

COMMANDING OFFICERS

Since its activation the Battalion has had eight commanding officers. Their names and tenure of command follows:

Major Frederick B. Mann	16 December 41 — 9 February 42
Major Richard L. Kapsa	9 February 42 — 12 March 42
Lt Col Charles H. Reed	12 March 42 — 29 July 42
Major Lee A. Rodgers	29 July 42 — 25 August 42
Lt Col George H. O'Conner	25 August 42 — 25 October 42
Major Meredith C. Engle	25 October 42 — 25 December 42
Lt Col Buhl Moore	25 December 42 — 3 February 43
Lt Col Floyd R. Brisack	3 February 43

. . . . and these have been our homes:

Camp Forrest, Tennessee	16 December 41 — 28 July 42
Camp Hood, Texas	28 July 42 — 30 October 42
Fort Lewis, Washington	30 October 42 — 25 May 43
Yakima, Washington	25 May 43 — 15 June 43
Camp White, Oregon	15 June 43 — 29 July 43
Yakima, Washington	29 July 43 — 23 August 43
Bend, Oregon	23 August 43 — 27 October 43
Fort Lewis, Washington	27 October 43 — 12 January 44
Pilot Knob, California	12 January 44 — 15 March 44
Camp Maxey, Texas	15 March 44 — 13 April 44
Camp Hood, Texas	13 April 44

..... "IN TRIUMPH SHALL WAVE"



Tradition Steep' TD Battalion Flies New Colors

The 633d TD Bn. today flies its battalion standard. The presentation was made by Col. H. J. McChrystal, CO of the 22nd TD Gp. to Lt. Col. F. R. Brisack CO, 633d TD Bn. The 633rd TD Bn. is at present a school troop unit for the TD School.

The 633rd is one of the "Old Guard" tank destroyer battalions; the unit was activated on Dec. 16, 1941. The 33 is a carry over from the famed Illi-

nois 33rd Inf. Div. from which the battalion was formed. The 633rd was formerly a provisional anti-tank battalion of the 33rd Div.

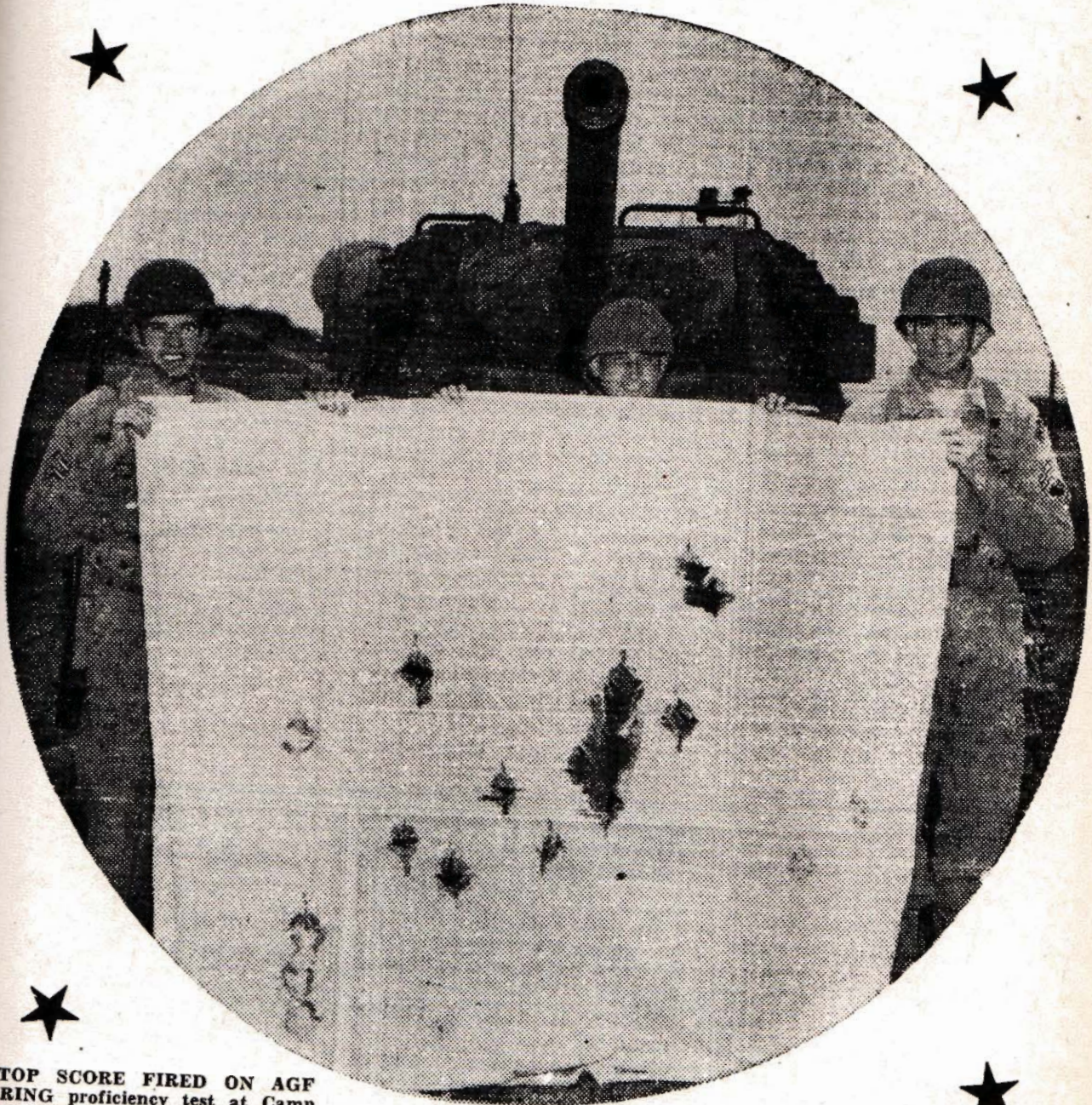
When these provisional anti-tank battalions were formed in 1941, Btrys. G and H and the 1st and 2nd Hq. Btrys. of the 123rd FA Regt. were designated as the 33rd Anti-Tank Prov. Bn. The 123rd FA Regt. was in turn part of the 58th FA Brig. Major O'Brien and 10 per cent of the enlisted men of the present 633rd were with the 123rd FA Regt.

