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HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

10 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Sixth Army Group
APO 23, U. S. Army
(Attn: G - 1)

Forwarded herewith Unit History for month of March, 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:

Lester S. Young
LESTER S. YOUNG,
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant.

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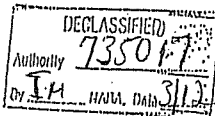
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UNIT HISTORY

The entire Battalion throughout the month (March, 1945) has been devoted to security duty within the Communications Zone. Operations within the Battalion have been accomplished by Company Units and have functioned at two Ammunition dumps, at one Army Motor Pool and along a section of POL for the fourth unit.

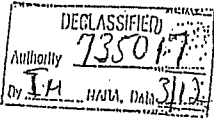
No combat duty was in effect at any time during the month.

The Battalion CP was located for the period at BACCARAT, France. At the end of the month, it was transferred to KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany. At this time the Battalion assumed new duties, following relief of each unit from its previous duty. The entire Battalion was then located in the immediate vicinity of the Battalion CP.

There was a relief of the Battalion Commander, and with the new assumption of command three additional officers were added to duty within the Battalion.

Three officers were on Temporary Duty with the 824th TD Battalion for training purposes within that Battalion, for four weeks.

No casualties were suffered within the period.



HEADQUARTERS 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 79, U. S. Army

8 March, 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER.....36)

- I. Award of Silver Star.
- II. Award of Bronze Star Medal.
- III. Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT F. JONES, O523726, Infantry, 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy from 10 through 16 January, 1945, in France. With no previous experience as a Tank Destroyer platoon leader, Lieutenant JONES led his platoon into a town where the platoon was subsequently isolated and surrounded by the enemy. Although the enemy attacked his positions repeatedly, Lieutenant JONES so effectively directed the fire of his weapons that the enemy attack was repulsed. He personally accounted for several of the enemy when infantry attempted to infiltrate within rocket launcher range of his position. The courageous leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant JONES reflect highest credit on the armed forces of the United States.

By command of Major General WYCHE:

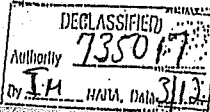
KRAMER THOMAS,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff

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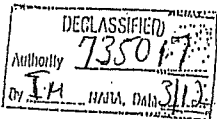
/s/t/ JOHN H. HANSEN,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Adjutant General.

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Adjutant, 827th TD Bn.



RANK	NAME	ROSTER OF OFFICERS		D/R PRESENT GRADE	DATE ASSIGNED TO BATTALION
		ASN	ARM or BRANCH		
Major	LUTHER L. WILLIARD	0530721	CAV	30 April 43	22 Mar 45
Major	CARL A. FRASER	0230548	FA	7 Oct 43	2 Sep 44
Major	GEORGE W. HARTUNG	0570937	FA(NG)	1 June 44	14 Sep 43
Captain	LOUIE C. COX	0403556	INF(NG)	5 Jul 43	13 Feb 44
Captain	CARMEN E. DAIUPOLO	01821689	CAV	24 Jun 44	15 Nov 42
Captain	JAMES R. HALL	0407577	FA(NG)	29 Oct 42	31 Jan 45
Captain	ADRIAN G. LAMOS	0492016	MC	1 Nov 43	17 May 43
Captain	WILLIE A. MAYO	01169233	FA	22 Apr 44	13 Sep 43
Captain	LESTER D. McMILLIN	01168373	FA	22 Apr 44	13 Sep 43
Captain	LOUIS F. VINCENT	01824103	FA	27 Jul 44	9 May 44
Captain	EUGENE F. WILLIMON	0504596	INF	2 Jan 43	22 Mar 45
1st Lt	RALPH R. BAKER	01184528	FA	1 Mar 45	15 Jan 44
1st Lt	ALDEN E. CHASE	01823405	FA	30 Nov 43	20 Apr 44
1st Lt	LOUIS J. CALLAHAN	01824277	FA	20 Jan 44	20 Apr 44
1st Lt	CHARLES E. DELL	01824590	QMG	16 Jan 45	28 Jan 45
1st Lt	ROBERT D. FINK	01170563	FA	29 Apr 43	15 Oct 44
1st Lt	RICHARD E. KRESS	01182623	FA	25 Sep 44	8 Jan 44
1st Lt	DONALD G. McMASTERS	01183372	FA	15 May 43	8 May 44
1st Lt	CRVILLE A. TESKE	01825936	FA	1 Mar 45	10 Jul 44
1st Lt	ROBERT F. JONES	0523726	INF	1 Mar 45	13 Apr 44
1st Lt	BENNEH W. TRONE	01821935	CAV	31 May 43	13 Dec 43
1st Lt	MAURICE H. VALENTINE	01824396	CAV	27 Jul 44	13 Dec 43
1st Lt	LLOYD G. WOODS	01822550	CAV	22 Nov 43	12 Apr 44
1st Lt	GEORGE F. YOUNG	01824409	FA	14 Jan 44	20 Apr 44
1st Lt	LESTER S. YOUNG	01184973	FA	16 March 45	8 Jan 44
2nd Lt	AUBREY J. ASHBY	01173537	TD	19 Nov 42	7 Mar 45
2nd Lt	JAMES W. DETWILER	01825098	INF	30 Apr 43	7 Aug 44
2nd Lt	RODGER W. FARMHAM	0524507	TD(CRG)	27 Aug 45	16 Jan 45
2nd Lt	ARTHUR L. KELLY	01185230	FA	11 Nov 43	15 Jan 44
2nd Lt	ED F. KOWCIC/SKI	01824706	FA	25 Feb 43	16 Jan 45
2nd Lt	ROBERT H. McGUIRE	01824884	TD	15 Apr 43	7 Mar 45
2nd Lt	ROSS H. MONTGOMERY	01185243	FA	11 Nov 43	15 Jan 44
2nd Lt	JAMES D. SMALL	0523408	FA	12 Aug 43	15 Jan 44
2nd Lt	RICHARD F. TOWNER	01824706	FA	25 Mar 43	4 Jul 44
OWO	RUFUS JAMES	W2105245	USA	15 Apr 43	18 Sep 44
WOJG	BENNIE L. HORNE	W2132169	USA	14 Jun 44	14 Jun 44



