C., Tec. 4 Snyder, Karl E., S/Sgt. Stamp, James L., Tec. 4 Talbert, James E., Pvt. Tarka, August J., Tec. 4 Taylor, Raymond G., Sgt. Taylor, Robert J., Pfc. Ternan, Philip R., Sqt. Thomas, Edward H., S/Sgt. Tracy, Edwin, Pvt. Upton, Joel F., Pfc. Walls, Boyd D., Tec. 4 Weinstein, Harold, Cpl. Wesson, Nolan P., S/Sgl. White, Harry W., Pfc. Zeunges, Herman, Cpl.

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Acquard, Stephen I., Pvt. Adamson, Ellis B., Tec. 4 Alfieri, Daniel J., Ir., Cpl. Allwein, Robert A., Cpl. Aluzzi, Samuel T., Cpl. Armella, Jack A., Tec. 5 Aulenback, Lawrence S., S/Sqt. Bardwell, Vergil B., Sqt. Beaty, Thomas C., Capt. Berger, Peter J., 2d Lt. Beverly, Thomas L., Pvt. Biage, Gene T., Pic. Blankenship, William F., Pfc. Boucher, Maynard L., 2d Lt. Breedlove, George O., Tec. 5 Bryant, Elma, Pic. Eurclaw, Anton J., Tec. 5 Burnett, Lloyd D., Tec. 5 Burns, John F., Cpl. Buzas, Louis, Pfc. Byers, Calvin E., Pfc. Cain, Frank C., Cpl. Calkins, Vile C., Tec. 5 Camilleni, Lee P., Cpl. Cassella, James F., Tec. 5 Catlett, Harding M., Tec. 5 Chamblee. Milton J., Tec. 4 Clark, Raymond J., Sgt. Clute, Lyle E., Tec. 4 Corriea, Alfred, Pfc. Cotten, Raymond D., 1st Sgt. Craddcck, John W., Pic. Dettmer, Marvin F., Tec. 5 Dottolo, Tony, Pfc. D'Ottone, Vite, Tec. 4 Duncan, Harvey J., Ir., Sgt. Duvall, Richard L., Pic. Dziechciarz, Anthony, Cpl. Edbauer, Donald G., Pfc.

Erck, James L., S/Sgt. Espinoza, Alex, Pic. Evans, Louis V., Pvt. Fadda, William R., S/Sgt. Fain, Hugh J., S/Sgt. Ficker, Raymond J., Pfc. Fex, Daniel M., Sgt. France, Peier P., Pic. Franklin, Henry S., S/Sgt. Franks, Lee R., Pic. Freed, Murray, Pvt. Gall, Daniel A., Cpl. Gerhardstein, Bernard J., Pic. Gerla, Stanley R., Pic, Goodman, Herman C., Pic. Gerham, Francis J., Pvt. Grant, Jack E., Cpl. Gutierrez, Jesse, Tec. 5 Hack, Sidney, Capt. Hall, William H., Cpl. Hammond, Carl L., Pic. Harding, Lawrence R., 1st Lt. Harper, Robert C., Capt. Healey. John M., Jr., Pfc. Hedge, Robert L., Pvt. Hegyi, Frank W., Pfc. Hillwick, Arthur C., Sqt. Hitzig. Morris, 1st Lt. Hobbs, Louis D., Sgt. Hogan, Robert E., Tec. 5 Holz, Eugene A., Tec. 4 Hopkins, William J., Tec. 5 Horner, Kenneth L., Cpl. Howard, Fred S., Pfc. Hudson, Charles N., Cpl. Hudson, Robert N., Ptc. Inman, Alvin H., Pvt. Jackson, Floyd L., S/Sgt. Jones, Hilbert G., 1st Lt. Jones, Robert J., Pfc. Joslin, Leon R., Pfc. Jupinke, Andrew G., Pic. Karlsbreten, Andrew M., Tec. 4 Kaufmann, Albert M., Pic. Kazary, Albert R., Pvt. Kiehne, Harold H., Sgt. Kincaid, Karl R., Pfc. Kircher, Alton S., Maj Kraleski, Eugene L., Pic. Kratochvil, Earl A., Cpl. Krodel, Ralph E., Cpl. Kutzke, Edward A., Tec. S Kuzniewski, Stanley T., Pic. Larson, Lawrence C., Tec. 4 Lascher, Philip J., Tec. 5 Lefler, Lyle E., Sgt. Lire, Stanley H., Tec. 5 Luke, Lee R., Tec. 4 Maiolo, Leen S., Sqt. Marsack, Eugene W., 1st Lt. Marshall, Francis E., 1st Lt. Mason, George, S/Sgt. Mathias, David O., S/Sgt. Mauser, Oscar T., Tec. 4 Mecava, Louis, Cpl. Medhurst, Ronald G., Sgt. Meininger, Albert J., Jr., S/Sgt. Mesnard, William M., Sgt. Miller, John H., Pic. Miller, Lyman T. J., Cpl. Mcg. Frederick A. O., Sqt. Moore, Jeane, Pic. Mott, Seva D., Tec. 5 Murphy, Robert E., Pic. Myers, Jack A., Cpl. Nebrich, Walter C., Cpl. Newton, Claude E., S/Sgt. Nordstrom, Laverne R., Pic. Nunn, Raymond L., Tec. 4 Nystrom, Ernest M., Pic. Ott. Harry H., Sgt. Owen, James M., Jr., Pvt. Pace, John H., Pvt. Parke, Henry J., 2d Lt. Paukstis, John T., Sgt. Persky, Harold D., Capt. Peterson, Ansel F., Tec. 4 Peterson, Roy W., Tec. 4 Piab, Gerald L., Cpl. Pleifer, Richard J., Pic. Phillips, Paul H., Pic. Pidgeon, Edward S., 2d Lt.

Pile, Charles A., Cpl.

Egan, Patrick A., Tec. 5

Pitcher, John P., Tec. 4 Plank, Loy B., Pfc. Pomykacz, Walter C., Pfc. Popenfuss, Harold F., Ptc. Poturalski, Daniel H., Pvt. Pulliam, Bethal F., Tec. 5 Rael, Sol. 1st Lt. Reinert, Wallace K., Pic. Rigall, Donald E., Pfc. Ritenour, Benjamin F., Pic. Roberts, Owen W., Pic. Rocha, Jacinte, Pfc. Runnion, James D., Pfc. Russell, Richard, Cpl. Rutkowski, Matthew J., Tec. 5 Samulski, John K., Tec. 5 Seisman, Philip M., Pfc. Sexton, Ambrose T., Cpl. Shelstad, Harold L., Sqt. Sherman, Walter A., Tec. 5 Shoup, Dale, Sgt. Smith, Max M., Pic. Smith, Pennington P., 2d Lt. Smith, Robert C., S/Sgt. Snodgrass, Wilbur H., Cpl. Spivek, Solly A., Capt. Stach, Vincent F., Sgt. Starr, Gerard E., S/Sgt. Stevenson, Verne S., Pfc. Stolpe, Edward W., Tec. 5 Stout, Wesley, III, Sqt. Stuber, Robert A., Pfc. Sweeney, Charles E., Sgt. Swift, Charles E., Pfc. Szymanski, Anthony V., Tec. 5 Tajmajer, Lee W., Pfc. Thompson, Eddie W., Pvt. Thompson, Percy A., Pfc. Tillman, Joseph A., Pfc. Tripi, Anthony, Tec. 5 Tripp, Moses A., Jr., Pic. Troy, Thomas P., Pfc. Urrulia, Henry W., Maj. Valastek, Kalman J., Cpl. Vrinae, Rudolph, Pvt. Walsdorf, James A., Tec. 5 Walsh, Donald J., Pfc. Wasshausen, Russell N., Pic. Waters, Clarence E., S/Sgt. Weaver, Noah W., Pic. Whisman, Gene E., Pfc. White, Melvin L., Tec. 3 Wininger, Ivan R., Cpl. Wellam, Carl G., Pvt. Wesdy, Harry D., Pfc. Wright, Robert H., Sqt. Zynda, Emil J., Tec. 4

