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HEADQUARTERS  
644TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO 758 US ARMY

*8 May to 30 Sep*

25 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations (8 May to 30 September 1945).

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

1. The following Report of Operations for the period 8 May 1945 to 30 September 1945 is hereby submitted in accordance with letter, Headquarters 3d Infantry Division, Subject: "Reports of Operations", dated 15 October 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 Officers . . . . .	1
Enlisted Men . . . . .	566

(2) Net Increase for Period

Officers . . . . .	5
Warrant Officers . . . . .	1
Enlisted Men . . . . .	288

(3) Net Decrease for Period

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

(4) Strength at End of Period

Officers . . . . .	39
Warrant Officers . . . . .	2
Enlisted Men . . . . .	854



d. Stations:

Station: SCHWERIN, GERMANY (T436658)

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

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Station: GIESELWERDER, GERMANY (C256349)

Date of Arrival - 2 June 1945  
Date of Departure - 3 July 1945

Station: ESCHWEGE, GERMANY (H614897)

Date of Arrival - 3 July 1945  
Date of Departure - 1 September 1945

Station: WETZLAR, GERMANY (G549175)

Date of Arrival - 1 September 1945  
At the End of Period

- e. Marches: See Appendix No. 1
- f. Campaigns: Not Applicable
- g. Battles: Not Applicable.
- h. Commanding Officers during the Period:

Bn Comdr:	8 May - 4 July	Major EDWARD R GARTON
	4 July - 13 Aug	Lt Col EPHRAIM F GRAHAM, Jr
	13 Aug - 24 Aug	Major EDWARD R GARTON
	24 Aug - 20 Sept	Lt Col EPHRAIM F GRAHAM, Jr
	20 Sept - 30 Sept	Major EDWARD R GARTON
CO, Hq Co:	8 May - 24 May	Major HARRY L GODSHALL, Jr
	24 May - 21 July	1st Lt CHARLES P DODDS
	21 July - 6 Aug	Capt HAROLD L HOFFER
	6 Aug - 30 Sept	Capt HOWARD F FRECK
CO, Co A:	8 May - 21 July	Capt JAMES C WILLIAMS
	21 July - 6 Aug	Capt LEVI J McNEILL, Jr
	6 Aug - 16 Sept	1st Lt ALFRED F WECHSLER
	16 Sept - 26 Sept	Capt RUDOLF S CHRISTIANSEN
	26 Sept - 30 Sept	1st Lt JOHN A BAER
CO, Co B:	8 May - 2 Aug	Capt GERALD L HOFFER
	2 Aug - 10 Sept	Capt WILLIAM F MURRAY
	10 Sept - 30 Sept	1st Lt STANLEY M KARDASH
CO, Co C:	8 May - 28 June	Capt LESLIE P McDOUGAL
	28 June - 21 July	1st Lt ROBERT A PARKER
	21 July - 29 July	Capt HARLOW F LENON
	29 July - 6 Aug	1st Lt ROBERT A PARKER
	6 Aug - 30 Sept	1st Lt DONALD W BAXTER
CO, Ren Co:	8 May - 21 July	Capt HAROLD L HOFFER
	21 July - 30 Sept	Capt JAMES M CARPENTER
Med Det:	8 May - 28 Sept	Capt NATHANIEL (NMI) BERG
	28 Sept - 30 Sept	Capt CLARENCE E ASH



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- 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:

*Louis G Thompson Jr.*  
LOUIS G THOMPSON, JR  
Captain, FA  
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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  
(8 May to 30 September 1945)



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HEADQUARTERS 644TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

RECORD OF OPERATIONS - 8 May to 1 October 1945

At the beginning of the period the Battalion was attached to 8th Infantry Division and assembled in SCHWERIN, GERMANY. All companies were engaged in guarding prisoners of war, administering Displaced Persons' camps, and running patrols in the general area.

On 2 June 1945 the Battalion moved south and southwest from SCHWERIN and closed in new area assigned by the 8th Infantry Division at 2400. Disposition of units were as follows:

Bn CP	- GIESELWERDER	G256349
Hq Co	- GIESELWERDER	G256349
Med Det	- GIESELWERDER	G256349
Co A	- GOTTSEBUREN	G225325
Co B	- GIESELWERDER	G258348
Co C	- GOTTSEBUREN	G282326
Ren Co	- GOTTSEBUREN	G223327

The Battalion (with the 8th Infantry Division) was attached to XIX Corps effective 3 June 1945.