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APO 758, U. S. Army

10 April, 1945.

UNIT JOURNAL

The month of 1-31 March, 1945, offered no pertinent changes within the battalion, exceptions being that Lt. Col. Vander Zwiep was relieved of command of the battalion, and same was assumed by Major Luther L. Willard (See supporting documents).

Assignment, relief from assignment, and movement orders also were received during this period (See supporting documents).

Battalion departed BACCARAT, FRANCE, at 1130 hours, 31 March, 1945, and arrived ZWEIBRUCKEN, GERMANY, at 1730 hours the same date. Battalion departed ZWIEBRUCKEN, GERMANY, at 1100 hours, 3 April, 1945, arriving KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY, at 1330 hours same date.

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AFO 758 US ARMY

22 March 1945

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2. The fol named O are reld fr asgmt to 772d Tank Bn and asgd to 827th Tank Bn and WR to the CO thereof for dy. Travel by govt motor veh is atzd. W.P. POS. TDM. EDCMR 24 Mar 45.

MAJOR	LUTHER L. WILLARD	O 330 721	Cav
CAPT	EUGENE F. WILLIMON	O 304 596	Inf

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE
Major General, GSO
Chief of Staff.

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(Seal)

W. G. CALDWELL,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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8. The fol changes in asgmts are directed. Travel by govt motor veh is atzd. WF. PCS. TDN. EDOMR 24 Mar 45.

GRADE	NAME	ASN	Reld fr Asgmt to	Asgd to
LT COL	PHILIP J. VANDER ZWIEF FA	O 287 932	827th Tank Bn	Hq Seventh Army

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATCH:

ARTHUR A. WHITE,
Major General GSO
Chief of Staff

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/s/ W. G. Caldwell
W. G. CALDWELL
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APO 758 US ARMY

25 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 1)

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of paragraph 4, AR 600-20, the undersigned assumes command of the 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

/s/t/ LUTHER L. WILLARD
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTY EIGHTH GROUP

S E C R E T
Auth: CO 68 AA Gp
Init:
Date: 30 Mar/45

302110A March 1945

Combat Message No. 77

TO: Commanding Officer 827 TD Bn (SF).

Effective 011200A Apr/45, you are relieved of the responsibility for guarding the POL pipeline from BACCARAT to LA FORGE.

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/s/t/ SCHLIENTZ
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S E C R E T

Ref No O-250

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

AG 370.5 - 0

31 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Movement and Assignment Order.

TO : Commanding Officer, 68th AAA Gp.

1. Move as soon as practicable the 827th TD Bn (less Det) from present location to KAISERSLAUTERN, (R-0294) in accordance with the following instructions:

a. Advance Detachment report to Lt Col FRANKEL, at SPECIALIST CAMP, KAISERSLAUTERN for instructions.

b. Coordinate move with Transportation Officer, Seventh Army, (Telephone Cadet Rear 467).

2. Effective this date, PAC in radiogram Hq 6th Army Gp, Ref No BAX 25483, dated 30 March 1945, the 827th TD Bn is relieved from assignment to Seventh Army and attachment to 68th AAA Group and is assigned to Hq Sixth Army Group.

3. Report time and date of departure and ETA destination to this headquarters, Attention: A. C. of S., G-3.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATCH:

/s/t/ GLENN A. HENRY
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Auth: CO 68 AAA CP
Init:
Date: 31 Mar/45

Combat Message No. 81

311530A March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 827th TD Bn (SF)

2. The 827th TD Bn (less Co A) will move the morning of 2 April to KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY.

3. The CO, 827th TD Bn., will report immediately to A C of S, G-2, Sixth Army Group for instructions. The 827th TD Bn will be relieved from operational control of this Hq and attached to Sixth Army Group upon arrival at destination per VOGG, Seventh Army. Orders to be published by that Hq.

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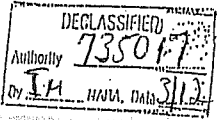
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COORDINATES

(Coordinates taken from Map "Germany And Its Approaches", July, 1944)
 (Lat., 49 Degrees, 30 Minutes

BACCARAT -----	:	(Long., 7	"	40	"
		(Lat., 48	"	50	"
DIEUZE -----	:	(Long., 6	"	50	"
		(Lat., 48	"	55	"
MORHANGE -----	:	(Long., 6	"	40	"
		(Lat., 49	"	10	"
SARREGUEMINES -----	:	(Long., 7	"	5	"
		(Lat., 49	"	25	"
ZWEIBRUCKEN -----	:	(Long., 7	"	5	"
		(Lat., 49	"	30	"
KAISERSLAUTERN -----	:	(Long., 7	"	40	"