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The 36th Division Archive HEADQUARTERS 636TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION Office of the Battalion Commander APO 758, U. S. Army 5 December 1944 SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records. : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U. S. Army. 1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Letter, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 20 April 1943, file AG 314.7/389 0-M, Subject: Historical Records and Histories of Organizations, transmitter herewith Operations in France, November 1944 of this Battalion. 2. Conclusions: During this period we experienced passing through the highest mountains in France. In this area the roadnet was very restricted. Due to the rain, snow and ice the M-10's were limited to the road almost entirely. Knowing this, the German placed many mines and road blocks along these arteries. As most of the mines were box and ramp mines, with the majority being ramp mines, the M-10's were unable to advance with the infantry until the roads were cleared. In the Vosges Mountains the valley and sides of the mountains are tilled and cultivated and the tops are wooded. Therefore the infantry stayed in the wooded areas in their advance and usually only after the objective was taken were the roads cleared of enemy troops so that Engineers could clear the mine fields. As a result of this, TD's usually waited until the infantry had reached its objective and were about to start to the next one before they would move up. As a result of the numerous mines and road blocks the TD's were unable to give close direct support to the infantry in many instances but merely sat on the road or backed up against a house until such time as the road was cleared. Due to the mountainous character of this terrain there were very few instances where indirect fire positions could be obtained and as the weapon has such a flat trajectory, the TD's would have had to fire at mearly maximum range in order to give indirect fire support to the infantry. As a conclusion I recommend the following: that as they cannot be used as direct fire support and cannot be used in an indirect fire support mission except occasionally, at least two of the three platoons in a company should be kept in reserve and undergo thorough maintenance. One platoon waiting on the road for the mines to be cleared is ample. The occasional times that we have been able to fire in direct support of the infantry has always been handled adequately by not more than one platoon.

The 36th Division Archive SECRET The M-10's have again proved their sturdiness in all kinds of weather, terrain and poor maintenance facilities. After crossing the Muerthe winter line we broke out of the mine belt and were able to give closer support to the infantry. In practically every instance the TD's stayed up with the infantry wherever a jeep trail existed. Employment: Considerable casualties were received by members of TD crews from small arms and mortar fire without any opportunity for the TD's to return the fire. It should be realized that tank destroyers are self-propelled guns not a tank. Therefore, its maximum benefit can be achieved when it has a good field of fire and something to shoot at. By following along closely behind the infantry in order to be available in event a target should appear in this heavily wooded and mountainous area it is usual that mortar and sniper fire and a certain amount of artillery fire is received. This causes casualties without enabling us to return fire. However, infantry commanders must have TD's available to them on call and unless they keep them close to them it is very difficult for them to maintain communication with the TD's. I believe that the only solution for close coordination between infantry and TD's is direct radio communication. This can best be accomplished by the TD platoon having a 300 series radio. If direct communications were available, the battalion commander of the infantry could allow the TD's to remain in a reserve position. The platoon leader of the TD's could be with the battalion commander and if a mission for the TD's was found he could radio to his platoom which had the 300 series radio. The use of Reconnaissance Company, in its primary role, during this period in the Vosges Mountains was limited due to the lack of extensive road nets. They were used in support of the TD companies to reconnoiter, in advance, for firing positions and roads of ingress and egress to them. For twelve days during this period they were used dismounted, as infantry, manning machine gum posts on the infantry's MLR and also operating foot patrols into enemy territory. During this past month the weather has been about as disagreeable as it could be. We have had up to about 8 inches of snow; we have had ice on the roads and a great deal of rainfall and mud. Most of the nights tank crews have had to sleep in the tanks themselves. It has been a great surprise to me that the health of the men has been maintained. CHAPLES F. WILBER Lt Colonel \_ Inf Commanding Narrative of operations for the month 1 Incl: of November 1944, with attached annexes. SECRET

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# OPERATIONS IN FRANCE NOVEMBER 1944

At the beginning of this period the Battalion Command Post was situated in Bruyeres, V-247573, in the Vosges Mountains.

Reconnaissance Company, attached to the Stack Task Force, was employed as a holding force in the vicinity of V-240470, west of Rehaupel. During the hours of darkness the company dispatched patrols forward to learn the enemy's disposition and strength. Due to the Company's exposed position its personnel were confined to their dug-in installations during daylight hours. On many occasions the holding force underwent heavy enemy artillery and mortar shell fire concentrations. Shortly after sunset on 6 November the Company's positions were subjected to numerous barrages of enemy artillery shell fire, its caliber being estimated to be 150mm or larger. During these barrages, which thoroughly covered the sector, one man was killed and five wounded.

On the 8th of November the Blocking Force was attached to the 141st RCT for operations. The 1st Platoon was attached to the 100th Division and upon receiving orders from the Battalion Commander, moved from the 36th Division sector to Baccarat, where the Platoon C. P. was established. The Company Commander of Company "B" prescribed specific missions for the platoon in selecting areas suitable for the employment of the Company "B" destroyers on their primary mission.

At the beginning of the month elements of Company "C" were supporting the advances of the 442d RCT in its drive to the east. The enemy resistance in its sector showed a decided decrease from that encountered in previous periods. During the evening of 3 November the infantry and destroyers consolidated their positions west of Houssiere, in the vicinity of V-353564. After darkness these positions underwent heavy barrages of heavy and medium artillery shellfire. One section of the 1st Platoon, supporting the 143d RCT, maintained a road block installation at V-305577 until 4 November, at which time it moved to V-320574 as part of a road block to counter any attempts at enemy movement to the west on the Biffontaine - Houssiere Road.

on 8 November Company "C" was attached to the 143d RCT. The 2d and 3d Platoons were relieved of their supporting roles with the 442d RCT and joined the remainder of the Company in an assembly area in the vicinity of Fays. The Company Commander, accompanied by his Platoon Leaders, reconnoitered and selected indirect firing positions in the vicinity of Champ le Duc, V-242558. The destroyers occupied the positions during 10 November, whereupon the Company supplimented the fires of the 133d F. A. Battalion. Numerous and effective concentrations of three inch shell fire were placed in the enemy's supply routes leading into Granges sur Vologne, V-296498, les Cours, V-367535, Barbey Seroux, V-333496 and installations of various types in the enemy's forward echelon. The Company Commander took maximum advantage of available time, and reconnoitered the division sector for likely destroyer positions, routes thereto, and to possible areas for further employment.

