

705th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

This casualty report was taken from the official record. The author does not agree with the severity as described of the wounds in all cases.

OFFICER PERSONNEL

LIGHTLY INJURED IN ACTION

<u>Anthony L. Ghezzi</u>	<u>Second Lieutenant</u>	<u>01823432</u>	<u>21 Dec 44</u>
<u>Dominic A. Mott</u>	<u>Second Lieutenant</u>	<u>01824900</u>	<u>21 Dec 44</u>

LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN ACTION

<u>Richard H. Barbour</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01012460</u>	<u>4 Jan 45</u>
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Stepped on a mine, Lost a foot.

<u>Everett N. Ciampo</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01823406</u>	<u>21 Dec 44</u>
<u>Claude W. Duvall</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01291789</u>	<u>10 Jan 45</u>
<u>Leonard E. Gewin</u>	<u>Second Lieutenant</u>	<u>02000504</u>	<u>23 Dec 44</u>
<u>Fred B. Hamilton, Jr.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>01010986</u>	<u>21 Dec 44</u>
<u>Harold Isaacs</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01011751</u>	<u>5 Aug 44</u>
<u>John E. McCurdy</u>	<u>Second Lieutenant</u>	<u>01825151</u>	<u>23 Aug 44</u>

Slight Head Wound in forehead when jeep hit mine

Shrapnel wounds in right wrist and upper lip Artillery
air burst 30 Nov 44

Richard B. Miller First Lieutenant 01289295 10 Jan 45
Hit in arm by mortar round shrapnel.

Angelo Sabia Second Lieutenant 01826103 3 Aug 44
Shrapnel in leg from artillery tree burst. Never returned to the unit.

Wayne E. Tennant First Lieutenant 01010912 20 Dec 44
Hit in chest by large piece of shrapnel.

SEVERELY WOUNDED IN ACTION

Morris Klampert First Lieutenant 01011848 1 Mar 45
Lost both eyes?

Harold J. Petrie Captain 01010855 21 Dec 44
Lost his leg to a land mine.

Thomas C. Edgar Captain 01011152 1 Jan 45
Lost both legs to artillery shell.

MISSING IN ACTION

None

PRISONER OF WAR

Leonard E. Gewin Second Lieutenant 23 Dec 44

DIED OF WOUNDS

Mason W. Harris Captain 01011164 3 Mar 45
Direct hit by 75mm artillery shell on 1 March 45.

KILLED IN ACTION

<u>Glenn W. Ditto</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01012670</u>	<u>6 Aug 44</u>
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Jeep blew up.

<u>William H. Foreman</u>	<u>Second Lieutenant</u>	<u>01821991</u>	<u>24 Mar 45</u>
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<u>James W. Hendee</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>01010654</u>	<u>12 Aug 44</u>
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Sniper while in a jeep.

<u>Frederick J. Mallon</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01169228</u>	<u>22 Dec 44</u>
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<u>Edward W. Schiffer</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01823494</u>	<u>23 Dec 44</u>
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<u>Clifford Templeton</u>	<u>Lieutenant Colonel</u>	<u>0280665</u>	<u>1 Mar 45</u>
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Direct hit by a 75mm artillery shell

<u>Rudolph J. Voboril</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01012732</u>	<u>2 Jan 45</u>
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Killed on edge of fox hole by air burst.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

LIGHTLY INJURED IN ACTION

<u>Benedict Dolecki</u>	Private	36174506	21 Dec 44
<u>John R. Duckers</u>	Private	36740480	17 Aug 44
<u>Alessio Fabozzi</u>	Tech. 4	32011740	22 Dec 44
<u>Warren G. Hardin</u>	Private	34735156	21 Dec 44
<u>William Istnick</u>	Tech. 5	35288796	24 Dec 44
<u>Carl H. Koboldt</u>	Corporal	36338472	28 Aug 44
<u>Norman R. Losey</u>	Tech. 4	36237770	30 Apr 45
<u>Frank Martone</u>	Private	32770838	28 Aug 44
<u>Frank Martone</u>	Private First Class	32770838	20 Dec 44
<u>Ernest C. Meek</u>	Private First Class	38064664	6 Jan 45
<u>Wilson T. Rhone</u>	Tech. 5	39020925	4 Mar 45

LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN ACTION

<u>Jerome N. Aaberg</u>	Tech. 5	36237491	10 Sep 44
<u>Jack N. Alderton</u>	Private First Class	36174436	8 Apr 45
<u>Jacob J. Antosz</u>	Corporal	36326222	7 Apr 45

Lost arm.