On 15 June 1945 the Battalion was released from attachment to the 8th Infantry Division and was attached to the 78th Infantry Division. The 78th Infantry Division further attached this Battalion to the 78th Division Artillery, who, in turn, attached the Battalion to the 307th FA Battalion. Also, on this date, the Battalion was placed in Category IV and became a part of the Seventh Army, having been released from Ninth Army.

Between the 20th and 22nd of June 1945 the Battalion exchanged personnel with 893rd TD Bn, a Category II unit. During this period the Battalion was placed in Category I, and all troops returned to their original unit. The approximate number of personnel involved was 130 EM from each Battalion. On 28 June 1945, upon instructions from XIX Corps, The Battalion turned in all M-10 Tank Destroyers (36) to the 54th Ord Gp and were issued M-18 Tank Destroyers (36).

On 3 July 1945 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, guarding of important installations, and guarding of one PW camp. Lt Col GRAHAM, CO 644th TD Bn, was designated Landkreis Commander. Disposition of the Battalion was as follows:

Bn CP	- ESCHWEGE	H614897
Hq Co	- ESCHWEGE	H614897
Med Det	- ESCHWEGE	H614897
Co A	- WANFRIED	H701899
Co B	- REICHENSACHSEN	H583866
Co C	- MÖNCHOF	H543907
Ren Co	- ESCHWEGE	H632900



On clearing area via GIESELWERDER the Battalion reverted to 78th Division Artillery control. On 6 July the Battalion completed relief of the 773d FA Battalion of all guard duties in the area.

On 10 July 1945 the Battalion was released from attachment to the 78th Infantry Division and attached to the 3d Infantry Division and further attached to 30th Infantry Regiment effective 1200.

Co C cleared from MONCHOF and closed in ESCHWEGE (H618906) on 11 July 1945.

On 20 July 1945 Co C moved to HERTINGSHAUSEN H180935 returning to ESCHWEGE (H618906) on 23 July 1945. During this period the entire Battalion, with all units in the area, participated in Operation "TALLYHO".

On 21 July 1945 the Battalion was released from attachment to XIX Corps and attached to XIII Corps.

On 24 July 1945 Co B moved from REICHENSACHSEN and closed in new area in ESCHWEGE (H614899).

Per VOGG, 3d Infantry Division, the Battalion was attached to 3d Infantry Division Artillery effective 29 July 1945. Lt Col GRAHAM relieved as Landkreis ESCHWEGE Commander.

Effective 301700 July 1945 the Battalion was relieved of the security mission in Landkreis ESCHWEGE by the 1st Bn, 30th Infantry Regiment.

Co A cleared from bivouac area in WANFRIED and closed in new area at FRITZLAR (H072829), attached, for operations only, to the 41st FA Bn. Co B and Co C were prepared to move to newly assigned areas in NEUKIRCHEN and TREYSA, respectively. Co B to be attached, for operations only, to the 9th FA Bn and Co C to the 39th FA Bn. At 312400 July 1945, the disposition of the Battalion was as follows:

Bn CP	-	ESCHWEGE	H614897
Hq Co	-	ESCHWEGE	H614897
Med Det	-	ESCHWEGE	H614897
Co A	-	FRITZLAR	H072829
Co B	-	ESCHWEGE	H614899
Co C	-	ESCHWEGE	H618906
Res Co	-	ESCHWEGE	H632900



On 1 August 1945 Co B cleared area in ESCHWEGE and closed in NEUKIRCHEN (132539). Attached to 9th FA Bn for operations only. Co C cleared old area in ESCHWEGE and closed in new area at TREYSA (020581). The Battalion was relieved from attachment to 30th Inf Regt and attached to the 3d Infantry Division Artillery

On 3 August 1945, 192 EM (85 points) were transferred to 70th Infantry Division at EBERSTADT and 6 Officers were transferred to the 1st TD Group at EBERSTADT.

On 6 August 1945, 19 Officers transferred to 605th TD Group at EBERSTADT.

Co C moved from TREYSA and closed in new area NEUENBRUNSLAR (191871) at 071230 August 1945. Co B relieved of guard at prison camp at SCHWARZENBORN by 387 AAA Bn. Co B took over the guard of two hospitals at TREYSA and a patent office, stockade and jail at ZIEGENHAIN. Co C assumed the responsibility of guarding television and electrical sub-station in WOLFERHAUSEN (196885).

Co C also patrolled the following towns during daylight hours: GENSUNGEN, KESSLAR, OBERMELSUNGEN, BEUERN, WILGERSHAUSEN, OSTHEIM, ELFERSHAUSEN, BIESSFERTH, MALSPELL, MITTELHOFF and WELGERSHAUSEN.

