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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

APO 758, U S Army
3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army

Pursuant to instructions contained in letter, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 20 April 1943, file AG 314.7/389 C-W, Subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, transmitted herewith Operations in France, February 1945 of this Battalion.

Charles F. Wilber
CHARLES F. WILBER
Lt Colonel Inf
Commanding

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1 Incl:
Narrative of Operations for the month of February 1945, with supporting documents.

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OPERATIONS IN FRANCE, FEBRUARY 1945

On February 1, Company "A" was prepared to give direct fire support to the 142d RCT in their attack on Oberhoffen. However, the M-10's could not advance as planned because of the lack of a suitable bridge across the Moder River. The engineers failed initially to construct a bridge that would hold our Tank Destroyers - which deprived the infantry of our close-in direct fire support. The enemy, quick to sense the lack of armor in our attack, deployed his tanks and SP's well forward to augment his well entrenched infantry. From our positions across the Moder River we were unable to bring our fire to bear on the enemy armor or on the heavily defended houses. Our infantry failed to reach their objective initially although they maintained a bridgehead across the river. The following morning, however, with a bridge suitable for armor completed, Company "A" crossed the Moder River and advanced with the infantry to the vicinity of R-097191, firing approximately 100 rounds at enemy occupied houses which were strongly defended by AW fire. In the early evening of February 2, a destroyer of Company "A" knocked out a Mark VI tank and scored two hits on another but failed to stop it.

The 2d Platoon, Company "B", attached to the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, was positioned in the Steinwald Woods, R-1312, anchoring the right flank of the Division.

Company "B", less one platoon, was supporting the attack of the 141st RCT on Herrlisheim with the mission of protecting the right flank of the attacking force. Initially little resistance was met and the outskirts of Herrlesheim were reached early in the attack. Swollen streams slowed bridging operations in this sector. This, plus soft ground from the melting snows, prevented armor from reaching the infantry elements and, as a result, when the enemy counterattacked supported by heavy tank and SP fire, our infantry was forced to withdraw from the town.

Company "C", moving out with the 143d RCT at 030300A February to support its attack on Rohrwiller, destroyed one Mark V tank in the

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vicinity of R-130179. The Company established defensive positions and road blocks to the north of the town when it fell to our forces. During an enemy counter-thrust that same afternoon the third platoon of Company "C" destroyed two more Mark V tanks without loss to their own.

Reconnaissance Company and the 1st Platoon of Company "B" was attached to CCB-14 AD on 5 February 1945 and assembled in Gambsheim in reserve. The 1st Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, acted as security for the engineers constructing a bridge at R-117122.

On the night of 5 - 6 February, patrols from the 143d RCT went into Herrlesheim from the northwest and reported the town clear but heavily mined and booby-trapped. Our elements occupied the town in the early morning hours of 6 February.

The 141st RCT, with Company "B", less one platoon, attached, relieved the 314th RCT of the 79th Division on the left flank of the 36th Division on 6 February with the destroyers taking up defensive positions at R-055228 and R-049229.

Reconnaissance Company was relieved of attachment to CCB-14 AD on 6 February and was attached to the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron with one platoon in reserve in the vicinity of Weyersheim and the 2d and 3d platoons maintaining patrols east of Gambsheim.

The 2d platoon of Company "B" moved to defensive positions in Kaltenhouse, relieving one platoon of Company "A" destroyers, which assembled in Bischwiller.

During the morning of 8 February the Destroyer Companies continued their close support of the Division's RCT's without changing their dispositions. No actual enemy armored movement was observed forward of the Division's sector, although elements of Company "B" and the infantry troops in the Kaltenhouse area (R-0721) underwent numerous shellings directed from enemy tanks and light artillery pieces.

Reconnaissance Company, so as to be positioned to relieve elements of the 141st RCT upon order, moved to Marienthal in a reserve status. The Company's Pioneer Platoon maintained liaison between the 132d and 133d Field Artillery Battalions for the Battalion Headquarters, and advised the Battalion Commander and Staff of the targets which the artillery was undertaking; targets that might effect the employment of the tank destroyers if not destroyed by the artillery shellfire.

In order to secure relief for some elements of the Battalion which

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had been on the line constantly, permission was received from the Division Commander to rotate personnel of the destroyers. Since each of the Destroyer Companies were short on M-10's it was possible to withdraw the personnel of Company "C" and still maintain the same number of destroyers on the line. Three of the Company "C" destroyers were taken over by personnel of Company "B" and three by Company "A". Three destroyers were sent to the Battalion Motor Shop for overhauling and repairs. Upon completion of the motor maintenance the destroyers would be rotated with those on the line. Upon being relieved, Company "C" assembled in Wingersheim for rest and rehabilitation.

During the afternoon the assistant Division Commander called the Battalion C. P. and requested that a check be made with the Infantry Commanders to see if three of the destroyers could be withdrawn from the front line sector to indirect firing positions, so as to suppliment the fires of the Division Artillery. The infantry Commanders were contacted, and permission obtained for the moving of the destroyers, so during the late afternoon, the 1st Platoon of Company "A" moved into indirect firing positions between the towns of Weitbruch and Gries, from where they fired missions assigned by the 132d Field Artillery Battalion.

During the hours of darkness Reconnaissance Company sent a patrol of ten men across the Moder River at R-055238 in rubber boats. Upon reaching the enemy's side of the River the patrol reconnoitered to learn the enemy's strength and dispositions. The patrol obtained excellent results, and returned to the Company's assembly area shortly before sunrise on the morning of 10 February.

At daylight on the morning of 10 February the destroyers of Company "B" supported the 143d RCT with direct fire when the infantry troops launched an attack on Drusenheim (R-1618). The attacking force met determined enemy infantry resistance, supported by artillery mortar and SP shellfire. All maneuvers on the part of the RCT to take the town proved to be unsuccessful, so shortly before nightfall the infantry was withdrawn from the vicinity of the town and prepared defensive positions for the night. Throughout the troop's assault during the day, the destroyers gave them close direct support. It was reported that the effective TD fire had knocked out one enemy antitank gun, eight active machine gun installations and killed thirty enemy infantrymen.

The enemy facing our troops in the Oberhoffen sector displayed the offensive spirit on the morning of 11 February by attacking Oberhoffen from the east with a considerable force of infantry and three SP guns. The enemy's aggressive action took the friendly troops

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by complete surprise, and before the strength of the force was actually known, they had cut the two main roads of the town, dividing our forces in two. Heavy and sharp house to house fighting followed, and finally the enemy was forced to withdraw from the town, after friendly troops had taken over two hundred prisoners of war and knocked out two of the three SP guns.

The Company "A" destroyer platoons fired direct shellfire into enemy occupied houses and troop concentrations, dispersing and breaking up formations that were likely to have been counterattacking forces. Those that were not killed by the Tank Destroyer fire were forced into the open, which resulted in their being captured or killed by the friendly elements. One platoon of Company "A" destroyed five enemy machine guns which were supporting the enemy's assault on Oberhoffen. The 1st Platoon of Company "A", from its indirect firing positions, expended 390 rounds of HE in supplimenting the fires of the 132d Field Artillery Battalion on interdicting and harassing missions assigned by that Headquarters. After sunset, one of the destroyers in Oberhoffen ran over an enemy antitank mine while en-route to a better antitank position. As the destroyer was disabled by a blown track, it was evacuated to Bischwiller by the Company Maintenance Section to undergo repairs.

