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HEADQUARTERS 644TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 758
US ARMY
13 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Operations (11 May - 1 August 1945).

TO : Commanding General,
3d Infantry Division,
APO 3, US ARMY.
(Attn: AC of S, G-2)

The following Report of Operations for the period 11 May 1945 to 1 August 1945 is hereby submitted in accordance with Letter, Headquarters 3d Infantry Division, Subject: "Reports of Operations", dated 3 August 1945.

- a. Original Unit - Self-propelled Tank Destroyer Battalion, activated 15 December 1941, operating under T/O & E 18-25, with changes.
- b. Changes in Organization - None.
- c. Strength - Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) At beginning of Period

Officers.....34
Warrant Officer..... 1
Enlisted Men.....566

(2) Net increase for period

Officers..... 6
Warrant Officers..... 0
Enlisted Men.....96

(3) Net decrease for period

Officers..... 0
Warrant Officers..... 0
Enlisted Men..... 0

(4) Strength at end of period

Officers.....40
Warrant Officers..... 1
Enlisted Men.....662

d. Stations:

Station: SCHWERIN, GERMANY (T 436658)

At the beginning of period
Date of departure - 2 June 1945

Station: GIESELWERDER, GERMANY (C 256349)

Date of arrival - 2 June 1945
Date of departure - 3 July 1945

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Station: ESCHWEGE, GERMANY (H 614897)

Date of arrival - 3 July 1945
Station at the end of the period

- e. Marches: (See Appendix No. 1)
- f. Campaigns: Not applicable
- g. Battles: Not applicable
- h. Commanding Officers during the period:
 - Bn. Comdr: 11 May-4 July Major EDWARD R. GARTON
4 July-31 July Lt.Col. EPHRAIM F. GRAHAM, JR.
 - C O, Hq Co: 11 May-24 May Major HARRY L. GODSHALL, JR.
25 May-21 July 1st Lt. CHARLES F. DODDS
22 July-31 July Capt. HAROLD L. HOFFER
 - C O, Co. A: 11 May-21 July Capt. JAMES C. WILLIAMS
21 July-31 July Capt. LEVI J. McNEILL, JR.
 - C O, Co. B: Capt. GERALD L. HOFFER
 - C O, Co. C: 11 May-28 June Capt. LESLIE P. McDOUGAL
29 June-21 July 1st Lt. ROBERT A. PARKER
22 July-29 July Capt. HARLOW F. LENON
30 July-31 July 1st Lt. ROBERT A. PARKER
 - C O, Hcn Co: 11 May-21 July Capt. HAROLD L. HOFFER
22 July-31 July Capt. JAMES M. CARPENTER
 - Med. Det. : Capt. NATHANIEL (NMI) BERG
- i. Losses in action: Not applicable
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: (See Appendix No. 2)
- k. Photographs: None

For the Commanding Officer:


Levi J. McNeill, Jr.
LEVI J. McNEILL, JR.
Captain Infantry,
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Incls:

- 1-Appendix No. 1 (Record of Operations)
- 2-Appendix No. 2 (Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action)

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APPENDIX No. 1
RECORD OF OPERATIONS
(11 May to 1 August 1945)



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Record of Operations - (11 May to 01 Aug 45)

At the beginning of the period the battalion was assembled in SCHWERIN, Germany. All Companies were engaged in guarding prisoners of war, administering displaced persons camps, and running patrols in the general area. The Bn was attached to the 8th Infantry Division.

On 2 June 1945 the Battalion moved south and southwest from SCHWERIN and at about 2400 hrs closed in the new area designated by the 8th Infantry Division. Units of the Battalion were situated as follows:

Bn C P	- GIESSELENER	(C 256349)
Hq Co	- "	"
Med Det	- "	"
Co "A"	- GOTTSBORN	(C 225325)
Co "B"	- GIESSELENER	(C 258348)
Co "C"	- GOTTSBU	(C 282326)
Rec Co	- GOTTSBORN	(C 223327)

The Bn, (with the 8th Div) was attached to the XIX Corps, effective 3 June 45.