<u>Ethan E. Askin</u>	Private	12079873	20 Nov 44
<u>Paul A. Bacon</u>	Private First Class	32234838	7 Mar 45
<u>Leo J. Bolio</u>	Corporal	31068583	16 Aug 44
<u>Elmer E. Borell</u>	Corporal	15077338	2 Apr 45

Hit by German 88 shell.

Herman W. Brandenburg	Tech. 5	16049769	5 Aug 44
Dean Bresee	Private First Class	39287682	4 Aug 44
Roy A. Brizendine	Sergeant	38148147	7 Mar 45
Francis E. Brown	Private First Class	34078626	10 Mar 45
Frank J. Cirigliano	Private	32702801	4 Aug 44
James H. Cross	Private First Class	38175526	5 Jan 45
Glenn A. Daskam	Corporal	39451492	16 Jan 45
Alzy P. Domen	Private First Class	35404768	20 Dec 44
Robert E. Downs	Private	31434837	11 Mar 45
Richard J. Ellner	Corporal	16049747	25 Dec 45
Walter W. Gazda	Private First Class	36326363	30 Nov 44

Shrapnel wound tree burst

Alva Gates	Private	38176112	1 Jan 45
Walter J. Guyette	Private First Class	39180448	11 Mar 45
Alfred F. Green	Staff Sergeant	34053811	21 Dec 44
John A. Green	Private First Class	13072814	8 Sep 44

Shrapnel in knee from artillery round.

Gunleik Haug	Private	36652402	4 Jan 45
Jeremiah W. Higgins	Private	36683077	24 Dec 44
Jeremiah W. Higgins	Private First Class	36683077	7 Mar 45
Raymond F. Higgins	Private	39242409	20 Dec 44
Thomas J. Horvath, Jr.	Corporal	35288721	21 Dec 44
Ernest Hyman	Private	7006298	13 Jan 45
Jack Imbler	Private	35143410	8 Sep 44
John E. Keith	Private	35868818	7 Apr 45

Harold T. King, Jr. Tech. 5 35288739 24 Dec 44

Wrist and arm hit in bombed building.

Joseph Kovalesky Tech. 5 33059194 4 Jan 45

Shrapnel in an eye.

Frank Kuras Private 31291747 28 Aug 44

Donald L. Kreider Tech. 5 33242488 23 Dec 44

Shot through the knee.

William E. Laine Tech. 5 36237759 4 Sep 44

William E. Laine Tech. 5 36237759 27 Dec 44

Alesandro A. Lauro Private First Class 39020859 7 Aug 44

Vernon M. Larson Private First Class 36236681 31 Dec 44

Howard B. Lindstrom Private First Class 36237798 7 Mar 45

John P. McBeth Private First Class 38176192 23 Dec 44

Louis F. McLain Sergeant 38175524 6 Jan 45

Robert P. Meyer Tech. 5 16049641 5 Jan 45

Daniel W. Miller Staff Sergeant 6940491 10 Sep 44

William J. Nagel Private First Class 16049635 5 Aug 44

Hit in leg by German machine gun fire.

Albert Pachmayer Sergeant 36237782 31 Mar 45

Hit in arm by rifle fire.

Huvis A. Peacock Private First Class 34826619 8 Aug 44

Edwin E. Pingel Corporal 35258226 5 Aug 44

John M. Pinter Sergeant 35288756 20 Dec 44

Hit by mortar fire

George W. Poor Tech. 4 18070899 5 Jan 45

Tank hit by German 88 fire. Broke both legs.