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The destroyers of Company "A", employed as two six gun batteries, west of Feminel, V-239644, continued supplimenting the long range missions on prescribed targets assigned by the 131st F. A. Bn. During the first three days of the month the batteries expended 1710 rounds of three inch H. E. and seven rounds of smoke.

At Ohl600A November the 1st Platoon of Company "A" was attached to the 7th RCT of the 3d Infantry Division, and moved to an assembly area east of Jacques in the vicinity of V-357643. One destroyer while moving forward in this sector ran over a ramp mine, and was retrieved to the rear for repairs. In this particular sector of the front the troops were faced with strongly organized resistance, evidenced by limited aggressive action and coordinated defensive fires from the enemy's infantry weapons, supplimented by artillery shellfire.

On 8 November, Company "A" was attached to the 142d RCT. One section of destroyers moved into defensive positions at V-354596, one section to V-334570 and another to V-354596. The remainder of the destroyers maintained their indirect fire positions.

For the period 4-10 November, the Company "A" indirect fire pieces expended 4634 rounds of three inch H. E. on various harassing and interdicting missions assigned by the 131st F. A. Bn.

Company "B", attached to the 45th Infantry Division supported elements of the 117th Rcn Squadron, from positions in the vicinity of Baccarat, V-270833. On the 3rd of November, the 1st Platoon moved to direct fire positions in the vicinity of Mervillers, V-293870 and Bertichamps, V-305815. On 6 November the 3d Platoon supported the 179th RCT's assault on the town of Theaville, V-311796 by expending 142 rounds of H. E., 35 rounds of APC and 5 rounds of smoke. The following day the Company was attached to the 100th Infantry Division.

Stubborn and aggressive resistance characterized the enemy activity during the period. The forward elements encountered considerable AW, mortar and SA opposition. Enemy artillery was active only in the forward echelons.

On 14 November it was evident that the enemy had made somewhat of a withdrawal in the sector east of the Holding Force, so an eight man patrol was sent forward to try and maintain contact with the enemy, its objective being Liezey, V-308444. The patrol came within a short distance of its objective and was forced to turn back due to a blinding snow storm.

During the day elements of the 141st RCT passed through the Holding Force's positions, relieving Reconnaissance Company of its mission and reverting the company to a regimental reserve status.

Orders were received on 13 November which attached elements of Company "C" to the 141st and 143d RCT's. At 140900A, the 1st and 3d Platoons attacked with the 143d RCT, and after meeting slight resistance took their objectives. The

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2d Platoon supported the lilst RCT in its push towards the east in the Vosges Mountains. On the 15th, the 1st and 3d Platoons were relieved of their supporting missions with the 143d RCT, and moved into a Regimental assembly area in the vicinity of Bruyeres.

The Division's RCT's and elements of the Battalion continued an aggressive advance to the east in an effort to maintain contact with the enemy. The troops occupied the towns of La Nolle and Mariemont, the latter being taken after considerable house to house fighting. Shortly before noon on the 16th, the troops siderable house to a line V-313484 - V313458 - Liezey and V288437. During 18 Novemhad advanced to a line V-313484 - V313458 - Liezey and V288437. During 18 Novemhad advanced to a line V-31484 - V313458 - Liezey and V288437. During 18 Novemhad advanced in Corcieux, V365528 and the 3d Platoon moved into reserve positions positioned in Corcieux, V365528 and the 3d Platoon moved from reserve positions at V-327532. The 1st and 3d Platoons of Company "C" moved from reserve positions in the vicinity of Bruyeres to Vaneymont, so as to support the 1st Battalion, in the vicinity of Bruyeres to Vaneymont, so as to support the lst Battalion, in the vicinity of Bruyeres to Vaneymont, so as to support the lst Battalion, the process of changing sectors. The other section moved from Granges sur Vologne the process of changing sectors. The other section moved from Granges sur Vologne to the high ground at V-345445. From these direct fire positions the destroyers to the high ground at V-345445. From these direct fire positions and targets support the infantry's advance by placing fire on enemy dispositions and targets of opportunity.

During the 191200A - 201200A November period, regardless of the inclement weather, the troops advanced to the east, being hampered only by extensive enemy mine fields and road blocks. The hill masses between Granges - Gerardmer and the Gerardmer - Gerbepal Roads were occupied and cleared of the enemy. Slight contact was maintained when the hill mass V-405580 to V-4054 was secured and the troops was maintained when the hill mass V-405580 to V-420540. During this period the pushed on to St Leonard, V-411573 and Anould, V-420540. Barbey-Seroux, V-3349 and towns of Les Coullieres, V-372498, Hennotte, V-245500, Barbey-Seroux, V-337575 were entered and secured.

Company "B" continued supporting the 117th Rcn Squadron and elements of the 100th Division southwest of Badonviller. The destroyers fired on enemy strong-points at V-368799, enabling the infantry to make rapid advances in that sector. The 1st Platoon moved forward with an infantry patrol, reinforcing it with direct fire, and assisted in clearing the town of Neufmaisons, V-341848 of enemy opposition.

On 20 November the destroyers of Company "A" were relieved of their supporting role with the forward elements of the 142d RCT, and reverted to the control of role with the forward elements of the situation permitted, the Company withdrew to an the Battalion Commander. When the situation permitted, the Company withdrew to an assembly area in the vicinity of Neume to maintain its vehicles and await further orders.