During its stay at the above locations the Battalion engaged in a program of training, organized athletics and recreation.

On 15 June 45 the Battalion was released from attachment to the 8th Infantry Division and was attached to the 78th Infantry Division. The 78th Division further attached this Battalion to the 78th Division Artillery, who, in turn, attached the Battalion to the 307th F A Bn. Also, on this date, the Battalion was placed in category IV and became a part of the Seventh Army, having been released from the Ninth Army.

Between the 20th and the 22nd of June 45 this Battalion exchanged certain personnel with the 893rd TD Bn, a Category II unit. During this period the 644th TD Bn status was changed to Category I, and all troops returned to their original unit. The approximate number of personnel involved was 130 EM from each Bn. On 28 June 45, upon instructions from XIX Corps, the Battalion turned in all M-10 Tank Destroyers (36) to the 54th Ord Group and were issued in their place 36 M-18 Tank Destroyers vehicles.

On 3 July 45 the entire Battalion moved to Landkreis ESCHWEGE and became responsible for the security of the Landkreis. This mission was accomplished by establishing road blocks at critical points for screening all persons, by check points, guarding of important installations, and guarding of one PW camp. Lt Col GRAHAM, CO, 644th TD Bn, was designated Landkreis Commander. Dispositions of the Battalion were as follows:

Bn C P	ESCHWEGE	(H 614897)
Hq Co	"	"
Med Det	"	"
Co "A"	WANKFIELD	(H 701899)
Co "B"	REICHELTSACKEN	(H 583866)
Co "C"	MORCHOF	(H 543907)
Rec Co	ESCHWEGE	(H 632900)

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On clearing from area VIC GIBBERNARDEN the Bn reverted to 78th Division Arty control. On 6 July 45 the Battalion completed relief of the 773a FA Bn of all guard duties in the area.

On 10 July 45 the Bn was released from attachment to the 70th Infantry Division and was attached to the 3d Infantry Division and further attached to 30th Infantry Regt effective at 1200 hours.

Co"C" cleared from MUNCHOP and closed in new area in ESCHEGE (H 618906) on 11 July 45.

On 20 July 45 Co"C" moved to HEFFINGHAM-USEN (H 180935) returning to ESCHEGE (H 618906) on 23 July 45. During this period the entire Battalion, with all units in the area, participated in operations "TAMBO".

On 21 July 45 the Battalion was released from attachment to the XIA Corps and attached to the XIII Corps.

Co"B", on 24 July 45, moved from HEICHENBACHEN and closed in new area in ESCHEGE (H 614899)

Per VOCC, 3d Inf Div, the Battalion was attached to 3d Inf Div Arty, effective 29 July 45. Lt Col GRAUBER relieved as Landkreis ESCHEGE Commander.

Effective at 1700 hours, 30 July 45, the 644th 2D Bn was relieved of all security posts in Landkreis ESCHEGE by the 1st Bn, 30th Inf Regt.

At the end of the period Co"A" cleared from bivouac area in WAMPFIELD and closed in new area at BRITZLAR (H 072829), attached, for operations only, to the 41st FA Bn. Companies "B" and "C" were prepared to move to newly assigned areas in NE KIRCHEN and THYSA, respectively. Co "B" to be attached, for operations only, to the 9th FA Bn and Co"C" to the 39th FA Bn. At 2400 hours, 31 July 45, the dispositions of the Battalion were as follows:

Bn C P	ESCHEGE	(H 614897)
Hq Co	"	"
Med Det	"	"
Co"A"	BRITZLAR	(H 072829)
Co"B"	ESCHEGE	(H 614899)
Co"C"	ESCHEGE	(H 618906)
Rea Co	ESCHEGE	(H 632900)



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APPENDIX No. 2

**FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED
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Former and Present Members who have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

(1) Silver Star Award.