The battle record of the parent organization of the 633rd, the 123rd FA Regt. dates back to the Spanish-American War where the unit added in 1898 to

its distinctive coat-of-arms the ram from the seal of Puerto Rico. In World War I the 123rd received unit citations for its part in three of the five major AEF engagements. These battles were the Muese-Argonne, St. Mihiel and Lucere-Lorraine. The 123rd dates back to the 12th Inf. (1837) which was stationed at Fort Dearborn (Chicago, Ill.)

In November, 1942, the 633rd was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, where by coincidence the 33rd Infantry Division was then stationed. At the time of its activation, the unit was designated as a light tank destroyer battalion. Since then it has been equipped with the M-3 half-track, the M-10 and at present the M-18.

TOPS!



TOP SCORE FIRED ON AGF FIRING proficiency test at Camp Hood was made by these members of the 1st Plt., Co. B, 633rd TD Bn. Sgt. Lyman Litchfield, gun commander; Cpl. Hubert McKnight, gunner, and S-Sgt. Lloyd Greenplate, platoon sergeant, hold the target which their 76 mm shells pierced as it was moving.

Hellcat Goes On Air From Hood Terrain

*"Army Hour" Program
Credits TD Men
And Machines*

Taking a feature part of the coast-to-coast "Army Hour" radio broadcast last Sunday, officers and men of the 633rd TD Bn., and the TD center staged a special demonstration of the new tank destroyer, M-18, known as the Hellcat.

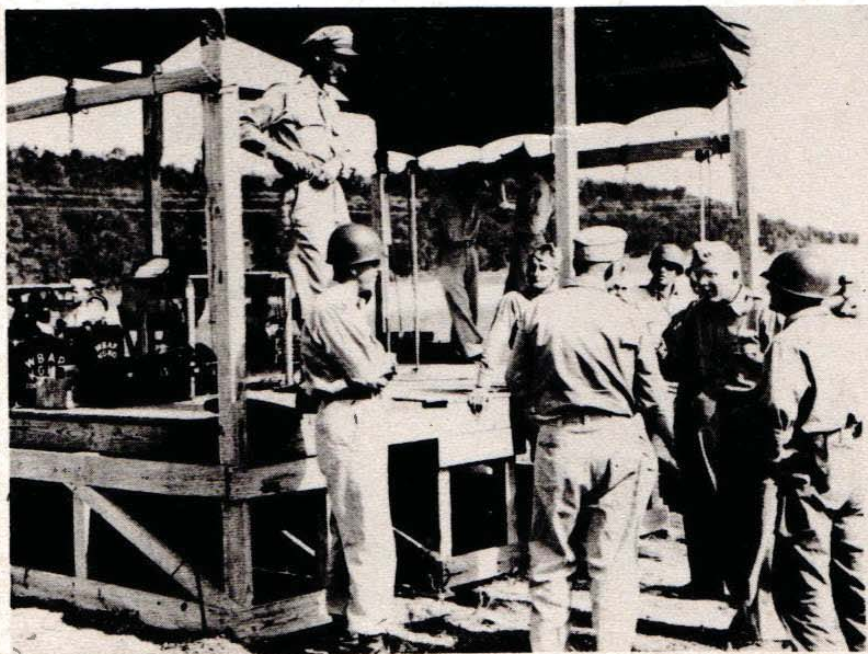
The Hellcat developed here by the TD center has been in on the drives by American troops into Germany, and Sunday's broadcast was a tribute to the fighting qualities of TD men and their weapons.