Billie Preuss	Private First Class	38129591	16 Aug 44
George R. Price	Sergeant	16062729	10 Jan 45
Joseph J. Pusker	Private First Class	32842524	6 Jan 44
Walter W. Ramey	Sergeant	35255854	4 Sep 44
Dewey Ray	Tech. 5	35258386	21 Dec 44
Albert L. Ringrose	Private	33735929	4 Jan 45
Lloyd R. Ross	Private First Class	39039735	29 Dec 44
Clifford Rowland	Sergeant	33896846	18 Mar 45
Harold E. Scheck	Private First Class	35285609	7 Mar 45
Arthur F. Schmotzer	Corporal	36340869	24 Dec 44
Howard J. Schutte	Private	35381355	17 Dec 44
Robert W. Seifert	Sergeant	35104884	5 Aug 44

Badly burned by white phosphorus.

Louis W. Semidey	Private First Class	12066633	1 Apr 45
Marvin F. Shappard	Sergeant	38432194	7 Mar 45
Joseph J. Shemik	Private First Class	36237651	7 Mar 45

First time arm from machinegun fire.

Second time shrapnel from artillery shell.

Beryl E. Shirk	Sergeant	36237773	20 Dec 44
James H. Smith, Jr.	PFC		30 Nov 44

Shrapnel in right cheek.

William R. Sorenson	Corporal	35258136	8 Jan 45
Vernon E. Steuck	Sergeant	36241722	21 Dec 44

Hit by 88 shell in Tank Destroyer.

Vernon E. Steuck	Sergeant	36241722	2 Apr 45
Franklin K. Stevers, Jr.	Private First Class	32234911	2 Dec 44

Head wound when jeep ran over a mine.

Glen R. Stevens	Tech. 4	39020885	7 Mar 45
Norman R. Stockberger	Staff Sergeant	35164388	12 Aug 44
Lester B. Stone	Private	34213692	18 Dec 44
William C. Stump	Private First Class	33657051	7 Mar 45
James W. Surratt	Private	34850892	4 Jan 45
George T. Taylor	Sergeant	11047966	20 Dec 44
Lester V. Teeple	Corporal	36237839	12 Aug 44
Tyler C. Then	Sergeant	36363467	5 Jan 45
Thomas E. Ward	Private		30 Nov 44
Francis E. Walsh	Private First Class	15394042	16 Aug 44

Shrapnel in right shoulder and both legs.

Frank E. Warder	Private	35072698	20 Dec 44
Harold O. Warren	Private First Class	36237510	5 Jan 45
Seymour R. Weisberg	Tech. 5	32241170	16 Aug 44
Clifton Wendt	Sergeant	36237486	17 Jan 45
Sylvester R. Wilhelm	Corporal	33231244	21 Dec 44
Ore G. Wilson	Tech. 5	35257132	20 Dec 44
Anthony N. Wintergest	Sergeant	36174778	21 Dec 44
Alois J. Wishman	Sergeant	36237663	9 Sep 44
Joseph A. Zepezauer	Tech. 5	16049714	5 Jan 45

SEVERELY WOUNDED IN ACTION

Bennie E. ChamblissLost both legs when Germans shot him trying to escape
as a P.O.W.Leonard J. Cornwell Private 35266958 8 Apr 45Head and eye injury from artillery shell shrapnel.Emett S. Davis Staff Sergeant 6665711 28 Dec 44Bomb explosion tore whole jaw off.Thomas Gallagher Corporal 35288807 7 Jan 45Delbert A. Mudd Sergeant 39023675 28 Aug 44Albert Pachmayer Sergeant 36237782 31 Mar 45Henry A. Ruotanen Corporal 36237762 23 Dec 44Chester R. Worthing Tec. 4 36237472 7 Aug 44

MISSING IN ACTION

Edward F. Janquart Sergeant 36238250 21 Dec 44Reported Killed in action 21 Dec 44.Thomas M. Smith Private First Class 36339713 9 Aug 44Returned home at end of war.

