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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 817 TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION

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LT. COL. BARDES	C. O.
MAJOR HAHNER	EX. O.
MAJOR OMENHISER	S-3
CAPT. HOFMANN	S-2
CAPT. CORNETT	S-4
LIEUT. CRANDELL	S-1
LIEUT. DUSHKIN	LIAISON
LIEUT. REDDEN	LIAISON
MR. MONSKY	P. O.

STAFF PLATOON

RYAN, W. B.	M/SGT.	DARTER, O. L.	T/5
ABBOTT, G. A.	T/SGT.	DILLON, L. F.	T/5
SAARIE, W. L.	T/SGT.	FRALICH, C. E.	T/5
CROOK, J. T.	T/SGT.	KUYKENDALL, G. N.	T/5
GIBSON, J. J.	S/SGT.	MILLER, W. G.	T/5
ALLIS, I. W.	T/4	Mc BURNIE, W. T.	T/5
BONKOWSKI, R. J.	T/4	PETITT, L. C.	T/5
DOLINKA, M.	T/4	PIENTA, L. S.	T/5
MONTEMORANO, J. J.	T/4	RICH, J. A.	T/5
SCHEETS, J.	T/4	LASKOWSKI, S. J.	P. F. C.
BAIR, P. M.	T/5	SALVATORE, N. J.	P. F. C.
COGGINS, W. A.	T/5	WILLIS, J. D.	P. F. C.
COOLEY, V. L.	T/5	ZIELINSKI, J. A.	P. F. C.

COMMUNICATIONS

GWYTHER	LIEUT.	CARTER, E. R.	T/SGT.
LARSON, C. T.	1st SGT.	TONNER, A.	SGT.
SEITZ, B. E.	T/5	CROSSCUT, G. A.	P. F. C.
FULLER, H. G.	P. F. C.	HETRICK, F. A.	P. F. C.
JUDGE, G. N.	P. F. C.	KATZ, M.	P. F. C.
DEATS, J. Z.	PVT.	SAENZ, J. Q.	PVT.

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

EDGAR	CAPT.	KYLE	LIEUT.
HOOKS, G. W.	1st SGT.	BOYER, R. A.	S/SGT.
CORBETT, A. B.	S/SGT.	JOHNSON, A. C.	S/SGT.
CARLSON, M. H.	T/4	FRANKS, H. L.	T/4
SCHENCK, W. B.	T/4	SHERIDAN, T. J.	T/4
MANN, B.	CPL.	GUSTAFSON, W. F.	T/5
KITCH, G. A.	T/5	POST, L. W.	T/5
RODGERS, W. F.	T/5	SHIPP, O. L.	T/5
SPOON, R. A.	T/5	FAIRCLOTH, D. H.	P. F. C.
HARMES, M. G.	P. F. C.	HESTERMAN, C. W.	P. F. C.
LABAR, D. J.	P. F. C.	COGLEY, L. D.	PVT.

MOTOR MAINTENANCE

TERRY	CAPT.	SAMPSON	W. O.
CHAFFEE, P. C.	M/SGT.	YARRISON, B. L.	T/SGT.
BENSINK, H. W.	T/4	BONIK, S. J.	T/4
FOX, H. R.	T/4	LAMB, D. E.	T/4
ROGERS, E. F.	T/4	SIMCOX, A. C.	T/4
SMITH, H. S.	T/4	SMITH, R. C.	T/4
ZUBAY, J. J.	T/4	BURK, J. A.	T/5
CANALE, N. J.	T/5	GILLESPIE, T. O.	T/5
KUMMER, A. H.	T/5	STROBACH, H. L.	T/5
WARNER, T. J.	T/5	WORTHINGTON	T/5
GRIFFITHS, R. I.	P. F. C.	PFEEFFER, J. J.	P. F. C.
		VESCI, J. F.	P. F. C.

TRANSPORTATION

UNDERWOOD	LIEUT.	ZIMMERMAN, D. D.	P. F. C.
CASE, H. D.	CPL.	BARNES, L. V.	SGT.
BARTLETT, G. H.	T/5	PELOT, V. W.	T/5
SCHUTZ, E. H.	T/5	WARD, E.	T/5
MILLER, J. G.	T/5	BUSH, R. E.	T/5
CHAMBERS, L. K.	T/5	DAVIS, G. H.	P. F. C.
HART, R. P.	P. F. C.	JOHNSON, C. D.	P. F. C.
MAXIM, J.	P. F. C.	Mc CROBIE, R. W.	P. F. C.
MELLINGER, C. P.	P. F. C.	PETERSON, H. T.	P. F. C.
PINTO, C. S.	P. F. C.	RUHLING, M. E.	P. F. C.
CROSS, J. E.	P. F. C.	STANDISH, F. W.	P. F. C.
BOBO, D.	PVT.	SMITH, D. L.	P. F. C.
KLIMCZAK, S. E.	PVT.	NEWMAN, H. R.	PVT.
		BOZICH, M. L.	PVT.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