Firing from Jack Mountain Range, the platoon of M-18s demonstrated the knocking out of enemy tanks and pillboxes. Maj. E. C. Hatfield, TD School, described the actions of the powerful new weapon along with Lt. L. B. Lindquist, WD Bureau of Public Relations, Washington; T-5 Robert Levy, Camp Wolters; T-4 Jack Fish, and Cpl. Ross Hawbaker, both of IRTC.

WHEN WE "TOLD THE WORLD"

Lt. Robert Hartmaier, platoon commander and S-Sgt. Arthur Cox, a TD veteran at Camp Wolters, were also presented on the program. Cox told again some of the characteristics of the Hellcat and talked enthusiastically about the big 76 mm gun.

One of the highlights of the program was the location of a pillbox target by the firing of machine gun tracer bullets and the follow-up in which the guns of the TDs leveled on their targets.



RECEIVING THE SILVER STAR FROM GENERAL MARK CLARK



CAPTAIN H. E. MITCHELL
Battalion S-3

EXTRACTS FROM SPECIAL ORDERS

S. O. No. 4 – 10 January 1942

One hundred and three promotions, including:

To be Staff Sergeants:

Pfc Gale E. Rankin and Pfc Roy E. Wick.

To be Sergeant:

Corp Kieth R. Boote.

To be Corporals:

Pvt Kenneth L. Hirth, Pfc William H. Wepfer, Pfc Lloyd N. Greenplate,
Pfc Doran R. Myers, Pfc Michael F. Liss, Pvt Norman E. Landry and
Pvt Charles F. Lehne.

To be Technicians, Grade V:

Pfc William S. Curry, Pfc Doral W. Miller, Pvt Ream F. Snyder, Pvt Eugene
J. Wojnas and Pvt Clarence P. Jones.

S. O. No. 5 – 15 January 1942

Named a Board of Officers to determine whether or not injuries sustained
by Sgt Maurice E. Engels were the result of his own misconduct.

S. O. No. 7 – 17 January 1942

To be Technician, Grade IV:

Pvt John A. Larson.

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Dewey W. Allen, Pvt Glenn C. Beaver, Pvt Demmon J. Flint, Pvt Robert
A. Hurter, Pvt William B. Fitzgerald and Pvt Merl Kimmel.

S. O. No. 12 – 27 January 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pvt Dee R. Logan.

S. O. No. 16 – 4 February 1942

Pvt Albert J. Wahl reported for duty and assigned to Company "C."

S. O. No. 52 – 23 March 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Thomas P. Wales.

S. O. No. 53 – 28 March 1942

Class "A" Agent Officers for March included:

2d Lt Frank C. Conley, 2d Lt Seth Briggs, 2d Lt Warren E. Edwards and
2d Lt John M. Hinson.

S. O. No. 55 – 1 April 1942

To be Technicians, Grade V:

Pfc Van Dollar, Pvt Paul G. Meier, Pvt George P. Lahey, Pvt Louis P. Russa-
koff, Pvt Harry J. Williams, Pvt Thomas Vickers and Pvt Harm K. Buhr.

- S. O. No. 56 – 4 April 1942**
To be Technicians, Grade V:
Pfc Arthur G. Lohmeyer, Pfc Everett D. Cobb and Pvt Charles E. Mitchell.
- S. O. No. 58 – 7 April 1942**
To be First Sergeant:
Staff Sergeant Eugene C. McKee.
- S. O. No. 66 – 20 April 1942**
T/5 Louis P. Russakoff reduced to grade of Private.
T/5 Thomas A. Vickers reduced to grade of Private.
- S. O. No. 68 – 24 April 1942**
Ninety-four recruits received from FARTC, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
- S. O. No. 75 – 2 May 1942**
Detail for March to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.
- S. O. No. 83 – 16 May 1942**
Detail for March to Columbia, Tennessee.
- S. O. No. 85 – 19 May 1942**
Eighty-six men qualified with rifle, Model 1903.
- S. O. No. 87 – 22 May 1942**
To be Corporal:
Pfc Wilbur Quinn, Pfc John R. Barnes, Pfc Otis E. Bucy and Pfc Clarence V. Baker.
- S. O. No. 88 – 23 May 1942**
Detail for march to Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- S. O. No. 89 – 25 May 1942**
Sgt Jesse C. West is appointed Provost Sergeant for the Battalion.
- S. O. No. 91 – 28 May 1942**
To be Corporals:
Pfc William E. Lockrey and Pfc Carl E. Preiss.
To be Technicians, Grade V:
Pfc John E. Hestand, Pfc Andy J. Rusnak and Pfc Kenneth Johnson.
- S. O. No. 93 – 1 June 1942.**
Sixty-six men qualified with rifle, Model 1903.
- S. O. No. 96 – 11 June 1942**
Eleven recruits received from FARTC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, including Pvs
Charles A. Pearl, Martin J. O'Hara, William A. Poynte, Richard M. Miller
and Raymond L. Salaski.
To be Corporal:
Pfc Lance V. Shockley.