Shortly after noon on the 21st the Battalion Command Group moved to Corcieux, V365527. In selecting this C. P. site consideration was given to the disposition of the troops in the plan of operations, the route of communications, and the Division's axis of advance. Shortly after midnight the Battalion's In O. to Division visited the C. P. bringing the Division Operations Instructions, as of Division visited the C. P. bringing the Division Operations at attached to the 142d 212300A November 1944. It was learned that Company "A" was attached to the 142d

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RCT and would move to St Marie Aux Mines, V-590616 anytime after 220800A November 1944, and block any enemy withdrawal through that sector. The force was to move from its present assembly areas upon order of the Division Commander.

The 1st Platoon, Company "C" advanced to the west bank of the Meurthe River in the vicinity of La Sauche, awaiting the construction of a bridge across the river. The 2d Platoon supported the elements of the 141st RCT in the vicinity of Gerbepal, while the 3d Platoon, on a reserve status, moved to indirect fire positions in the vicinity of Sarupt, ready at all times to place supporting fires on targets

During the evening of 22 November, the Company Commander, Rcn Co called the C. P. and informed the Battalion Commander that Rcn Company had received orders from the Commanding Officer, lilst RCT, directing the Company to move forward and occupy positions to the front of the infantry elements, on the high grounds west of, and overlooking the town of Clefcy, V-429520. Shortly thereafter, at 2228 hours the Battalion Commander received a telephone call from the Division G-3, and it was learned that Rcn Company (less 1 platoon) was attached to the 142d RCT. The Battalion S-3, who was at the C. P. lulst RCT coordinating the move of Rcn Company to the 141st RCT sector, was contacted in time to stop the Company from moving into the forward positions, and direct them to the 142d RCT's assembly area.

On the 23d of November the destroyers of Company "B" were assaulting to the east from the valley of Senones. The 3d Platoon advanced with elements of the 100th Division from the town of Senones, V-436775 to le Vermont, V-497766, where the destroyers were employed in defensive positions. During the 24th, the 1st Platoon supported the 117th Rcn Squadron in clearing the area in the vicinity of Belval, V-493798 of enemy elements. The Company Commander was notified on the 26th that Company "B" and the 1st Platoon of Rcn Company were relieved of their supporting mission with the 100th Division. The Company was withdrawn from its front line dispositions to an assembly area in the vicinity of Senones, where preparations were made for movement to an assembly area in the 36th Division sector.

Elements of the 142d Task Force cleared the town of Ban de Laveline, V-500605 at 241105A November. On the morning of 25 November the 3d Platoon of Rcn Company moved out of its assembly area in Ban de Laveline and through Wisembach on a road reconnaissance, forward of the other elements comprising the 142d Task Force. Upon reaching V-553605, the motorized patrol encountered a well fortified enemy road block. In a fire fight that took place, five men were wounded, two quarter ton vehicles destroyed and the two front tires of an armored car were blown. Soon the fire grew so intense, the patrol was forced to withdraw. After the road block had been knocked out by aggressive actions of the infantry, tanks and the destroyers of Company "A", an inspection was made of the block. The road block has consisted of one 88mm direct fire piece, one 75mm pack howitzer, several machine guns and one mortar. All fortifications and a large network of trenches were well emplaced, and good observation could be had of the road approaching the installation from Wisembach. A road barricade, approximately three feet in thickness and eight feet high had been constructed in two places on the road. It was believed that the Company "A" destroyers direct fire, supporting the infantry's assault on the block was a great factor in breaking the installation and opening the road to St Marie Aux Mines.

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The Battalion C. P. moved to Wisembach, V-533623, where shortly after its arrival established wire and radio communications with the Division C. P. in Bain de Laveline, as well as with the Battalion's forward elements.

The Company "A" destroyers moved across the mountains east of Wisembach with the 142d Task Force, and assisted in assaulting and capturing the town of St Marie aux Mines. After clearing the town of all enemy opposition the force continued its move to the east, encountering only scattered resistance. The advance was hampered by an enemy strong point  $1\frac{1}{2}$  kilometers east of St Marie aux Mines and again at V-620625, outside of St Croix, but the latter was finally broken during the early morning hours of 27 November.

Company "B" and the 1st platoon of Reconnaissance Company returned to the 36th Division sector. The 1st platoon of Reconnaissance Company was attached to the 143d RCT, with the mission of maintaining contact between the 103rd Infantry Division and the 36th Division. The destroyers of Company "B" moved into an assembly area at V-602617 for a twenty-four hour maintenance period, prior to being committed, upon the order of the Division Commander.

On the morning of 28 November, the enemy showed more of a defensive attitude, with sharp and close combat taking place in all sectors of the Division's front. Elements of the lillst RCT attacked but were unable to advance against the strongly held enemy positions. One section of the Company "C" destroyers supporting the 1st Battalion while in a reserve position with one Company of Infantry, in the vicinity of V-508535, was overrun by enemy troops who had forced the Infantry's forward elements to withdraw from their defensive positions. The two M-10's were hit by enemy bazooka fire and started to burn, forcing the crews to abandon them and withdraw to a house nearby, which was occupied by the infantry. Although the area was covered with SA and machine gun fire the Platoon Sergeant, S Sgt Glen McGuire, 38036578, returned to one of the burning M-10's and fired nine rounds into a fringe of woods some 75 yards distance from which the enemy fire was coming, until he was forced to withdraw to the house. Upon his return to the house he adjusted the fire of the supporting artillery on the enemy position for a period of one hour. The house began to burn from the enemy mortar and bazooka fire directed at it which forced the infantry to further withdraw. S Sgt McGuire and his crew, Sgt Claude H. Stokes, 38463151 and Tec 4 Clyde T. Stokes, 38463140 remained to evacuate the wounded who were in the cellar of the burning house. Not until all of the wounded were safely evacuated did S Sgt McGuire and his crew leave the scene of the action.

Elements of the 1h2d RCT moved into the town of Liepvre, V-661636, without opposition. Soon after occupying the town of Liepvre it was learned that the bridge east of the town had been destroyed by enemy demolition. One platoon of Reconnaissance Company was given the mission of reconnoitering and finding a bypass which would enable the armor and other vehicles to support the infantry's advance towards the Rhine River Valley. The platoon moved out on its mission and upon reaching a point one-half mile Northwest of the town ran into heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, forcing it to withdraw and select another route. Elements of the Pioneer Platoon were sent out to establish radio relay stations to maintain contact with the forward elements.

