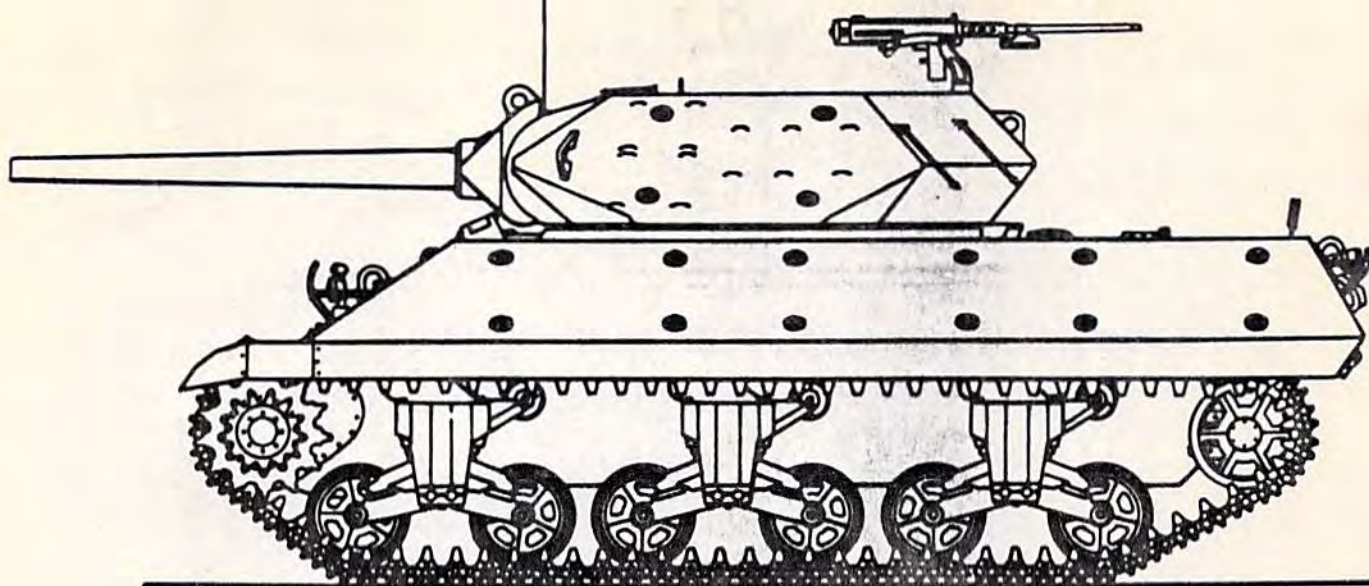


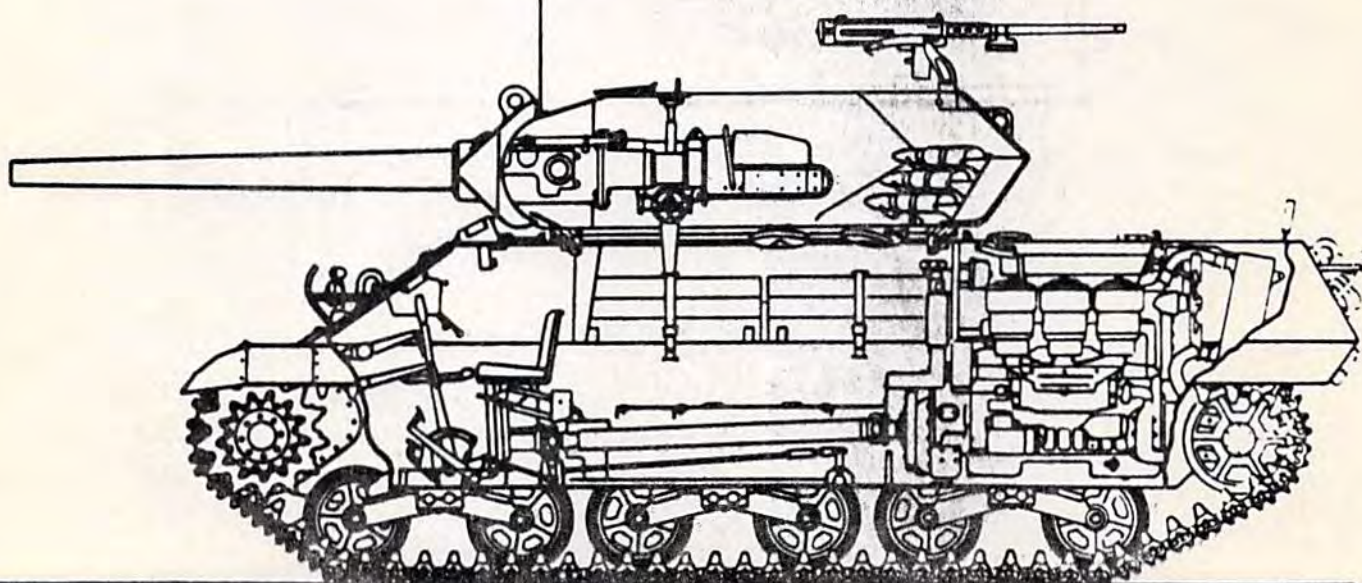


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THIS 30th ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET
IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
THE SEVEN KNOWN DECEASED
FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 652nd
TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

ANDREW T. DAVIS
RICHARD W. ELLISON
PAUL O. GANDELL
WILLIAM G. HILL
GEORGE R. LEE
JOHN S. RITENOUR
JOHN G. SHARP

Donated by:
Charles J. Walker
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652 nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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REUNION

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JUNE 15-16, 1973

FORT KNOX
KENTUCKY



DEAR FORMER 652'er:

THIS REUNION IS DEDICATED TO THE OFFICERS WHO SERVED WITH THE 652nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION, AND TO THE MANY FRIENDSHIPS ESTABLISHED DURING THAT CHAPTER OF OUR LIVES.

WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE " 652 LADIES ", ESPECIALLY FOR THEIR PRESENCE AND MORAL SUPPORT DURING OUR MANY TRANSFERS TO AND FROM POSTS IN TEXAS, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, KENTUCKY, AND MISSISSIPPI. THOUGH OCCASIONALLY INCONVENIENT, THOSE WERE LITERALLY THE DAYS OF " MOBILITY ", AND THE 652 WAS APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED A " SELF - PROPELLED BATTALION. "

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE ALBRECHTS, AS THEIR GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL WERE MOST HELPFUL, STARTING WITH THE EARLY DAYS AT CAMP BOWIE UNTIL THEY LEFT THE BATTALION AT CAMP HOWZE.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO CARLETON RIKER FOR HIS INGENUITY IN DESIGNING AND PREPARING THIS EXCELLENT SOUVENIR BROCHURE.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION, AND PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELVES HERE AT FORT KNOX.

COURTEOUSLY,

C. William Smith

C. WILLIAM SMITH

Original Order assigning officers to
form the Battalion

HEADQUARTERS
TANK DESTROYER
BASIC UNIT TRAINING

Camp Bowie, Texas
19 March 1943

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TD BUTC and are asgd to the 652nd TD Bn, effective 20
March 1943:

MAJOR GERALD D. ALBRECHT, FA, 0400009
CAPT. HARRY M. MYERS, 021835, FA
CAPT. MICHEL E. LEVY, 0371497, Cav
CAPT. PENN HOOD, 0371264, FA
1ST LT CLAYTON C. BOISVERT, 0418001, Inf
1ST LT RALPH E. HOFFMEYER, 0306355, FA
1ST LT JAMES A. EWART, 0407299, Inf
1ST LT EDMUND J. ZILINSKI, 0410922, Inf
1ST LT CLARENCE S. EIDSON, 0334021, Inf
1ST LT VINCENT J. TUFO, 0486648, DC
1ST LT RENE J. DITTIACUR, 0425259, FA
1ST LT ROBERT L. DRURY, 0169907, MC
1ST LT BERNARD SCHILLINGER, 0376857, FA
2ND LT JOHN G. SHARP, 01289637, Inf
2ND LT CARLETON B. RIKER JR. 01289809, Inf
2ND LT ANDREW T. DAVID, 01291782, Inf
2ND LT MC LEAN SMALL, 01291897, Inf
2ND LT ROGER J. ROSE, 01821632, AUS
2ND LT EDWARD H. KINSCH, 01822153, AUS
2ND LT VINCENT A. DAVARE, 01822244, AUS
2ND LT EUGENE E. FELS, 01822259, AUS
2ND LT OWEN J. JOHNSON, 01822279, AUS
2ND LT RAYMOND F. CONWAY, 01822370, AUS
2ND LT THOMAS R. ROBERTSON, 01822461, AUS
2ND LT ROBERT A. SOWERS, 01822475, AUS
2ND LT JOSEPH T. CALLAN, 01822774, AUS
2ND LT WILLIAM G. HILL, 01823735, AUS
2ND LT KNEELAND R. KREUTTER, 01823746, AUS
2ND LT JUSTIN E. MC KELVEY, 01823755, AUS
2ND LT ROY W. PLASTER, 01823769, AUS
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2ND LT STUART WELDON, 01823807, AUS
2ND LT ARTHUR E. CHESTER JR. 01823837, AUS
2ND LT GEORGE R. LEE, 01291841, Inf
2ND LT JOHN S. RITENOUR, 01289810, Inf

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A SHORT SUMMARY of the SHORT BUT ILLUSTRIOUS HISTORY of the
652nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

The battalion was activated at Camp Bowie, Texas on 20 March 1943 under Major Gerald D. Albrecht, 0400009, FA with Captain Harry M. Myers (remember "Highpockets" ?), 021835, FA as Battalion Executive Officer.

Thirty-six officers were originally assigned from the Basic Unit Training Center at Camp Bowie. Others were subsequently assigned from other TD battalions and the TD Replacement Training Center in order to maintain an overstrength in officers.

Eighty-two enlisted cadremen were assigned most of which came from the 808th TD Battalion. Fillers came from California and from the Ohio-Kentucky area with the bulk from Ohio. Total enlisted strength upon activation was 869.

Special Order Number 1 dated 20 March 1943 made the following assignments:

Capt. Michel Levy	Battalion Fire Marshal
Capt. Penn Hood	Summary Court Officer
1stLt Bernard Schillinger	Battalion Postal Officer
1stLt Ralph Hoffmeyer	CO, Hq Co.
1stLt Clayton Boisvert	Liaison Officer, Ass't S-3 & Special Service Officer
2ndLt John Sharp	Executive Officer, Hq. Co., Personnel Officer, Battalion Insurance Officer & Battalion War Bond Officer
2ndLt Joseph Callan	Communications Officer
2ndLt Kneeland Kreutter	Battalion Motor Officer
2ndLt Carleton Riker, Jr	Liaison Officer, Ass't S-2 & Battalion Police Officer
2ndLt Thomas Robertson	Battalion Transportation Officer & Ass't S-4
1stLt James Ewart	CO, Co. "A"
2ndLts-Andrew Davis, Owen Johnson, George Lee, & Justin Mc Kelvey	Co. "A"
1stLt Clarence Eidson	CO, Co. "B"
2ndLts-Vincent Davare, Eugene Fels, & Roger Rose	Co. "B"
1stLt Rene Dittiacur	CO, Co. "C"
2ndLts-Arthur Chester, Jr, William Hill, McLean Small & Robert Sowers	Co. "C"
1stLt Edmund Zilinski	CO, Reconnaissance Co.
2ndLts-Raymond Conway, Edward Kinsch, Roy Plaster, William Reynolds, & Stuart Weldon	Reconnaissance Co.
1stLt Robert Drury	Battalion Surgeon
1stLt Vincent Tufo	Battalion Dental Surgeon

Special Order No. 1 was by order of Major G. D. Albrecht and signed by 1stLt Bernard Schillinger as Adjutant.

The next two months were spent in the basic training of the newly assigned enlisted men. The most memorable part of the training was getting used to sleeping on the rockiest ground in Central Texas that Ed Zilinski could find.