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Dylak, Walter J., Tec. 4 Dyl, Anthony F., Pfc. Enershy, Arthur R., Tec. 4 Ferris, Edwin H., Lt. Col. Finck, Frankie H., Tec. 5 Fink, Jack H., Tec. 4 Fogelman, Lindsay L., S/Sqt. Fox. Robert E., Tec. 5 Franklin, Raymond, 2d Lt. Gaudette, Leo J., Sgt. Gerkey, Henry, Tec. 5 Good, Melvin E., Cpl. Gorynski, Frank J., Jr., Pic. Grablowsky, Herbert L., Pvt. Hanke, Dale E., Pvt. Hanke, Dale E., Pvt.
Harding, George A., Sgt.
Harper, Howard R., Tec. 4
Helm. Earl A., Pvt.
Hennessy, Denis L., Jr., Pvt.
Hockensmith, Harry E., Sgt.
Holloway, K. C., Tec. 5
Holly, Jerry, Sgt.
Holmes, Hurshell C., Pvt.
Hopkins, John T. Sct. Hopkins, John L., Sgt. Horn, Otto J., Pic. Horne, Harold K., Sgt. Hustad, Vernon F., Pvt. Hutt, Lloyd B., Tec. 4 Hult, Lloyd B., 1ec. 4
Holt, Robert B., Pfc.
Jabaay, Earl, Tec. 5
James, Roger F., Sgt.
Javondvich, Steve, Pvt.
Johnson, Carl F., Pvt.
Johnson, Nighram C., Cpl. Jurgens, Ernest L., Pfc. Jurgens, Ernest L., Pfc.
Keller, Myron, Pfc.
Kidd, William M., 2d Lt.
Kiley, Russell C., Cpl.
Knapp, Sheldon H., Pvt.
Kramer, Wilbur J., Sgt.
Kucharski, Casey A., Pvt.
Lambert, Jerome J., Pvt.
Leimbach, Calvin M., P'c.
Lira, Henry, Pvt.
Logan, Jack M., Pfc.
McAyoy, Harry E., Tec. 4 McAvoy, Harry E., Tec. 4 McElhaney, Walter R., Sqt. McOsker, Homer C., S/Sgt. MacDonald, Herbert A., Sgt. Marek, John J., 2d Lt. Meek, Arthur R., S/Sgt. Merwin, Clyde E., Jr., 2d Lt. Miller, James B., Tec. 4 Montoya, Mike J., Tec. 4 Nichols, Billy B., Pvt. Nosal, Eugene P., Tec. 4 Pacheco, Edmund J., Cpl. Padden, Edward I., Jr., Pvt. Paty, Byrd F., Jr., 2d Lt. Paul, Donald M., Pvt. Payne, Joseph P., Pvt. Pergande, Albert F., Pic. Pergande, Albert F., Pr., Phipps, Elmer T., Tec. 4 Poisso, Joseph, 1st Sqt. Priest, Rolland C., Plc. Purkey, Gerald F., Tec. 4 Rinehack, Paul P., Cpl. Rodriguez, Rodolfo V., Pvt. Ross, Elton O., Pic. Ross, George H., Pic. Roy. Lee J., Pfc. Rudzinski, Bruno B., Cpl. Salvan, John J., Tec. 4 Santoro, Ignatius C., Col. Santoro, Ignatus C., Cept.
Scanlan, James J., Capt.
Schrader, Glen L., Cpl.
Schulz, Frank W., Sgt.
Seiler, Arthur J., Tec. 4
Shandloff, Robert I., Tec. 5
Simons, Eugene R., Cpl.
Snyder, Oscar E., S/Sgt. Souder, Walter C., Cpl. Stair, John A., 1st Lt. Stillwagon, William L., Pvt. Stoufer, Richard L., Pfc. Stoughton, George L. O., Pfc. Sulik, Leroy E., 2d Lt. Summers, Hubert V., Sgt. Sutherland, Leonard L., Sgt. Taylor, J. D., Tec. 5 Tencza, Joseph, Pvt. Todd, Darrell E., Sgt. Topp. John L., Cpl. Urschel, William D., Sgt.

Villa, Angelo J., Cpl.
Wetzel, George E., Pfc.
Wheeler, Ross L., Sqt.
Wiersema, Robert J., Tec. 5
Williams, Francis L., Pfc.
Winters, Rush T., 1st Lt.
Witt, James O., Jr., 1st Lt.
Zittel, Norman E., Tec. 4
Zoeller, James H., Pfc.

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Adams, John Q., Pfc.
Adams, Milton K., Pvt.
Adams, Stanley T., Tec. 5
Aldridge, Dale A., Pfc. Ales, Walter, Pic. Allen, Arnold E., Pvt. Allen, William J., 1st Sqt. Allman, John M., Jr., S/Sqt. Almer, Herbert, Pfc. Aman, Orville R., S/Sgt. Amburgey, Brody, Pic. Amlung, Rudolph L., Pvt. Ammons, William H., Pvt. Anderson, Carl E., Pfc. Andrews, Bruce A., Pvt. Aniol, John F., Pvt. Archer, Jack B., Pfc. Aronovitz, Sidney, Pvt. Baden, George, Pic. Bales, Franklin W., Pic. Ballsrud. Robert L., Pfc.
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Barbera, Peter L., Jr., Pvt.
Barney, Richard D., Sgt.
Barrett, J. D. P., Pfc.
Bartlett, Kermit C., Pfc. Bates, Samuel E., Pvt. Beard, John F., Pfc. Becker, Donald J., Pvt. Becker, Henry P., Pfc. Beckman, Victor J., Pfc. Beebe, Tommie, Pfc. Belton, Arthur C., Pfc. Belton, Arthur C., Prc.
Belveu, Leonard R., Pyt.
Bennett, Ambros L., Pyt.
Bennett, Roland E., Pyt.
Bennett, Hertcheal L., Sqt.
Bensky, Abraham, Pfc.
Bentley, Ray E., Tec. 5
Bernolas, Frank, Pfc.
Betterdigit Frink, Pfc. Bertoncini, Esio J., Tec. 5 Berwick, Robert S., Pfc. Berzin, Jerome W., Pfc. Bessette, Rene C., Pic. Best, Joseph R., Pfc. Piagini, Pic., S/Sgt. Bickford, Frank C., Pfc. Bilyeu, Leonard W., Pfc. Blair, Luther B., Jr., Pfc. Blake, Paul P., Pvt. Bodie, William E., Pfc. Bloomfield, George A., Pvt. Boehmer, Stanley M., Pfc. Bolibrzuch, Edward A., S/Sgt. Bommarito, Johnnie, Pfc. Bond, George R., Pfc. Boockhoff, Christian P., Pvt. Boockhoff, Christian P., Pvt.
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Bowman, Woodrow, Pfc.
Bradley, Gene W., Pvt.
Bradley, Tray R., Pvt.
Bralley, Ian, Sgt.
Bramblett, William C., Pfc.
Brennan, John L., Pfc.
Bronson, Clayton H., Pfc.
Brown, Fred H. Pfc. Brown, Fred H., Pic. Broyles, Clarence M., Pvt.
Bruns, Elmer E., T/Sgt.
Burke, John P., Pfc.
Burkholder, Marvin W., Pfc.
Busch, Arthur W., Pvt.
Calhoon, Charles F. Pvt. Calhoon, Charles F., Pvt. Campbell, David W., Pic. Capps. Joseph E., Pfc. Carbonniere, John G., Pic.