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Company "B" was attached to the Illist RCT for supporting missions. The 1st and 3rd Platoons remained in an assembly area, while the 2d Platoon moved to V-505547 and relieved the 2d Platoon of Company "C". The 2d Platoon, Company "C" moved to St Marie aux Mines and joined the remainder of the Company in an assembly area.

On the morning of 29 November, destroyers of the 1st Platoon of Company "A" and elements of the 142d RCT were opposed by enemy mortar, small arms and nebelwerfer fire as they advanced on the towns of La Vancelle and Rombach. The 1st Platoon expended 200 rounds of .50 caliber, killing four enemy infantrymen and placed 3" direct fire on enemy occupied houses and installations that were retarding the infantry's advance. The 2d Platoon gave similar support while moving towards and capturing the Battalion's objective, Koenigsbourg Chateau.

Shortly after noon, the Battalion C. P. was alerted and moved to a previously selected site in Echery, V-574592. As usual, close liaison was maintained with Division Headquarters as well as the Battalion's Reconnaissance Company and Destroyer Companies, that were in the forward echelons with the Division's RCT's. The Battalion Commander and Staff Officers continued their frequent visits to the Companies to keep abreast with the situation.

As the day progressed, the enemy opposed the Division's advance towards the Rhine River Valley with new vigor. Considerable opposition was being met from scattered groups in the hills and from road blocks along the trails and roads that were being effectively covered by automatic weapons and anti-tank fire. The 142d RCT cleared the high ground south of Rombach and also cleared the snipers from road block installations in the vicinity of the Liepvre -Nagigoutte Road.

The Company "B" destroyers in the 141st sector received heavy small arms and self-propelled fire during this period. The destroyers placed direct fire on enemy installations, but were unable to observe its results due to the dense fog.

It was learned on 30 November that the Commanding Officer, 143d RCT was going to employ the 3d Platoon of Reconnaissance Company, with its mission being to establish contact with the 103d Infantry Division. The Platoon was to obtain information regarding enemy dispositions on the Liepvre-Rombach-Fouchy Road and the intentions of adjacent 103d Infantry Division Units.

At 1122 hours, the Division G-3 called the C. P. and informed the Battalion Commander that Company "B" (less one platoon) was attached to the lust RCT, and that Company "C" reverted to the control of the Battalion. The G-3 stated that the primary mission of Company "C" would be to support or reinforce Company "A" in the event that enemy armor was encountered by the 142d RCT when it reached the Rhine River Valley. The 1st Platoon of Company "B" was attached to the 143d RCT and remained in Regimental reserve in the vicinity of St Marie aux Mines.

The 1st Platoon of Reconnaissance Company contacted elements of the 103d

The 36th Division Archive SECRET Division at Ville, V-680715 and the 3d Platoon contacted the 409th Infantry at Dieffenbach, V-683696. Both Platoons found their respective routes clear of enemy and had little difficulty in reaching their designated objectives. So as to mass the armor piercing fire power, the Division Commander directed that the destroyers of Company "C" move to La Vancelle, V-676653. From this point the destroyers were held in readiness, prepared for rapid movement en masse to any one area threatened and could deploy to counter the movement of any enemy armor. An advance C. P. Was established in Rombach, V-642651, where the Battalion Commander was provided with full and up-to-date information on the existing situation, and able to make personal reconnaissance of the terrain to better his plan of employment of the destroyers. At the closing of this period the 1st Platoon of Reconnaissance Company guided the supply trains of the 1st Battalion, 142d RCT, one Platoon, 753d Tank Battalion and one Platoon of the Company "C" destroyers through Rombach, Fouchy and Neubois to make contact with the 1st Battalion, 142d RCT. The Company "A" destroyers were unable to support the 142d assault through Hurst due to the enemy road blocks and poor road conditions. One enemy mortar position at V-711642 was knocked out by direct fire from one of the Company "A" destroyers. Another Platoon fired on and neutralized an enemy OP in Kintzheim.

RICHARD A. DANZI

Major, F. A.

Unit Historian

Elements of Company "B" encountered strongly held positions in the lulst RCT sector. The destroyers expended 94 rounds of H. E. on enemy occupied houses, forcing the personnel to evacuate and make themselves vulnerable to the friendly infantry's small arms and machine gun fire.

Map Reference: France, 1:50,000.

Attached Annexes:

Casualty Report

Awards and Decorations Report

Officer Roster

Journal with supporting Annexes Overlays.

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#### CONSOLIDATED CASUALTY REPORT

TYPE OF CASUALTY	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN	TOTAL
KIA		1	1
DOW	0		1
LIA		1	1
SIA			0
DIA			0
LWA	2	27	29
SWA		5	5
MIA	0	0	0
POW	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	35	37

Fight officers and fifty-six enlisted men have been received as replacements during the month of November 1944. A part of these replacements had been former members of this organization who returned from hospitals through a Replacement Depot as requisitioned replacements.

Suitability of Replacements: Well equipped and well trained. Those enlisted men who were believed to require further training as drivers and gunners were placed on Temporary Duty with Hq & Hq Co, 1st Armored Group for two weeks training.