Following this basic training came the move to Camp Hood for unit training and the memorable foot march of 108 miles 15-20 May 1943. Things went fine for the first five days with the weather cool and dry. No one minded the necessity of "attacking and securing" the bivouac area each evening even though we were bone tired. The sixth day, however, was miserable with heavy rain and muddy roads making the last thirty miles endless. Who can ever forget the band meeting us at the edge of the cantonment area and escorting us down Battalion Ave. with the Group Commander finally getting out of his C&R car and leading us into Camp Hood. While at Camp Hood the battalion completed company firing tests and the Battalion Tactical Proficiency Tests and we all had a gay old time at Belton Women's College with convivial picnics every Sunday.

This move to Hood and the move back to Bowie on 17 September 1943 (this time a motor march) meant a lot of scurrying about on the part of wives to locate quarters of any kind. Some of the quarters were bad, some were not so bad, and some even had interesting neighbors but it was always the proverbial "rat race". The most fascinating thing about any of the moves made by the battalion was that each time one was announced and everyone pledged to secrecy for the sake of security, by the time we saw our wives they not only knew where but they knew when and had completed collective plans for car sharing and house or apartment hunting. The Third Army Basic, Technical and Tactical Training Tests were completed during this tour at Bowie and "War Eagle" was really getting hot.

The second stay at Bowie lasted until 15 November 1943. We can remember that this period was highlighted by the picnics at Lake Brownwood, the dances at the club, the rigorous training schedules imposed by Group and the liquor runs to Fort Worth since it was cheaper than buying it from the local taxi driver.

The Tank Destroyer battalions gave way to the 4th Armored Division at Camp Bowie and the 652nd went to the Louisiana Maneuver Area on 15 November. This was a period of mud, rain, bogged vehicles, the worst sleet storm in 200 years, and general frustration. During periods when fires were permitted, pine stumps were set ablaze and the troops would huddle around them trying to keep warm but only succeeding in smoking themselves to a rich black. The names "DeRidder", "Natchitoches", "Many" and "Leesville" are still capable of watering eyes. There was also the hotel in Alexandria that had but one single room, a large room albeit, (a meeting room with cots to make the most of the times) for those wives who came over to spend Christmas. It was anything but cozy!

The battalion left the Louisiana Maneuver Area on 27 January 1944, and headed for a new home at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. It was 28 February before the entire unit closed in at Camp Robinson since a portion of the battalion was detached for anti-aircraft firing practice at Indianola, Texas. Little Rock was another mad scramble for apartments and some of us wound up renting and sharing complete two and three bedroom apartments; pooling funds for food, chasing roaches, wondering where the hot water went, and worrying about antique beds that mysteriously collapsed in the middle of the night. One sad note on our stay at Camp Robinson - it was here that the anti-personnel mine exploded and killed and injured so many men. We did complete the Air-Ground Test here and "War Eagle" was really screaming.

On April 5, 1944 it was back to Texas again! This time it was to Camp Howze near Gainesville. Camp Howze will not be remembered as a garden spot. Family quarters were tighter than at any other post thus far. Troop housing consisted of three or four six-man tent frames nailed together and covered with tarpaper. They were tied to the ground with Number 9 wire to keep them from blowing into Oklahoma as any OD will attest since he walked into them every dark night. There were two roads out of Gainesville. The one traveled by the bachelor officers went south to Denton and the girl's college and the one used by the rest ran north to Ardmore and the nearest liquor supply. While at Howze the battalion displaced again to Camp Hood in May for a period of eleven days to fire service ammunition and to take the Company Combat Firing and the Battalion Tactical Proficiency Tests. During the combat firing tests some of the highest scores ever recorded were attained. The battalion stayed at Camp Howze, completed the Combat Intelligence Test and competed with the 84th Division for family quarters until 22 July when it moved on to Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Camp Polk was to be a temporary change of station so that more company firing could be conducted at Breezy Hill Range and tactical tests run in the Louisiana Maneuver Area. This was to be the final go 'round before the gangplank since everyone was impatient with the too-frequent moves, the scrounging for quarters and the loading and unloading of thirty-six tank destroyers at railheads. The battalion did get orders but they were not shipping orders. Off we went again. This time to Fort Knox on 18 September.

Our assignment at Fort Knox was to act as school troops in support of the Armor School and Fort Knox. The overseas bubble had burst for the 652nd and all we were in a position to do was test and train other battalions for movement. There were incessant inspections and innumerable details. It was at Fort Knox that Company "B" attempted to store surplus parts and equipment in an unused messhall. It was also at Fort Knox that Officer's Club dues were collected by the battalion adjutant each month on a checkoff system. The rumor was that the "regulars" wanted to be certain that they had enough money to build a new club when the war was over and all of the reservists had gone home. The assignment lasted until 27 February 1945 when the battalion was ordered to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Company "B" remained behind until 14 March and memory triggers some odd recollections on their departure preparations to rejoin the rest of the battalion.

In many ways the stay at Camp Shelby and nearby Hattiesburg was the most enjoyable. The battalion still entertained hopes of going overseas but, while waiting, most of the company officers had their wives and families in the Baptist Women's College dormitory and made full use of the large lawn while waiting for the dinner bell. Another break in the routine came when a trucking strike in Chicago gave the bulk of the battalion an opportunity to go to Calumet Park in Chicago between 21 June and 3 July and act as teamsters. Indirect fire tests were also conducted at Shelby in May of 1945 but, with the end of the war in Europe, all dreams of going overseas as a unit were gone. Everything pointed to inactivation and a turn-in of equipment began. It was touch-and-go for some time as to who would pay for the M-36s that were sent to open storage at Fort Sill without cosmolene in the tubes.

Inactivation came 15 September 1945. Men were reassigned and officers scattered. Assignment to ETO units scheduled for redeployment to the Pacific was the order of the day and the two posts primarily involved were Fort Benning and Camp Rucker, Alabama. The 652nd Tank Destroyer Battalion had ceased to exist except in fond memories of shared sorrows and shared triumphs.-----Hinc Illae Lacrimae.

Compiled by Gene Fels, from the official history and personal recollections.