LICKER, R. R. BATTALION SURGEON

STALL, G. M.	S/SGT.	BELL, I. C.	T/3
SUTTON, C. D.	T/4	TARDI, P.	T/4
JACK, N. E.	CPL.	COX, F. L.	T/5
SLACK, W. R.	T/5	SMATLAK, P.	T/5
SNATER, H.	T/5	IMELLI, S. R.	P. F. C.
OLCZAK, A. L.	P. F. C.	REYNOLDS, C. R.	P. F. C.
STIVENSON, J. J.	P. F. C.	YAEGER, R. P.	P. F. C.
STONE, J. P.	P. F. C.		

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY 817 TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION

CAPT. STERNFELS	C. O.
2nd LT. GOODWIN	EX. O.

HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

RIORDAN, T. E.	1 st SGT.	HAMMOND, M. G.	T/SGT.
SKIDMORE, V. E.	S/SGT.	RYAN, K. E.	T/SGT.
GULLICKSON, E. R.	S/SGT.	BLUM, D. O.	T/4
WOOD, C. J.	T/4	BRAYLEY, M. J.	T/4
DUCLON, V. J.	T/4	GALARNEAU, G. G.	T/4
ELLER, W. L.	T/4	CLARKE, G. W.	CPL.
KONRATH, E. J.	T/5	HOAK, R. D.	T/5
D. SANTO, R. E.	T/5	CRESSLER, A. B.	T/5
MAHANNA, J. C.	T/5	TAYLOR, G. M.	P. F. C.
WOODROW, J. B.	P. F. C.	TAKACS, A.	P. F. C.
LOMBARDI, J. M.	P. F. C.	DAUGHETEE, L. R.	P. F. C.
LIZANTZ, M.	P. F. C.	DAVIS, E. A.	P. F. C.
GLYNN, A. E.	P. F. C.	Mc GHEE, R. R.	P. F. C.
GUEVERA, S. C.	P. F. C.	VOSBURGH, G. R.	PVT.
POTTS, G.	PVD.	CROUCH, L.	PVT.
MILLS, H. L.	PVD.	NOTHUM, G. W.	PVT.

FIRST PLATOON

JORDAN	1 st LT.	Mc LAUGHLIN, J. S.	S/SGT.
SCHELESKY, W. C.	SGT.	RICHARDS, W. A.	SGT.
CIMINSKI, F.	T/5	SMITH, L. J.	T/5
WILDMAN, J. O.	T/5	CATHART, H. R.	P. F. C.
EIMERS, D.	P. F. C.	FAY, J. M.	P. F. C.
GROW, H.	P. F. C.	HOUSE, C. E.	P. F. C.
KLAISTER, E. J.	P. F. C.	PALERMO, J. P.	P. F. C.
ONG, J.	P. F. C.	MICHENER, E.	P. F. C.
SCOTT, J. R.	P. F. C.	SPOONER, R. G.	P. F. C.
RAVIER, C. J.	P. F. C.	SIGURDSON, M. R.	P. F. C.
WHITE, C. G.	P. F. C.		

SECOND PLATOON

BURKHARDT	2 nd LT.	FISH, F. D.	SGT.
KNOWLTON, J. E.	SGT.	CHAPMAN, C. F.	CPL.
JONES, P. L.	T/5	PASK, D. W.	T/5
PADUANO, H.	P. F. C.	BOBEL, W. J.	P. F. C.
WAGNER, A. G.	P. F. C.	HARRISON, T. J.	P. F. C.
SKOLNIK, J. F.	P. F. C.	CHURCH, N.	P. F. C.
EPPS, J. L.	P. F. C.	SLOYKA, M.	P. F. C.
PALASZEWSKI, H.	P. F. C.	CHRISTOFONO, S.	P. F. C.
Mc KAMEY, J. E.	P. F. C.	JONES, J.	P. F. C.
FORD, G. D.	P. F. C.	MIRANDA, H.	P. F. C.
POCHRON, T. F.	PVT.		