PRISONER OF WAR

Walter A. Fifer 24 Dec. 44Captured at Bastogne.Leonard E. Gewin Sergeant Major 24 Dec. 44Captured at Bastogne.

Chester S. Sakwinski	Sergeant		24 Dec. 44
<u>Captured at Bastogne.</u>			
Cecil Honea			24 Dec. 44
<u>Captured at Bastogne.</u>			
Jean M. Trebbe			24 Dec. 44
<u>Captured at Bastogne.</u>			

DIED OF WOUNDS

Richard M. Cieler	Private	36630099	23 Dec 44
Earl Goodwin	Private	16049842	9 Mar 45
<u>Shrapnel in stomach.</u>			
Nile H. Martin	Tech. 4	36237519	23 Dec 44
Charlie J. Mayeux	Corporal	38184631	23 Dec 44
<u>Hit by 88 while in Tank Destroyer in Bastogne.</u>			
Leo R. Robinson	Private	36835917	26 Dec 44
Solomon J. Torrez	Tech. 5	38148473	26 Jan 45
Theodore Wagner	Private First Class	37127877	28 Aug 44

KILLED IN ACTION

Joseph R. Adams	Corporal	36340351	20 Dec 44
<u>Direct hit on Tank Destroyer turret.</u>			
Arthur B. Benson	Tech. 4		
James B. Carr	Private First Class	19088593	4 Jan 45
<u>Shot of tank destroyer</u>			

Joseph J. Casino	Private First Class		23 Dec 44
<u>Ran into a machine-gun nest.</u>			
Stephen Cook	Corporal	362326381	20 Dec 44
<u>Direct hit on Tank Destroyer turret.</u>			
Walter A. Dauer	Private First Class	36237707	23 Dec 44
<u>Wounded and died in the retaking of the village of Flamierge, Belgium. He was left in the village due to enemy action.</u>			
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Mike J. Etchart	Private First Class	39695426	24 Dec 44
<u>German machine gun fire.</u>			
Wesley E. Faulkenberry	Private	34845056	15 Sep 44
Walter W. Gibbs	Sergeant	35288562	20 Dec 44
<u>Hit in chest by German shell.</u>			
Vern E. Giessel	Private First Class	36237728	2 Apr 45
<u>Hit by shrapnel.</u>			
Kermit G. Gunderson	Staff Sergeant	36237445	24 Dec 44
<u>Wounded and left for dead on the 23rd Dec. in the retaking of Flamierge, Belgium. Listed as dead on the 24th Dec. Body may have been retrieved by the Germans.</u>			
Edward F. Janquart	Sergeant	36238250	21 Dec 44
Floyd A. Johnson	Staff Sergeant	36236468	2 Jan 45
Monroe Keziah	Staff Sergeant	34116626	10 Jan 45