On 20 August, Co A, Co B, and Co C relieved of all security guard duties. Rcn Co Moved from ESCHWEGE and closed in new area (386189) and relieved from attachment to 3d Infantry Division Artillery and attached to 7th Infantry Regiment.

On 27 August 1945 the contemplated move to FRIEDBERG was cancelled per VOCC, 3d Infantry Division and the Battalion prepared to move to Landkreis WETZLAR to relieve 276th Inf Regt, 70th Infantry Division of area responsibility.

By 011200 September 1945 the relief of the 276th Inf Regt by elements of the 644th TD Bn on all Security Installations in Landkreis WETZLAR had been completed. The 628th TD Bn had been attached to 644th TD Bn as of 30 August and the Commanding Officer 644th TD Bn assumed area responsibility for Landkreis WETZLAR, DILLKREIS and BIEDENKOPF effective 011200 September 1945.

During the period 2-9 September, training programs were carried on in conjunction with the Security Mission. Specialist training for key personnel was emphasized within the Battalion, while attached units engaged in general training.

On 10 September a change in Category occurred, transforming the 644th TD Bn from Category I to Category IV. Redeployment problems arising from this change coupled with the demands of the current security mission limited the training for the period 10-18 September to 1st Echelon Maintenance.

On 17 September, Rcn Co having been released from attachment to 7th Inf Regt reverted to control of 644th TD Bn and moved to its new location in DILLENBERG (G387387)

By 191845 September 1945 the relief of the 628th TD Bn by the 644th TD BN of all Security Guard in Landkreis DILLKREIS AND BIEDENKOPF had been completed and the 628th TD Bn was relieved from attachment for operations only to the 644th TD Bn as of 20 Sept 1945. Major EDWARD R GARTON O-358537 assumed command of the Battalion this date. Effective 272400 September 1945 the 703rd TD Bn was attached for operations only to the 644th TD Bn.

Principal activities of the Battalion during the month of September were as follows:

Enforced curfew and other security regulations in effect in the area.

Conducted a survey of captured enemy materiel throughout the Landkreis WETZLAR, DILLKREIS and BIEDENKOPF.

Maintained a check of all non divisional units in the area.

Engaged in a limited training program and 1st Echelon Maintenance throughout the period.



Disposition of the Battalion at the end of the period  
was as follows:

Bn GP	- WETZLAR	G549175
Hq Co	- WETZLAR	G543170
Co A	+ WETZLAR	G543167
Co B	- BURGOLMS	G473159
Co C	- ASSLAR	G524216
Res Co	- DILLENBURG	G387387





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APPENDIX No. 2

FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED  
THEMSELVES IN ACTION



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Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.



SILVER STAR AWARD

RICHARD T MOORE, Jr, 0534352, 1st Lt, Cavalry, Company G, 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 fire 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 McGRANN, 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, MODRATH, and BAHNOF, GERMANY. On 1 March, Lt McGRANN 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 McGRANN 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 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 KEPINSKI, 32183519, Sgt, FA, Company C, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945 in the vicinity of BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, GERMANY. When the advance of the infantry was halted by direct artillery fire, Sgt KEPINSKI 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, 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 strongpoint. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

R 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, GERMANY. At a time when a Battalion of enemy paratroopers were desperately holding off repeated assaults of 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 military service from Florida.

BERNARD HEISMAN, 33476140, T/5, FA, Reconnaissance Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connections with military operations against the enemy on 19 March 1945 in the vicinity of BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 BLECKEDE, 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 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.



BRONZE STAR AWARD

WENDEL E KNIGHT, 37150257, M/Sgt, FA, Hq Company, 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 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 Company, 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 Company, 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 accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Georgia.

EDWIN T BANGS, 3218334, 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 Company, 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 military service. Entered the military service from Minnesota.



FRANK P PINGITORE, 32066049, Sgt, FA, Hq Company, 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 Company, 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 Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 infantry 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 in the vicinity of BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, GERMANY. Without complete disregard for his personal safety, Pvt Pueschel traversed 600 yards of open terrain to carry vital supplies to his platoon. Though continually exposed to intense 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 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 with connections with military operations against the enemy on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, GERMANY. After his tank was hit by enemy artillery fire and set afire, Pvt HENRY although wounded and severely shocked evacuated three seriously wounded members of his platoon while under heavy enemy machine gun 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, GERMANY. When his tank destroyer was hit by enemy artillery fire 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 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 fire 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, 33418325, 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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.