THIRD PLATOON

ROBONN	1 st LT.	FEYES, A. J.	S/SGT.
FISH, H. L.	SGT.	SEMON, F. D.	SGT.
WILSON, R. C.	T/5	JOHNSTON	T/5
TAYLOR, R.	P. F. C.	ZAHN, W. F.	P. F. C.
PIETRESEWSKI, H.	P. F. C.	STEFFY, A. W.	P. F. C.
Mc AUTHOR, T. A.	P. F. C.	SANDRON, L. J.	P. F. C.
BURCKHARDT, C.	P. F. C.	COLLINGS, G. E.	P. F. C.
SNYDER, D. E.	P. F. C.	SMITH, L. O.	P. F. C.
FRY, J. E.	P. F. C.	PARKER, A.	P. F. C.
SCHWEDE, A. R.	P. F. C.	MONTGOMERY, H. W.	PVT.
BLAIR, J. C.	PVT.		

PIONEER PLATOON

HILL	1 st LT.	SHRICK, R. H.	S/SGT.
JAMES, W. E.	SGT.	SEKITA, E. J.	SGT.
GREEN, W. J.	CPL.	CRAWFORD, R. J.	CPL.
SCHABING, L. A.	T/5	SHELLY, L. M.	T/5
GIGLIOTTI, R. J.	P. F. C.	DEFENBAUCH, G. A.	P. F. C.
HOWERY, J.	P. F. C.	Mc CALLUM, M. E.	P. F. C.
BELL, A. J.	P. F. C.	KEPNER, H. C.	P. F. C.
WIBLE, J. R.	P. F. C.	SIMKO, G. J.	P. F. C.
HARRIS, B. R.	P. F. C.	PAPKE, R. A.	P. F. C.
ENGLE, R.	P. F. C.	HYLAND, R. V.	P. F. C.
CASSERINO, R.	PVT.	BROWN, K. V.	PVT.
ESHENKO	PVT.	HAYDEN, W. A.	PVT.
THOMASSON, J.	PVT.		

COMPANY "A." 817 TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION

CAPT. H. VOGEL C. O.
 1ST LT. CROWLEY EX. O.

HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

BRYSON, F.	1 st SGT.	BOUDREAUX, R.	S/SGT.
SPYKSMA, J.	S/SGT.	EDWARDSON, O.	T/SGD.
GROSSMAN, H.	S/SGT.	CRISSMAN, H.	SGT.
SPREEN, F.	T/4	MARZANO, S.	T/4
HAUDER, W.	T/4	SIDES, H.	T/4
WILSON, M.	T/4	THOERIG, T.	T/4
TUCKER, G.	T/4	STUENKEL, E.	C. P. L.
KOHL	CPL.	KAMMERDINER, S.	C. P. L.
BELL, J.	T/5	VENSEL, D.	T/5
BECK, H.	T/5	SHUGART, O.	T/5
TIMM, R.	T/5	BUSKE, C.	T/5
WADE, E.	T/5	FLACCO, T.	P. F. C.
DIVEN, A.	P. F. C.	MINOVICH, S.	P. F. C.
TEDROW, D.	P. F. C.	BERNAHL, E.	P. F. C.

FIRST PLATOON

M—20		M—20	
OBERHOLTZER, R.	1 st LT.	HARDIN	S/SGT.
SIXEAS, A.	SGT.	HUGHES, R.	P. F. C.
CARZSI, A.	P. F. C.	DOUGHERTY, E.	P. F. C.
KUTZNER, W.	P. F. C.	BLAIS, P.	P. F. C.
GENNA, J.	T/5	EARLY, F.	T/5

¼ TON

REINAGEL, M.	CPL.
BARLOW, C.	P. F. C.
HAWKINS, D.	P. F. C.

1st DESTROYER

PESCI, J.	SGT.
GRAY, B.	CPL.
MAC ALLISTER, C.	P. F. C.
RUSSLER, F.	P. F. C.
HESSY, J.	T/5

2nd DESTROYER

MICKELSON, R.	SGT.
OTTERMAN, H.	CPL.
PURVIANCE, R.	P. F. C.
NEWBOULD, R.	P. F. C.
BERGER, H.	T/4

3rd DESTROYER

ALBINI, Y.	SGT.
MAZZOCCO, J.	CPL.
NAPOLEON, F.	P. F. C.
SNYDER, R.	P. F. C.
FRAILEY, H.	T/5

4th DESTROYER

FULLERTON, W.	SGT.
SPANITZ, C.	CPL.
McDONNOUGH, J.	P. F. C.
ZUNAC, M.	PVT.
EVANKOVICH, M.	T/5

SECOND PLATOON

M—20		M—20	
JACOBY	LT.	RUSH	SGT.
FARUGA, S.	SGT.	BUYNY, W.	P. F. C.
KOHLER, D.	P. F. C.	CONWAY, C.	P. F. C.
NEATROUR, W.	P. F. C.	PARKER, C.	P. F. C.
MITCHELL, J.	T/5	TALTON, T. J.	T/5

¼ TON

LASSER, W.	P. F. C.
STRAPAC, A.	P. F. C.
GORE, J.	P. F. C.