 * List of officers who served with the 652nd Tank *
 * Destroyer Battalion during the period of March *
 * 1943 to September 1945 *

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COMMANDING OFFICERS

20 March 1943-3 May 1944	Major Gerald D. Albrecht, FA
3 May 1944-9 June 1944 (temp)	LtCol Howard B. Crandall, Inf.
9 June 1944-22 June 1944 (temp)	Major Leif E. Olsen, Cav.
22 June 1944-15 July 1944	Major Jackson S. Lawrance, Inf.
15 July 1944-15 Sep 1944	LtCol Robert E. Mitchell, FA
15 Sep 1944-15 Sep 1945	Major John J. Kelly, Cav.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER:

OFFICERS' CLUB
CAMP BOWIE, TEXAS 1943

NO. 8 1/4

REFERENCES: TM 10-410 "The Army Cook"
(How to get Fried)
FM 8-35 "Transportation of
the Sick and Wounded"
FM 21-150 "Unarmed Defense"
(This is for the women)
TM 3-250 "Storage of Dangerous
Chemicals"

1. Supplies:

a. Rations: Battalion dump to be at Officers' Club, Crockett Drive and Morris Sheppard Drive. All personnel will draw rations prior to 2100 hrs, 8 October 1943. Ration cycle begins with evening meal.

b. Ammunition: Battalion Ammunition Supply at BAR. (This does not refer to Browning Automatic Rifle).

Credits:

Liquor (99% HE) 25,000 rds
Anti-Personnel Cocktails 20,000 rds

All personnel will arm themselves with one
(1) bottle, M1, HE, complete with contents.

c. Water:

(1) Water discipline will be strictly enforced.

(2) Water will be provided only in lieu of Liquor, HE.

2. Evacuation:

a. Casualties:

(1) Personnel: Collection Station under nearest table.

(2) All personnel knocked out by Liquor, HE, and Anti-Personnel Cocktails will be placed under the medical attention of Captain TUFO.

Burial:

(1) By Boy Scout service troops in local cemetery when possible.

S P O N S O R S

LT. COL "OLE MAN" "TUFFY" ALBRECHT
MAJOR "HI POCKETS" MYERS
CAPT "CLATE" "DRILLMASTER" BOISVERT
CAPT. "GRANDMA" EIDSON
CAPT "PREACHER" EWART
CAPT "POP OFF" HOFFMEYER
CAPT "SWEARING DIT" DITTIACUR
CAPT "ZIE" "BOOGIE WHEELS" ZILINSKI
1ST LT "SNUFFY" SMITH
1ST LT "ANTI TANK" DAVIS
1ST LT "MAYOR" RITENOUR
1ST LT "SAD SACK" RIKEP
1ST LT "LOVER" SHARP
1ST LT "EMILY POST" SMALL
1ST LT "SKINNY" ROSE
1ST LT "OLD MAID" KINSCH
1ST LT "LIGHT FINGER" FELS
1ST LT "BACHELOR" LEE
1ST LT "SLEEPY" SOWERS
1ST LT "LITTLE CAESAR" WELDON
1ST LT "I SAY AGAIN" STUART
1ST LT "BUGS BUNNY" CHESTER
CAPT "CASTOR OIL" TUFO

(3) Location of burials to be reported annually by 1700 hours.

c. Salvage:

(1) All female shoes damaged in action to Battalion S-4.

(2) All females damaged in action to Battalion S-4.

3. Personnel: Straggler Line: line running generally North and South from Sheppard Drive to Bowie White House.

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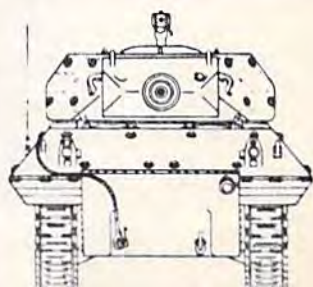
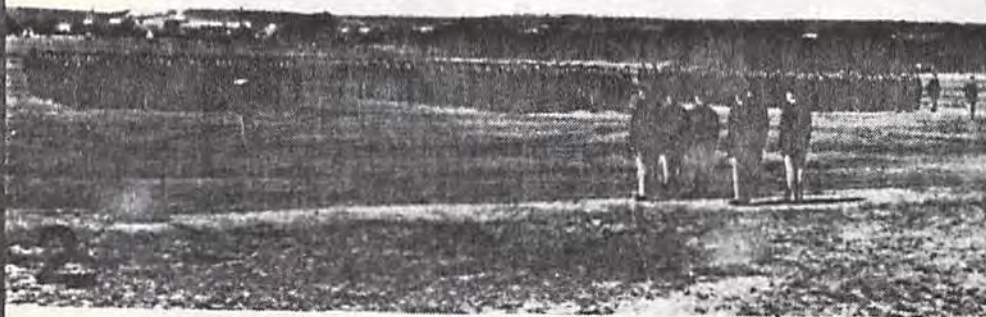
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Capt., Inf.

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b. Burial:
(1) By Boy Scout service troops in local cemetery when possible.
(2) Request to be made through Battalion