RICHARD T MOORE, JR, 0534352, 1st Lt, Calvary, Company "C", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 April 1945 in the vicinity of LUTZEL, Germany. When the advance was halted by enemy self-propelled guns, Lt MOORE personally reconnoitered ahead of the infantry while under heavy small arms and artillery fire. Commanding a tank destroyer in an attempt to overrun the enemy position, Lt MOORE advanced to within 75 yards of the foe before his tank destroyer was hit and stopped by enemy fire. Remaining at his post to direct fire on the enemy, Lt MOORE was killed when his tank destroyer received a second hit. His outstanding courage and unhesitating devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Georgia.

WALTER E McGRATH, JR, 01822424, 1st Lt, FA (TD), Company "B", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 and 4 March 1945 and 11 April 1945 in the vicinity of FRECHEN, McDRATH, and BAINOF, Germany. On 1 March, Lt McGRATH dismounted from his vehicle to reconnoiter an alternate route and guided the platoon to the successful completion of its mission. On 4 March, he made a thorough foot reconnaissance under intense sniper, mortar and self-propelled fire and directed tank destroyer fire in routing the enemy and permitting the infantry to resume its advance. On 11 April, when enemy snipers killed and wounded several infantrymen, Lt McGRATH administered aid to the wounded and directed the attack on enemy positions overpowering three enemy strongpoints and capturing fifty prisoners. His superb display of leadership and great courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH W GIUSTO, 32002281, T/Sgt, FA, Company "C" 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action from 19 March 1945 to 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Germany. During the seventeen days period, Sgt GIUSTO traveled a mined road under heavy enemy fire on 23 March to recover a disabled Tank Destroyer. Sgt GIUSTO, Company Motor Sergeant, effected the recovery of nine M-10 Tank Destroyers while subjected to intense enemy fire. On 23 March, although wounded by the hostile fire, he refused to be evacuated and completed his mission. On 5 April, he made two Tank Destroyer recoveries in the face of furious artillery and self-propelled fire. His gallant actions and unwavering devotion to duty contributed immeasurable to the operational successes of his company. Entered the military service from New York.

STANLEY V KSPINSKI, 32183519, Sgt, FA, Company "C" 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945 in the vicinity of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Germany. When the advance of the infantry was halted by direct artillery fire, Sergeant KSPINSKI moved his Tank Destroyer into position to engage the enemy. Although thirty rounds of hostile fire were directed at his position, he maintained fire and eliminated an enemy gun. He then dismounted and from an exposed position directed devastating fire on two other enemy positions. Later when the enemy attempted to move one of their guns with an armored half-track,

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Sgt KEPINSKI brought fire to bear on the vehicle and set it afire. His gallant actions and great courage were directly responsible for the reduction of the enemy strong-hold. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

A F E JORDAN, 34058843, S/Sgt, FA, Company "B", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 7 April 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. At a time when a Battalion of enemy paratroopers were desperately holding off repeated assaults on their well fortified positions, Sgt JORDAN, while under intense enemy small arms and mortar fire made a reconnaissance of the enemy positions then successfully led his men and directed their fire from an exposed position. His great courage and leadership resulted in the reduction of the stronghold and the surrender of 200 German officers and enlisted men. Entered the military service from FLORIDA.

BERNARD HEISMAN, 33476140, T/5, FA, Reconnaissance Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. Driving the lead armored vehicle into a strongly held enemy town, T/5 HEISMAN braved heavy anti-tank and Panzer Faust fire to force a breach in the enemy defenses. Though killed by enemy tank fire, his gallant actions were responsible for gaining an initial foothold which led to the complete capture of the town. His great courage and devotion to duty were in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

AMOS E COTY, 31322254, PFC, FA, Reconnaissance Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 March 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, PFC COTY administered first aid to wounded comrades and organized litter squads to evacuate all wounded. His great courage and devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving many lives. Entered the military service from Maine.