1st DESTROYER

RIMLINGER, J.	SGT.
BOWER, A.	CPL.
MANFREDI, L.	P. F. C.
FINKINBINDER, R.	P. F. C.
GIFE, P.	T/4

2nd DESTROYER

COWIE, A.	SGT.
WILES, T.	CPL.
COURTWRIGHT, R.	P. F. C.
BURKINS, J.	P. F. C.
FOLEY, J.	T/5

3rd DESTROYER

OBERDIEAR, T.	SGT.
INNES, J.	CPL.
BETTASO, M.	P. F. C.
CZIAKOWSKI	PVT.
SLEITER, D.	T/5

4th DESTROYER

STOTTLMEYER, C.	SGT.
WAGLE, J.	CPL.
Mc CORMICK, R.	P. F. C.
STUCHELL, M.	P. F. C.
SCOTT, E.	T/4

THIRD PLATOON

M — 20

CLARK, K.	LT.
CRANE, C.	SGT.
PRZYBYLSKI, S.	P. F. C.
MERZWINSKI, M.	T/5

M — 20

DAMOTT, R.	S/SGT.
GOLDINGER, J.	P. F. C.
DULANEY, W.	P. F. C.
SHAFFER, C.	T/5
CLAYTON, J.	P. F. C.

1/4 TON

BURT, D.
BENNETT, K.
MORSE, E.

CPL.
P. F. C.
P. F. C.

1st DESTROYER

OLTMAN, M.	SGT.
RUSAK, J.	CPL.
BELTON, C.	P. F. C.
BITTNER, J.	P. F. C.
GRAY, A.	T/4

2nd DESTROYER

CRIBBS, R.	CPL.
SHOOP, E.	P. F. C.
KISH, R.	P. F. C.
FRANKLIN, H.	P. F. C.
DEBIASIO, S.	T/4

3rd DESTROYER

RYKACESKI, R.	SGT.
SCHMITT, J.	CPL.
RASSAU, J.	PVT.
YOKOM, C.	P. F. C.
VAN DYKE, W.	T/4

4th DESTROYER

EHLY, A.	SGT.
KOTSENAS	CPL.
BAKER	P. F. C.
NICOLUDES, T.	P. F. C.
MAMROS, J.	T/5

COMPANY "B" 817 TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION

CAPT. JOHN J. Mc PHILLIPS

C. O.

2nd LT. CLARENCE M. WICKOREN

EX. O.

HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

CLARK, R. W.	1st SGT.
NYE, J. B.	S/SGT.
HIEGSELKE, R. D.	SGT.
LARUE, W. C.	T/4
MADISON, H.	T/4
WEEKS, J. F.	T/4
RUFF, R. L.	T/4
JUGENHEIMER, O. L.	T/5
SMITH, C. W.	T/5
DUNN, J. J.	T/5
CASSIZO, A. S.	P. F. C.
KUSUPLOS, D. G.	P. F. C.
LANCASTER, H. G.	P. F. C.
MYERS, J. L.	CPL.

PRESCOTT, A. J.	S/SGT.
SKADDEN, G. M.	S/SGT.
STARR, J.	SGT.
LORIGAN, L. C.	T/4
SKALLAND, C. L.	T/4
SPRAGUE, J. F.	T/4
DILL, R. F.	T/4
PARKS, F. O.	T/5
GADE, F. J.	T/5
BUTKUS, A. J.	T/5
CUCULLICH	P. F. C.
HOLLANDSWORTH	P. F. C.
LERCARI, C. C.	CPL.
SNYDER, G. L.	P. F. C.

FIRST PLATOON

GAY, J. W.	1st LT.	FARMER, J. H.	S/SGT.
SAUER, C.	CPL.	GILBERT, A.	CPL.
GAGLIARDO, P.	T/5	HOPKINS, L.	T/5
KOSCIELNIAK, S.	P. F. C.	BARNES, E.	P. F. C.
ABRAMOWITZ, M.	P. F. C.	BERNICKY, A.	P. F. C.

1st DESTROYER

HARGROVE, M.	SGT.
DOWDY, W.	CPL.
HOOVER, B.	T/4
WHITE, A.	P. F. C.
KOEHLER, J.	P. F. C.

2nd DESTROYER

NEWMAN, E.	SGT.
GLASER, J.	CPL.
CUSHMAN, H.	T/5
DOW, J.	P. F. C.
WAHLQUIST, H.	P. F. C.

3rd DESTROYER

LEDGERWOOD, C.	SGT.
ROAKER, B.	CPL.
OVERTURF, J.	T/4
JOHNSON, D.	P. F. C.
JOHNSON, C.	P. F. C.