<u>Merwin R. Ladisire</u>	<u>First Sergeant</u>	<u>36233808</u>	<u>5 Aug 44</u>
<u>Killed by artillery shell concussion.</u>			
<u>Alvin A. Lambert</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>38193103</u>	<u>24 Dec 44</u>
<u>Robert T. MacDonald</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>32773939</u>	<u>24 Mar 45</u>
<u>Found shot.</u>			
<u>Charlie J. Mayeux</u>	<u>Corporal</u>		
<u>Melbourne E. Pawley</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>36237776</u>	<u>24 Dec 44</u>
<u>Strafed by American P-51 Mustang.</u>			
<u>Howard W. Rice</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>		<u>42</u>
<u>Not Killed in Action. Killed in training Mojave Desert</u>			
<u>Jimmie E. Richardson</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>38471526</u>	<u>26 Dec 44</u>
<u>Manuel Rivas, Jr.</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>	<u>39847985</u>	<u>25 Dec 44</u>
<u>George N. Schmidt</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>16049607</u>	<u>25 Dec 44</u>
<u>Otto J. Sem</u>	<u>Tech. 5</u>		
<u>William J. Senz</u>			
<u>Hoy L. Smith</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>	<u>35255984</u>	<u>4 Sep 44</u>
<u>John T. Smitha, Jr.</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>35257112</u>	<u>14 Aug 44</u>
<u>Wallace E. Stoffel</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>	<u>36237740</u>	<u>5 Aug 44</u>
<u>John P. Stonefield</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>35258372</u>	<u>24 Dec 44</u>
<u>Delbert L. Swartzell</u>	<u>Tech. 4</u>	<u>16031045</u>	<u>7 Aug 44</u>
<u>Quentin A. Tollestrup</u>	<u>Tech. 5</u>	<u>390892401</u>	<u>21 Dec 44</u>
<u>Norman Treu</u>	<u>Tech. 5</u>	<u>36237712</u>	<u>19 Dec 44</u>
<u>Killed while driving jeep at night.</u>			
<u>Robert C. Wages</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>38148449</u>	<u>8 Sep 44</u>
<u>Tank Destroyer hit a mine.</u>			

Theodore B. Warenkiewicz Private First Class 32241117 2 Dec 44

Jeep ran over a mine.

Herbert A. Werkhuser Corporal 33177879 31 Mar 45

Shot in head during an ambush by a sniper.

August E. Wirrig Tec. 5 35268477 21 Dec 44

Roman J. Wishman

Shrapnel

Stan Worinich

ADDITIONAL CASUALTY REPORT
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART DATED 29 JANUARY 1945

OFFICER PERSONNEL

<u>Paul T. Long</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01825423</u>	<u>4 Jan 45</u>
<u>Richard H. Pratt</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	<u>01823481</u>	<u>26 Dec 44</u>

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

<u>Lloyd E. Alderson</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>	<u>33535694</u>	<u>23 Dec 44</u>
<u>Donald C. Althaus</u>	<u>Tech. 5</u>	<u>33454246</u>	<u>2 Jan 45</u>
<u>Kaarl E. Baudendistle</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>42022385</u>	<u>26 Dec 44</u>
<u>Leroy L. Beach</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>15077866</u>	<u>4 Jan 45</u>
<u>Robert C. Boyer</u>	<u>Tech. 4</u>	<u>13096473</u>	<u>26 Dec 44</u>
<u>Robert Breeden</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>35807685</u>	<u>13 Jan 45</u>
<u>Kenneth Conroy</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>	<u>32242103</u>	<u>31 Dec 44</u>
<u>George W. Dwelley</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>31360047</u>	<u>21 Dec 44</u>
<u>Joshua F. Ford</u>	<u>Staff Sergeant</u>	<u>38148098</u>	<u>26 Dec 44</u>
<u>Lawrence W. Frye</u>	<u>Tech. 4</u>	<u>35381379</u>	<u>25 Dec 44</u>
<u>Guy H. Getty</u>	<u>Tech. 5</u>	<u>37140665</u>	<u>2 Jan 45</u>
<u>Arthur E. Gilman</u>	<u>Tech. 5</u>	<u>32566033</u>	<u>31 Dec 44</u>
<u>Charles W. Golickson</u>	<u>Tech. 4</u>	<u>36237066</u>	<u>20 Dec 44</u>
<u>Jacob A. Gray</u>	<u>Tech. 5</u>	<u>36339420</u>	<u>21 Dec 44</u>
<u>Robert W. Green</u>	<u>Corporal</u>	<u>36288789</u>	<u>24 Dec 44</u>

John D. Haney	Corporal	38175213	20 Dec 44
Phillip Hopkins	Sergeant	16062821	25 Dec 44
Robert W. Johnson	Sergeant	36237841	21 Dec 44
Lonnie T. Jones	Sergeant	34114639	19 Dec 44
Melvin L. Katz	Tech. 5	19088592	21 Dec 44
Edward R. Lamke	Private First Class	16049815	9 Dec 43

First time artillery tree burst.