JOHN E KIRK, 34174874, S/Sgt, FA, Company "A", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 May 1945 in the vicinity of BLACKEDS, Germany. While in close support of attacking infantry, the lead tank destroyer struck a mine and burst into flames. Sgt KIRK immediately rushed to the burning tank, and, despite the intense heat and danger of exploding ammunition, removed two wounded men who were trapped in the hatch. His great courage and complete disregard for his own safety were directly responsible for saving the lives of the two men. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

(2) Bronze Star Award

WENDEL E KNIGHT, 37150257, M/Sgt, FA, Hq Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period from 30 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Serving throughout this period as Battalion Sgt/Major, M/Sgt KNIGHT has maintained a high standard of administrative efficiency. During the rapid drive from the Roer River to the Rhine River, he assured the maximum cooperation from the command post group, thereby relieving officers of many administrative details and permitting them to devote their time to the tactical operations of details of the unit. His unswerving and tireless devotion to duty is in accordance with the highest military traditions of the military

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service. Entered the military service from Kansas.

ANTHONY COLAMARINO, 32183611, FA, Hq Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service as Tank Mechanic in connection with military operations in Western Europe during the period 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 against an enemy of the United States. T/4 COLAMARINO'S outstanding accomplishments and performance of duties are in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

JAMES M CARPENTER, 0465914, Capt, FA, Hq Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service as Battalion Motor Officer in connection with military operations in Germany during the period 1 April 1945 to 7 May 1945 against an enemy of the United States. Capt CARPENTER'S outstanding accomplishments and performance of duties are in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Texas.

WALTER G DRABIN, 32184387, T/4, FA, Company "A", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 February 1945 in the vicinity of GIBBELSRATH, Germany. When two M-10 tank destroyers became immobilized forward of the front lines and presented a hazardous obstacle to advancing tank elements, T/4 DRABIN braved intense small arms fire to examine the extent of the damage. Then returning with a recovery crew, he recovered one tank destroyer and removed the other from the road. His great courage and devotion to duty were in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

OSCAR P McDONALD, 34149092, T/5, FA, Reconnaissance Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of GEVELSBURG, Germany. After the lead vehicle was knocked out by enemy tank fire, T/5 McDONALD successfully maneuvered his vehicle to a position where mounted infantry could dismount safely, after which the vehicle was completely demolished by enemy tank fire. His quick thinking and courage were in the accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Georgia.

EDWIN T BANGS, 32183334, Sgt, FA, Hq Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service as Crew Chief in connection with military operations in Western Europe during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 April 1945 against an enemy of the United States. Sgt BANGS outstanding accomplishments and performance of duties are in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

ERWIN C FISH, 17051043, T/4, FA, Hq Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service as Auto Mechanic in connection with military operations in Western Europe during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 against an enemy of the United States. T/4 FISH'S outstanding accomplishments and performance of duties are in the highest traditions of the

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military service. Entered the military service from Minnesota.

FRANK P PINGITORE, 32066049, Sgt, FA, Hq Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service as Crew Chief in connection with military operations in Western Europe during the period 15 December 1944 to 15 April 1945 against an enemy of the United States. Sgt PINGITORE'S outstanding accomplishments and performance of duties are in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

HENRY W VAN PERNIS, 35131709, T/4, FA, Hq Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service as Tank Mechanic in connection with military operations in Western Europe during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 against an enemy of the United States. T/4 VAN PERNIS' outstanding accomplishments and performance of duties are in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Ohio.

ARTHUR E ARCHIBALD, 31034482, S/Sgt, FA, Reconnaissance Co, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. After driving through intense hostile fire to the center of an enemy held town, Sgt ARCHIBALD exposed himself to furious enemy tank fire to direct infantrymen in dismounting his vehicle. When the vehicle was knocked out, he joined the infantry troops in capturing the town and taking 200 prisoners. His gallant actions and courage were in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

ARTHUR P DEVINE, 20236278, Sgt, FA, Company "A", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 April 1945 to the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. Without regard for his personal safety, Sgt DEVINE dismounted his tank destroyer and while under enemy small arms fire located an enemy Mark V tank supported by infantrymen. Through his great courage and accurate direction of tank destroyer fire, the enemy tank was destroyed and supporting troops forced to withdraw. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

WILLIAM E PUESCHEL, 36691415, Pvt, FA, Company "B" 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 April 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Pvt PUESCHEL traversed 600 yards of open terrain to carry vital supplies to his platoon. Though continually exposed to intense enemy tank and artillery fire he made several trips throughout the day thereby contributing immeasurably to the combat successes of his platoon. His great courage and devotion to duty were in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Illinois.

