

Christmas 1945



COMPANY "A" 656 T. D. Bn.

Camp Campbell, Kentucky

Menu

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Fruit Cup

Lettuce Quarters

French Dressing

Roast Turkey

Sage Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Green Peas

Celery

Olives

Pickles

Mince Pie

Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

Hot Rolls with Butter

Jam

Mixed Nuts

Cold Beer

Cigarettes and Cigars

Facts About Company "A"

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This Company was activated April 4th, 1943, at Camp Bowie, Texas, and on Easter Sunday we hiked and rode to North Camp Hood. After a short period there, we hiked to shell camp and slept in tents for about two months, and then we went on a march that gave us the name of The Walking 656 Tank Destroyer Battalion when we walked about eighty miles by road and cross country.

After our advanced training, we were made school troops, which we remained until we left Camp Hood for overseas.

From Camp Hood, we went to Camp Shanks, N. Y. Stayed at Camp Shanks three days, then boarded the USS Explorer for Liverpool, England. We had a very short stay in England, France and Belgium, and saw our first combat March 2nd.

We spearheaded with the Ninth Armored Division and acquired a very good reputation. Crossed the Rewegan Bridge on March 7th.

From this time on resistance was light and we moved fast. We were lucky from then on and were homeward bound six weeks after the war was over. We arrived at Newport News, Va., on July 2nd, and in 24 hours were on our way to our homes.

In writing this, we cannot help but think of the boys who started with us, but made the supreme sacrifice for Victory.

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COMMANDING OFFICER

1st Lt. Ronald Fairfield

FIRST LIEUTENANTS

Graham K. Wilke
Richard D. Drain

Melvin G. Wilcox
James M. Smith

James J. Ryan

SECOND LIEUTENANT

Robert E. Gillham

T-Sergeant

Corey, Robert G.

S-Sergeants

Cook, Donald E.

Huffman, Myran R.

Medlyn, William A.

Pierce, Earl C.

Sergeants

Dention Lowell O.

Feltner, Howard D.

Gordon, Jack C.

Halleran, Roy J.

Jauesaud, August J.

LaBarbera, James J.

Ledford, William F.

Mathes, John

Ruby, Joe

Smith, Frederick T.

Spears, Ruthe G.

Technician Fourth Grade

Farrow, Harmon D.

Gamble, Norman L.

Heck, Robert J.

Hegedus, Ernest J.

Hill, Claude W.

Hutichinson, Roy J.

Paul, Glen A.

Randall, James N.

Schuster, Louis H.

Stubblefeild, Cleveland M.

Wilmot, Bert

Corporals

Bates, William E.

Deters, John L.

Emrick, Homer R.

Fretwell, Jake E.

Golden, Robey T.

Hall, John C.

Johnson, James T.

Michlewicz, Eugene

Potts, Dale F.

Robertson, Eugene H.

Schleppenbach, Bernard J.

Stout, Harold J.

Strayer, Ralph W.

Trina, Paul F.

Williams, Calvin

Technicians Fifth Grade

Bachelor, Dayton C.

Capilla, Manual M.

Cartelli, Salvatore S.

Davis, Harold F.

Dore, Curley J.

Fisher, Arnold J.

Fought, Earl W.

Fox, Bernard M.

Green, Russell F.

Johnson, George E.

Levacy, James T.

Littlejohn, Milton C.

Marchin, Steve P.

Meyer, Harvey C.

Crisek, Emil P.

Standiford, Joseph R.

White, Curtis H.

Wilkin, William, Jr.

Privates First Class

Altland, David E.

Ascolese, Ralph J.

Apsel, Max

Bailey, Raymond A.

Beckman, Ralph, C.

Bolser, Alfred J.

Breitbach, Peter P.

Brown, Howard C.

Burchell, Eugene C.

Butler, Ernest C.

Costanzo, Vincent J.

Corral, Dewey E.

DiBiase, Erasmo G.

Evans, Walter Jr.

Edwards, Joe W.

Gotsopoulos, George A.

Gray, John P.

Greear, Harold R.

Gouldin, Riley

Gurnani, Dominick

Haggart, Donald I.

Highfield, Charles E.

Horn, Donald E.

Horton, Leslie W.

Hatfield, Lial W.

Joseph, John

Kurkowski, Leonard S.

Lesser, Robert J.

Longobardi, Cecil

Kaufman, Barney W.

Maggio, James V.

Manuele, Andrew

Mayernik, Steve

Noriega, Cecil M.

Parasimo, Alfred

Pompa, Ernesto

Romero, Benito

Ronan, Raymond

Segelstrom, Clarence A.

Sorrel, Morton B.

Stanfield, Marvin, T., Jr.

Still, Warren A.

Strebendt, Frederick C. Jr.

Tanner, Ernest E.

Thomas, Clifford E.

Toll, Ronald A.

Truscott, Herbert H.

Washburn, Raymond W.

Youngblood, Mack C.

Wicker, Harold V.
Wiggs, Auby L.
Williams, John W.
Winkler, Richard J.
Young, Ralph T., Jr.
Zablocki, Edward J.
Zawistowski, John A.
Zeigler, Henry J.

Privates

Barbosa, Catorino A.
Ciaccia, Frank V.
Cox, Ira G.
DeMaio, Anthony A.
Feipel, Edward H.
Fisher, John D.
Hart, Wilmer J.
Hergenroder, Roy J.
Mansmann, John A. Jr.

McClure, Oscar H.
Hendrix, Leonard J.
Millet, John P.
Mitchel, John N.
Reuter, Alfred E.
Salo, Fred E.
Weaver, Wallace D.
Rosenburger
Klainer
Madden
McGinon