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# BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

	GRADE	ASN	DATE OF TY CA		PLACE ENTERED SERVICE FROM
RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY					
MITCHELL, THOMAS R.	Enlisted Men S Sgt	38037096	24 Nov 44	LWA	Marshall, Texas
SCOPPA, HUGO	Sgt	32394837	25 Nov 44	LWA	Brooklyn, N. Y.
WAETZIG, WALTER G.	Sgt	39828598	25 NOV 44	LWA	Salmon, Idaho
COUGHANOUR, IVAN C.	Cpl	38122793	6 Nov 44	LWA	Fabens, Texas
KUCERA, JAMES W.	Tec 5	37146852	25 Nov 44	LWA	Leigh, Nebr.
SHOOK, MONT T.	Tec 5	38023508	28 Nov 44	LWA	Broken Arrow, Okla.
ADKINS, LEWIS H.	Pfc	37147156	6 Nov 44	KIA	Clareton, Wyo.
KUGEL, EDGAR H.	Pfc	37146892	6 Nov 44	IWA	Powell, Nebr.
BAYLOR, JOHN W.	Pvt	20815924	13 Nov 44	LWA	San Antonio, Texas
CANFIELD, GLEN H.	PVt.	37147150	6 Nov 44	LWA	Upton, Wyo.
KOCI, ALBERT J.	PVt	37146003	25 Nov 44	LWA	Schuyler, Nebr.
NAGY, PAUL J., JR.	PVt	35046523	6 NOV 44	LIA	Madison, Ohio
	pvt	37147134	6 Nov 44	LWA	Witten, S. D.
ROHLA, STANLEY	PVt	38050383	25 Nov 44	LWA	Houston, Texas
SNELL, RICHARD L.					
	officers 2d Lt	0-1692562	2 27 NOV 44	LWA	Kerrville, Texas
BROUSSARD, ERNIE J.	2d Lt	0-1822586		LWA	petroit, Mich.
	Enlisted Men	37163656		SWA	St Paul, Minn.
ZIMMERMAN, OWEN F.	5 Sg c	34124861		LWA	Woodruff, S. C.
SLOAN, JOHN O.	Cpl	37146843			ponca, Nebr.
WALSH, JAMES M.	Tec 5	35754200			Alvy, W. Va.
SWEENEY, CARL R., JR.		35719403			Kuttawa, Ky.
SHINALL, FRANK S.	Pvt	SECRI			
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COMPANY "B"	Enlisted Men				
FETERL, LAWRENCE J.	Tec 4	37147098	8 Nov 44	LWA	Salem, S. D.
SATHE, SIGWARD	Tec 4	37146525	17 Nov 44	LWA	Mission Hill, S. D.
STEVENS, FLOYD W.	Tec 5	37146453	21 Nov 44	LWA	Carthage, S. D.
CHAMPNEY, HENRY P.	Pfc	31265117	4 Nov 44	DOW	Marlow, N. H.
GRECZKOWSKI, CHESTER M.	Pfc	32668923	6 Nov 114	LWA	Yorkville, N. Y.
HILBERS, GERALD G. C.	Pfc	37146528	24 Nov 44	SWA	Norfork, Nebr.
STEWART, FRANK B.	Pfc	20730398	6 Nov 44	LWA	Steele, Mo.
ZIMMER, LE ROY J.	Pfc	37147109	5 NOV 44	LWA	Montrose, S. D.
BIEDERMAN, WALTER E.	Pvt	35677349	5 Nov 44	LWA	Cincinnati, Ohio
BIEDERMAN, WALTER E.	Pvt	35677349	15 Nov 44	LWA	Cincinnati, Ohio
COMPANY "C"					
E	listed Men				
NAVA, CLAUDIO	Sgt	38025600	4 Nov 44	SWA	Laredo, Texas
O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R.	Sgt	35484581	16 Nov 44	LWA	Gethsemane, Ky.
MILLS, ELBERT J.	Cpl	38140063	24 Nov 44	SWA	Shelbyville, Texas
BURKHOLDER, RUBEN W., JR.	Pfc	33686091	4 Nov 44	LWA	McKeesport, Pa.
MAYLE, LUTHER W.	Pfc	36579813	4 Nov 44	SWA	Detroit, Mich.
LENKE, JULIUS	Pvt	35595757	4 Nov 44	LWA	Akron, Ohio
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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 30 November 1944, the following named member of this organization has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action:

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PATE OF NO. & DATE HO OF NAME

RANK ASN SERVICE FROM DEED OF G. O. ISSUANCE

Medical Detachment

MILLER, WILLIAM F. Pvt 37147168 Wheatland, Wyo. (Not available)

The action in which this soldier demonstrated gallantry above and beyond the call of duty was in direct fire support of the Infantry. The tank destroyers were in direct of duty was in direct fire support of the Infantry. The tank destroyers were in direct of duty was in direct fire support of the Infantry. The tank destroyers were in direct of duty was in direct fire support of the men fire positions at ranges of from 800 to 1000 yards from the enemy. At the time the men fire wounded and first aid was administered, enemy artillery fire was heavy and was counterwere wounded and first aid was administered, enemy artillery fire was heavy and was counterwere wounded and first aid to the battery fire. Private Miller, although wounded himself, administered first aid to the wounded men by applying sulfa drugs and bandages to stop the wounds from bleeding. When wounded men by applying sulfa drugs and bandages to stop the wounds from bleeding. When wounded men by applying sulfa drugs and bandages to stop the wounds from bleeding. When wounded men to an ambulance. On one of the help arrived, he also aided in carrying the wounded men to an ambulance. On one of the help arrived, he also aided in carrying the wounded men to an ambulance. On one of the help arrived, he also aided in carrying the wounded men to an ambulance. On one of the help arrived, he also aided in carrying the wounded men to an ambulance. On one of the help arrived, he also aided in carrying the wounded men to an ambulance. On one of the help arrived, he also aided in carrying the wounded men to an ambulance.