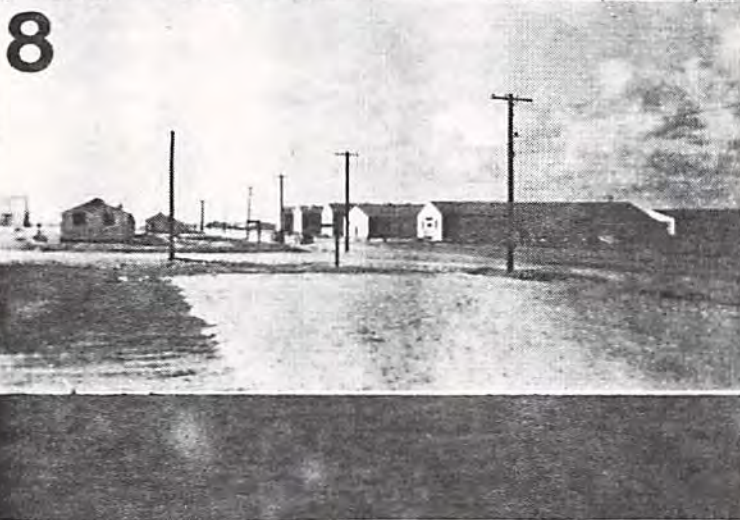
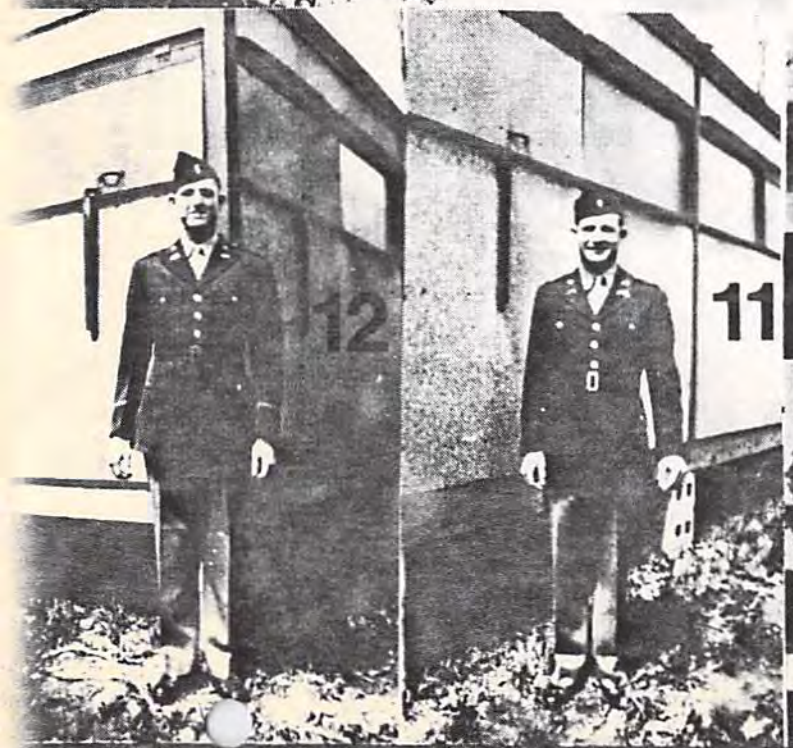


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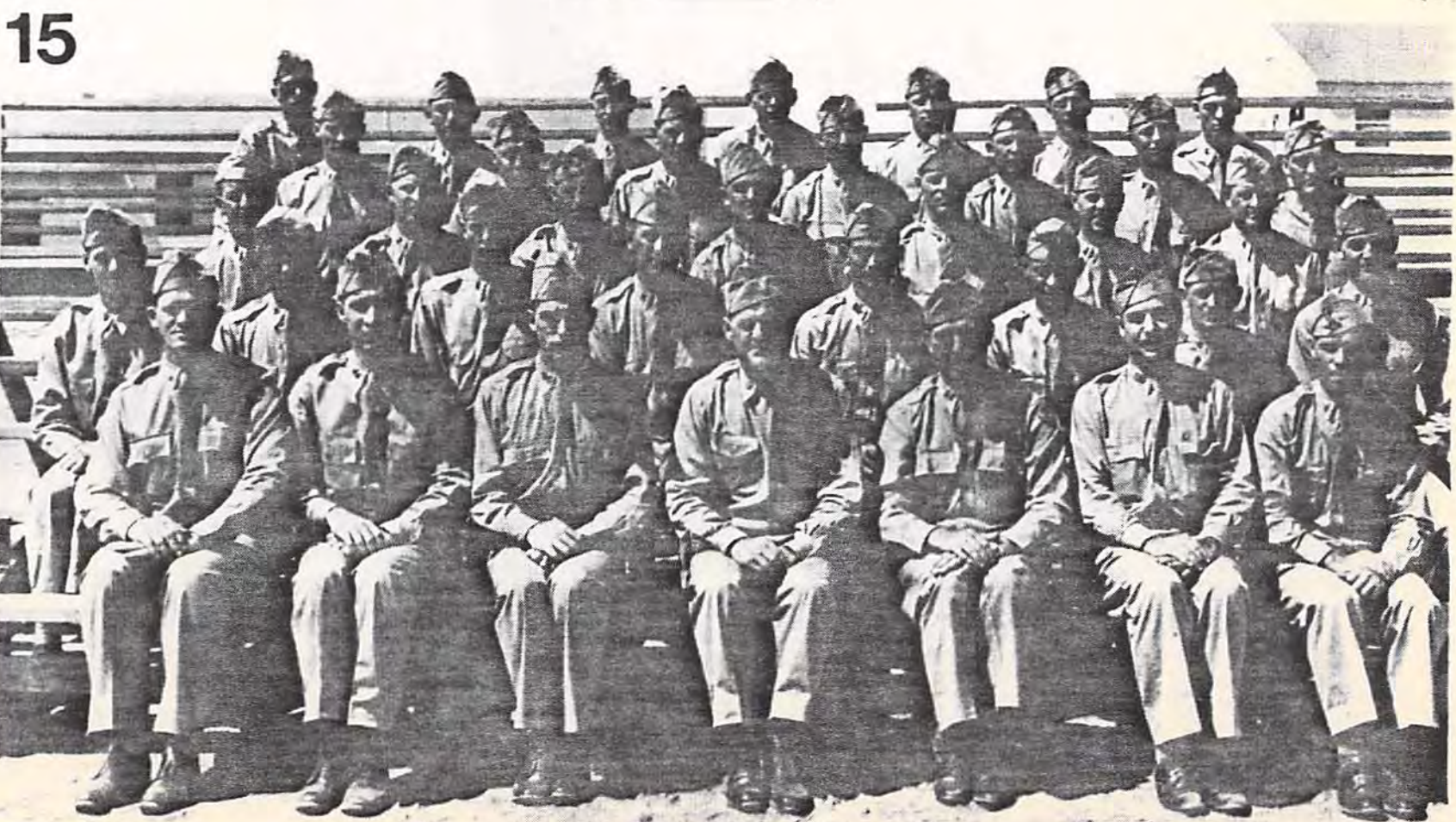
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Lt McKelvey
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Lt Robertson