During the night of 12 February an officer of Reconnaissance Company led a patrol of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron across the Muhr River, and into enemy territory, where after learning enemy troop dispositions, accomplished its mission by taking an enemy prisoner of war.

On the following day the Company "A" destroyers that were positioned indirectly between Weitbruch and Gries were recalled to the 141st Sector and given the mission of furnishing antitank protection to the bridge in Oberhoffen.

A great deal of enemy activity took place in the vicinity of the factory in Oberhoffen (R-086212). The factory changed hands several times during the day. On several occasions the Company "A" destroyers fired numerous concentrations of direct shellfire into the installation, killing and disorganizing the enemy. As the enemy ran from the factory, infantry elements sprayed them with machine gun fire.

During the night of 13 February, Reconnaissance Company relieved the 36th Reconnaissance Troop in their frontline positions from R-062221 to R-068220. The Pioneer Platoon continued its close liaison with the Division Artillery.

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At dusk on 14 February, Company "C" moved from Wingersheim and relieved Company "A" in its antitank positions in the Oberhoffen - Kaltenhouse sector. Upon the completion of the relief, Company "A" moved to Wingersheim for rest and rehabilitation.

Throughout the period 15 - 18 February, the Division Sector had quieted down somewhat, with the enemy showing evidence of his presence through patrol activity, and occasional harassing artillery shellfire.

Company "B", relieved by Company "A" on 19 February, moved to Wingersheim for rest, rehabilitation and training.

One destroyer of Company "C" fired illuminating shells over the Camp d'Oberhoffen area while two other destroyers fired HE and APC alternately in close coordination on selected targets. One ammunition dump was destroyed and numerous fires started in the target area.

Reconnaissance Company, relieved in position by the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron, sent another combat patrol across the Moder River. The patrol crossed the River at R-005238 and advanced approximately 400 yards when it ran into enemy small-arms and AW fire and was forced to withdraw.

The 9th Zouaves Regiment (French) assumed control of the sector from the Rhine River west to Bischwiller - Oberhoffen inclusive, on the night of 21 - 22 February. Company "A", upon relief by the French, was relieved of attachment to the 141st RCT and was attached to the 142d RCT, upon closing into a reserve area in the vicinity of Kriegheim.

The Battalion Command Post moved from Gries, now in the French sector, to Schwindratzheim, Q-9017.

During this period, the 143d RCT relieved the 506th Paratroop Infantry Regiment and the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment of the 101st Air Borne Division in the Hagenau sector. Company "C" shifted two platoons of M-10's to the left to positions in Hagenau. "A" Company relieved Company "B", 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion, in position in the vicinity of Schweighausen, 0024, Dauendorf, 9425 and Neubourg, 9626, on the night of 24 - 25 February in preparation for the 142d RCT's taking over the sector on 25 February.

The 1st Platoon, Company "C", supporting 117th Reconnaissance Squadron from Kaltenhouse, destroyed one SP gun and inflicted heavy casualties to enemy infantry in the vicinity of R-082214 on 24 February.

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On 25 February the Battalion received six of the new M-36 Tank Destroyers. These mounts, with which we are to be fully equipped, were given to Company "B" so that the necessary maintenance and modifications could be made while the Company was still in its training area.

During the night of 26 February, Reconnaissance Company relieved the 36th Reconnaissance Squadron Troop in its forward positions from R-058234 to R-062224.

The remainder of the month the Division sector remained quiet with only patrol action and sporadic artillery fire marking the enemy's presence.

The Battalion received eight more M-36's, six of which went to Company "B", making them complete, and one each to Companies "A" and "C". Arrangements for use of the Corps range on 3 March were made so that all crews could fire the new mount before going into the line.

Map Reference: Eastern France, 1:50,000.

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CONSOLIDATED CASUALTY REPORT

TYPE OF CASUALTY	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN	TOTAL
KIA	0	1	1
DOW	0	0	0
LIA	0	1	1
SIA	0	0	0
DIA	0	0	0
LWA	1	9	10
SWA	0	1	1
MIA	0	0	0
POW	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	12	13

Seven reinforcements were received during the month of February 1945. Four of the reinforcements received training at the Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, Texas, while two of them had at one time been assigned to a Tank Destroyer Battalion. The Medical Detachment received one reinforcement with combat experience. All reinforcements were well equipped.

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

	DATE OF CASUALTY	TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE ENTERED SERVICE FROM
RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY			
Enlisted Men			
PARSONS, RICHARD T., Pfc, 42114186	21 Feb 45	LIA	Liverpool, N.Y.
COMPANY "A"			
Officers			
ASBURY, THOMAS O. JR., 2d Lt, 01824837	9 Feb 45	LWA	Atlanta, Ga.
Enlisted Men			
ETIENNE, JAMES F., Sgt, 36352836	9 Feb 45	KIA	Jackson, Mich.
BRIDGES, ALLEN O., Tec 4, 20817059	2 Feb 45	LWA	Kerrville, Tex.
WEBSTER, WILLIS R., Pfc, 38060842	2 Feb 45	LWA	Texola, Tex.
COMPANY "B"			
Enlisted Men			
GRECZKOWSKI, CHESTER M., Cpl, 32668923	17 Feb 45	LWA	Yorkville, N.Y.
EMBERTON, EMMETT A., Pfc, 6642850	17 Feb 45	LWA	Glasgow, Ky.
COMPANY "C"			
Enlisted Men			
COLLINGSWORTH, LEONARD V., S Sgt, 20814633	3 Feb 45	LWA	Dodd City, Texas
BENTLEY, HESTER L., Sgt, 34333328	3 Feb 45	SWA	Cullman, Ala.
O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R., Sgt, 35484581	3 Feb 45	LWA	Gethsemane, Ky.
CAGAN, MILTON, Cpl, 31143595	3 Feb 45	LWA	New Haven, Conn.
PARKS, NELSON V., Cpl, 34885299	22 Feb 45	LWA	Kingsport, Tenn.
WULF, LESTER E., Tec 5, 37146945	3 Feb 45	LWA	Blair, Nebr.

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, for gallantry in action:

OWEN F. ZIMMERMAN, 37163656, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. While attempting to remove a mined enemy road block of felled trees, an officer of Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, and one of his men were seriously wounded by mortar fragments. Fully aware of the dangers involved, Sergeant Zimmerman, acting on his own initiative, courageously led a tank to the road block to remove the remaining five trees. The area was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. Realizing the urgency of clearing the strategically important road, he pressed dauntlessly forward on foot, guiding the tank into positions. As he approached the first felled tree, Sergeant Zimmerman stepped on a hidden mine and was mortally wounded by the explosion. Next of kin: Mr. Frank L. Zimmerman (Father), 1617 Princeton Street, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Authority: GO #38, Hq 36th Inf Div dated 19 February 1945.)

For the period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Silver Star Medal, for gallantry in action:

DE WAYNE G. BROWN, 01823978, First Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 12 Dec 1944. Entered the Service from Raleigh, North Carolina. Authority: GO #29, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 13 February 1945.