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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 HOHENSEE, 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, GERMANY. When the advance upon an enemy stronghold had been held up, Sgt HOHENSEE left the security of his steel turret to man the machine gun on the rear deck of his tank destroyer. Disregarding the 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 P 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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 fire and mortar fire to direct the movements of his tank destroyer. He 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 BBBBBBBBBBBBBB, 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.



Staff Sergeant T C GODWIN, 34 180 121, Field Artillery, Company C, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion. On 11 April 1945 in the vicinity of Herscheid, Germany, exposing himself to enemy fire, Sergeant GODWIN in the absence of his platoon leader, personally led, on foot, four tank destroyers to direct fire positions. He directed their fire and neutralized enemy machine gun fire and small arms fire. Sergeant GODWIN'S great courage and devotion to duty enabled the friendly infantry to jump-off from their line of departure and make a major attack on the objective. Residence: Trimble, Tennessee.

Sergeant ERNEST C HAYES, 32 650 590, Field Artillery, Company B, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Sergeant HAYES led his TD in support of Company L, 13th Infantry Regiment, into an enemy garrison in the vicinity of Siegen, Germany, on 5 April 1945, exposing himself to small arms fire and his destroyer to bazooka fire, in order to bring supporting fire on barracks occupied by the enemy. After this mission was accomplished, an enemy counterattack threatened the garrison from the rear. Sergeant Hayes again led his destroyer into position beyond the barracks area and firing at a range of 50 yards, repelled the attack. His great courage and gallant actions enabled the Company to successfully accomplish its mission. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Sergeant HAROLD LANG, 32 003 875, Field Artillery, Company B, 644TH Tank Destroyer Battalion. When the advance of Company L, 13th Infantry Regiment, was halted by intense small arms sniper fire from the garrison under attack in the vicinity of Siegen, Germany, on 5 April 1945, Sergeant LANG successfully led his Tank Destroyer through an area subjected to artillery and bazooka fire into the barracks area. Dismounting from his destroyer to receive further orders from Company L's Commander, he returned to his destroyer and led it into position. Firing at a range of 50 yards into the barracks, he made possible the surrender of the garrison much sooner than was anticipated. His bravery and unselfish disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit on his organization and the military service. Residence: New York City, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES L BREDWELL, 35 676 835, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 6 December 1944 near Hurtgen, Germany. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant EUGENE M VICCHIO, 32 333 284, Field Artillery, Company B, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 1 April 1945 near Eisen, Germany. Residence: Astoria, New York.

First Sergeant THEODORE F BARKERDING, 34 155 003, Field Artillery, Company C, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 15 July 1944 to 4 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Second Lieutenant ALVIN J BERG 02 025 487, Field Artillery, Company A, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 15 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: Colton, South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY D BOHLENDER, 38 110 678, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 15 July 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

First Lieutenant VINCENT C BRISTOL, 01 999 922, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 15 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: Erie, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOHN M CRANE, 33 408 080, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 14 July 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: Erie, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant HARRY F DOLMETSCH, Jr, 32 066 571, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 15 July 1944 to 4 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: Oaklyn, New Jersey.





Staff Sergeant HARRISON R BORN, 33 115 383, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ANTHONY S JACOVIDO, 31 334 551, Field Artillery, Company B, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connections with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Belgium and Germany. Residence: Stratford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J JAREMA, 32 182 592, Field Artillery, Company B, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Belgium and Germany. Residence: Dunnellen, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant BERT N JOYCE, 01 170 789, Field Artillery, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 6 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. Residence: Grand Junction, Michigan.

First Lieutenant STANLEY M KARDASH, 01 823 884, Field Artillery, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Belgium and Germany. Residence: Stillwater, New York.

First Lieutenant IRL V SHEA, 01 824 380, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in Belgium and Germany. Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah.

First Lieutenant CLARENCE STEVES, 01 822 073, Cavalry, Reconnaissance Company, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion. On 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of Gevelsberg, Germany. With disregard for his own life, and in the face of fierce enemy small arms and machine gun fire, Lieutenant STEVES, within full view of the enemy, spearheaded the attack on the town by racing across an open area in an armored car. With automatic weapon fire, Lieutenant STEVES fought his way into the center of the town, knocking out numerous enemy vehicles, personnel and weapons. This bold action distracted the enemy and allowed the following armor and infantry to move in and take the town. His gallant actions and inspirational leadership were in the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