Carey, Albert T., S/Sgt. Carr, John E., III, Sgt. Carrasco, Albert G., S/Sgt. Carriere, Joseph F., Pfc. Carroll, Mark S., Pvt. Case, Ira L., Pvt.
Cash, Jimmie I., Pvt.
Casey, William J., Pfc.
Chamberlain, Manley R., Pfc. Chamberlain, Thomas G., Jr., Pfc. Chandler, Harold, Pvt. Chandler, Thurman L., Pvt. Chasse, Adrian, Pvt. Choyan, Steve P., Pfc. Christensen, Keith, Pvt. Christie, John A., Sgt. Claar, Robert D., Pfc. Clark, Columbus E., Pic. Clark, Columbus E., Fre. Clark, England D., Pfc. Clark, Robert D., Jr., Pvt. Clausen, Jehn R., Pvt. Cleva, Miro A., Pfc. Clong, Phillip A., Pvt. Cobb, Edward G., Pvt. Coker, Charles R., Pic, Colbert, William F., Jr., Pfc. Collar, Kendall A., S/Sgt. Collings, Johnnie R., Sgt. Collins, Edward D., S/Sqt. Collins, Edward D., S/Sgi.
Collins, William G., Tec. 5
Collins, Virgil, Pic.
Comstock, Orville D., S/Sgi.
Condra, Robert S., S/Sgi.
Cone, Hanon L., T/Sgi.
Conn, Ronald S., Pic. Cock, Darwin C., Sgl. Coomer, Buel, Pfc. Cooper, Stacy J., Pvt. Corbett, Hubert D., Pvt. Corbett, Wilbur R., Pvt. Coulter, William S., Pfc. Couturier, Alfred L., S/Sgt. Covert, Walter W., Pfc. Cowden, George R., Pvi. Cox. Glinton M., Tec. 4 Cox. George B., Jr., Pfc. Cox. Irwin J., Pfc. Creel, Richard H., Tec. 5 Cricenti, Frank N., Pfc. Crider, Jack B., Pfc. Crowder, Morgan M., Pvt. Cundiff, John A., Pvt. Curren, Forrist D., Pic. Czyniski, John W., Pfc. Czyniski, John W., Pfc.
Darling, Edward, Pvi.
Darnell, Edward E., S/Sgt.
Davenport, Louis W., Tec. 5
Davis, Arthur W., Pvt.
Davis, Dewey M., Jr., Pvt.
Davis, Herbert, Pvt.
Davis, John R., Pfc. Deas, Walter W., Pfc. Deford, William E., Pvt. DeGeorgia, Anthony M., Pyt. DeKam, Robert C., Pfc. Dennee, Howard E., Pfc. Demarsky, Harry, Pfc.
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DeRousse, Harold D., Pvt.
Devasher, George R., Pfc. Dew. John F., Pfc. Dewitt, Jack R., Capt. Dickerman, Wilmot W., Pvt. Dickerson, Ervin C., Pfc. Dietz, Harold, Pvt. Dillow, John L., Pvt. DiPalma, Ezio R., Pfc. Dobransky, Andrew P., Pfc. Doherty, James, Pvt. Dolasinski, Eugene, Pvt. Donshev, John E., Maj. Donovan, Michael J., Pfc. Donovan, Robert M., 2d Lt. Dotson, Riley E., Pvt. Dovan, John D., T/Sgt. Downey. Thomas C., Pvt. Driggers, Adrian, Pvt. Driscoll, William M., 1st Lt. Dudkovich, Alex, Pfc. Dudkovich, Alex, Pfc.
Dyson, George A., S/Sgt.
E-st, Arthur V., Sgt.
Eckel, Carl A., Sgt.
Eckel, Wilbur O., 1st Li.
Eckert, Robert W., 1st Lt.

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Warren, Harold R., Pfc.
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Chapman, John H., Pvt. Chinkivich, George, S/Sqt, Chiodo, James J., Pvt. Chomiszewski, Daniel V., Pfc. Christlieb, Frank R., Pfc. Christian, John W., Pic. Circhon, Stanley F., Pfc. Cipriano, Fred V., Pfc. Cipriano, Fred V., Pfc. Clark, Fuller L., Pfc. Close, Edgar V., Sgt. Cole, Francis J., Sgt. Conlon, Joseph F., Pic. Converse, Earl. Pvt. Colvin, Robert C., Pfc. Cook, Billy G., Pfc. Corn. Julian E., Pfc. Cottilli. Edward C., Pfc.

Cottrell, Veryl E., Sgt. Coughenour, George H., S/Sgt. Critelli, Frank, Pfc. Crockett, Frank E., Pic, Crouch, Calvin J., Pic. Cunningham, William A., Pfc. Czuprynski, Alexander, Pfc. Daley, James T., Pic. Daly, Douglas O., Pic. Davies, Robert J., Pic. Damico, John P., Pvt. Darnall, Euclid, Pvt. Davies, Robert L. Sgt. D'Aurelio, Nemno V., 2d Lt. Deg. Alvin, Pfc. Devine, James W., 1st Lt. Dickens, Leo J., Pfc. Doan, Raymond E., Pic. Doehler, Edgar C., Pic. Donley, Lawrence F., Pic. Donton, Daniel U., Pic. Dooley, Francis L., Pvt. Driver, Hugh R., Pic. Dunn. Clarence O., S/Sqt. Eberly, Stanley, Pfc. Edwards, J. P., Pfc. Edwards, Doyle J., Pfc. Elkins, Leon, Pfc. Ellenberger, Charles F., Pfc. Elmore, Leland B., Pfc. Elmore, Leland B., Pic. Elrod, Archie D., Tec. 5 Emens, Taylor W., S/Sgt. Engle, Wallace R., Pic. Farris, Robert L., Pvi. Felty, Walter C., S/Sgt. Fillippo, Frank M., Pic. Finley, Robert E., Pic. Fitch, John H., S/Sgt. Fay, Russell A., Pic. Flinn, Millard B., Pfc. Fosnot, Robert W., Pic. Fox, Harry A., Ir., Pvt. Franz, Marion B., Pic. Fyda, Teddy S., Pic. Gann, William, Sgt. Gardner, Anson B., Pfc. Gardner, Howard E., S/Sgt. Gardner, John S., Pfc. Garner, Thomas H., Pfc. Garwood, John J., T/Sqt. Gavin, James J. S., Sgt. Gebhardt, Robert F., Pfc. Gimmell, Allen T., Pic. Getsinger, Charles, S/Sgt. Getzinger, Walter E., Sgt. Giles, Robert G., Pic. Golden, Jack W., Pfc. Golab, Edward R., Pic. Goldfine, Julius Z., Pfc. Gorski, Robert A., Pfc. Graff, Charles B., Pic. Grant, Horace N., Pic. Green, John C., Sgt. Grimes, Herman R., S/Sgt. Grooms, Baker H., Pfc. Haley, Neville L., Pvt. Hammersmith, Edward J., Pfc. Haimowitz, Abraham, Pfc. Hamrick, Garland G., S/Sgt. Hancock, Charles L., Pic. Haneman, Albert A., Pfc. Hanes, Pasco A., Pfc. Haney, Ira D., Pvt. Hanhardt, Harold A., 2d Lt. Hardaway, Faye, Pic. Harberson, James T., Pvt. Harris, George E., Pic. Harrison, Thomas H., Pic. Harris, Ralph K., Pvt. Hartman, David G., Pvt. Harwood, Charles W., 1st Sqt. Hatala, Paul G., Pfc. Hatileld, Grady T., Pfc. Hazle, Roy L., Pfc. Heady, James K., Pfc. Held, Frederick D., S/Sgt. Hendrix, Clarence B., S/Sgt, Kennedy, Daniel D., Pfc. Hennequin, Arthur A., Pfc. Hess, Lovell A., Pvt. Higgens, Lester C., Pfc. Highfill, James D., Pfc. Hillis, Leonard S., Pfc. Hinson, Jackson, Pfc.