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Lt Fels
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Capt Eidson
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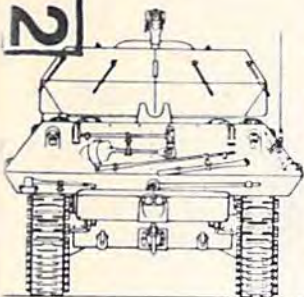


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Camp Robinson
Arkansas

3rd row:
WO Adams
Lt Jahnke
Lt Reddick
Lt Stuart
Lt Kinsch
Lt Reif
Lt Valenziano
Lt Jack
Lt Blackmond

2nd row:
Capt M. Levy
Capt Eidson
Capt Ewart

1st row:
Lt Steves
Lt
Lt Davis
Capt Smith
Capt Boisvert
Maj Gorman

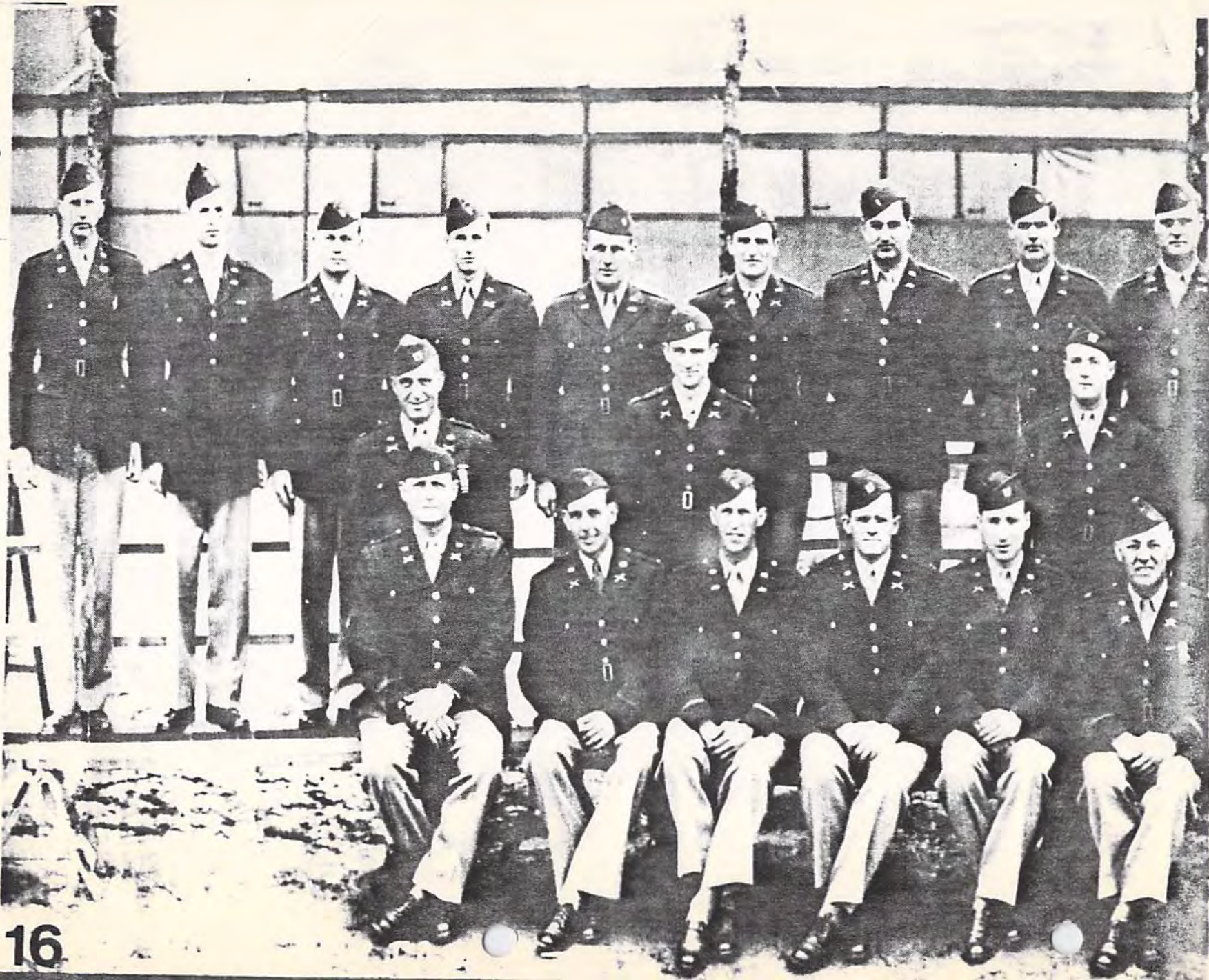


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3rd row:

Lt McKelvey

Lt Rose

Lt Schurr

Lt O'Connor

Lt

Lt Gossard

Lt Gready

Lt Weyrick

2nd row:

Capt Zilinski

Capt Dittiacur

1st row:

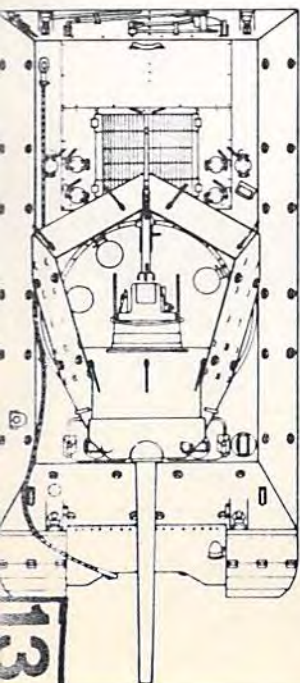
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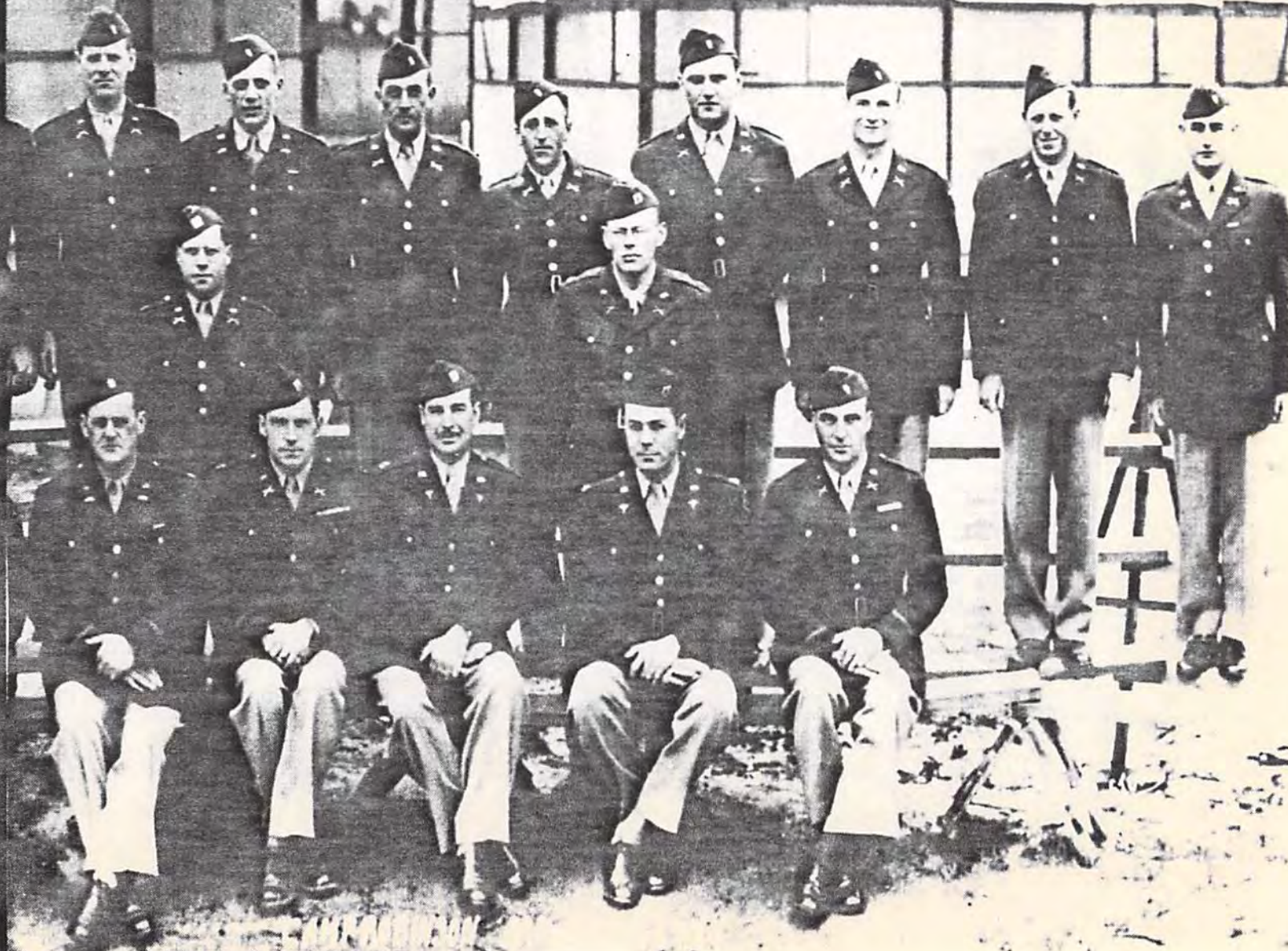
Capt Watkins

Capt Tufo

Lt Gandell



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Photo-18
Camp Shelby
Miss. 1945

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Lt _____
Lt _____
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Lt Fels
Lt Rose
Lt _____
Lt Blackmond
Lt Carman
Lt _____
Lt Steves
Lt Kinsch
Lt Jahnke
Lt _____
Lt Sharp
Lt _____
Lt Parker



1st row:

Capt Eidson
Capt Zilinski
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Capt Boisvert
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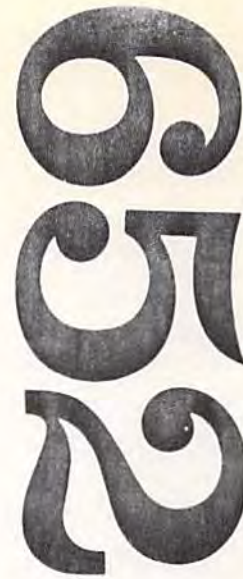
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 Left front: Col Albrecht Right front: Maj Myers
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 Lt Bill Peterson, Lt Don Lynch
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- Photo-8 Company street skyline, Camp Hood
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 Clarence Eidson
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- Photo-20 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 1945
 Gene Fels, Jewel Eidson, Clarence Eidson, Cleo McBride,
 Ed McBride, Justin McKelvey, Florence Davis McClellan,
 Eleanor McKelvey, Andy Davis, Corny Parker.
- Photo-21 Jack Ratcliffe, Ed Kinsch, Fred Reif, & Ed McBride
- Photo-22 M-10 Tank Destroyer and Col Albrecht's M-8 armored car
- Photo-23 Art Schurr, Don Lynch, Roger Rose, John Ritenour, Bill Portzer
- Photo-24 Lake Brownwood, Texas, October 1943
 Corny Parker, Isabel Reif, Jean Gandell, Helen Fels,
 Ruby Smith, Babs Zilinski
- Photo-25 Louisiana Maneuver Area
 Row 2: Bob Edmonson, Roger Rose, Carl Riker, Ralph Hoffmeyer
 Row 1: John Ritenour, Bill Portzer, Don Lynch, Art Schurr
- Photo-26 Row 4: Cleveland Reddick
 Row 3: Lt Cocke, Clayton Boisvert
 Row 2: Gene Fels, Ed McBride Row 1: Fred Reif
- Photo-27 Marjorie and Dusty Rhoades, 1943
- Photo-28 Corny Parker, Paul Gandell, Jean Gandell, Isabel Reif,
 Gene Fels, Cleo McBride, Helen Fels, Ed McBride.
 Fred Reif in front of 1/4 ton, somewhere in Texas.

Photos 15, 16, 17, 18 identified on same pages as photos.