S. O. No. 98 – 13 June 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Frederick G. W. Styles.

S. O. No. 100 – 19 June 1942

To be Corporal:
Pfc Harold R. Vickers.
To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc William E. Stanley and Pvt William W. Bailey.

S. O. No. 101 – 20 June 1942

Outline of "intensive" training program to consist of: "Six-day training week of 40 hours, 8 hours daily except Wednesday and Saturday – 4 hours Wednesday and Saturday." (Those were the days!)

S. O. No. 102 – 22 June 1942

To be Corporal:
Pfc Arthur R. Kinney and Pfc Arthur L. Spears.
To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Carlton S. Champney and Pfc Darrel E. McBride.

S. O. No. 105 – 25 June 1942

Ten men qualified with pistol.

S. O. No. 106 – 26 June 1942

To be Corporals:
Pfc Tony Kaminsky, Pfc Stanley Watson and T/5 Andy Rusnak.

S. O. No. 111 – 8 July 1942

T/5 Thomas A. Vickers reduced to the grade of Private, effective this date.
(Misconduct.)

S. O. No. 112 – 9 July 1942

To be Corporals:
Pfc Thomas W. Carter, Pfc Basil L. Hess and Pfc Fred L. Rossow.

S. O. No. 113 – 10 July 1942

Fourteen recruits received from FARTC, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

S. O. No. 115 – 13 July 1942

Twenty-seven men qualified with Machine Gun, Cal. .30.

S. O. No. 117 – 18 July 1942

Eighteen recruits received from FARTC, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

S. O. No. 118 – 20 July 1942

T/4 Joseph W. Milroy and Cpl William E. Lockrey reduced to grade of privates for misuse of government vehicle.

S. O. No. 119 – 21 July 1942

To be First Sergeant:
Cpl Kenneth L. Hirth.

S. O. No. 123 – 27 July 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Herbert E. Slanker, Pfc Jack J. Dempsey, Pvt Samuel J. Pinta, Pfc James H. Spessard and Pfc Leon Saunders.

To be Corporal:
Pfc Adolph J. Okulewick, Pfc Wilford E. Detrick and Pfc Raymond V. Sears

S. O. No. 125 – 4 August 1942

To be Corporal:
Pvt Charles A. Pearl and Pfc Hayden H. Starcher.

To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Louis P. Russakoff and Pvt Nolan K. Alexander.

S. O. No. 128 – 7 August 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Howard W. Rossow and Pfc James A. Bee.

S. O. No. 129 – 8 August 1942

To be Corporal:
Pvt Paul G. Meier, Pfc Richard H. Scherer and Pfc Edward W. Weakley.
To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Alvin D. Alms, Pfc Wallace L. Baumgardner, Pfc Morris Buchman, Pfc John M. Donauer, Pfc Claude K. Ferrell, Pfc Carthell A. Greenwood, Pfc Ray Harris, Pvt Lawrence R. Harper, Pvt Bernard W. Hicks, Pfc John C. Julian, Pfc Hjalmer H. Lauritzen, Pvt General C. Lovell, Pvt Gerald W. Maye, Pvt Jasper D. Money, Pvt Ralph W. Rice, Pvt Kelly H. Varner and Pfc Albert J. Wahl.

S. O. No. 130 – 10 August 1942

2d Lt Van Daley Nunally reported for duty and assigned to Company "C."
Pvt Robert Gearon transferred from Company "B" to Headquarters Company.

S. O. No. 133 – 17 August 1942

To be Corporal:
Pvt Russell H. Powell.
To be Technician, Grade V:
Pvt Alonzo G. Abernathy, Jr., Pfc Michael S. Franczak, Pfc Leslie L. Jackson, Pfc Bernard L. Loudermilk, Pfc Zalley P. Thompson and Pfc Everette B. Treadway.

S. O. No. 135 – 19 August 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Ralph C. Williams.

S. O. No. 136 – 20 August 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc John P. Kemp, Pfc Richard J. Wert, Pfc Orville L. Olstad, Pvt Jesse C. West and Pvt Raymond G. Sarver.

