

HISTROY 654 TANK DESTROYER BTN.

Left Camp Gordon Georgia on troop train on September 30 1943 for Fort Slocum New York. Sailed from Brooklyn N.Y. on the USAT James Parker on October 8 1843. Landed Liverpool England on October 18 1943. Departed ship on October 19.

Boarded train at Liverpool for Stranrawer Scotland. Sailed on a ferryboat to Larne Ireland. Boarded train for Moy Ireland and to new camp called Derry Galley.

Departed Camp on April 27 1944 for Belfast Ireland. Boarded LST and sailed to Swansea Wales arriving on April 28. Departed Swansea on April 29 on vehicles to a camp in the woods near Newberry England. Left this area on July 9 1944 for the marshalling area in southern England. Loaded at Weymouth on LST July 10 and landed in France July 11.

Engaged in battle of St Lo on July 12. Germans surrender ST Lo July 18. The 654th moved to the outskirts of St Lo on July 22. Moved from this area on July 25. Btn has suffered many wounded and 12 have been reported killed in action. Btn commander Col Martz his radio opperator Cpl Allen and their driver Joe Talon have been missing in action since August 8. Outside of Arvancher France on August 11. On August 15 the Btn are 140 miles west of Paris. Moved thru Le Mans. Paris liberated on August 23. the 654th are 50 miles south and 30 miles east of Paris.

September 3 in Troy France. Fuel running low. September 5th engaged in heavy fighting near Nancy France. Still outside of Nancy on November 8. F
innaly moved toward the Sigfreid line. November 9 two miles from the German border.

Near Saaragueraines Germany in early December. December 22 arrived in Luxenburg via Metz. Moved in to Belgium and then back to Luexenburg. Near Bastogne on January 1 1945. Moved to rest area nea Metz on January 20. Moved to Bitch Germany Feb 1 for a few days then back to Belgium via Verdun France. Arrived in Belgium near the town of Leige Feb 5. Moved into Holland and then into Germany. Received new tanks in April with 90 MM guns. Moved up to the Rhine river. Crossed and moved to area near Essen. Across Germany to the Elbe river. May 11 near Hannover Ger. May 20 in Lamspringes awaisting orders for return to States

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