Hodge, Robert R., Tec. 5 Hood, James B., Pfc. Horowitz, Sidney, Pfc. Hruskocy, Thomas C., Pic. Hynes, John T., Pfc. Irwin, Arthur T., Pfc. Jackson, James G., Pvt. James, Seth T., Pic. Jebens, Henry L., Pfc. Jennings, Kenneth A., Pfc. Johnson, Aldred J., Pvt. Johnson, Ernest W., Pic. Johnson, Lief F., Pfc. Jones, Jesse H., Pvt. Juarez, Alberto G., Pic. Kamm, Robert H., Sgt. Kaczynski. Joseph A., Pfc. Kane, Hiles R., Sgt. Katz, Aaron, Pfc. Kemmerling, Rogers T., Pfc. Kemp, Harry T., 2d Lt. Kempke, Earl E., Pfc. Kennedy, David F., Sgt. Ketron, Letchford M., Tec. 5 Kienholtz, Marfred J., 1st Lt. Kincheloe, Dalton, Pfc. King, Robert L., Pfc. Kleban, John M., Pfc. Koch, Edwin M., 2d Lt. Kolias, James, S/Sgt. Korzie, Arthur F., Pfc. Kosnitzky, Harry, Pfc. Kozma, Calmon, S/Sgt. Kuritar, Joseph G., Cpl. Kwiatcowski, Joseph L., Pfc. Lashley, Russell L., Pfc. Lane, Claude R., Sot. Langlous, Harry J., Pvt. Rapoint, Robert A., Pic. Lauchner, James D., Pic. Lawler, Harry E., Pic. Leslie, Charles M., Pic, Libecki, Frank J., Pic. Ling, Theodore C., 2d Lt, Lloyd, LeRoy, Tec. 4 Lohof, Ray F., T/Sgl. Logsdon, William E., Pfc. Lombardo, Richard A., T/Sqt. Lorton, Raymond H., Pfc. Loss, Robert L., Pfc. Lowe, Clarence O., S/Sgt. Lowe, Charles P., Pfc. Luby, Joseph P., 1st Lt. McDonald, Frederick M., Pic. Madden, Graham P., 1st Lt. Mares, Benjamin, S/Sgt. Marianis, Peter J., Pfc. Marro, Lawrence B., S/Sgt, Marshok, Andy J., Jr., Pfc. Martinez, Hermerigiloto, Pfc. Mapstone, Charles H., Pvt. Martin, Arthur J., Pfc. Mason, Madison H., Pfc. Massey, Charles E., Sgt. Massey, George W., Pfc. Matherly, Clinton, Pfc. Maxwell, Zell A., Cpl. McAtee, Eugene M., 2d Lt. McClanahan, William H., Pfc. McClelland, Horace L., Pic. McGlothin, Arron H., Pfc. McKeon, Gerald, 2d Lt. McMaster, James R., S/Sgt. Meixsell, John B., Pfc. Meola, Frank J., Pic. Mettlen, Alen B., Pic. Miller, Daniel G., Pic. Miller, Jerry G., Sgt. Miller, Joe L., Pvt. Miller, Stanley, 2d Lt. Miller, Woodrow H., 1st Lt. Miles, James A., Pfc. Miner, Jim H., S/Sgt. Mintile, Bernard F., S/Sgt. Moldoff, Stan, Cpl. Mollick, Harry R., Sqt. Morris, George E., Sqt. Morrow, Edward R., S/Sqt. Morrow, Vincent H., Pfc. Morton, Clifford C., Pfc. Mude, Elvine E., Tec. 5 Mullin, Thomas H., Pvt. Mullins, Herbert A., Tec. 5 Mulvey, James A., S/Sqt.

Nartowt, Joseph J., S/Sgt. Naylor, Earl C., Pfc. Nelson, Benny, Pic. Nelson, Sherwood M., Pfc. Nobles, Williams H., Pfc. Northcutt, Alvin C., Pvt. Novak, George M., Pfc. Novotny, Edward D., Pfc. Ohleman, Robert S., Tec. 5 O'Koniewski, Peter S., Pfc. Paladino, Andrew, Pvt. Paladino, Andrew, Pvt.
Paul, John J., T/Sgt.
Parham, H. C., S/Sgt.
Parker, Ross C., Pfc.
Patterson, William P., Tec. 5
Perroni, Harry T., Pfc.
Perry, William F., S/Sgt. Peterson, Monte I., Pfc. Philips, Marion H., Sgt. Pitts, Rolond L., Pvt. Pizzuto, Russell, Pvt. Plakson, Philip A., Pfc. Pley, Frank W., Pfc. Poe, William D., Tec. 5 Potts, James T., S/Sqt. Quinn, Thomas C., Pfc. Rager, Jesse, Pic. Rampullax, Joseph L., Tec. 5 Raymond, Frank E., Pfc. Reutter, Douglas L., Pfc. Reed, M. A., Jr., Capt. Rich, Neil V., Ptc. Richardson, Stanley C., Pic. Richens, Hugh L., Tec. 5 Rider, Harold E., Tec. 5 Rivera, John, Pic. Roberts, Harry S., S/Sgt. Robb, Alex P., Sgt. Ronan, William J., Pvt. Ronchetti, Joseph, Pfc. Rosenthal, Harold E., Pfc, Rothrock, Paul T., Pic. Rowe, Maryus C., Pfc. Ruffell, Harold F., Pvt. Ruggleri, Ernest, Pfc. Rutz, William D., S/Sgt. Sansone, Louis, Sgt. Sailors, John M., T/Sgt. Sargeani, Edward A., Sgt. Sargent, Robert C., Pic. Saus, Andrew B., Pfc. Savage, Alphonse G., Pic. Savoir, William F., Pic. Sharp, Clyde L., Pic. Schaffner, Frederick S., Pfc. Schlosser, Leonard B., Pfc. Schnaus, Bernard R., Pic. Sciullo, Leonard A., S/Sgt. Seibert, Gilbert M., Sgt. Seiders, Richard B., S/Sgt. Shaffer, Franklin W., Pfc. Shapiro, Burton J., Pfc. Sheppard, Charles E., Pfc. Shiner, Leonard D., 1st Lt. Shoemaker, Ralph, Jr., Pfc. Simon, Allan, Pic. Simon, James L., Pfc. Sims, John E., Pfc. Sinning, Arnold J., Pvt. Sisk, Russell M., Pic. Siteman, Thomas A., Pic. Slawecki, Adam L., Pic. Slusher, Cecil F., Sqt. Smith, Arthur H., Pfc. Smith, Glenneth E., Pfc. Smith, Harold W., Sgt. Somers, Chester A., Pic. Soeell, Ozone H., Pfc. Spain, John, T/Sgt. Speuhle, Donald R., Tec. 5 Spellman, David, Pfc. Stacy, Lewis N., Pfc. Staley, William L., Pfc. Stanland, George D., Pfc. Stowell, David V., S/Sgt. Strieff, Alton O., Pfc. Strowbridge, William G., T/Sgt. Strowman, Philip P., Pfc. Stuart, Leo R., Pfc. Swan, Oliver C., Pic. Talley, Clarence W., Pvt. Tangney, Frank J., 2d Lt. Taylor, Russel C., Pfc. Tharp, Kenneth J., Pfc.

Thomas, William L., Pfc. Thuerner, Russell L., Pfc. Trimbath, Joseph M., S/Sgt. Tucker, Robert E., Pfc. Turner, Robert M., Pfc. Tyndall, Willie P., Pfc. Tyner, Charles D., S/Sgt. Varner, Albert, Pfc. Veas, Simon, Pvt. Vega, Lewis G., S/Sgt. Vining, Lawrence H., Sgt. Ustasiewski, Eugene, Pfc. Valenz, Warren, Pic. Vinson, Hallie C., Pfc. Waldman, Martin, Pfc. Walters, James, Pvt. Walls, Franklyn H., Maj. Watkins, Eligie C., Pvt. Ward. Aubry, Pfc. Watson, Charles R., Pfc. Waters, Perrie W., 1st Lt. Watson, Charles R., Pic. Waters, Perrie W., 1st Lt. Watson, Freddie W., Pfc. Watson, Linzie, Sqt. Webb, George H., Pfc. Weber, Elmer S., Sgt. Weiterman, Melvin F., Pfc. Wenson, Herman N., Pfc. Wertz, Richard C., Cpl. Westerfield, Clarence C., Pvt. Wheat, Roy H., Pfc. Wheaton, William A., Pvt. Wheelbarger, Earl W., Tec. 5 Wheeler, Claris E., Pic. Wheeler, Everett L., Pic. Wheeler, George W., Sgt. White, Rayford L., Pvt. Widger, Clyde I., Pfc. Wiemer, Bernard, Pvi. Williams, Stanley J., Pfc. Williams, Thomas H., Pfc. Willits, Robert D., S/Sgt. Wilson, Clyde C., Pfc. Wilson, George R., S/Sgt, Wiscisky, Abraham, Pfc. Wood, Donald, Pfc. Wood, Raymond J., Sgt. Wood, Robert W., Tec. 5 Woodle, Charles W., S/Sgt. Woodruff, Robert L., Pfc. Woods, Eomer, Pic. Woodward, Charlie E., Pic. Woolard, Jesse M., Tec. 4 Wuebbels, Bernard J., Pfc. Wylie, Albert A., S/Sqt. Young, George L., Pfc. Younts, Leslie W., T/Sgt. Zabadah, Joseph, Pfc. Zeman, Edward J., Tec. 5 Zitter, Russell J., Sgt. Scott, Glenn W., 2d Lt.

