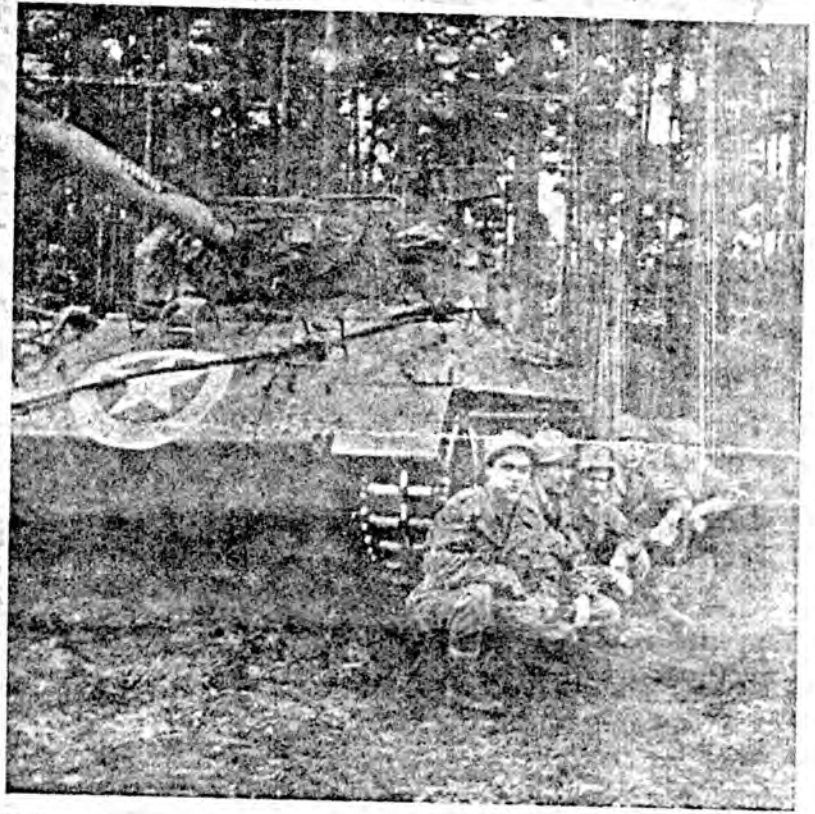


Connie Wins Prize at Shooting Gallery

"It will be just like shooting ducks", said the Lt. to the crew of Connie, "Move up to the crest of the hill and there they are". The motor churned the snow into a miniature whirlwind and the TD started away slowly. "Oh yes, before I forget", hollered the Lt., "These ducks shoot back". His voice died away as the TD picked up speed headed toward the crest of hill, behind which waited seven or eight German tanks. Dismounting about 75 yards from the crest Sgt Wheeler made his way to a forward position to take stock of what was in store for him and his crew. Locating his targets he made his way back and after a few minutes conference with the gunner and driver the TD started to move again. A sudden halt and the first round of 76 was on the way...load...fire...load...fire...each movement of the crew was cut and dried...then the backward motion and the safety of defilade. 4 German tanks that would never again be used in the Ardennes... were burning against the sky...

The TD moved back to the assembly position. "Nothing to it, was there Sgt", queried the Lt. "Easiest thing we ever did sir", came the answer as the TD started off for the rear. "Where are you going now Wheeler?" "Back to Ordnance for a new idler sprocket, sir, those ducks were too damn accurate!"

CHARLIES "CONNIE"



Pictured right: Sgt Cleo B Wheeler Holder of the Silver Star and Bronze Star of Ceres, Calif., Cpl Jose Heredia, Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Nogales, Arizona, T/4 Malcolm Phillips, Bronze Star winner of Gardener, Me., T/5 Phillip Cooke, Bronze Star, Dry Ridge, Ky., Pfc Anton G Kutac, Bronze Star, Louise, Texas.

One time when the inf. both drove a head of us. They left this 30 caliber. This looked Mexican guns you can see when load the tripod mount mounted for the Art. I have

Heredia replaced Russell for this picture.

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The bump is a chew of tobacco. The Col. didn't like it. ^{has to} _{have}

CHEYENNE



Pictured above: Sgt Onel E Deal, Silver Star, Rocky Combort, Mo., Cpl Leo B Edmondson holder of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart of Cassville, Mo., Cpl Joe K Shoopman, Bronze Star, Thermopolis, Wy., Pfc Frank Senkulics, Silver Star and Purple Heart, Corning, N. Y., Pfc Ernest Neuhardt, Bronze Star, Forsyth, Montana.

Damon & Pythias Team Roll Up the Score

Teamwork— — —the essence of perfection. That which makes a fighting army victorious is ably demonstrated by the records of Cheyenne and Connie... 4435 miles... 23 days at Bastogne... 9 tanks apiece... inseparable through nine months of combat... raining death and destruction in a double dose.

The night of January 1st... Bastogne... cold, ice, snow, mortars, artillery, everything present including the Luftwaffe. Everything to make the human body miserable was there the night before the attack. Morning found the sky filled with an arc of travelling shells, a snowstorm in the offing, to say nothing of an apparent tenacious enemy.

The crew of Cheyenne moved out, alert, covering the right flank of the Task Force. When first spotted, the enemy tanks were moving over the hill... Cheyenne halted... fired and kept firing... while her sister destroyer, Connie, opened up on the other side of the ridge. Together they accounted for eight tanks that dreary morning.

In Germany, well equipped for anti-aircraft defense Cheyenne and Connie ran into 16-150 mm ack-ack guns. Lowering the muzzle of this gun makes it the most effective anti-tank weapon ever developed. All morning the two destroyers searched for firing positions... finding them they proceeded on their hit and run mission. First Connie then Cheyenne, taking turns at an individual target... Sixteen guns destroyed... A tribute to the teamwork of two TD's as inseparable as Damon and Pythias.

One of the best fighting teams in the C.T.O. We went through the Siegfried lines not once but twice