For the period from 1 September 1943 to 30 November 1944, the following named members of this organization have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

of this organization and NAME	RANK		ENTERED THE SERVICE FROM	DATE OF DEED	NO. & DATE OF G. O.	HQ OF ISSUANCE
Headquarters PYLAND, VAN W.	Lt Col	0236089	Waco, Texas	13-18 Dec 1943	#66 dtd 11 Mar 44	Hq 36th Inf Div
EVANS, JAMES D.	Capt	01294639	Sand Point, Idaho	19 Aug 44	#432 dtd 6 Nov 44	Hq 36th Inf Div
Reconnaissance Company GERRINGER, LINLEY W.	lst Lt	01168246	Greensboro, N.C.	12 Sep 44	#432 dtd 6 Nov 44	Hq 36th Inf Div
Company "A" PEARSON, ALEC P.	Capt	0394225	Waco, Texas	12-13 Dec	43 (Not avai	lable)
	1st Lt	02055900	Beeville, Texas	16 Sep 43	15 Oct 43	Hq 6th Corps
GOULD, GLENN E.	1st Lt	01823729	Tunnel, N.Y.	16 Sep 43	29 Oct 43	Hq 6th Corps
SPARKS, OSCAR G.	2d Lt	02055067	Dallas, Texas	16 Sep 43	#13 dtd 15 oct 43	Hq 6th Corps
DAVIS, WAYNON A.	Sgt	38052288	Iola, Texas	4 Jun 44	19 Jul 44	Hq 1st Armd Div
COWAN, JOHN L.	Cpl	20817342	Kingsville, Tex		28 Jan 44	Hq 36th Inf Div
ANDERSON, ALBERT B.	PVt	32767084	Iselin, N. J.	20 Nov 43	#11 dtd 28 Jan 44	Hq 36th Inf Div

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR CONT'D							
Company "C" BOYSA, ALPHONSE J.	1st Lt	01301601	Brooklyn, N. Y.	14 Dec 43	#11 dtd Hq 36th Inf 28 Jan 44 Div		
COLE, WILLIAM H.	2d Lt	01703021	New York, N. Y.	14 Dec 43			
MURPHY, RAYMOND G.	S Sgt	20802898	El Paso, Texas	14 Sep 43			
STEDMAN, G. D.	S Sgt	38177868	Warren, Ark.	14 Dec 43	#11 dtd Hq 36th Inf 28 Jan 44 Div		
O'BRYAN, JOSEPH R.	Sgt	35484581	New Haven, Ky.		#71 dtd Hq 5th Army 30 Sep 43		
PATTERSON, ROBERT E.	Sgt	38038542	Lawn, Texas	14 Dec 43	#11 dtd Hq 36th Inf 28 Jan 44 Div		
SEWELL, JAMES E.	Sgt	20802556	Falfurias, Texas	24 Aug 44	#365 dtd Hq 36th Inf 30 Sep 44 Div		
YOST, EDWIN A.	Sgt	37146627	Gorham, Kan.	14 Sep 43	#71 dtd Hq 5th Army 30 Sep 43		
STERNER, KEMPS E.	Sgt	13011240	York, Pa.	14 Dec 43	#11 dtd Hq 36th Inf 28 Jan 44 Div		
STOKES, CLAUDE H.	Sgt	38463151	McAlister, Okla.		#71 dtd Hq 5th Army 30 Sep 43		
STOKES, CLYDE T.	Tec 4	38463140	McAlister, Okla.		#71 dtd Hq 5th Army 30 Sep 43		
BENTLEY, HESTER L.	Cpl	34333328	Gullman, Ala.	14 Dec 43	#11 dtd Hq 36th Inf 28 Jan 44 Div		
JORDAN, JOSEPH H.	Cpl	37163668		14 Dec 43	#11 dtd Hq 36th Inf 28 Jan 44 Div		
LORANCE, CHARLES G.	Cpl		Whitewright, Tex		So Jan HA DIA		
WELLBORN, JACK T.	Cpl		Ft Worth, Texas		20 Jan 44 DIV		
WARD, ROBERT C.	Tec 5		Streetman, Texas		20 Jan 44 DIV		
SMITH, ROY C.	Pfc	37419335	Dickens, Iowa	14 Dec 43	#25 dtd Hq 36th Inf 7 Feb 44 Div		
JOHNSON, ALVIN B. Q.	Pvt	20805648	Snyder, Texas	14 Sep 43	#71 dtd Hq 5th Army 30 Sep 43		
SCOTT, CHESTER	Pvt	39324290	Merrill, Ore.	14 Dec 43	#11 dtd Hq 36th Inf 28 Jan 44 Div		
For the period f	rom 1 Se	ptember 19	43 to 30 November	* 1944, the f	Collowing named members Llantry in action:		
of this organization				20 Dec 43	#153 dtd Hq 36th Inf		
DANZI, RICHARD A.				28 Jan lih	24 May 44 Div #364 dtd Hq 36th Inf		
GRAHAM, ROBERT E.	Capt				30 Sep 44 Div #282 dtd Hq 36th Inf		
LEA, RAY E.	2d Lt	02055061	Wills Point, Te	x I Juli 44	5 Aug 44 Div		

AWARD OF THE BRONZE Hq and Hq Co Contid	STAR ME	DAL CONT'D			
GRELLE, ERVIN S.	S Sgt	38038519	9 Lampasas. Tex	28 7	44 #342 dtd Hq 36th Inf
HIPSKIND, RODERICK	S. Tec L	15100131	Wabash, Ind.	78 Man	#342 dtd Hq 36th Inf 5 Aug 44 Div
NOVELLI, FRANK J.			Galveston, Te:		#335 dtd Hq 36th Inf
STEWART, EVERETT E.	Tec 5	37147052	Lincoln, Nebr	28 Jan	31 Jul W Div
HELMS, ROBERT V.	Pfc		Caryville, Fla		76 con I.I. The Journ Ini
NEILL, SAMUEL E.	Pvt				#297 dtd Hq 36th Inf
Medical Detachment BURKHART, JEAN M.				T amie 1	#282 dtd Hq 36th Inf 5 Aug 44 Div
CONDRA, WARREN S.	Capt		Benton, Ill.	24 May 44	" July Duli Int
			Ft Worth, Texa	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	#144 Aug 44 Div #144 dtd Ha 36th Inf
DIETRICH, JOHN W.  JARISCH, MARVIN J.			Dallas, Texas	20 Nov 4	3 #84 dtd Ha 36th The
	Tec 5		New Braunfels, Texas		#295 dtd Ha 36th The
CUNNINGHAM, JOHN J.  BRANTIEV DIENG		31309854	N. Andover, Mas	35. 4 Jun 41	#69 Aug 44 Div #69 Atd Halst Armd
BRANTLEY, RUFUS C.  Reconneigence	PVC	34762088	Tennille, Ga.	2 Jun 41	#364 dtd Ha 36th The
Reconnaissance Compan MC KEE, PAUL R.		07823900	Chicago, Ill.		Sep 44 Div
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D.			Erie, Pa.	- 1 Dec 17	#147 dtd Hq 36th Inf 19 May 44 Div
PROBST, HENRY H.	S Sgt			Jan III.	#360 dtd Hq 36th Inf 26 Sep Ill Div
WILTZ, CLINSAY M.	S Sgt		Sterling, Nebr.	Tan lile	#152 dtd Hq 36th Inf 24 May 44 Div
SCOPPA, HUGO	Sgt		Port Arthur, Tex Brooklyn, N. Y.		#298 dtd Hq 36th Inf 14 Aug 44 Div
DECK, NORMAN H.	Tec 4		Hoskins, Nebr.	Jan 44	#152 dtd Hq 36th Inf 24 May 44 Div
CARLSON, EDWIN R.				27 Dec 13	#144 dtd Hq 36th Inf
UCERA, JAMES W.	Section Section			23 Jun 44	#202 dtd Hq 36th Inf
ARRIS, JAMES C.	Pfc				#312 dtd Hq 36th Inf 29 Aug 44 Div
UGEL, EDGAR H.	Pfc			21 Dec 43	18 May 44 Div #282 dtd Hq 36th Tnf
					5 Aug 44 Div