Second time mortar.

Ervin A. Larson	Tech. 5	36237493	20 Dec 44
Edwin M. Leslie	Tech. 4	38148069	5 Jan 45
Elmer W. Markus	Private First Class	36624225	2 Jan 45
Melvin S. Moore	Private First Class	36341107	21 Dec 44
Carl E. Nelson	Private First Class	36457060	5 Jan 45
Edwin V. Purcell	Tech. 4	35257247	1 Jan 45
Clarence L. Raymond	Tech. 5	35258378	21 Dec 44
Steve E. Reed	Tech. 5	38438094	21 Dec 44
Emmit J. Rideout	Private First Class	37357981	5 Jan 45
Harold J. Rieselman	Private First Class	16049809	6 Jan 45
Stanley F. Sadowski	Tech. 5	36340737	16 Jan 45
Howard J. Schutte	Private	35381355	21 Dec 44
Ralph Sears, Jr.	Corporal	35094468	20 Dec 44
Richard M. Sunderland	Corporal	39607391	11 Jan 45
Elmer E. Waltz	Corporal	35285400	21 Dec 44
Albert L. Weilenman	Staff Sergeant	35258187	26 Dec 44
Thomas C. White	Tech. 5	35257635	26 Dec 44

Victor G. Yalonen

Corporal

36237789 21 Dec 44

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705th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION WORLDWIDE SELECTED BURIALS

NAME	RANK	DEATH	CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GR
Joseph R. Adams	Cpl	20 Dec 44	Henri+Chapelle	E	14	47
Stephen Cook	Cpl	20 Dec 44	Henri+Chapelle	H	1	7
Walter A. Dauer	PFC	23 Dec 44	Luxembourg	F	8	22
Glenn W. Ditto	1 LT	06 Aug 44	Brittany	K	17	19
Robert E. Downs	PVT	26 Mar 45	Luxembourg	G	3	8
Vern E. Giessel	PFC	02 Apr 45	Lorraine	B	37	26
Kermit G. Gunderson	S SGT	24 Dec 44	Henri+Chapelle	F	14	5
Mason W. Harris	CAPT	03 Mar 45	Luxembourg	B	10	17
James W. Hendee	Capt	12 Apr 45	Netherlands	H	2	6
Edward F. Janquart	SGT	21 Dec 44	Luxembourg	G	10	3
Monroe Keziah	S/SGT	10 Jan 45	Luxembourg	C	7	9
Alvin A. Lambert	PVT	24 Dec 44	Luxembourg	I	10	24
Robert T. MacDonald	SGT	24 Mar 45	Lorraine	D	38	39
Melbourne E. Pawley	SGT	24 Dec 44	Luxembourg	F	5	17
Jimmie E. Richardson	PVT	26 Dec 44	Luxembourg	H	16	57
Manuel Rivas, Jr.	PFC	25 Dec 44	Luxembourg	E	9	44
Edward W. Schiffer	1 LT	23 Dec 44	Henri+Chapelle	F	12	44
Otto J. Sem	TEC 5	14 Aug 44	Brittany	N	5	21
Hoy L. Smith	PFC	04 Sep 44	Brittany	H	1	12
John T. Smitha, Jr.	SGT	14 Aug 44	Brittany	N	8	21
Wallace E. Stoffel	PFC	05 Aug 44	Brittany	K	2	10

John P. Stonefield	SGT	24 Dec 44	Henri+Chapelle	H	12	17
Quentin A. Tollestrup	TEC 5	21 Dec 44	Lorraine	K	33	22
Salomon J. Torrez	TEC 5	26 Jan 45	Luxembourg	H	10	51
Norman Treu	TEC 5	19 Dec 44	Henri+Chapelle	H	12	26
Robert C. Wages	SGT	08 Sep 44	Brittany	P	2	23
Theodore Wagner	PFC	28 Aug 44	Brittany	L	6	15
Roman J. Wishman	SGT	05 Apr 45	Lorraine	E	4	11