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Abromaitis, John W., Pfc.
Armintrout. Dale A., Pfc.
Ball, Harvey G., Tec. 5
Eeckner, Lowell E., Tec. 5
Betancourt, Manuel, Pfc.
Bigelow, Payne, S/Sgt.
Brownlee, Herbert A., Sgt.
Campbell, John E., Pfc.
Clark, Harry V., Pvt.
Currier, Harlan W., 2d Lt.
Farrell, Mickey W., Pfc.
Friske, Curt H., Pfc.
Herrera, Paul, Pfc.
Hester, James B., Pfc.
Huse, Ferdinand G., Cpl.
Jenkins, James J., S/Sgt.
Kincheloe, William X., Pvt.
Kvuger, Wallace F., Tec. 4
Lane, Eugene W., Pvt.
Marasco, John J., S/Sgt.
Munson, William E., Pvt.

Proost, William C., Jr., Pfc. Quinton, Thurman C., Pfc. Slavik, Robert G., Pfc. Thompson, Lawrence C., Pic. Tomalson, William L., Cpl. Weaks, Mac, Tec. 5

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Cook, Frank J., Pfc. Cooper, Allen J., Tec. 5 Delong, Alvin E., 1st Lt. Dombrowski. Bernard J., Pfc. Dunlap, Erwin E., Pvi. Edelstein, Harold P., Pvi. Faulk, Herbert I., Pvt. Filler, Robert E., Jr., Pfc. Fox, Lee V., Pic. Gillem, Lloyd, Pfc. Goodman, Willie F., Pfc. Gregg, Gene T., Pvl. Harkins, Kenneth R., 2d Lt. Hatfield, Douglas P., Pfc. Hazard, Thomas P., Pvt. Hellman, Malcolm, Pic. Hicks, Ralph E., Tec. 5 Hintz, William J., Pfc. Hooker, Robert L., 1st Lt. Hoffman, Eric, Pic. Howard, Frank A., Pvt. Jahnke, Norman W., 1st Lt. Jenks. Vachiel, Sgt. Kreger, Dorsey E., Tec. 4 Krutzsch, Jerome A., Tec. 3 Leary, James N., Pic. Leray, Charles H., 1st Lt. Marostica, Marie J., Tec. 5 Meadows, Earl M., Pic. Mello, Lloyd, Pfc. McNickle, William, Pfc. Moore, Russell E., Tec. 5 Nowak, Walter S., Pfc. O'Keele, Kenneth T., Pic. Okoneski, Steve L., Sgt. Reynolds, Ligie M., Pfc. Rodriguez, Teodore C., Pic.
Rossi, John B., Cpl.
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Rossi, Stanley J., M/Sqt.
Saper, Harry L., Pvt.
Soucy, Leonard L., Cpl. Vanderbeck, Robert J., 1st Lt. Vassar, Sidney R., Pfc. Wilson, Theodore H. D., Cpl. Wozniak, John F., Pvi. Zabel, Marvin H., Pfc.

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Borek, John, Pic. Clarke, Herbert O., S/Sqt. Clutts, Raymond E., Sqt. Conroy, John P., Pic. DeHaes, John P., Tec. 5 Dodd, Sylvester C., Sgt. Fenell, William E., Pvt. Fernstrom, Charles M., Pvi. Funaro, Charles D., S/Sgt. Hagedus, Steven R., Capt. Herrera, Juan L., Pfc. Holman, Jesse T., Pfc. Holman, Lyndyl V., Cpl. Horton, Joe E., Pfc. Lusby, Harold R., Tec. 5 Lusby, Harold R., Tec. S Lydick, Francis J., Sgt. Pace, Otis D., Cpl. Patterson, Hershal A., Pvt. Proctor, Virgil W., Jr., Pfc. Spencer, James R., Sgt. Steiner, Jack T., Cpl. Stephens, Robert J., Pfc. West, Alvin J., Sqt. Widmer. Robert W., Pfc. Williams, Leonard B., Pvt.

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Barrett, Dexter R., 1st Lt. Barefoot, William W., Pfc. Berwalt, Robert, Pic. Bevacqua. Anthony J., Jr., Pfc. Bilbrey, William C., Pfc. Blake, Walter F., Tec. 5 Blakeslee, Arnold B., 2d Lt. Blob. John E., Pvt. Boekeloo. Hubert J., S/Sgt. Bolyard, Glenn C., Pfc. Brewer, Arthur R., Tec. 5 Burke, Edward J., Sgt. Burns, James B., Pic. Butkovich, Theodore R., Pic. Cage, Willard D., Cpl. Cersine, Bruno, Tec. 5 Champion, Harry L., Jr., Sqt. Chastain, Paul E., Cpl. Chelgren, Vincent J., Sqt. Church, Manley A., Tec. 5 Cintorino, Salvatore, Pfc. Clark, Earl J., Pfc. Clinton, Richard D., Tec. 5 Coble, John D., Tec. 5 Corbin, Russell S., S/Sqt. Cunningham, Eric D., Col. Dahlberg, Fred R., Tec. 5
Dahlberg, Fred R., Tec. 5
Dahlstrom, Alto E., Pet,
DeMartelly, Edward B., 2d Lt.
DeMartino, Vincent, 1st Sqt. DeRose, Harry, Jr., Pfc. Dollfuss, Edward A., S/Sqt. Deiscoll, Charles E., Tec. 5 Duggan, Paul E., Tec. 5 Edmonds, Everette, Pfc. Eide, William R., Tec. 5 Ellis, Paul W., Tec. 5 Felker, John, Tec. 5 Flynn, Clyde W., Pvt. Ford, Robert H., Tec. 5 Forsey, Charles J., Sqt. Frankland, Raymond D., Tec. 4 Frankland, Raymond D., Tec. 4
Fred. Noel D., Sqt.
Fromer, Paul S., Capt.
Gagas, Edward J., Tec. 5
Gettino, Daniel R., Tec. 4
Giese, Raymond O., Cpl.
Gifford, Harold H., Tec. 5
Golembewski, Timothy W., Pvl.
Grady, James H., Tec. 5
Gravelle, William E., Tec. 5
Green, Malcolm A., Tec. 4
Green, William G., Cpl. Green, William G., Cpl. Hamm, Edwin F., Pic. Hamm, Walter A., Pyt. Hanson, Edwin T., Tec. 5 Harrigan, John T., Tec. 5 Harrigan, John T., Tec. 5 Harper, Thomas G., Pfc. Haven, Richard, Tec. 5 Hepler, George M., Tec. 5 Horney, Richard E., Tec. 4 Huber, Charles J., Tec. 5 Humberd, Russell H., 1st Lt. Humpton, John H., Pfc. Imiola, Frank P., Pfc. Jacobs, John H., Pvt. Jones, Thomas S., Pic. Joubert, Russell J., Pfc. Junius, Joseph P., Cpl. Karwoski, Edmund E., Tec. 5 Keiser, Carl P., Jr., Capt. Kenney, Robert O., Tec. 4 Kirk, Jack C., Pvt. Kohule, Walter A., Pvt. Kosowski, John E., Jr., Pfc. Kuligowski, Tony M., Sqt. Kwock, Eddie S., Cpl. LaLone, Clifford E., Pfc. Landsgaard, Estan, Cpl. Lane, John R., Capt. Lipton, Merrill L., Pfc. Lomma, Antonio T., Pfc. Lopata, Stanley E., Pfc. Lopata, Stanley E., Pfc.
Lydick, Don L., Cpl.
Lyon, Edwin W., Tec. 5
Lyons, George V., Pvi.
Mackey, Russell G., Cpl.
Martin, John E., 1st Lt.
Martin, Thomas J., Pfc.
McCormick, William J., Pvi.
McCrory, Forrest E., S/Sqt.
McDaniel, Marvin H., Pvi.
McKinney, Arthur I. Sqt.

McKinney, Arthur J., Sgt.

McLeod, James, Jr., S/Sqt.