4th DESTROYER

TEMPLE, W. C.	SGT.
GORT, F.	CPL.
NIEDHAM, B.	T/5
MUSCATO, C.	P. F. C.
WALLACE, J. E.	P. F. C.

SECOND PLATOON

FLOBERG	1st LT.
NAMLSNACK, P.	SGT.
ACKERMAN	T/5
SPENCER	P. F. C.
HOLME	P. F. C.
HUBBARD	P. F. C.
ZIGGER	PVT.

BILLING	S/SGT.
HERMAN	CPL.
CUMMINGS	T/5
YOUNG, O. L.	P. F. C.
BOLT	P. F. C.
WASCIELEWSKI	P. F. C.

1st DESTROYER

WYSOCKI	SGT.
SOWERS	CPL.
BOYD	T/4
HELMKE	P. F. C.
BIEROTH	P. F. C.

2nd DESTROYER

CASTOR	SGT.
GROWE	CPL.
BURKS	T/5
KEMP	P. F. C.
YOUNG, R. C.	P. F. C.

3rd DESTROYER

HERLEHY	SGT.
SMITH	CPL.
RICHMAN	T/4
JOHNSON	P. F. C.
BULLARD	P. F. C.

4th DESTROYER

MROZ	SGT.
QUICK	CPL.
MILLS	T/5
DINARDO	P. F. C.
WILLIAMS	P. F. C.

THIRD PLATOON

GREGOR	1st LT.
ELEY, A.	CPL.
RISSE, F.	T/5
GREEME, A. H.	P. F. C.
MANNING, J. K.	P. F. C.
RYAN, J.	P. F. C.

FERGUSON, J. S.	S/SGT.
WILLIAMS, L.	SGT.
HAWLEY, V. L.	T/5
SLOBODGAIN	P. F. C.
MADING, B. E.	P. F. C.
HARTWIG, F.	P. F. C.

1st DESTROYER

HOLLIDAY, A.	SGT.
JOHNS, R. F.	CPL.
STULTZ, R.	T/4
FREEMAN, J.	P. F. C.
ANTENUCCI, P.	P. F. C.

2nd DESTROYER

PARSON, V.	SGT.
DOCKEY, A.	CPL.
REECE, L.	T/5
THUOTTO, N.	P. F. C.
KOEHLER, R.	P. F. C.

3rd DESTROYER

STEINSHOLT, O.	SGT.
MARSHALL, W.	CPL.
LINDEMANN, R.	T/4
STROUD, C.	PFC.
GERVASI, M.	PFC.

4th DESTROYER

CRANDALL, C.	SGT.
COOPER, R.	CPL.
ANDREASON, L.	T/5
CROTTO, G.	PFC.
DANIEL, H.	PFC.

COMPANY "C" 817 TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION

CAPT. RHONDAL L. BURTON	C. O.
2nd LT. VERNON J. SCHEETS	EX. O.

HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

WICKS, H. D.	S/SGT.	BOECK, F. T.	S/SGT.
HOESTEREY	T/SGT.	LUST, J. A.	S/SGT.
COLLINS, J. D.	SGT.	MATSON, R.	T/4
MARTIN, J. C.	T/4	ROSS, S. S.	T/4
YARRISON, M. D.	T/4	SHAFFER, C. R.	T/4
BITZER, M. A.	T/4	STEPINA, A. J.	T/4
PUTMAN, F. A.	T/4	FORCE, V. L.	T/5
HANSON, F. R.	T/5	WERN, J. E.	T/5
DORAN, J. A.	T/5	GRIEB, P. E.	T/5
YODER, J.	T/5	WILKIN, J. O.	CPL.
BARSTOW, R. H.	CPL.	KNOB, I.	P. F. C.
DIEZ, W. W.	P. F. C.	ROGACKI, S. M.	P. F. C.
ZDROJEWSKI, S.	P. F. C.	BOJNOFF, T. T.	P. F. C.
CARIDEO, A. J.	P. F. C.		

FIRST PLATOON

M — 20	M — 20		
WOODS, F. N.	2nd LT.	REYNOLDS, E. L.	S/SGT.
PHELPS, W. G.	SGT.	PRITCHETT, C. E.	T/5
MORLEY, F. H.	T/5	RILEY, R. J.	P. F. C.
CLARK, C. V.	P. F. C.	COWAN, L. P.	P. F. C.
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McKENNY, C. L.	T/4
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SECOND PLATOON

M — 20	M — 20		
POWELL, M. L.	1st LT.	POWERS, W. H.	S/SGT.
WALKER, P. H.	SGT.	SOBECKY, W.	T/5
SMITH, G. A.	T/5	FRANK, C. E.	P. F. C.
BAKER, H.	P. F. C.	MURRY, H.	P. F. C.
COUPE, J. H.	P. F. C.	VARNER, J. M.	P. F. C.