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For the period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism:

RAOUL J. DUFRESNE, 37032744, Private, Company "B", 636th Tank Destroyer Bn, France, 25 August 1944. Entered the Service from Brainerd, Minnesota. Authority: GO #26, Hq 36th Infantry Division dated 9 February 1945.

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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS CONT'D

For the period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat:

CLAUDE H. STOKES, 38463151, Sergeant, Company "C", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 27 and 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from McAlester, Oklahoma. Authority: GO #47, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division dated 25 February 1945.

CLYDE T. STOKES, 38463140, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "C", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 27 and 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Mc Alester, Oklahoma. Authority: GO #47, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division dated 25 February 1945.

ROBERT S. BONHAM, 35482733, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 30 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Terre Haute, Indiana. Authority: GO #44, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division dated 22 February 1945.

DANIEL S. SKLAR, 38413302, Corporal (then Private), Company "C", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 27 and 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brenham, Texas. Authority: GO #47, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division dated 25 February 1945.

WILLIS R. WEBSTER, 38060842, Private First Class (then Private), Company "A", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 30 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Texola, Oklahoma. Authority: GO #45, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division dated 23 February 1945.

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

	PLACE ENTERED SERVICE FROM	REMARKS
Hq and Hq Company		
WILBER, CHARLES F., Lt Col, 0280946	Hollywood, Cal.	
DANZI, RICHARD A., Major, 01822375	Chevy Chase, Md.	
EVANS, JAMES D., Major, 01294639	Sand Point, Idaho	Aptd Major fr Capt 10 Feb 1945.
BRUECKNER, MORITZ F., Capt, 01168190	Chelsea, Mich.	
CAMERON, OLIN W., Capt, 0407591	Stephenville, Texas.	
DOWNS, GEORGE W., Capt, 01288024	Philadelphia, Pa.	TD in US since 8 Dec 1944.
FERGUSON, JAMES R., Capt, 0418363	Ft Collins, Colo.	
GRAHAM, ROBERT E., Capt, 01168254	Sumter, S. C.	Asgd & jd fr Co "B" this Bn 3 Feb 1945.
WHITE, ROY D., Capt, 0403563	Poteet, Texas	
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J., 1st Lt, 01301601	Brooklyn, N.Y.	TD in US since 25 Feb 1945.
HAUCK, HENRY G., 1st Lt, 01822567	Cincinnati, Ohio	
LEA, RAY E., 1st Lt, 02055061	Wills Point, Texas	
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D., 1st Lt, 01288125	Erie, Pa.	TD in US since 16 Oct 1944.
TEMPLE, JOHN M., 1st Lt, 01316468	Columbus, Ohio	
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C., 1st Lt, 01171809	Glen Ridge, N. J.	
WITTEN, GEORGE R., 1st Lt, 01824263	Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Asgd & jd fr Co "B" this Bn 6 Feb 1945.
TUCKER, JESSE F., CWO, W2131525	Seymour, Texas	
HOWARD, CHAPMAN, WOJG, W2130732	Ft Worth, Texas	
Medical Detachment		
BURKHART, JEAN M., Capt, 0380858	Benton, Ill.	
Reconnaissance Company		
GERRINGER, LINLEY W., Capt, 01168246	Greensboro, N. C.	
SILL, GOLDEN C., 1st Lt, 01011188	Layton, Utah	
DRAKER, JOE A., 2d Lt, 02000814	San Antonio, Texas	
HALLIDAY, NORMAN H. JR., 2d Lt 0532013	Cairo, Ill.	
MC NUTT, JAMES N., 2d Lt, 02055238	Rosenberg, Texas.	
WILSON, CHARLES D., 2d Lt, 02055241	San Antonio, Texas.	

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Company "A"			
GROOM, KENNETH G.,	Capt, 01824174	S. Ozone Park, LI, N.Y.	
LACKEY, DALTON E.,	1st Lt, 01824200	Tupelo, Miss.	
QUINN, FRANCIS S. JR.,	1st Lt, 01175549	Pelham, N. Y.	
ASBURY, THOMAS O. JR.,	2d Lt, 01824837	Atlanta, Ga.	Trfd to Det of Pnts, Seventh Army 9 Feb 1945.
BROUSSARD, ERNIE J.,	2d Lt, 01692562	Kerrville, Texas	
BROOKS, CHARLES E.,	2d Lt, 01824123	Chicago, Illinois	
KENT, DONALD W.,	2d Lt, 01824743	Danvers, Mass.	
Company "B"			
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.,	Capt, 01168254	Sumter, S. C.	Trfd to Hq Co, this Bn 3 Feb 1945.
MAXWELL, LAVERN W.,	Capt, 0497312	Galesburg, Ill.	Asgd & jd fr 3d Reinf Bn 3 Feb 45.
BROWN, DE WAYNE G.,	1st Lt, 01823978	Raleigh, N. C.	
WALTER, WILLIAM F.,	1st Lt, 01824256	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
WITTEN, GEORGE R.,	1st Lt, 01824263	Las Vegas, N. Mex.	Trfd to Hq Co, this Bn 6 Feb 1945.
BLANCHARD, LA MAR,	2d Lt, 01823697	Collins, Miss.	
HAINES, FRANK M.,	2d Lt, 01823150	Yeadon, Pa.	
RAABE, DONALD H.,	2d Lt, 02000813	Montrose, S. D.	
Company "C"			
LATHAM, WILLIAM E.,	Capt, 0422756	Stephenville, Texas	Aptd Capt fr 1st Lt 10 Feb 1945.
HALL, CHARLES F.,	1st Lt, 01173263	Tampa, Fla.	
COPELAND, THOMAS L.,	2d Lt, 01825658	Walla Walla, Wash.	
JONES, WILMER N.,	2d Lt, 02000812	Dixon, S. D.	
KEHOE, JOHN P.,	2d Lt, 01824037	New York, New York	
KISCADDEN, LEE S.,	2d Lt, 01824198	Lebanon, Pa.	

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ROSTER OF
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

MASTER SERGEANT		
Ables, Douglas F.	20820080	
Hightower, James L.	20806918	
FIRST SERGEANT		
Bown, Robert B.	20816875	
TECHNICAL SERGEANT		
Benke, Robert F.	20815870	
Bible, Arthur C., Jr.	38026785	
Cook, Robert R.	33348221	
Mc Cune, Dale W.	37146921	
Williams, Robert L., Jr.	18014338	
STAFF SERGEANT		
Beaman, William B.	36152850	
Bloyd, Delbert E.	37147019	
Freyermuth, Elgin A.	36152697	
Grelle, Ervin S.	38038519	
Schlinke, Willie L.	20817354	
SERGEANT		
Everett, Leonard D.	20817003	Trfd fr Co "A", this Bn 6 Feb 45
Gresham, John W.	20819949	
Parry, Earl N.	37147063	
Puckett, Horace W.	38060490	
Ryschon, Robert E.	37145890	
TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE		
Billings, Eddie	20801277	
Burnham, Howard W.	37146511	
Criner, Lewis G.	36152738	
Gates, Delmar D.	36038243	
Hagan, Sandy W., Jr.	38037410	
Hardy, Melvin E. O.	38050951	
Hipskind, Roderick S.	15100134	
Monhart, Frank J.	36301179	
Moss, U. L.	38036558	
Patton, Willard	20816920	
Reaves, Gilbert A.	39154521	
Rukes, Herman L.	35360839	Aptd Tec 4 fr Cpl 1 Feb 1945.