McTee, Earl D., S/Sgt. Mennitt, Joseph L., Cpl. Meyers, Malcolm C., Tec. 5 Miranda, Julio C., Tec. 5 Misch, Clarence L., Jr., Tec. 4 Moon, Arnold R., Pfc. Moorhead, Earle C., Jr., Pvt. Natale, Anthony J., Pfc. Neal, Norman W., Tec. 5 Newman, Frederick G., Tec. 5 Nicholson, Albert B., Sqt. Overton, Donald E., Pfc. Panzarella, Joseph G., Pvt. Parker, Robert W., Pfc. Patzke, Thomas E., Jr., Pvt. Pearl, Max E., Pfc. Pender, Harold J., Tec. 4 Petty, Forrest T., Pfc. Phillips, Guinn W., Pvt. Popovich, Andrew, Jr., Pfc. Prindle, Douglas, Pfc. Proper, James E., Tec. 4 Radtke, Robert I., Tec. 4 Rebella, Joseph L., Tec. 4 Reis, Norman G., Tec. 5 Roland, Walter C., Pfc. Romanowski, Walter J., Pvt. Sawyer, John P., 1st Lt. Schaer, Robert F., S/Sgt. Schlatter, Henry F., Pvt. Schneider, Stanley A., Tec. 5 Schuler, Dallas H., 2d Lt. Schwiers, Carl M., Pfc. Seabul, Andrew M., Tec. 5 Sebastian, Robert W., Tec. 5 Seydler, Randall G., Sgt. Shearer, William E., Jr., Pfc. Shearer, William E., Ir., Pfc.
Shotola, Paul R., Tec. 4
Simpson, William M., Tec. 5
Spirito, William C., Cpl.
Spotten, William J., Sgt.
Steffen, Carl A., Capt.
Strack, Paul L., Cpl.
Sunberg, Harry R., Pfc. Sutter, Morey H., Tec. 4 Swanson, John T., Pvt. Taibi, James T., S/Sqt. Tarnofsky, Leonard S., Pic. Tauber, Robert W., Pic. Terry, Robert K., Pvt. Trenkler, Robert H., Pvt. Turner, Harvey R., Pvt. Vanarsdall, James L., Tec. 5 Vaness, Edwin, Tec. 5 Vilmann, Walter E., Tec. 4 Volk, Paul G., Cpl. Walby, William G., Cpl. Watts, Marion E., Pfc. Wedl. Carl F., Pfc. Williamson, Maurice M., Pfc. Worg. Wing Y., Pfc. Wood, Floyd A., Sgi. Yuhoss, Stephen. Pic. Zgoda, Richard, Plc.

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Carter, Joseph, Capt. Kramar, Joseph M., Tec. 5

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Burns, John D., Cpl. Crate, Arthur H., Pic. Haymes, Richard L., Pfc. Rempel, Herman, Pfc.

> 125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION

Allan, John W., Pfc. Anderson, Fred W., Pfc. Bardwell, Charles M., 1st Lt. Bartels, George A., Pic. BeGell, Everett E., Pic. Biddle, Lawrence E., Tec. 5 Bliss, William F., Jr., Tec. 5

Bloch, Morton N., Pfc. Bounds, Herman A., Pvt. Boyd, Oscar L., Pic. Breedlove, Ralph D., Cpl. Catigano, Anthony T., Pvt. Christiansen, Edwin F., Tec. 4 Copes, John C., III, 2d Lt. Critchley, John Y., Tec. 5 Cullen, Martin J., 1st Lt. Czarnecki, Bernard E., Pvt. Daggett, Glen W., Cpl. Danziger, Herman H., Pvt. Dawson, Frank S., S/Sgt. DeBardi, Lewis, S/Sgt. Dewhurst, John T., Cpl. Dougherty, Joseph P., Pfc. Duncan, Clayton L., Pvt. Eddington, Richard W., 1st Lt. Edwards, Norman F., S/Sgt. Fox. Milton C., Cpl. Giardina, Charles A., Pfc. Godfrey, William H., Sgt. Goldenberg, Gerald, Pyt, Groos, Bernard J., Tec. 5 Guerra, William, Jr., Pfc. Guth, Kenneth A., Pfc. Hess, Roger M., Tec. 5 Hickman, Leland M., Jr., Pvt. Hoofard, Louis J., Ptc. Howard, Woodrow, Sgt. Humes, George E., Pfc. Jenkins, Gordon H., Pfc. Kaiser, Roland A., Tec. 5 Kearse, Edward P., Sqt. Kehoskie, Stephen, Cpl. Kemp, Charles J., Tec. 5 Kroupa, Robert W., Tec. 4 Lankford, Stanley E., Jr., Pfc. Lees, Joseph W., Pfc. Lewis, Robert E., Sqt. Lorenc, Frank M., Cpl. Loveridge, Jack A., Tec. 5 Ludwick, Walter, S/Sgt. May, Marion H., Capt. McClure, Charles F., Sgt. Meier, Raymond J., Tec. 5 Mooberry, Charles F., Sgt. Morgan, James T., Pfc. Morse, Herbert E., 1st Lt. Needham, Thomas J., Pvt. Nichols, John R., Sqt. Norman, Manired B., Pic. O'Donnell, James J., Pic. Olson, Ernest W., Pfc. Perini, Roy J., Pfc. Preske. George A., Pfc. Pullin, George R., Pfc. Pusi, Nichols, Pfc. Raven, Einar M., Sgt. Reiss, Albert F., Pfc. Rencher, Benjamin I., Ir., Pic. Robinson, Robert T., Jr., Tec. 5 Robinson, Melvin O., 2d Lt. Roesseler, Charles E., Pfc. Rowe, Jack E., Pic. Schlosser, Harold H., Tec. 5 Schlosser, Harold H., Tec. 5
Seyforth, John T., Sgt.
Shanahan, Donald E., Tec. 4
Shelley, Warren R., Cpl.
Skarzynski, Walter C., Pfc.
Siola, Stanley J., Sgt.
Smith, Henry P., Cpl.
Stentiford, David R., Tec. 5
Stickney, Warren E., Pfc.
Stickney, Warren E., Pfc.
Wallace, Franklin B., Ir., Cat Wallace, Franklin R., Jr., Capt. Wildebrant, Rudolph H., Tec. 4 Wildebrant, Rudolph H., 1ec. 4
Williams, Odell D., Maj.
Williams, Oran S., Pic.
Wright, Harry A., Pic.
Wilson, William G., Jr., Tec. 4
Wozniak, Edward C., Pic. Yoder, Carl A., Tec. 5 Zimmerman, Alfred O., Tec. 5 Ziots, Carl A., Cpl. Hill, Ashley P., Jr., Pic.

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Allen, Joseph C., Tec. 5 Benkert, Alvin R., Tec. 5 Bernstein, Robert G., Pfc. Culver, Harold W., Jr., Tec. 5 Goodpaster, Roy. Tec. 5

Hart, Otis W., Tec. 4
Hinrichs, Everett W., Tec. 3
Keltner, Irwin W., Tec. 3
Matotek, Frank P., Tec. 5
Pippert, Donald F., Tec. 5
Short, Hazen L., 2d Lt.
Thornton, Dennis H., Tec. 4
Tillim, Sol C., Pfc.
Titus, Charles K., Pfc.
Toedtemeier, Fred M., Pvt.
Wierts, Paul H., 2d Lt.
Wills, Jack D., Tec. 5

#### 154TH ARMORED SIGNAL BATTALION

Baker, Raymond, Pic.
Brounstein, Sam. Tec. 5
Burns, Ward F., S/Sgt.
Delmar, Jack D., Sgt.
Klingensmith, George C., Tec. 4
Miles, Ernest L., Pic.
Neiberger, Leo H., Tec. 5
Rose, John J., 1st Lt.

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Daley, James J., Tec. 5 McVeigh, Donald H., 1st Lt. Murray, Robert F., T/Sgt. Ryan, Thomas F., S/Sqt. Teple, James R., Tec. 5 Workman, Robert J., Pfc.

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Albright, Burwyn E., Pfc.
Bolson, Jesse A., 1st Lt.
Brumbaugh, Robert R., Pfc.
Daniels, Philip B., Maj.
Dunwoody, Harold H., Capt.
Kirchoff, Carl H., Tec. 5
McCoy, Paul W., Tec. 5
Padilla, Abraham C., Tec. 4
Prine, Glynn L., Maj.
Sullivan, Emmett E., Jr., Tec. 5
West, Broncho F., Tec. 5

### HEADQUARTERS, 14TH ARMORED DIVISION TRAINS

Parsons. Marvin E., Capt.

Flores, Felix R., Pic.