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LYON, ROBERT T., JR.	THE RESERVE AND PARTY OF THE PA		Bluff City, Pa.	23 Jun 44	#282 dtd Hq 36th Inf
VESH, JOHN	Pfc				#282 dtd Hq 36th Inf
BACKSTROM, DONALD C.	PVt	37146908		21 Nov to	5 Aug 44 Div #144 dtd Hq 36th Inf
CANFIELD, GLEN H.	Pvt	37147150	Upton, Wyo.	27 Dec 43 23 Jun 44	18 May 44 Div #282 dtd Hq 36th Inf
CARLE, ROBERT L.	Pvt	20815861	San Antonio, Tex	23 Jun 44	
Company "A" SCHWAKE, ELTON L.	1st Sot	38050898	Transatan mana	00 - 11	5 Aug 44 Div
					#298 dtd Hq 36th Inf 14 Aug 44 Div
VON SEGGERN, FREDRICK	G. S Sgt				#364 dtd Hq 36th Inf
EVERETT, LEONARD D.	Sgt	20817003	Kerrville, Texas	14 Dec 43	#294 dtd Hq 36th Inf
SHEAR, KENNETH G.	Sgt	17040953	Bradshaw, Nebr.	22 Nov 43	
FULLERTON, DONALD R.	Tec 4	37146683	Pawnee Rock, Kan	.22 Nov 43	
HAYS, ASA L.	Cpl	20816596	Houston, Texas	3 Dec 43	14 Aug 44 Div #127 dtd Hq 36th Inf
VON SEGGERN, EMIL B.	Cpl	37146864	Walthill, Nebr.	3 Dec 43	9 May 44 Div #127 dtd Hq 36th Inf
ANDRESEN, EDWARD W.	Tec 5	37146948	Blair, Nebr.	13 Sep 43	9 May 44 Div #144 dtd Hq 36th Inf
FRIEDMANN, HENRY A.	Tec 5	35332074	Canton, Ohio	22 Nov 43	18 May 44 Div #296 dtd Hq 36th Inf
MEYER, LOUIS M.	Tec 5	37147050	Lincoln, Nebr.	28 Jan 44	14 Aug 44 Div #298 dtd Hq 36th Inf
BLOUNT, C. R.	Pfc	38038533	Ector, Texas	3 Dec 43	14 Aug 44 Div #127 dtd Hq 36th Inf
TULIP, SIDNEY R.	Pvt	32744221	Odgensburg, N.Y.	23 Jun 44	9 May 44 Div #317 dtd Hq 36th Inf
Company "B"					30 Aug 44 Div
VEEVERS, FREDERICK C.	1st Lt	01171809	Glen Ridge, N.J.	21 Nov to 27 Dec 13	#144 dtd Hq 36th Inf 18 May 44 Div
BARFIELD, ROBERT A.	Sgt	20813147	Buffalo Gap, Tex.	3 Feb 44	#195 dtd Hq 36th Inf
SHAW, FERMAN O.	Sgt	38038666	Garland, Texas	24 Jun 44	21 Jun 44 Div #83 dtd Hq 1st Armd
COWAN, JOHN L.	Cpl	20817342	Kingsville, Texas	24 Jun 44	28 Aug 44 Div #83 dtd Hq 1st Armd 28 Aug 44 Div