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TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE CONT'D		
Timbers, Ramon H.	37146040	
Walden, Willard M.	38038740	
Williams, James W.	38036715	
Wristen, Teddy J.	20848700	
CORPORAL		
Dunbar, Andrew C.	20819866	
Foster, Riley H.	35161407	
Pelc, Walter J.	32067529	
TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE		
Brey, Joe P.	36243621	
Cuthill, Robert G.	37147228	
Dunlap, Benton L.	38133220	
Edwards, Alton E.	37147131	
Fischer, Donald E.	35125166	
Harp, James H.	20819850	
Hutchinson, Calvin L.	31012725	
Kelly, Edward L.	37146102	
Kocanik, Joseph	35370043	
Kuchs, Robert	33170366	
Larson, Rex A.	36213877	
Meyer, Roy A.	38026783	
Mitchell, Charles J.	37142967	
Modzelewski, Chester C.	35314016	
Nelsen, Theodore J.	37146951	
Nelson, Harry A.	37146904	
Novelli, Frank J.	38050988	
Oetjen, Warren A.	37147002	
Perkins, Walter J.	39001863	
Rabinowitz, Jack	42037100	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army 25 Feb 1945.
Radtke, Wilson W.	37146924	
Ratzlaff, Walter	37142614	
Richmond, Raymond L.	35292737	
Sales, Roy L.	39077421	
Steffensmeier, Henry P.	37145992	
Stewart, Everett E.	37147052	
St Lawrence, Joseph L.	31420205	
Sweeney, George R.	42039523	

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Wallace, Ruy H.	20819462	Trfd to Hq Btry, 36th Inf Div Artillery 27 Feb 1945.
Weidner, Samuel E.	36363737	Trfd to Hq 36th Inf Div 1 Feb 1945.
Winfield, Babe	34130451	
Wollersheim, Howard H.	36245188	

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Becker, Philip C., Jr.	17075538
Bukrim, Henry	35746751
Ciccone, Joseph V.	33358371
Conard, William W.	37145963
Corrigan, Joseph J.	33348357
Cox, Warney R.	34265413
Fleming, Jack	20819847
Fuhrer, Robert H.	37145960
Gilbreath, Orvace K.	38039618
Groskopf, Reinhold	37145867
Gusciora, Walter R.	32605538
Henderson, Earl B.	38165053
Helms, Robert V.	34053813
Hoff, Vernon D.	37146498
Jeffords, Lester C.	37145817
Johnson, Carrol L.	38173540
Lang, Charles E.	13170754
Larson, Vaughn J.	37146523
Madden, Edward J.	36735885
Malone, Henry A.	36060127
Mc Graw, Arley	34124892
Miller, Lyle J.	37146933
Miller, Otto O.	38153199
Milvid, Joseph G.	31105298
Morrell, Le Roy	36355845
Mulder, Ben Jr.	37419378
Musselman, Edward H.	37147135
Nabors, Joe T.	34125064
Neill, Samuel E.	33278086
Obst, Herbert O.	37146938
Pearson, Everett V.	37147101
Pruett, David T.	38027371
Riedel, Martin A.	17056639
Rodgers, Frank J.	33071388
Russ, John	33321228

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ROSTER OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY CONT'D
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CONT'D

Russell, Harold J.	12092743
Sajtl, James	37146183
Sapato, John A.	36009115
Smith, Wilmer G.	37145764
Streck, Benjamin	37145833
Suttles, Loister A.	6969308
Thielepape, Rudolph M. Jr.	20819403
Twedt, Henry W.	37146487
Woodcock, Charles A.	32373510

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Berry, Dana E.	6774699
Hicks, Elton O.	36289965
Rivenburgh, Lester O.	32372978

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ROSTER OF
MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion

STAFF SERGEANT		
Mince, Fred L.	38039680	
TECHNICIAN THIRD GRADE		
Norred, William B.	34083589	
TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE		
Hansen, Raymond A.	36600960	
Wiginton, William T.	20814550	
CORPORAL		
Mullins, Ross C. Jr.	34338867	
TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE		
Chambers, John R. Jr.	14119115	
Condra, Warren S.	20816428	
Jarisch, Marvin J.	20816030	
Swartz, Ernest L.	37146741	
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		
Cunningham, John J.	31309854	
Green, Robert L.	34645979	
Schenefeld, Walter W.	37147103	
Sinclair, Milton R.	34059850	
PRIVATE		
Guyer, Raymond (NMN)	34143589	
Sweeney, Arthur F.	31266553	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 15 Feb 1945.

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ROSTER OF
RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion

FIRST SERGEANT		
Meurer, Henry A.,	20815860	
STAFF SERGEANT		
Barnes, Arthur O.	35130463	
James, Lowell M.,	20816442	
Jensen, Marvin L.	36226697	
Lininger, Robert C.	37109787	
Mitchell, Thomas R.	38037096	
Probst, Henry H.	37146899	
Rackley, Homer G.	20815902	
Wiltz, Clinsay M.,	20818106	
SERGEANT		
Carlson, Edwin R.	37285385	
Krege, Albert W.	37283512	Aptd Sgt fr Tec 5 6 Feb 1945.
Leggett, Lester R.	20816083	
Oliver, Charles H.	37145107	
Puchalla, Peter H.	37146897	
Scoppa, Hugo (NMN)	32394837	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 16 Feb 1945.
Snell, Richard L.,	38050383	Aptd Sgt fr Tec 5 6 Feb 1945.
TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE		
Deck, Norman H.	37146935	
Eason, Connie L.	36119652	
Hickey, Frank L.	20815908	
Waggoner, Howard E.	17040950	
Walker, Claud J.	37146382	
CORPORAL		
Coughanour, Ivan C.	38122793	
Cusimano, Joseph S.	32376135	
Toundas, Manuel G.	33281099	Aptd Cpl fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945.
TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE		
Banks, Charles W.	37147055	
Bushey, Ronald L.	36182127	
Cormier, Reginald J.	32744506	
Findley, John W.	34353209	
Granquist, Glenn A.	37146950	
Haase, Woodrow B.	37147017	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945.

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TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE (Cont'd)

Harshbarger, Edward M.,	37146984	
Kartak, Lloyd L.	37147105	
Kreitzinger, Palmer (NMN)	37146589	
Kucera, James W.	37146852	
Laughery, Ralston H.	37146217	
Leisge, Robert R.	37146014	
Padgett, Forest S.	34126024	
Peters, Lyle O.	37146910	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945.
Podany, Frank S.	37146997	
Russell, Lawrence S.	37146739	
Shook, Mont T.	38023508	
Wagenfuehr, Alvin E.	20815932	
Wood, Robert S.	35034199	TD in US since 8 Dec 1944.