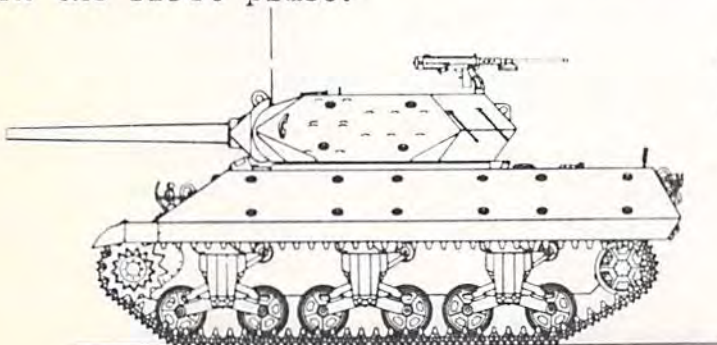


From recently discovered files of the Recon Company, CO Col. Albrecht (left) meeting Capt. Smith (right) on the Lampasas - Copperas Cove road. Vehicles were taken from Capt. Reddick's Motor Pool without trip tickets, it was later discovered.

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Carleton Riker Jr.
"Yearbook Editor"



WHERE THE EXPECTED REUNIONITES ARE COMING FROM -
and what they have been doing since 652 days.

FLORIDA

Murphy: Tom did not remain in the service; is employed at Dayron, Gulf Western Industries Subsidiary. He was with Continental Can for 14 years. Tom and Vivian have 1 grandchild.

GEORGIA

Chester: Ed was discharged from the Reserve as Capt. He is president of Manufacturer's Agents Inc., plumbing supplies, and sells throughout the Southeastern U.S.

Eidson: Clarence left AD as Major in 1946, and received his Civil Engineer registration. He now does private consulting engineering work. He and Jewel have 3 grandchildren.

KANSAS

Hoffmeyer: Ralph left AD in 1946 and returned to work for the Sherwin Williams Company, where he is now in his 35th year. He and Lillie have travelled a lot, and plan more.

McKelvey: Justin did not remain in service. Do not know where he has been working, but know that he and Eleanor have 3 grandchildren.

KENTUCKY

Myers: Harry is a West Point grad, and retired as Col. in 1969 after 30 years AD. Moved to Kentucky from Virginia in 1972. He and Betty have 3 grandchildren.

MARYLAND

Dittiacur: Rene was discharged from service in 1952, and is an accountant. His present job is with the Postal Rate Commission in Washington. He and Louise have 2 children.

Fels: Gene left AD in 1964 as Lt. Col. Has worked for Civil Service at Ft. Holabird, Md. Planning to retire to Arizona. He and Helen have 4 grandchildren.

MICHIGAN

Gready: Frank did not supply us with a G2 report that is available, but we expect he and Ruth will fill us in.

Smith: Bill retired from the Reserve as Col. in 1969. He is a retired plant product engineer, and has been very active in Masonic organizations since 1937. Bill and Ruby will tell us all else there is to be known.

NEW JERSEY

Parker: Austin retired from Reserve as Major in 1966. He worked at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. and retired from Civil Service. Austin and Corny have 2 grandchildren.

Riker: Carl left Reserves in 1960 as Capt. Has been an architectural draftsman since 1946. He and Louise have son and daughter, both graduated from 2 year colleges.

NEW YORK

Gorman: Lawrence left AD in 1945 as Lt. Col. and retired from business in 1967. He and Anna will fill us in on the rest.

Levy: Harold was with Patton and the 4th armored in Germany. He is in the leather business, high in the Empire State building. Harold and Trudi have 3 children.

TENNESSEE

Albrecht: Gerald has not come forth with his G-2 report, but as guests of honor at the reunion, we're sure that he and Helen will bring us all up to date.

TEXAS

Reif: Fred retired from AD in 1968 as Col. He is teaching at Incarnate Word College. He and Isabelle have a son, and a daughter.

Rhoades: Bob left the service in 1945. He is VP and branch manager of 1st Federal Savings & Loan of Austin. Dusty and Marjorie have 5 grandchildren.

Steves: Ed did not remain in service. He owns the Crest Mfg. Co., door business. Ed and ...

ATTACHMENT #1

652 T.D. BN. C.O.s

20 March 1943 - 3 May 1944

Major Gerald D. Albrecht, FA. 0400009

3 May 1944 - 9 June 1944 (Temp)

Lt. Col. Howard B. Crandall, INF.

9 June - 22 June 1944 (Temp)

Major Leif E. Olsen, Cav.

22 June 1944 - 15 July 1944

Major Jackson S. Lawrance, INF.

15 July 1944 - 15 Sept. 1944

Lt. Col. Robert E. Mitchell, FA.

15 Sept. 1944 - 15 Sept. 1945

Major John J. Kelly CAV.

ATTACHMENT #2

20 March 1943 - 15 May 1943

Camp Bowie, Texas

15 May 1943 - 20 May 1943

Foot March Camp Bowie, Texas
to Camp Hood, Texas

20 May 1943 - 17 Sept. 1943

Camp Hood, Texas

17 Sept 1943 - 15 Nov. 1943

Camp Bowie, Texas

ATTACHMENT # 2 CONT.

15 Nov. 1943 - 27 Jan, 1944
Louisanna Maneuvers
(Rear Guard Detachment stayed at Camp Bowie, Texas)

27 Jan. 1944 - 28 Feb 1944
Intransit from both
Louisanna maneuvers and Camp. Bowie Texas
to Camp Robinson, Ark.

28 Feb. 1944 - 5 April 1944
Camp Robinson, Ark.

* 5 April 1944 - 22 July 1944
Camp Howze, Texas

22 July 1944 - 18 Sept. 1944
Camp Polk, Louisiana

** 18 Sept. 1944 - 27 Feb. 1944
Fort Knox, Ky.

27 Feb. 1945 - 15 Sept. 1945
Camp Shelby, Miss.

* 11 days in May at Camp Hood for Combat Firing
and Battalion Tactical Proficiency Test.

** Co. B remained at Fort Knox until 14 March, 1945.