S. O. No. 137 – 21 August 1942

To be Corporal:

Pvt William A. Poynte and Pvt Martin J. O'Hara.

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Simon J. Fellin, Pfc Clifford Simmons, Pvt Robert F. Garrett, Pvt William E. Lockrey, Pvt James A. Bond, Pfc Glenn Fraley, Pvt Charles Gayler, Pvt Henry N. Deatherage, Pfc Everette Castle, Pfc James B. Kesler, Pfc Dan W. Fitts, Pfc John Holeman, Pfc Robert Fleming, Pvt Mike Hines and Pfc James B. Avis.

S. O. No. 138 – 24 August 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc John Iovite.

S. O. No. 139 – 25 August 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pvt Julih R. Bostic.

Reduced to Private at his own request:

Cpl Dale M. Orwig.

S. O. No. 140 – 26 August 1942

Seventeen men qualified with rifle, Model 1903.

S. O. No. 146 – 4 September 1942

To be Technician, Grade IV:

Pvt Thomas A. Vickers.

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Ersel G. Bee and Pfc Hester A. Long.

S. O. No. 148 – 9 September 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Edwin M. Kitts and Pfc William L. White.

S. O. No. 151 – 14 September 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Acie H. Bryant.

S. O. No. 152 – 15 September 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Wesley Staples, Pvt Joseph J. Sadler and Pvt William C. Walker.

To be Technician, Grade IV:

Pfc Robert J. Gearon.

S. O. No. 153 – 16 September 1942

To be Corporal:

Pfc Herbert E. Caldwell, Pfc Carl D. Livesay and Pvt Jesse J. Osborne.

S. O. No. 158 – 22 September 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Smith Elam, Pfc John Dub and Pfc Daniel J. Bran.

S. O. No. 161 – 26 September 1942

To be Corporal:

Pfc Frank Dalbey and Pfc Berwyn E. Stach.

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Delmar E. Hendren, Pfc Benjamin Phillips and Pfc Dennis R. Smith.

S. O. No. 162 – 29 September 1942

To be Corporal:

Pfc Joseph W. Hickman.

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Aunley C. Robinson, Pfc Carl L. Long, Pfc Harvey B. McArthur, Pfc James F. Bonds, Pvt Leon J. Barfell, Pvt James E. Martin, Pvt Norman W. Bourdon and Pfc Dennis W. Cole.

S. O. No. 163 – 30 September 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:

Pfc Charles M. MacMillan and Pfc Dale M. Orwig.

S. O. No. 167 – 8 October 1942

The following men detailed to T.D.O.C.S.:

S/Sgt Harold G. Dutton, S/Sgt James N. Bricker, S/Sgt Virgil R. Knutson,
S/Sgt Lawrence A. Carr, T/4 Edward E. Lupro, Cpl Earl W. Jones, Cpl
Kenneth J. Reddick, Cpl Gage B. Waldren.

S. O. No. 171 – 14 October 1942

To be Corporal:

Pfc Earle L. Rudolph.

S. O. No. 173 – 21 October 1942

To be Staff Sergeant:

Pfc Raymond L. Salaski.

S. O. No. 175 – 23 October 1942

Authorization of award of American Defense Service Medal to 13 Officers
and 161 Enlisted Men of this Battalion.

S. O. No. 21 – 11 February 1942

To be Technician, Grade IV:

Pvt Ralph Dowers.

The following men reported for duty and were assigned to Headquarters
Company:

Pfc Joseph W. Milroy and Pfc Harn K. Buhr.

S. O. No. 22 – 12 February 1942

The following Officers reported and assigned duty:
2d Lt Frank C. Conley and 2d Lt John M. Hinson.

S. O. No. 36 – 4 March 1942

Directed 5 Officers and 220 Enlisted Men make a motor march to Huntsville, Alabama.

S. O. No. 37 – 6 March 1942

To be Technician, Grade V:
Pfc Joseph H. Milroy, Pvt Roland E. Salm and Pfc Merrill V. Griffin.

S. O. No. 43 – 12 March 1942

2d Lt Warren E. Edwards appointed Investigating Officer.

S. O. No. 47 – 17 March 1942

Detail of five Officers and seventy-seven Enlisted Men to form cadre for 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

S. O. No. 48 – 18 March 1942

Two hundred and eighty-two recruits received from Reception Center, Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

S. O. No. 50 – 20 March 1942

To be Corporals:
Pfc Raymond H. Redmer and Pfc Louis D. Grahl.

S. O. No. 177 – 26 October 1942

Authorization of award of American Defense Service Medal to four Officers and 114 Enlisted Men of this Battalion.

S. O. No. 180 – 30 October 1942

Detail of advance party for move of Battalion to Fort Lewis, Washington: Party in charge of 1st Lt Seth Briggs and Sgt Louis P. Russakoff.