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Arnold, Raymond (NMN)	15336025	
Augustine, Philip (NMN)	37146288	
Bartley, Clyde A.	33571372	
Bento, William S.	31148162	
Burns, John W.	37146268	
Cano, Antonio A.	39170661	
Capobianco, Sabatino (NMN)	32856822	
Carlino, Ralph E.	31313126	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 10 Feb 1945.
Coody, Everest C.	38140062	
Cotton, Edward R.	7041158	
Eveland, Max B.	36060600	
Fitzgerald, Douglas H.	20815928	
Gebauer, Louie (NMN)	20819848	
Gieselmann, Paul A.	37146969	
Giunti, Frank J.	36353734	
Hager, Raymond L.	37146995	
Hansen, Albert G.	37146949	
Harron, William (NMN) Jr.	31131244	
Havranek, John M.	37146069	
Healey, Raymond E.	11044649	
Holst, Elmer C.H.	37146943	
Holtman, Ervin A.	37146850	
Horr, Cyrus F.	37146991	
Jensen, Robert E.	37146952	
Kidd, Welton (NMN)	38300477	
Kirkpatrick, Wendell C.	37447059	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army, 21 Feb 1945.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (Cont'd)

Koszulinski, Leo L.	36347680		
Lang, Harry A.	37146882		
Lempka, Charles J.	37146888		
Lipps, Carl G.	37146920		
Lyon, Robert T. Jr.	34504180		
McDonald, John E.	37146227		
Mroczkowski, Herman T.	37414472		
Niblett, Charles L.	33723600		45
Norkewicz, Leo R.	36355806		
Parsons, Richard T.	42114186		
Pate, Roy (NMN)	34383120		to
Pena, Filomeno (NMN)	38027481		
Rahorst, Henry G.	37146348		
Romine, Earl M.	35385042		
Rush, Albert E.	37146822		b 45
Saldivar, Benito M.	38027521		
Schwindt, Edward J.	42070884		
Stewart, Marvin L.	37146206		
Thompson, Olin G.	20801291		
Turner, James H.	34286840		
Vesh, John (NMN)	37659906		
Vincent, Charles R.	15332590		
Welch, Clem B.	34236317		
Womack, Clyde W.	38534279		
Wright, Jewell C.	34125911		

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Baylor, John W.	20815924		
Benavidez, Bonifacio (NMN)	38011571		45
Bingham, James E.	34509332		
Chasteen, L.B.	38077587		
Giles, Marshall B.	34281207		
Hayner, Gerald A.	32043671		
Hicks, John H.	7085457		
Jordan, Bruce A.	34537170		
Koci, Albert J.	37146003	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 8 Feb 1945.	
Kubik, William E.	37146865		
Lester, Donald G.	34409232		
Lewandowski, Adolph F.	36004092		
Mattson, Edward V.	37542104		
Minton, Rahley R.	39078328		
Mullen, Frank J.	37147074		
Musket, Donald E.	38011542		

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PRIVATE (Cont'd)		
Nagy, Paul J. Jr.	35046523	
Pasciak, Casimir J.	36358826	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 11 Feb 1945.
Powers, David C.	16069212	
Rohla, Stanley (NMN)	37147134	
Rollman, Lee Roy (NMN)	20745037	
Schneider, Joseph B.	32278476	
Votruba, William M.	32012092	

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COMPANY "A" 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

TECHNICAL SERGEANT		
Sanders, Robert C.	20806741	
STAFF SERGEANT		
Adamson, Frank W.	20816016	
Clemmons, James H.	38035958	
Mattson, Rudolph H.	37022814	
Tims, Robert D., Jr.	20816150	
Von Seggern, Fredrick G.	37146932	
Watson, Joseph M.	20816489	TDY in U. S. since 8 Dec 1944
SERGEANT		
Adams, Roy A.	38038261	
Bynum, Donald V.	20817071	
Casper, Lawrence L.	39676861	
Childress, James O.	38037557	
Etienne, James F.	36152836	KIA 9 Feb 1945
Everett, Leonard D.	20817003	Trfd to Hq Co this Bn 6 Feb 1945
Gurecki, John	33321170	
Hays, Asa L.	20816596	
Landers, Paul P.	38038566	
McAlister, Bernard W.	33127300	
Shear, Kenneth B.	17040953	
Sherman, Thomas M.	37146971	
Vosteen, Alvin J.	37146858	Aptd Sgt fr Tec 4, 1 Feb 1945
Wise, Herman M.	20816464	
Wright, Cyrus E.	17040928	
TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE		
Andresen, Edward W.	37146948	Aptd Tec 4 fr Tec 5, 6 Feb 1945
Bridges, Allen O.	20817059	
Dunn, Max W.	20819825	
Fullerton, Donald R.	37146683	
Hernandez, Tomas R.	38065512	
Lanning, Hershel A.	37188490	
Manning, Robert F.	38050518	
Melton, John B.	38036805	
Neal, Randolph E.	31071168	Jd as casual fr 19th Reinf Depot 20 Feb 1945
Smedley, Murlin C.	35434369	
Thompson, Paul M.	37146954	
Voss, John W.	37146945	

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Behr, Henry E.	20816369	
Bonham, Robert S.	35482733	Aptd Cpl fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945
Cavier, Ray F.	37146456	
Coons, Joseph E.	32378956	
Dickson, Olridge G.	34127673	
Dillard, Budge	34333871	Aptd Cpl fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945
Doyle, Joseph R.	37663901	
Flowers, Earl	35503162	
Henry, John R.	38036392	
Lueders, Harold L.	37146874	Aptd Cpl fr Pvt 6 Feb 1945
Mike, John	32285417	Aptd Cpl fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945
Moore, James D.	20816722	
Oliver, John A.	20816272	
Thomas, William H.	20816149	Jd as casual fr 3d Reinf Bn 4 Feb 1945
Von Seggern, Emil B.	37146864	
Whitten, Alfred R.	37146902	
Williams, Levern H.	34333960	

TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE

Cirese, Leonard E.	36319246	
Claycomb, Estell	35484373	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945
Clearman, Deforest	38038725	
Friedmann, Henry A.	35332074	
Henisa, Elmer F.	35361112	
Matthess, William W.	35387686	
McLyea, Lonnie L.	38037888	
Meyer, Alvin D. D.	37146942	
Morris, William H.	33126458	
Schmidt, Ross O.	33247061	
Schintgen, John J.	37419387	
Sharpe, Garold	35385634	
Stuckey, William C.	37145914	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945
Van Den Brink, Ceel	37419394	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pfc 6 Feb 1945
Vesely, Reuben	37146883	
Walsh, James M.	37146843	
Wiese, Arthur L.	37146947	
Williams, Lonnie S.	34333867	

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Amato, Joseph A.	32734510
Anderson, G. J.	38036782
Bowshier, Eldon W.	35407720
Buckley, Joseph M.	32310212

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Burgess, Cecil F.	39207101		
Byram, William A., Jr.	38039005		
Casas, Elias	38027484		
Cruz, Luis D.	38027473		
Cunningham, Andrew B.	14097643		
Dannelley, Robert A.	20819939		45
Doerre, Halbert H.	38416709		
Elmore, Victor W.	38036588		
Geiger, James W.	33277690		d to
Janik, Stanley	36352080		
Kutcher, Earl E.	35603751		
Lukasiak, Richard R.	32758994		
Manning, Harry B.	34705039		eb 45
May, Carl K.	13090678		
Miller, Edgar T.	15317035		
Palleschi, Domenick R.	32100849	Trfd to Det of Pnts 7th Army 22 Feb 1945	
Pasterick, Robert J.	33440847		
Reardon, Patrick J.	11054861		
Rumsey, Arthur E.	37145941		
Sailer, Michael J.	37282471		
Santiesteban, Armando	32396692		
Shinall, Frank S.	35719403		
Stephens, Frank G.	37458199		
Thompson, James H.	34125087		
Truett, Otis C.	14123401		
Tulip, Sidney R.	32744221		
Twete, Irvin C.	37282370		
Webster, Willis R.	38060842		b 45
Whitten, Albert O.	37146914		
Wimmer, Herbert B.	38027052		

