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in memory of the (second)
platoon of Co. C. 614th T.D., P.M.
on the gallant men who
served.

it was some where in
eastern prussia the time
Dec. 2nd 1944 that we got
a mission it was to move
up to the town of
Mittesheim and take up a
position on shell the
little village of Guesbach
which was the next
little town occupied
by Germans. We were attached
to the 103rd Division at
the time.
Most of us was excited
at the time we moved up

The majority was,
but on the way there our
Destroyer had engine
trouble an we was forced
to drop out. but the
other continued on, they
went in position that
night just on the edge
of a little tree line
we guys talked that
night an wondered
how they was making it
we could hear an see
the flash from our
the german Artillery
we wonder what would
be the out come of
this mission, well the

next morning around
 0.900 1st Sgt, Robert
 Cannon came on get
 us. he only could take
 so much as that was
 our gun and the crew
 at that I was the gunner
 of the third gun-squad
 my gun - Commander
 was Sgt. H.T. Rhone. he
 ordered that the no. 182.
 Cannoneers stay with
 the halftrack. so just
 as we arrived on the outer
 edge of milesheim we
 ran in to sniper fire it
 was pretty hot at times

but we made it though
with out a single
caulities. We never found
out just which direction
the fire was coming from.
at least we had to stay
on the more easy way,
so we got there we had
to go in position on a
sky line the other had
set up the post right.
most of the boys was
afraid our gun was to
fire on two Chuck
Stepple, which was german
O. P. The boys use to
kid me about that
especially firing on
Church Stepples. and so

the time ^{had} about come
 to open fire. our Range
 was given at 3200 an
 5.400 to each gunner. since
 our track was out we had
 very little and not more
 than 30 lbs. we had been
 carrying a hundred lbs.
 of ammo at all times but
 our track was out. the
 very darn time we
 needed it the most. the
 boys spoke a word it
 being a hell of a lot of
 trouble. so they had
 to cover it up a little
 muddy road. our ^{Plat} ^{Ldr}
 gave the fire orders

And we open up Sgt.
B. W. Bryant was the
first gun & state his
target was a little
house down the hill
was a m.b. position it
wasnt very long before
we could see the blaze
my second round was
a direct hit in dead
center, I could hear them
yell hit hit, we had a
perfect field day on the
Kroats that day. finally
my ammo. ran out an I
was force to stop. About
that time a cloud of
dust rose up at our
right front it was the

Germans trying to knock
 us out we saw that they
 needed some more, I called
 for more ammo they only
 had a few rounds of ammo
 left on me all yelled hell
 less fire this. We did there
 was a german tank over
 a bent 6000 yds. to our
 front but they soon with
 drew. we got several more
 rounds from the german (88)
 one of them was a direct
 hit on one of our (105's).
 We pulled out of position
 but came back that night
 we didn't have to shell
 any more on we didn't get
 any more fire. the next
 day they tried to get by ^{us}
 air they straffed us also

one of our Boys soon
 put an end to the Jerry
 plow with a 50 Cal. MG.
 Pvt. James J. Albright was
 the one he fired it until
 the Barrel was white as
 a Cigarette. The 103rd was
 to take the town that day
 infact they did they reported
 it was very soft going
 after what we gave it
 that was the 11th of Dec PM
 Our next town was Worth
 France. it was very Dark
 an dreary the infantry
 had moved up but not in
 the town we were the first
 to occupy it the Germans
 was firing down the str.
 they was our next door
 neighbor so we really
 proysed

That night, we said if
we could only get out
of this clinic here would
All a good boy, you
could hear those ^{hand} beat
boats cog-nail, T/S-Pyler
since an John A Burnell
at a road junction there
was 2 trucks coming down
the st, they pulled halt
but they did not so they
open fire they didnt
come back any more
and after all the next
morning we came to find
out that they was a small
a company of trucks in
the same Building
we took. Just P.V.S
a pen

The next morning hell
 broke loose the 4:10^{PM}
 Beat. Clench with the
 Kreutz in what looked to
 be a 2 hour battle.
 We never lost any men
 that battle but it was
 the German fault.
 There was high ground
 just out side of North
 and the German did not
 want to give it up.
 After a good battle
 they did I was call
 to place my gun at a
 road block in case of
 armor attack they didnt
 come they were not.

it ceased up there
 that was on the 12th
 we moved up through
 Dieffenbach France
 and on the 13th
 Prenchard we did not
 get much there at the
 time, and the night of
 the 14th 1944 we occupied
 Climbach France.

Sgt. Charles
 H. McJowan.