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Crnobrja, Steven M., Cpl.
Cusano, Carl. Pvt.
Davis, Abel, Jr., Pfc.
Ducker, Irving, Pfc.
Francies, Norman J., Sgt.
Martin, Bertram J., Pfc.
Masters, Stanley W., 1st Lt.
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Thompson, Oliver W., Pvt.
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Clark, Raymond J., Cpl., Hollidayabruq, Pa.
Clements, Charite H., Pfc., Picdmont, Mo.
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Delacouri, Daniel M., Jr., Tec. 4, Middletown, Ohic
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Ficker, Raymond I., Pfc., Cary, Ind.
Filo, Frank, Pfc., Lakewood, Ohic
Fox, Daniel M., Sqt., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Franklin, Henry S., Sfgt., Backsonville, Ill., Dead (NBC)
Gelas, Stanley R., Pfc., Brooklyn, N. Y.
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Granger, Floyd J., Pvt., Jackson, Mich.
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Granger, Jord J., Ptc., Winnen, Mich.
Grand, Jack E., Cpl., Enid, Okka.
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Gelenn, Samuel R., Sgt., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Gennes, Anthony L., Pfc., Ronker, N. Y.
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Holloway, K. C., Tec. S., Larue, Tex.
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Hyer, Harry J., Pyt., St., Louis, Mo.
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Kozower, Sanford U., Pic., Long Island, N. Y.
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Mayabb, Clarence L., Tec. 5, Plattsmouth, Nebr.
Miller, Leslie L., Pic., Lyndhurst, N. J.
Miller, Mervin R., Pic., Lyndhurst, N. J.
Miller, Mervin R., Pic., St. Paul, Minn.
Porter, Morris L., Jr., Pic., Lynchurst, N. Y.
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Boaze, Maurice L., Pic., Danville, Va.
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Carr, Richard E., Tec. 5, Princeton, N. J.
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Beasley, Woodrow W., S'Sot., Trelon, Tex.
Beatly, Norman E., CWO, Louisville, Ry.
Bennett, John C., Pyt., Huron, Ohio
Bernstein, Max, Pic., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bissett, Edward R., Pyt., Zuni, Va.
Black, Howard, Tec. S., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bledsoe, Fred W., Tec. S., Chibambra, Calit.
Border, William V., Tec. S., Columbus, Ohio
Bradley, Charles T., Ist Lt., Bomeo, Mich., Dead (NBC)
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Carson, William R., Tec., 4, Charleston, W. Va.
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Conwell, William R., Tec., 4, Kokeme, Ind.
Cock, Donald C., Pic., Hicksville, Ohio
Contrino, John, Pyt., Cophis, M., Mo.
Daviso, Jesse H., Pyt., Veterville, Calit.
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Dinneen, Frank H., Tec. S., Louisville, Ry.
Dinneen, Frank H., Tec. S., Taunton, Mass.
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Frazer, William O., Pvt., Providence, R. I.
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Gramley, Edwin C., Sgt., Cambon, N. J.
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Glokey, Frank J., Pic., Scapl. Leyel, Pa.
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Chappelear, Donald A., Pic., Gary, Ind.
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Connerion, Francis D., Tec. 4, Binghamton, N. Y.
Crago, Kenneth N., Tec. 5, Frankfort, Ohio
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Dennis, Clarence W., Ir., Tec. 5, Velley Station, Ky.
Hagoerty, Wilfred J., Pic., Detroit, Mich.
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Kestin, Raiph S., Pic., Scobey, Mon.
Kingsbury, Guilford G., Jr., Pic., Cleveland, Ohio
Kraner, Douglas D., Tec. 3, Lansing, Mich.
Krick, Harvey J., Tec. 5, Svracuse, N. Y.
Kronenberg, Nathan W., Pic., Chicago, Ill.
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Raefrow, Louis B., Pic., Sot, Nanticoke, Pa.
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Stevens, Perry C., Pic., Huddieston, Va.
Siransky, Elmer J., Tec. 3, Milwaukee, Wisc.
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Adams, John D., Pic., Slover, Miss.
Adams, Richard L., Sqt., Chicago, Ill.
Addis. George C., Pic., Reading, Pa.
Alexander, John R., Pic., Smyrna, S. C.
Allicood, Smith E., Pic., Norfolk, Va.
Alverson, Edward G. J., Pic., Rockford, Ill.
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Amsterdam, Chester G., Pic., New York, N. Y.
Amderson, Grant, T.Sgt., Verral, Utah
Anderson, Kenneth L., Pvt., Lynn, Mass.
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Anderson, Konneth L., Pvt., Lynn, Mass.
Anderson, Raymond V., S/Sci., Clen Gardner, N. J.
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Burke, John H., Pic., Lusk, Wyo.
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Fleming, James H., Tec. 5. Gillespie, Ill.
Fox, Leo V., Pic., Rochester, N. Y.,
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Motz, Donald J., Pfc., McKees Rocks, Pa.
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Rutledge, Robert D., Pfc., Wilsonville, Nebr.
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Semsch, Carl W., Tec. 4, Durant, Ia.
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Smytl, Harold B., Cpl., Bullard, Tex.
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Klosz, Akos P., Jr., Pfc., San Diego, Calif.
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Kopling, Jerome T., Pfc., Milwaukee, Wisc.
Krempa, Edward A., Cpl., Swanton, Ohio
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Lawless, Raymond F., Pfc., Gays Mill, Wisc.
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Neves, Milton F., Sgt., Hayward, Calif.
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Roderick, Henry, Ir., Tec. 4, Stracuse, N. Y.
Perlinger, Paul J., Tec. 5, Elsie, Nebr.
Rayfield, Robert O., Tec. 4, Woladow, Okla.
Smith, Hobert, Pfc., Garrett, Ky.
Smalley, Roy M., Tec. 4, Huldrow, Okla.
Smith, Hobert, Pfc., Garrett, Ky.
Smolherman, Ernest F., Tec. 4, Birch Tree, Mo.
Stieben, Norman W., M/Sgt., Otis, Kans.
Sloker, Ellis A., Pfc., Chesterton, Ind.
Toman, Frank S., 2d Lt., Detroit, Mich.
Walker, James E., Pfc., Cast View, Ky.
Willis, Jess C., Tec. 4, Glenford, Ohio
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Schallock, Wallace W., Tec. 5, Mellen, Wisc.

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Borek, John, Pfc., Fulton, N. Y.
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Cealie, Frank, Pfc., Fulton, N. Y.
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Cliffe, James E., S/Sqt., Shreve, Ohio
Collins, Francis, I., Cpl., Buffalo, N. Y.
Cooley, Paul G., Pfc., Hippo, Ky.
Cox, Albert L., Pfc., Fort Scott, Kans.
Dolamore, Henry F., Ist Lt., Cleveland, Ohio
Duffy, Harold G., Pfc., Philadelphia, Pa.
Douglass, James R., Pfc., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Farrell, James J., T/Sqt., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Fisk, Harry S., Jr., Tec. 4, Williamson, N. Y.
Fogle, Kennith R., Tec. 5, Oilton, Okla.
Foster, Beuford P., WOJG, Dayton, Ohio
Freidhof, Vincent G., Pfc., Elma, Ia.
Gilb, Donald R., Pfc., Newport, Ky.
Gladstone, Howard D., Sqt., Bronx, N. Y.
Gonzales, Lloyd H., Tec. 4, Denver, Colo.
Graley, Ralph F., Sqt., Charleston, W. Va.
Graver, Perry E., Pfc., Aurora, Ill.
Guy, Robert B., Ist Lt., Newland, N. C.
Hall, Robert H., Tec. 5, Masonville, Ia.
Herrera, Juan L., Pfc., Torrington, Wyc.
Herrmann, John W., Pfc., Warsaw, N. Y.
Hodge, John H., Sygt., Mechanicsburg, Ohio
Hull, Oscar W., Capt., Terra Alta, W. Va.
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Johannsen, Granville, Pvt., Milwaukee, Wisc,
Jones, Everett, Pfc., Louisville, Ky.
Kell, Bryce B., CWO, Pennsauken, N. J.
Kent, Ernest G., Tec. S, Shreveport, La.
Kochert, Wayne F., Pfc., Mansfield, Ohio
Kous, William F., Pfc., Chicago, Ill.
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Markley, Earl S., Tec. 4, Obelisk, Pa.

Markowski, Stanley, Pfc., Erieville, N. Y.

Martin, Marion A., Sgt., Portsmouth, Obio
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Mays, Herbert B., Pfc., Portsmouth, Va.