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Benton, Gerald C.	20816115		
Bull, Frank R.	33710768		
Calvery, Barney F.	38399056		
Cheetham, Albert C.	13138689	Asgd and jd fr 3d Reinf Bn 28 Feb 1945	
Fregoni, Frank J.	33621822		
Fritz, Joseph	35357671		
Graffeo, John P.	36614328		
Gramling, William W.	34352846		
Guerra, Frank	38675967		
Hudgins, Edward O.	33132755		
Hyatt, Walter W.	32825759		
Lopez, Willie	38011727		
Manzella, Eugene F.	35332073	Rd to Pvt fr Cpl 3 Feb 1945	

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Mills, Lynn E.	20816098
Moreira, Anthony	39077490
Naples, Ralph J.	33277725
Pederson, Elmer N.	37591560
Powell, Bazel P.	38153117
Preston, Luther	35436226
Smith, John E.	38293128
Sweeney, Carl R., Jr.	35754200
Turnage, Perry A.	34385148

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COMPANY "B", 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

FIRST SERGEANT		
Jones, Harvey O.	38050992	TDY in U.S. since 16 Oct 1944
TECHNICAL SERGEANT		
Hill, Eddie L.	38037577	
STAFF SERGEANT		
Galloway, Ray L.	20817195	
Hayes, Wilson L.	20928204	
Matula, Frank J.	38027465	
Montgomery, Ernest L.	38026698	
Socgin, Billy M.	20813992	
Shelton, Grady E.	20813190	Aptd Stf Sgt fr Sgt, 1 Feb 45
SERGEANT		
Brittain, Robert L.	38051413	
Byrd, Jessie L.	38036286	
Carr, Elbie C.	38060696	
Coulson, Vernon S.	20816556	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army, 2 Jan 45
Cowan, Roy B.	20817346	
Cox, Alvin J.	20848283	
Davis, Waynon A.	38052288	
Forest, Willie L.	38052141	
Kasselman, Jacob	33322805	
Kellar, Stanley S., Jr.	33282781	
Marcoux, Edward K.	20817209	
Sathe, Sigward	37146525	
Shaw, David E.	31206545	
Shaw, Ferman O.	38038666	
Wicks, Norman L.	37147095	Aptd Sgt fr Cpl, 1 Feb 45
White, Aubrey E.	20819463	
TECHNICIAN 4th GRADE		
Andres, Robert J.	12098792	
Baker, Herman F.	37146794	
Bass, Russell F.	37021862	
Bland, Nolan J.	38026672	
Cook, James L.	13073689	
Feterl, Lawrence J.	37147098	
Jalufka, Fred T.	38027413	
LaRue, Comer A.	35276033	
Lawson, Lamar L.	38051874	
Matyasovsky, Andrew J.	33282774	
Mullaly, Floyd A.	37146974	
Schroeder, Carl J.	37022728	

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TECHNICIAN 4th GRADE CONTINUED

Wade, Edward R.	37146235	
Wien, Charles W.	32357419	

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Boone, James J.	34590795	Aptd Cpl fr Pvt 1 cl, 1 Feb 45
Cline, Charles L.	37146898	
Dickey, H O	38036608	TDY in U.S. since 13 Feb 45
Durand, Archie W.	38173366	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 8 Feb 45
Flannery, Lawrence B.	37147084	
Fox, Lester H.	37146890	
Greczkowski, Chester M.	32668923	Aptd Cpl fr Pvt 1 cl, 1 Feb 45. Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army, 17 Feb 45.
Heinsohn, Lester F.	20817396	
Kessler, Charles H.	14123376	
Paul, Edward J.	33278465	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army, 23 Feb 45
Perry, James C.	38038661	
Rau, Roman J.	37163423	
Rudy, Clarence	37163724	
Sutton, Alton	38050937	Aptd Cpl fr Tec 5, 1 Feb 45.
Vance, Hansel B.	35387208	
Vander Ziel, Paul	37419349	
Wilson, J T	34125077	
Wood, Herbert L.	14097501	

TECHNICIAN 5th GRADE

Bennett, Edward J.	32377257	
Crumley, Maxwell H.	38036712	
Fowler, Claude M.	34125005	
Garcia, Antonio M.	38027482	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army, 3 Feb 45
Giorno, Frank C.	33480435	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pvt 1 cl, 1 Feb 45
Koenen, Walter A.	37412846	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pvt 1 cl, 1 Feb 45
Kollar, George F.	35599407	
Lange, Willie H.	38027469	
Lisella, Christian F.	33185799	
Lopez, Manuel B.	38027120	
Mc Connell, Roy A.	37147004	
Mc Manus, William J.	33322796	
Pocchiola, Joseph D.	36504495	
Simon, Kenneth A.	12092690	
Sronce, Sidney E.	36057506	
Stevens, Floyd W.	37146453	
York, Carl R.	37247234	Aptd Tec 5 fr Pvt 1 cl, 1 Feb 45

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During the month of February the Reconnaissance Company of this Battalion was attached to the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron. The missions assigned the Company varied. For about half of the period the Company had the mission of holding a sector of the front line. The remainder of the period was devoted to patrolling and conducting raiding parties across the MODER RIVER.

This use of Reconnaissance Company not only deprived the Battalion of it's normal reconnaissance unit, but also imposed hardships on the members of the company who are not equipped to act as infantry. The company is not equipped with light mortars, heavy machine guns, sound powered telephones, or rifles.

Pioneer Platoon of the Reconnaissance Company was utilized to maintain liaison between the direct support artillery battalions and this headquarters. This not only enabled the Battalion Commander to keep abrest of the enemy opposition encountered, but also gave the Battalion the advantage of having an air OP observing for enemy armor.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CONTINUED

Teal, Ralph, Jr.	34333830	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army, 25 Feb 45
Urnaitis, Stanley P.	32336266	
Ware, Clyde N.	33204392	
Wilcox, Grant L.	36356365	
Wysowaty, William S.	35557776	
Yates, George R.	35081101	Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt, 18 Feb 45
Zahlis, Paul	37146429	
Zambernardi, Pietro	42117590	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 11 Feb 45
Zimmer, LeRoy J.	37147109	

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Edwards, Claude W.	34036903	Trfd to Loire DTC, 30 Jan 45
Henderson, Walter J.	33211016	Trfd to Loire DTC, 11 Feb 45
Guerrero, Cleofas	38027503	
Remington, Don	36989123	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 27 Feb 45