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1st DESTROYER

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4th DESTROYER

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KRUSCHINSKY, R. T.	CPL.
NALE, R. R.	T/4
DRAGOVICH, G.	P. F. C.
LARAMORE, N.	P. F. C.

THIRD PLATOON

M—20

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HEDRICKS, G. W.	SGT.
CLEMMENSON, E. G.	T/5
QUINN, R. J.	P. F. C.
DEEGAN, D. M.	P. F. C.

M—20

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HALSEY, C. R.	T/5
FEDORKA, J.	P. F. C.
LOWERY, W. E.	P. F. C.
HICKS, N. G.	P. F. C.

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1st DESTROYER

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KEEMAN, J.	CPL.
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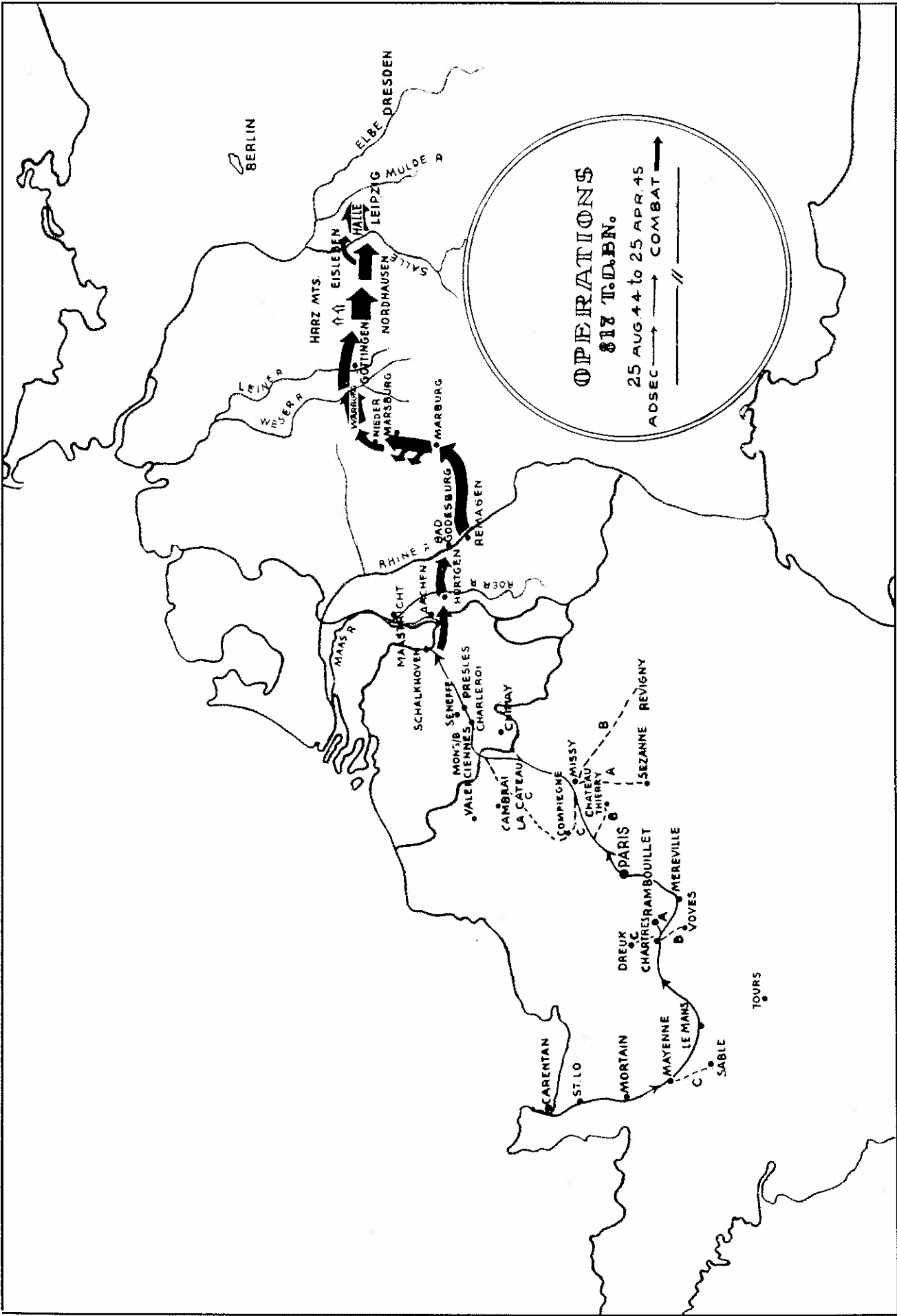
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HEADQUARTERS, 817TH TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION

U. S. Army 28 April, 1945

TO: All Officers and Men of the 817th Tank-Destroyer Battalion

During this week we have marked the passing of our ninth month overseas our eighth month on the continent, and our fifth in the spotlight of combat events in the European Theater of Operations.