S. O. No. 186 – 14 November 1942

The following men detailed to T.D.O.C.S.:
S/Sgt Delbar A. Harper, S/Sgt Roland E. Hassenboehler, Sgt Clarence P. Jones, Sgt Vilas G. Curtis, T/5 Kenneth G. Beach and Pfc Jack Mitchell.

S. O. No. 187 – 16 November 1942

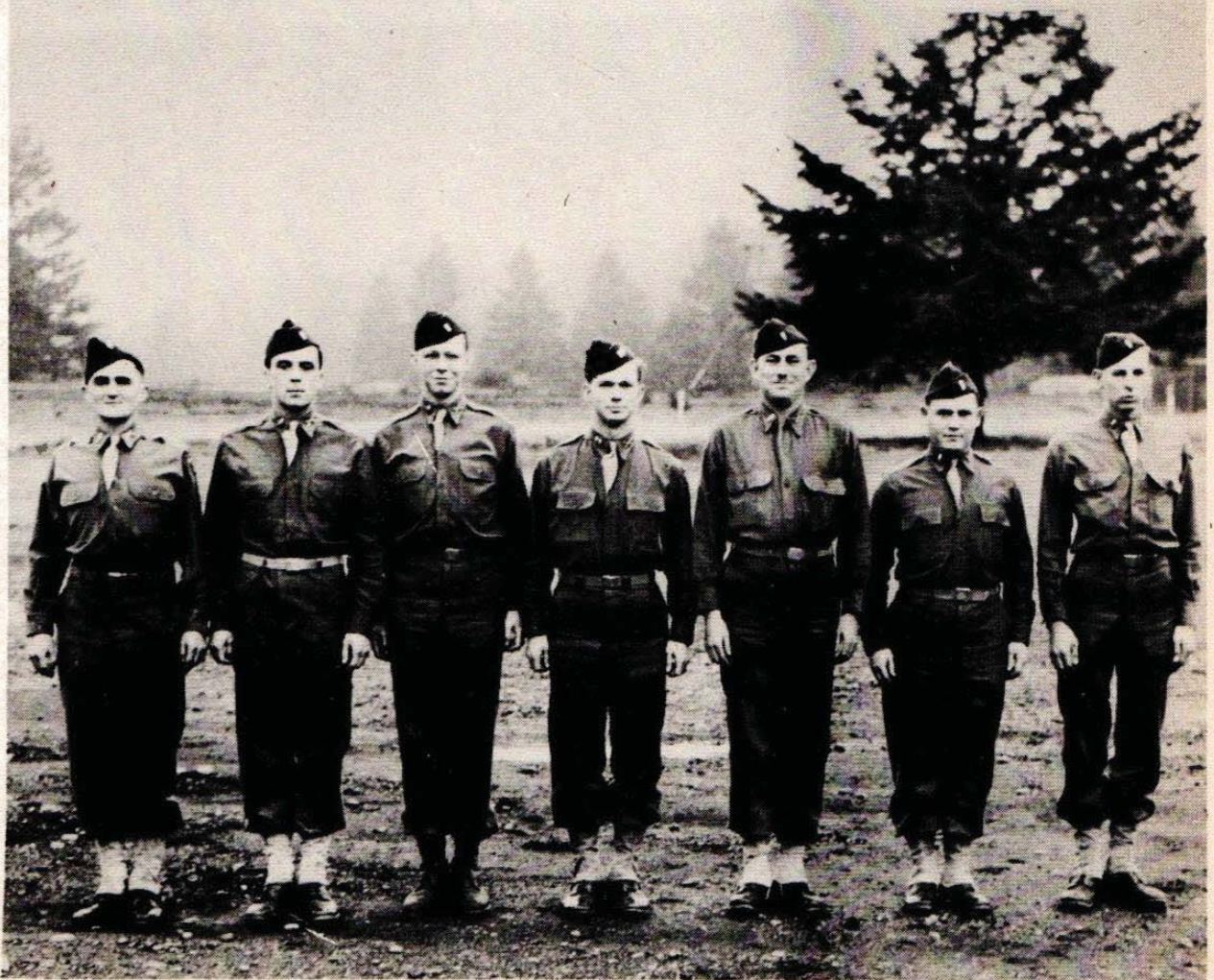
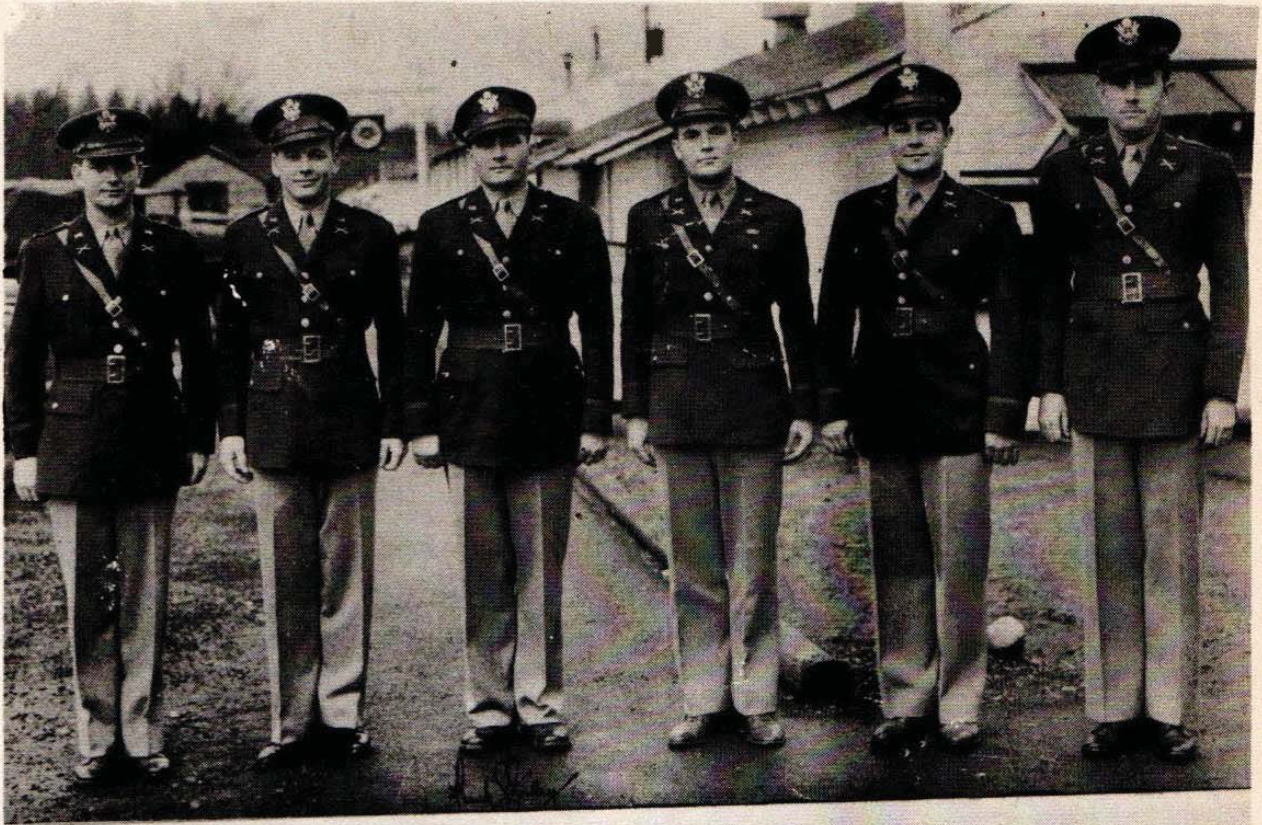
At his own request S/Sgt Russell D. Fletcher, Medial Detachment, reduced to grade of Private and transferred to Headquarters Company.
T/4 Robert T. Gearon reduced to grade of Private for misconduct.