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ATE FIRST CLASS			
ews, Prentiss E.	20848273		
ard, Orvis	35691533		
erman, Walter E.	35677349		
e, A L	37512321		
ucci, Tony	31313445		
enson, Quinton	35213383		
, James M.	37374431	Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt, 18 Feb 45	
ten, Bennell A.	37597362	Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt, 18 Feb 45	
, Jay R.	33500719		Hosp plant,
s, Travis C.	39237529		
erton, Emmett A.	6642850		
ant, Maurice G.	37597319	Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt, 18 Feb 45	
ds, Luther	35213688		, 1 Feb 45
ant, Josh M.	38149363		
a, Manuel	38027125	TDY in U.S. since 5 Jan 45	
on, Robert L.	37146837		
ord, Reed S.	39909159		1945
am, Melvin L.	37004327	Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt, 18 Feb 45	Hosp plant,
rra, Pedro T.	38027468		
, Thomas L.	33359988		
erd, Milton E.	37353690		
ley, William O.	34243469		
s, Douglas R.	18038072		
ney, Leslie G.	31251999		
us, Francis J.	17056638		
e, Willis H.	33322748		
s, Sebastian	32702454	Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt, 18 Feb 45	
ano, John M.	38027351		
is, Philip F.	20819451		
n, Dale F.	37229396		1945
ris, Jack R.	14120274		
rison, Gerald B.	37402980		
ar, Esmail	38065399		
ke, Walter F.	38052760		
ks, Fred W.	13083326		
onak, George J.	32073228		
riff, George W.	34125093		
th, Joe C.	38430427		
wart, Frank B.	20730398		
rms, Julian R.	32951894		
eet, Tilmon R.	34891356	Aptd Pvt 1 cl fr Pvt, 18 Feb 45	
obl, George W.	37145762		eb 1945
mers, Bertram E.	39277921	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn, 21 Feb 45	1945
lor, Walter W.	33205877		

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COMPANY "C" 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

FIRST SERGEANT		
Fruhwirth, John M.	37146978	
TECHNICAL SERGEANT		
Hudson, Raymond W.	20803775	
STAFF SERGEANT		
Collingsworth, Leonard V.	20814633	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 4205 US Army Hosp Plant, 25 Feb 1945
Furrh, James E.	20813152	
Odom, Vernon I.	38037389	
Stedman, G. D.	38177868	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 21st Gen Hosp, 1 Feb 45
Wilkins, Henry N.	20815175	
SERGEANT		
Beichner, Leo J.	33272872	TDY in United States since 5 Jan 1945
Bentley, Hester L.	34333328	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 4105 US Army Hosp Plant, 25 Feb 1945
Brantley, Rufus C.	34762088	
Childers, Albert R.	38037526	
Hale, Harvey M.	35387234	
Hughes, Roy C.	20848303	
Kraus, Wesley J.	38026777	
Mayo, Durwin P.	38038972	
O'Bryan, Joseph R.	35484581	
Poulos, Theodore P.	31142239	
Rutledge, William P.	20816565	
Silbernagel, Lawrence B.	39321648	
Sterner, Kemps E.	13031240	
Stokes, Claude H.	38463151	TDY in United States since 25 Feb 1945
Wallace, James W.	34130872	
Wilhite, Franklin Y.	20813684	
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Brown, Buddie L.	34083741	
Hendry, Roy Q.	20814646	
Johnson, Herbert E.	36006766	
Jones, Latham C. Jr.	38052765	
King, Ernest F.	33348697	
Sanders, Wesley C.	38304294	
Snyder, Joseph A. Jr.	35160762	
Sprenkle, Paul E.	37188948	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 10 Feb 1945
Stokes, Clyde T.	38463140	TDY in United States since 25 Feb 1945
Wilhelm, Leo	37147144	
Wilkins, Virgil V.	17056626	

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Wittler, Raymond A.	37146923	
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Young, Leo W.	20813195	

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Basore, Herschel W.	37146239	
Beatty, Harry L.	33247017	
Cagan, Milton	31143595	
Greenwald, Weldon C.P.	37146907	
Johnson, Alvin B. Q.	20805648	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army 26 Jan 1945
Johnston, Wiley F.	34333452	
Koch, Henry A. J. Jr.	38052105	
Lorance, Charles G.	20814658	
Marchinda, Albert T.	32378933	
Marquez, Arturo Q.	38065441	
Parks, Nelson V.	34885299	
Scott, David	33568697	
Sklar, Daniel S.	38413302	
Smith, Roy C.	37419335	
Strzegowski, Albert L.	33550164	
White, Robert A.	37512535	
Zulkos, Frank	33281864	

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Beall, Robert E.	38038975	
Erickson, Theodore O.	37145965	
Flaherty, Lester H.	37147066	
Hannah, Elmer L.	20816045	
King, Clell M.	34288906	
Knight, Bruce E.	34288690	
Luke, Lem J.	34352528	
O'Donnell, John J.	31037232	
Padula, Andrew	32897348	
Quigley, George A.	32405974	
Sahotsky, Donald J.	16093916	
Shafer, Albert A.	38026764	
Staats, Denver E.	35331773	
Thomas, Earl A.	33281158	
Ward, Robert C.	38039044	
Wood, Dalton G.	20813734	
Worthington, Gerald L.	38039661	
Wulf, Lester E.	37146941	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army 3 Feb 1945

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Barlam, Louis J.	32756848	
Becker, Harold A.	37145959	

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Benson, John H.	38038523	
Blackwell, Henry W.	38018126	
Brunker, Eugene W.	37146143	
Burkholder, Ruben W. Jr.	33686091	
Carman, Johnnie M.	37634610	
Cook, Elwood L.	33217800	
Cordisco, Nicholas	33320521	
Cronin, Eugene M.	32379074	
Dagenhart, Doyle W.	34032153	
DAvis, Wilburn	38425219	
Despain, David W.	37147099	
Dravecky, Andrew R.	35231840	
Eaton, Homer	6990821	
Gaerisch, Hans J.	32396466	
Gallo, Thomas J.	33779509	
Hayes, Frances M.	38037441	
Hill, Walter F.	34813509	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 4405 US Army Hosp Plant 1 Feb 1945
Holcomb, Thomas	38037485	
Jacoby, William R.	32311546	
Krawczyk, Norbert S.	36296237	
Kulhanek, Victor J.	36201883	
Laing, Jesse	20802768	
Loudermilk, George W.	34442443	
Lucas, Henry O.	34762663	
Miraglia, Savatore	35331765	
Mullen, Charles C.	37144559	
New, Charles C.	35361023	
Pugh, Dewey F.	34603837	
Robison, James E.	38037078	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 28 Feb 1945
Sanders, David W.	7013600	
Schraer, Lloyd G.	31310936	
Shipley, Lester L.	38427948	
Simpkins, Glenn H.	15105401	
Singer, Leonard A.	36616129	
Smith, Hugh L.	31270484	
Snyder, John E.	34393079	
Spaulding, Howard E.	38020803	
Terrys, Algert V.	33203938	
Vernol, Gilbert H.	32536820	
Walanski, Victor J.	36329749	
Wilhite, Daniel C.	34282562	

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Carey, Robert C.	42088842
Dieckmann, Gerhard F.	39217452
Dorsey, Joseph Jr.	33027623

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Hollis, Herman I.	38663888	
Hudgins, Earl H.	34457636	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 4134 US Army Hosp Plant 27 Feb 1945
Kent, Leroy	14015420	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 16 Feb 1945
Lawson, Zachariah T.	34678087	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 23 Feb 1945
Lovejoy, Sigal J.	35653081	
Owen, Reo D.	20816491	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 23 Feb 1945
Prudenti, Rosario V.	42106575	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 27 Feb 1945
Reny, Lucien E.	31471102	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 27 Feb 1945
Stubblefield, James S.	36955152	
Thagard, Marion B.	34200427	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 4183 US Army Hosp Plant 22 Feb 1945
Timms, Charles E.	15316942	
Walker, James E.	34040672	Asgd and jd fr 3rd Reinf Bn 3 Feb 1945

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ANNEX NO. 1

S-3 SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

During the month of February a great deal of the Battalion's action was from defensive positions. The Tank Destroyers were implaced in dug in installations throughout the regimental sectors, thus displaying an anti-tank role which would enable them to counter any enemy armored movement that might have occured along the Division's front. On numerous occasions the destroyers supported the infantry with direct fire into houses and pill boxes in the vicinity of DRUSENHEIM.