When our LSTs opened wide their bows and let down their ramps on Utah Beach in Normandy on the morning of August 25th we little realized what was in store for us as we drove off the ships and onto the beach. But, we were determined to do our best, whatever might be our task, and to have the name of our battalion ranked with those of the best units on the continent. Events have proven that we did not aim too high.

Though attached to the Third Army, our first assignment was to the Advance Section of the Communications Zone, more familiarly known as ADSEC. We immediately made a long motor march, and this was to be the rule rather than the exception while with ADSEC, from the beach to the sector of France just north of the Loire River, where 20,000 Germans still held out. Our route took us thru famous, but battered, St. Lo, Carentan, Vire, south and east through France with "A" Company establishing headquarters at Gorron, "B" Company at Montsurs, "C" Company at Sable, and Headquarters Company and the Battalion Command Post at Mayenne. Each Company was assigned an area within the battalion sector and all men went about their tasks getting the feel of things and acquiring "know-how". Our tasks were numerous and seemingly without limit. We did counter-intelligence (CIC) work; aided the CID (Criminal Investigation Division); established liaison with French and Belgian officials and members of the famous FFI and similar Belgian organizations; counteracted the newly flourishing black market; gathered information on V-1 and V-2 bombs; located vast stores of enemy equipment and ammunition—some of which we had the satisfaction of seeing fired back at him over the tree tops of the Hurtgen Forest; and collected some 44,000 jerricans, left carelessly by other troops along the highways of France and Belgium (How well we can now appreciate, with our Hellecats, the need for conservation and collection of these vital jerricans). All of these tasks were performed in addition to our primary mission, which was to safeguard and secure the lines of communications—involving, of course, train guarding, bridge guarding; patrolling; rounding up of PWs, snipers, and saboteurs; and reconnaissance for new routes.

Our duties with ADSEC took us all over Northern France and most of Belgium, our units setting up, successively as follows: "A" Company

at Gorron, Rambouillet, Sezanne all in France, and Chimay, Belgium; "B" Company at Montsurs, Voves, Chateau Thierry, Revigny, all in France, and finally just west of Mons, Belgium; "C" Company at Sable, Chateaufort, Riquebourg, Le Cateau, all in France, and Seneffe, Belgium; the Battalion CP and Headquarters Company, together with the two Reconnaissance Platoons at Mayenne, Mereville, Missy sur Aisne, and Selles, all in France, and Presles, Belgium. Our general route of advance took us from our initial position on the Normandy beaches south to the area around Mayenne, then east through Le Mans and Chartres. From here we went through Paris and north to Compiègne and Soissons. Further advances took us yet further north through Cambrai and Valenciennes and east into Belgium via Mons and Charleroi. Here our travels with ADSEC ended, for we moved on November 30, from the vicinity of Charleroi to our combat marshalling area at Schalkhoven, in the Flemish part of Belgium, just south of Maastricht, Holland.

Our association with ADSEC at an end, we had been enriched by a knowledge of the vast amount of work that is needed to maintain the battle units, and we had learned to better appreciate the problems of our armies; supply personnel.

We left ADSEC with this tribute from the Commanding General: — "General Plank desires to commend you for the outstanding manner in which your organization has assisted Advance Section in successfully accomplishing its mission. You have represented a substantial contribution to the operations of the Allied Forces in the European Campaign". Now we were ready for the final test of all our long months of training and preparation in the United States and in the United Kingdom. We were ready, and determined, to make our Battalion motto—"Overpowering"—mean something to the enemy.

In the few days at Schalkhoven we refitted and made final efforts to get ourselves and our equipment into tip-top shape for our initial combat operation. When the order for movement into the Hurtgen Forest sector came on December 9th, we were ready. Our battalion moved out in a long, proud column, marching across the Albert Canal, down through Verviers and Eupen, across the dragon's teeth of the Siegfried Line, and into the Hurtgen Forest in the vicinity of Zweifall, Germany.

Our initial combat mission had us attached to the 8th Infantry Division, with the mission of covering all possible tank approaches along its front in the Vossenach-Germeter-Hurtgen-Bergstein-Kleinhau area between the Hurtgen Forest and the Roer River. Under cover of darkness,

and amidst heavy intermittent mortar and artillery fire, the Gun Companies moved into firing positions on the night of December 10-11. By morning all guns were well dug-in and prepared for a determined stand. During the ensuing days all positions were constantly under enemy observation and fire, and our own Reconnaissance platoons established Observation Posts to better the eyes of the Battalion.