HOWARD W HENRY, 33129498, PFC, FA, Company "B" 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. After

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his tank was hit by enemy artillery and set afire, Pvt HENRY although wounded and severely shocked evacuated three seriously wounded members of his platoon while under heavy enemy machine fire. Making a second trip, he evacuated the gun commander just before the ammunition began exploding. He then assisted in administering first aid to the wounded before consenting to evacuation. His bravery and unselfish disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit on himself, his organization and the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

THEODORE A JETT, 33391356, T/5, FA, Company "B" 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. When his tank destroyer was hit by enemy artillery and set afire, T/5 JETT, although wounded and severely shocked, evacuated three severely wounded members of his platoon while under heavy machine gun fire and exploding ammunition. His great courage and unselfish disregard for his personal safety were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Maryland.

ANTHONY J RICCIARDO, 32058000, Sgt, FA, Company "B", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 March 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. When the driver of the leading tank destroyer was mortally wounded, Sgt RICCIARDO aided in evacuating the man while under furious enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Then Sgt RICCIARDO courageously led his tank destroyer against enemy armor enabling infantry troops to seize their objective. His unselfish disregard for his personal safety and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

STEPHEN SHIMROCK, 35418325, Sgt, FA, Company "B", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 March 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. When the driver of the leading tank destroyer was mortally wounded, Sgt SHIMROCK aided in evacuating the man while under furious enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Then Sgt SHIMROCK courageously led his tank destroyer against enemy armor enabling infantry troops to seize their objective. His unselfish disregard for his personal safety and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT M TREMBLAY, 31036117, T/4, FA, Company "B", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 March 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. When the driver of the leading tank destroyer was mortally wounded, T/4 TREMBLAY aided in evacuating the man while under furious enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Then T/4 TREMBLAY courageously drove his tank destroyer against enemy armor enabling infantry troops to seize their objective. His unselfish disregard for his personal safety and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

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GEORGE A BONACCI, 32004912, S/Sgt, FA, Company "C", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 24 February 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. When the infantry was halted by intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, Sgt BONACCI advanced with his section in the face of this terrific fire. Finding the route of approach impassable, Sgt BONACCI, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left his tank destroyer and directed his section on foot along a new route of approach. His courage, and inspirational leadership were highly instrumental in the taking of the objective. Entered the military service from New York.

CARROLL HOBENSEE, 34153355, Sgt, FA, Company "C", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 24 February 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. When the advance upon an enemy stronghold had been held up, Sgt HOBENSEE left the security of his steel turret to man the machine gun on the rear deck of his tank destroyer. Disregarding the intense enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire directed on his position he maintained a steady stream of machine gun fire on enemy positions allowing the pinned down infantry to advance and gain their objective. Entered the military service from Louisiana.

WILLIAM F VISNICH, 33418389, Sgt, FA, Company "C", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 February 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. In an assault upon a strongly defended enemy position, Sgt VISNICH left the security of his steel turret and braved furious enemy small arms and mortar fire to direct the movements of his tank destroyer. Men then went to the aid of his wounded platoon leader rendering valuable assistance until the objective was taken. His great courage and aggressive leadership were an inspiration to his men. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

ALFRED J LIOTI, 32003767, S/Sgt, FA, Company "B", 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 March 1945 in the vicinity of \$\$\$\$\$\$, Germany. When the advance of the platoon was halted by a road block consisting of dummy mines covered by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sgt LIOTI crawled over open terrain to the road block examined it, and then directed the successful advance of the tank destroyers. His great courage and gallant actions enabled the platoon to accomplish its mission. Entered the military service from New York.

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