AWARD OF THE BRONZE S Company "B" Cont'd DICKEY, H. O.	Cpl	38036608 Kosse, Texas  14 Jul 44 Inv 37163423 St Cloud, Minn. 20 Nov 43 #84 dtd Hq 36th Inf 22 Mar 44 Div
RAU, ROMAN J.	Cpl	371117095 Montrose, S. D. 24 Jun 14 #83 dtd Hq 150 Amd
WICKS, NORMAN L.		38413818 Bay City, Texas 24 Jun 44 #83 dtd Hq Ist Alma 28 Aug 44 Div
LEGGETT, WILLIS E.	Tec >	#705 dtd Hq 36th Inf
Company "C"  BRUECKNER, MORITZ F	Capt	Oll68190 Chelsea, Mich. Dec 43 24 Apr 44 Hq 36th Inf
BRUECKNEIL, MOLENE J.  DRISCOLL, EUGENE J.		01175104 Jersey City, No Dec 43 Dec 43 30 Sep 44 Hq 36th Inf
	Sgt	38039654 Italy, Texas Dec 43 30 Sep 44 11 36th Inf
RAMEY, ROB R. COLLINGSWORTH, LEON	I I I I V e	20814633 Dodd City, Texas 27 Dec 43 18 May 44 Hq 36th Inf
COLLINGBROITING,	7	38052105 House 27 Dec 42 10 100 36th Thi
KOCH, HENRI E.  BORD, BENJAMIN E.	Tec 5	36203495 Wisconsin Rapids, 27 Dec 43 18 May 44 Hq 36th Inf
	5	38036282 Quanah, Texas 27 Dec 43 18 May 44 Hq 36th Inf
KERLEY, ROBERT L.	Pfc	20813705 Decatur, Texas 27 Dec 43 18 May 44 Hq 36th Inf
HILL, JAMES L. ROBISON, JAMES E.	Pfc	38037078 Nacona, Texas 25 Mar 44 27 Jun 44 Hq 36th Inf
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SANDERS, WESLEY C ANTOLIK, EMIL J.		33348166 Scranton, Pa. 14 Dec 43 #103 dtd Hq 36th Inf
ANTULIA, MURGEL MONROE, VURGEL	Dart.	36419449 Shingletown, Mich.14 Dec 43 22 Apr 44 Div 37444040 Dubuque, Iowa 14 Dec 43 #103 dtd Hq 36th Inf
MONROE, VOILLE SCHUMACHER, RAYM		37444040 Dubuque, Iowa 14 Dec 45 22 Apr 44 Div
SCHUMACHER, 141		* 37444040 Bubles * 1944, the following named member * 1944, the following named Bronze

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Tec 5 38050988 Galveston, Texas 18 Mar 44 #364 dtd Hq 36th Inf 30 Sep 44 Div Headquarters Company NOVELLI, FRANK J.

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Hq and Hq Company	ASN	RANK	PLACE ENTERED SERVICE FROM	REMARKS
PURDY, EDWARD	0-221572	Lt Col	Roswell, N. Mex	
WILBER, CHARLES F.	0-280946	Lt Col	Hollywood, Cal.	12 Nov 1944 Asgd & jd fr 2d Repl
DANZI, RICHARD A.	0-1822375	Major	Chevy Chase, Md.	Depot 11 Nov 1944 Asgd & jd fr 2d Repl Depot 14 Nov 1944
BRUECKNER, MORITZ F.  CAMERON, OLIN W.  DOWNS, GEORGE W.  EVANS, JAMES D.  FERGUSON, JAMES R.  FOSTER, DAVID A.	0-1168190 0-107591 0-1288024 0-1294639 0-418363 0-290444	Capt Capt Capt Capt Capt	Chelsea, Mich. Stephenville, Tex Philadelphia, Pa. Sand Point, Idaho Ft Collins, Colo.	
GRAHAM, ROBERT E. WHITE, ROY D. DUTTON, HAROLD G. HAUCK, HENRY G. STOFFEL, ROBERT L.	0-1168254 0-403563 0-1823132 0-1822567 0-1168483	Capt Capt It Ist It Ist It	Sumter, S. C. Poteet, Texas Toulon, Ill. Cincinnati, Ohio	Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7th Army 18 Nov 1944
RODGERS, REYNOLDS D.	0-1288125	lst Lt	Erie, Pa.	Trfd to Det of Phts, 7th Army 18 Nov 1944 TD in U. S. since
LEA, RAY E. TUCKER, JESSE F. HOWARD, CHAPMAN	0-2055061 W-2131525 W-2130732	2d Lt CWO WOJG	Wills Point, Tex. Seymour, Texas Ft Worth, Texas	16 Oct 1911
Medical Detachment BURKHART, JEAN M.	0-380858	Capt	Benton, Ill.	
Reconnaissance Company GERRINGER, LINLEY W. SILL, GOLDEN C. TEMPLE, JOHN M. MC NUTT, JAMES N. WILSON, CHARLES D.	0-1168246 0-1011188 0-1316468 0-2055238 0-2055241	lst Lt lst Lt lst Lt 2d Lt 2d Lt	Greensboro, N. C. Layton, Utah Columbus, Ohio Rosenberg, Texas San Antonio, Texas	
Company "A" GROOM, KENNETH G. LATHAM, WILLIAM E. REINHARD, ALVIN F. QUINN, FRANCIS S., JR. BROUSSARD, ERNIE J.	0-1824174 0-422756 0-1823349 0-1175549 0-1692562	lst Lt lst Lt lst Lt		Trfd to Det of Pnts
KOZLOWSKI, BARNEY R.	0-1822586	2d Lt	Detroit, Mich	7th Army 27 Nov 1944. Asgd & jd fr 2d Repl
LACKEY, DALTON E.	0-1824200	2d Lt	Tupelo, Miss.	Depot 27 Nov 1944 Asgd & jd fr 2d Repl Depot 29 Nov 1944.

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Company "B"				
METZNER, ELMER J. GOULD, GLENN E. WALTER, WILLIAM F. VEEVERS, FREDERICK C. WITTEN, GEORGE R. BROWN, DE WAYNE G.	0-1168376 0-1823729 0-1824256 0-1171809 0-1824263 0-1823978	Capt Lt Lt 1st Lt 1st Lt 2d Lt 2d Lt	Erie, Pa. Tunnel, N. Y. Pittsburgh, Pa. Glen Ridge, N. J. Las Vegas, N. Mex. Raleigh, N. C.	Asgd & jd fr 2d Repl
JOHNSON, ALVIN S.	0-1692561	2d Lt	Bay City, Texas	Depot 26 Nov 1944. Trfd to 46th Gen Hosp 23 Nov 1944.
Company "C"				
MAXWELL, LAVERNE W.	0-497312	Capt	Galesburg, Ill.	Asgd & jd fr Artillery Section, 7th Army 8 Nov 1944.
BOYSA, ALPHONSE J. DRISCOLL, EUGENE J. HALL, CHARLES F. HESS, GEORGE M., JR. KEHOE, JOHN P.	0-1301601 0-1175104 0-1173263 0-1824314 0-1824037	1st Lt 1st Lt 1st Lt 2d Lt	Brooklyn, N. Y. Jersey City, N. J. Tampa, Fla. Hughesville, Pa. New York, New York	