When the German offensive in the Ardennes came we were just five miles north of the northern flank of the Bulge. Some changes in positions were necessary to meet changing conditions and on Christmas night, "A" Company readjusted in the Vossenach-Germeter sector, "B" Company assumed responsibility for the Kleinhau sector in addition to Bergstein, and "C" Company moved north to the Gey-Strass area, while Reconnaissance established new OPs directly overlooking the now famous Roer River.

After sixty consecutive days in the lines, with no relief of units at all, the Battalion was finally relieved on February 10th and moved for a short, but welcome rest to Thimister, Belgium. This was not to last long, however, for on February 23rd, we again moved back into Germany.

This time we moved into the freshly taken and long battered Schmidt sector, directly overlooking the Roer River dams, and assumed an indirect fire mission, our first, but one that was accomplished in a superior manner. Here we fired 5920 rounds of 3" HE ammunition before we were again on the move.

On March 2nd we made a long awaited crossing of the Roer River and began our participation in the celebrated advance from the Roer to the world famous Rhine. Unorthodox but effective use of our towed guns by spirited crews here proved that we could use towed guns offensively. We ended our march to the Rhine at Bad Godesburg on March 11th, performing direct and indirect fire missions in this sector.

Leaving Bad Godesburg on the morning of March 15th, we began our movement south to the Remagen bridgehead, where we, the first and only towed Tank Destroyer Battalion to enter the Remagen bridgehead, crossed the Rhine, seven days after seizure of the bridge, and moved directly into the III Corps sector in direct support of the entire Corps sector. We continued to support the bridgehead prior to the breakout, and it was during this period that we received word of our pending conversion to a self-propelled Battalion, armed with the M-18 "Hellecats".

Even while continuing with our towed guns in the line, we started conversion and in a 48 hour period the Battalion was changed to self-propelled and a Reconnaissance Company had been activated. Now we were ready for further, and even more aggressive action.

On March 26th we moved eastward, partially along the famed Autobahn to the Marburg sector. We were still attached to the III Corps at this time, but on the day that the First and Ninth Armies linked up at Lippstadt, closing the Ruhr pocket, we were placed in support of the 104th, or Timberwolf, Division, and we turned north. Immediately following an eighty mile blackout

motor march—the first one as SPs—we entered the fluid lines on the Corps left flank to help stem a threatened breakthrough across the then thin lines. Successfully completing this mission, during which we knocked out our first tank, on April 5th—the first one we had seen—we renewed our advance with the Division to the North and then to the East.

April 7th saw the beginning of the rapid dash from the area of Nieder Marsburg across the Weser and Leine Rivers east to the Saale, and finally to the Mulde River, stopping just short of the Elbe. We were making 25 to 40 miles a day and our headquarters and supply sections were working 24 hours a day to fill the seemingly limitless thirst of our Hellecats for gasoline. We saw the horrors of the German concentration camp at Nordhausen and we pushed on with renewed determination, by-passing the Harz Mountains, but again helping our Division with able flank protection by parts of our unit, while the remainder plunged further eastward.

It was at this time that our Reconnaissance Company as a unit received its baptism of fire and came through with renewed vigor and esprit de corps. As the Harz pocket was gradually cleaned up, all units rejoined the advance to the east. The Battalion PW total was greatly increased during this period—one day's total being 250 for Reconnaissance Company alone.

All of our units pushed to the Saale River, and while the remainder continued to the Mulde River, our "A" Company paused to help clean up the city of Halle Germany's 10th largest.

Our push brought to a voluntary halt we now await contact with our advancing Allies from the East—the victorious warriors of the Red Army. During this time we are refitting and preparing for further action, wherever it may come.

In all its operations the Battalion has displayed great versatility, tremendous energy, limitless initiative, and splendid teamwork. Whether the assignment be the static posts and roving patrols of ADSEC; the everready defense of the Roer sector in the rain and mud, and later ice and snow; or the offensive, first with towed guns, and then SPs; this Battalion has always done a gratifying job and made a splendid name for itself. Never has a sign of lack of courage been displayed, but rather, boldness and aggressiveness have always been the attitude of all members of this organization.

We have been fortunate in our small losses of personnel and our record of having never lost a primary weapon, but, this has been the result, not of fate, but of vigilance and never-ending striving for perfection on our part.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, you men of the 817th can rest assured that we shall all go together in continuance of our great team, and shall maintain our fine record. I feel sure that you, as well as I, are ready to say to anyone: "This unit is on call for any task that may be in store for it—and that task will be well done".

WILLIAM H. BARDES
Lt. Col., 817th T. D. Bn.
Commanding.

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