Difficulty was encountered in the attack on DRUSENHEIM and HERRLISHEIM, due to the fact that the Tank Destroyers were unable to follow the infantry troops into the towns on their initial assault. All bridges were out and it was necessary for the engineers to construct bridges before the armor could move forward to support the infantry. Due to the swollen condition of the streams it was difficult to build the bridges, thus they were not completed in time for the armor to cross and give the infantry the desired support. In order to provide close support for the infantry, plans must be made so that armor can follow closly and support their movements from direct fire positions.

With the Tank Destroyers playing primarily a defensive role this month, the Battalion was able to have one Destroyer Company out of the line for a five to seven day rest period. This method of relief for the destroyer crews proved highly siccessful, as while on the line the crews were forced to live and sleep in their destroyers most of the time.

During the month of February numerous rounds of three-inch illuminating shell were expended upon frequent request from the infantry as well as artillery elements of the Division.

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ANNEX NO. 3

ENEMY CASUALTY REPORT

The total expenditure of ammunition during this period was 3,090 rounds of three inch HE, 485 rounds of three inch APC, 51 rounds of three inch smoke, 49 rounds of three inch illuminating star shelland 6 rounds of smoke, spotting, charge.

During this period this organization killed fifty enemy personnel.

Enemy Material Destroyed: This organization can account for the destruction of one enemy ammunition dump, nine machine guns, one anti-tank gun, one Mk VI Tank, and five Mk V Tanks.

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EXCERPT FROM

T - P A T C H

18 February 1945

They deserve their title of Armored Devils, the sharp shootin' veteran gunners of the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. They proved their right to it when the Germans tried to break out of their bridgehead north of Strasbourg. Outnumbered 5 to 1, these men drove off the enemy, cost him seven tanks, never gave him a chance to fire a single retaliatory round.

The Battalion Commander, Lt Col Charles Wilber, Hollywood, California, explained the battle : "We had to be geared for extremely fast action," he said. "It was a case of the guy who gets in the first round being the victor. We got in that first round. Jerry never got a chance to fire back.".

The warning net had alerted "C" Company three hours before the German tanks ground into range. The third platoon, commanded by 2d Lt Lee Kiscadden, Lebanon, Pa., was emplaced along a heavy thicket with a clear field of fire in three directions. Two guns were there, about 20 yards behind the infantry. Six enemy tanks slid out of a tree line about 2000 yards to the east. The T-Patch TD men moved forward to the edge of the woods, sat there, waiting.

A driver, Cpl Lem J. Luke, Tifton, Georgia, marked the enemy's progress, "Yonder they go! Yonder they go!" he repeated. The enemy tanks kept coming. They crossed a small bridge and stopped.

Col Wilber was standing next to Lt Kiscadden. "When are you going to shoot," he asked impatiently. Lt Kiscadden was standing next to the mount driven by Sgt Rufus Brantley, Tennille, Georgia. He called to Gunner, Cpl Wiley Johnston, Alpine, Alabama, "When you're ready."

The enemy tanks were sitting ducks, halted just across the small bridge 1200 yards away. It was Sgt Brantley's first combat as tank commander - the day before he had been a medico and a private first class. He spotted what he later described as the "biggest damn tank on earth". Two rounds smashed into the tank, two columns

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of orange fire and black smoke roared into the grey snowy sky. His monster was 2 Mark IV's sitting hull to hull. They were both destroyed.

Sgt William Rutledge, Houston, Texas, spotted two other tanks at the same time. Short a loader, he had to observe fire and handle his gun at the same time. Two Tiger tanks had forced their way past the infantry defense line and were 2000 yards across the plain, going towards the rear. Rutledge poured three rounds into one, shifted his fire to hit the second. The second tank withdrew. The first one was crippled. Another round disabled it.

The third platoon had accounted for three tanks in less than two minutes. The left flank of the open field was secure.

Lt John Kehoe, New York City, had his Second Platoon on the edge of a town where his three guns covered the open space from the right flank. He was in an OP directly behind his mounts when he saw two groups of enemy medium and heavy tanks come into sight in front of the tree line, at this point about 4000 yards away. The first group was the larger, seven tanks. All told, there were twelve.

It was a large order for the three guns of the platoon, but the men were waiting for a chance to even an old score. In their last action, their platoon sergeant had been shot out with his fourth tank destroyer.

Sgt Claude Stokes, McAlester, Oklahoma, watched from the turret of his "Oklahoma Wildcat", driven by his twin brother Sgt Clyde Stokes. The enemy was still over 3000 yards away when he opened fire. "We had to peel them off," he said later. "They were shooting up our infantry". He spotted a Panther Tank just when the artillery dropped smoke shells behind it. Silhouetted, it made an ideal target.

But the first kill went to S Sgt Leonard Collingsworth, Dodd City, Texas, who had been sitting watch in the "Oklahoma Wildcat". It was another sitting duck, 2500 yards away.

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EXCERPT FROM T - PATCH, 18 February 1945, CONT'D

It looked like easy shooting. It was phenomenal. Across the snow and against the grey sky, the tanks were barely visible. The range, while not excessive, was very long. As the colonel said, "Those boys handle that three inch gun like it was an over-sized rifle. They're deadly accurate."

When Sgt Stokes took over the "Wildcat", Sgt Collingsworth, led two mounts down the road where they had a better field of fire. Frustrated German tanks and supporting infantry had shifted their attack and were trying to slip into town from the flank. Sgt Hester Bentley, Cullman, Alabama, and his gunner, Cpl Harry Beatty, Saxton, Pa., caught two tanks out of eight that stopped to fire at the infantry. They drove the first one back to the tree line, knocked out another with three rounds. The others left the position, taking their supporting foot troops with them. Sgt Harvey Hale, Fairmont, West Virginia, spotted another tank that tried to lead a large number of infantrymen flanking the town. As he stopped to fire on American troops dug in along the road, Sgt Hale pumped out five fast rounds into him at the almost impossible range of over 3500 yards. When the tank caught fire, he traversed to pile up the enemy infantry around the tank.

On the right flank, the three guns accounted for four tanks and countless enemy infantry, plus one tank damaged. On the left flank, the two guns had knocked out three tanks crippled another.

S Sgt G. D. Stedman, Warren, Arkansas, had gone to lead up supporting tanks, but by the time they arrived, the area had been secured. The "C" Company men were never attacked again.