S. O. No. 190 – 20 November 1942

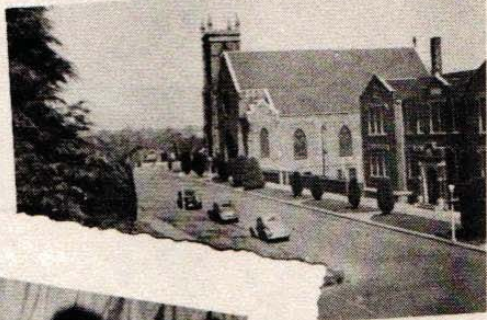
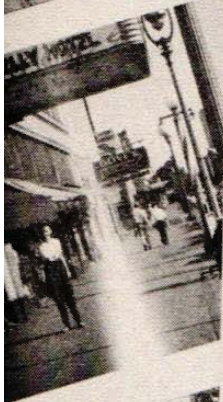
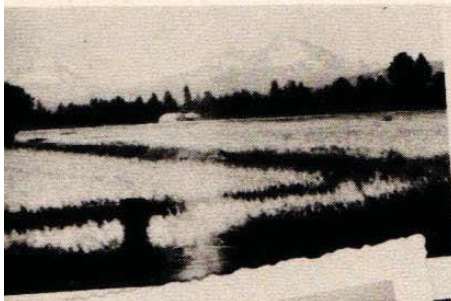
2d Lt Van D. Nunally appointed Defense Counsel of Special Court Martial.