Mellenthine, Ralph F., T'Sgt., North Tonawanda, N.

Mercer, Dale C., Ist Lt., Waterloo, Ia.

Millard, Wilburn C., Pfc., Big Cabin, Okla.

Minton, Raymond J., Tec. 5, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mummey, Emmelt F., Pfc., Newark, Ohio
Nelson, Theodore C., Pfc., Upper Montclair, N. J.

Patterson, Lee B., S'Sgt., Fort Smith, Ark.

Pellerito, Lawrence M., Pfc., Detroit, Mich.

Pitts, George W., Pfc., Huntington, W. Va.

Pythoud, Paul H., Tec. 4, Rochester, N. Y.

Raita, Aaron P., Tec. 4, Cincinnati, Ohio
Ray, LeRoy, Jr., Pfc., Syracuse, N. Y.

Rickard, Sylvester L., Tec. 5, Jamestown, N. Y.

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Rosenberg, Milton, Sgt., Teaneck, N. J.

Rutz, Raymond H., Tec. 4, Westpoint, Nebr.

Scottie, Charles H., Tec. 5, Mt. Vernon, Ohio
Secor, Eugene, S./Sgt., Flint, Mich.

Shook, Joseph W., Tec. 5, Fostoria, Ohio

Smith, Harry R., Tec. 4, Peoria, Il.

Sorrenti, Joseph I., Tec. 5, Port Orchard, Wash.

Story, Walter R., M/Sgt., Fort Smith, Ark.

Street, Orville W., Tec. 5, Gillespie, Ill.

Vance, Clyde D., Tec. 4, Chicago, Ill.

Vance, Clyde D., Tec. 4, Chicago, Ill.

Wellvang, Palmer S., Tec. 4, Zumbrota, Minn.

Willets, Keith L., Cpl., Elwood, Nebr.

World, J. T., Tec. 5, Statham, Ga.

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Aytes, Earl K., Pfc., Owensville, Mo.
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Colechio, Donato, Pfc., Rochester, N. Y.
DeLaney, Harold J., Tec. 5, Elmira, N. Y.
Fenell, William E., Pvt., South Euclid, Ohio
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Hache, Lawrence J., Tec. 4, Tupper Lake, N. Y.
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McGuire, Carl D., Jr., Maj., Columbus, Ohio
Mueller, Robert G., Cpl., St. Louis, Mo.
Popovich, Sam H., Pfc., Elmira Heights, N. Y.
Smoot, William I., Maj., Seaford, Dela.
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Owens, Maynard A., Pic., Union, Mo.

Pack, Kenneth C., Tac. 4, New Castle, Pa.

Pettey, Oliver N., Jr., Pic., Bruni, Tex.,

Phillips, William I., Tec. 5, Nanticoko, Pa.

Potter, Carman Y., Pic., Jacksonville, Ill.

Price, Thomas J., 1st Sqt., Norton, Va.

Price, Paul D., Cpl., Lexington, Ky.

Proctor, Virqii W., Jr., Pic., Natick, Mass.,

Rafter, Leonard T., T/Sqt., Leavenworth, Kans.,

Raviele, Patrick A., Pic., Schenectady, N. Y.,

Ringler, Douglas F., Tec. 4, Staples, Minn.,

Roble, Benjamin E., Tec. 5, Bulfalo, N. Y.,

Ruehl, Wilbur G., Tec. 5, Bulfalo, N. Y.,

Skeirik, Kaleel C., T/Sqt., Binghamton, N. Y.,

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Sweet, Joseph F., Tec. 5, Jeddo, Pa.

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Taylor, Dufham S., Pic., Louisville, Ky.

Trainer, Harold M., Tec., McComb, Miss.

Tucker, Harry J., Cpl., Milwaukee, Wisc.

Uhrig, John W., Cpl., Sterling, Colo.

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Bitarella, Leonard J., 1st Sgt., Buitalo, N. Y.
Cameron, Alired L., Pic., Kent., Ohio
Cardinale, Bennie A., Fac. 4, Falconer, N. Y.
Comeron, Alired L., Pic., Kent., Ohio
Cardinale, Bennie A., Fac. 4, Falconer, N. Y.
Cobulski, Harry I., Cpl. Butilalo, N. Y.
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Coburn, Frank M., Cpl., Williamsville, N. Y.
Collins, Ed. Pic., Minnie, Ky.
Cooney, William J., Tec. 4, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Cooper, Charles L., Pic., Covington, Ky.
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Cox, Rosco, Alphonso, Pic., Butilalo, N. Y.
Covington, Olis E., Pyt., Charleston, W. Va.
Cox, Rosco, Alphonso, Pic., Butilalo, N. Y.
Duncan, Volney B., Pic., Oglesby, Tex.
Ebert, Charles W., Pic., Charlerot, Pa.
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Evilsizor, Roland L., Tec., Status, Pa.
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Espitia, Jesus C., Tec. 5, North Hamplon, Mass.
Gordon, Ray, Pic., Garly, Ind.
German A., Pic., El Paso, Tex.
Garcia, Alfonso, Pic., San Luis, Colo.
Gilmore, Clinton J., Pic., Marietta, Ill.
Gleason, James P., Tec. 5, North Hamplon, Mass.
Gordon, Ray, Pic., Gary, Ind.
Gwalthney, Bernard P., Ir., Capl., Philadelphia, Pa.
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Herricht, Donald H., Tec. 5, Etna, Ohio
Hugqins, Henry L., Sgt., Allentown, Pa.
Hodges, Richard W., Pic., Slow, City, Ia.
Hughes, George W., Tec. 5, Dougherty, Ia.
Kleib, Walter G., Pic., Buttalo, N. Y.
Kolly, Patrick D., Tec. 5, Dougherty, Ia.
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Kohring, Heins H., Cpl., Chicago, Ill.
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Talbot, Frederick B., Pfc., Syracuse, N. Y.
Terrill, Willard L., Tec. 5. Monroe City, Mo.
Turner, Leonard J., Pvt., Dayton, Wash.
Umbehocker, Robert Y., Pfc., St. Paul, Mino.
Vandergrift. Arthur W., Cpl., Ontario, Calif.
VenValkenburg, Stillman J., Pfc., Chicago, Ill.
Venn, Robert J., Cpl., Chicago, Ill.
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Vittori, Emedio E., Tec. 5. Chicago, Ill.
Vredenburg, Charles C., Cpl., Rome, N. Y.
Wasland, Andrew J., S'Sgl., Oakland, Calif.
Warren, George W., Pfc., Watertown, N. Y.
Waterfill, Charles R., Pfc., Louisville, Ky.
Watson, John J., S'Sgt., Cordele, Ga.
Watts, William W., Pfc., Hallie, Ky.
West, Alvin J., Sgl., McKeesport, Pa.
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Boedeker, Arthur D., Tec. 5, Lander, Wye.
Brown, Donald A., Tec. 5, South Fort Smith, Ark.
Clarke, Herbert O., Sygt., Dorchester, Mass.
Clutis, Raymond E., Sqt., Coulterville, III.
Conroy, John P., Pyl., Norwich, N. Y.
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Conroy, John P., Pyl., Norwich, N. Y.
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Edens, Lawrence C., Pic., Charleston, W. Va.
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England, Albert E., Pic., Gastonia, N. C.
Falletta, John J., Pic., Pic., Buffalo, N. Y.
Fernstrom, Charles M., Pyl., Denver, Colo.
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Gremard, Himmie A., Cpl., Portageville, Mo.
Hale, Charles A., Pic., Ridgeville, Ind.
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Holman, Josse T., Pic., Lexington, Ky.
Hopper, George E., Pic., Lexington, Ky.
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Blanchfield, Julian F., Tec. 6, Winchester, W. Va.
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Bryant, John, SySqt., Gastonia, N. C.
Burgess, Frank L., Cpl., Rochester, N. Y.
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Doudet, Ernest F., Pic., Clarksburg, W. Va.
Dunkin, Marion E., Tec. 4, Warsaw, Ill.
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Fohrman, Milton E., Cpl., Eving, Mo.
Fowler, Floyd E., Pvt., So. Connellan, Mass.
Fohrman, Milton E., Cpl., Syting, Mo.
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Harned, Max R., Píc., East St. Louis, Ili.
Levy, Edwin J., Capt., Philadelphia, Pa.
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