S. O. No. 195 – 27 November 1942

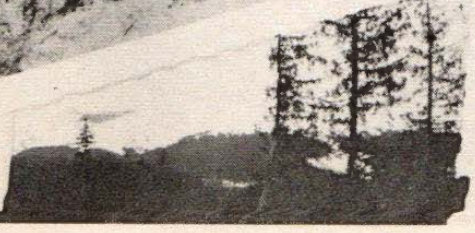
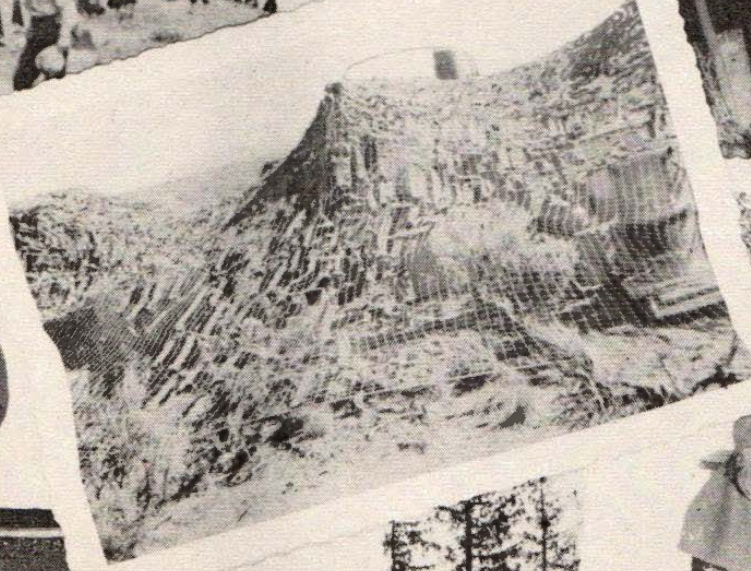
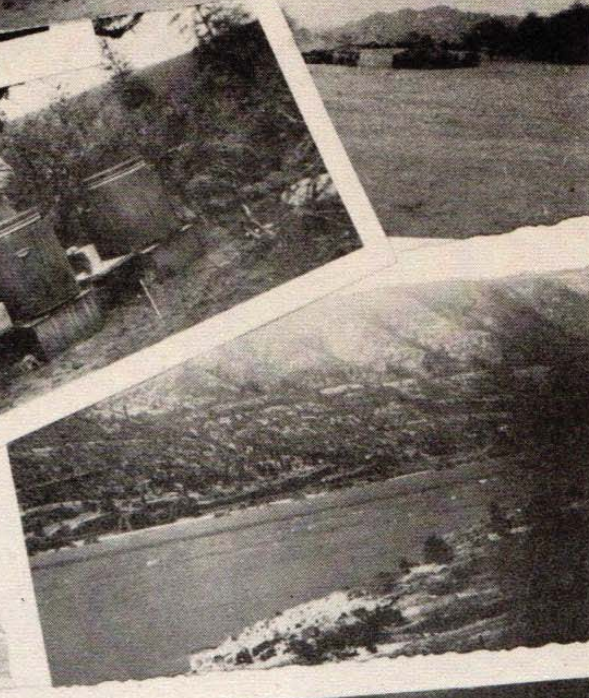
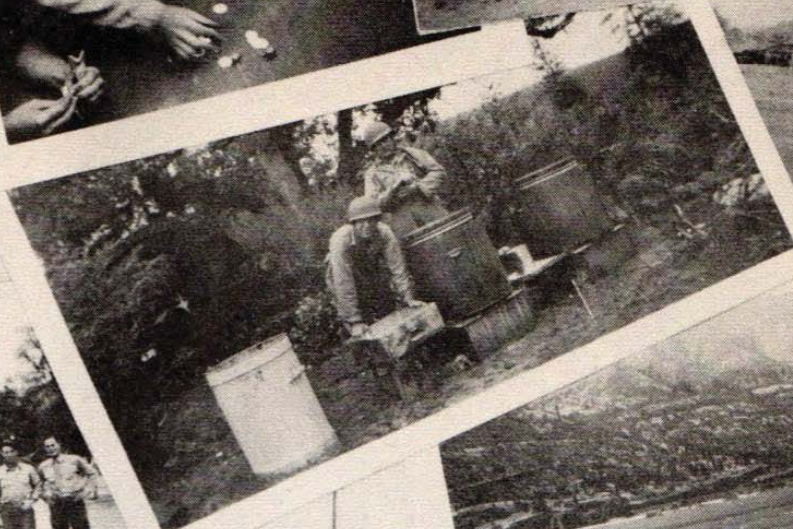
Authorization of award of Qualified Drivers and Mechanics badges to 35 Drivers and 5 Mechanics.













P417 - TALLEST TOTEM POLE IN THE WORLD -

