

FFR 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945

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1. COMMANDING OFFICER, SAMUEL S. MORSE, Lt-Col, FA.

2. STRENGTH, Commissioned and enlisted:

a. At beginning of period
1 January 1945

OFFICERS
33 - 2 WO's

ENLISTED MEN
723

b. Increase for month of January 1945

OFFICERS
0

ENLISTED MEN
17

(1) Officers joined for month of January 1945: - - - None.

c. Decrease for month of January 1945

OFFICERS
0

ENLISTED MEN
19

d. Officers Promotion for month of January 1945: - - - None.

e. Total strength at end of period:

OFFICERS
33 - 2 WO's

ENLISTED MEN
721

3. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit:

DATE OF ARRIVAL

24 November 1944

STATION

Eschweiler, Germany

DATE OF DEPARTURE

- - - - -

4. Marches: None.

5. Campaigns:

- (1) Name of - Germany Campaign (Aachen sector)
- (2) Duration - From 9 November 1944 to - - - -
- (3) Purpose - To capture the city of Cologne, Germany.
- (4) Authority - Telegram, COMMANDING GENERAL, ETOUSA, PCS to 9th U. S. Army, per ltr Headquarters 13th Army Gp, dated 24 December 1944.

6. Battles:

- (1) Name of - Battle to capture Cologne, Germany.
- (2) Place - Germany, west of Rhine River, Aachen sector, west of Roer River.
- (3) Date - From 9 November 1944 to - - - - -
- (4) Campaign - Germany Campaign.
- (5) Forces engaged - 9th & 1st U. S. Armies, 104th Infantry Division, with attached troops, including the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion.
- (6) Results - The German counter attack of 16 December 1944 in the Ardennes held up our advance toward Cologne. The fighting for the entire month of January was defensive. Our holding positions along the west bank the River Roer were consolidated and improved. Numerous artillery duels and patrol clashes were only contact made with the enemy.

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7. Commanding Officer - An important Engagement:

Battalion Commander - SAMUEL S. MORSE, Lt-Col
"A" Company Commander - WILLIAM T. McQUADE, Capt
"B" Company Commander - JOHN H. WEST, Capt
"C" Company Commander - DELBERT M. HARPER, 1st Lt
"HQ" Company Commander - JOSEPH F. ZILMAN, Capt

8. Losses in Action, Officers and Enlisted men:

(1) Engagement between Eschweiler & Roer River, Germany:

KILLED
None

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private Daniel B. Foster, 35654256, FA - In the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, 6 January 1945.

WOUNDED

Private Howard F. Doucette, 32903716, FA - In the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, 6 January 1945.

Private First Class Frederick I. Beanie, 33498278, FA - In the vicinity of Lamersdorf, Germany, 20 January 1945.

Private Paul L. Johnson, 35648676, FA - In the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, 20 January 1945.

Private Arthur G. Myers, 6999139, FA - In the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany, 22 January 1945.

Technician Grade Four Harold Tedeschi, 32390264, FA - In the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany, 27 January 1945.

Technician Grade Five Clarence Duell, 3228966, FA - In the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany, 30 January 1945.

DECEASED

Sergeant James W. Pearce, 35793258, FA - Died of pneumonia, Germany, 11 January 1945.

MISSING
None

TAKEN PRISONER
None

9. The following awards have been made to former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action during the month of January 1945:

(1) SILVER STAR:

Sergeant James W. Pearce, 35793258, FA, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany on 2 December 1944 - per GO #23, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 23 January 1945.

(2) BRONZE STAR

2ND LT GREGORY F. DAALMANN, 01825400, (Posthumous award), Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 11 November 1944 - per GO #31, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 31 January 1945.

Sergeant Charles E. Settar, 32265039, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 to 20 November 1944 - per GO #27, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 27 January 1945.

Technician Grade Five Theodore F. Paradows, 39251588, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944 - per GO #27, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 27 January 1945.

Private First Class Vernon J. Christy, 39390418, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944 - per GO #27, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 27 January 1945.

Private First Class Eugene E. Gunn, 19186368, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 December 1944 - per GO #27, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 27 January 1945.

Sergeant John T. Morton, 34663661, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 16 to 20 November 1944 - per GO #25, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 25 January 1945.

Sergeant Roger M. Sellers, 35723392, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944 - per GO #23, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 23 January 1945.

Corporal Robert M. Flagg, 31168782, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944 - per GO #23, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 23 January 1945.

Technician Grade Five James D. Nothstein, 13096574, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944 - per GO #23, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 23 January 1945.

Private Homer L. Gaumer, 16074612, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 December 1944 - per GO #23, Hq, 104th Inf. Div., dated 23 January 1945.

(3) PURPLE HEART

First Sergeant David J. Eckstein, 32263928, Company "A", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Langerwehe, Germany, on 2 January 1945.

Private First Class Kenneth Richardson, 35793507, Company "C", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, on 7 January 1945.

Private Forest E. Gates, 35794881, Company "B", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Lamerdorf, Germany, on 1 January 1945.

2ND LT JOHN R. WHAM, 01821563, Headquarters, any, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Belgium on 27 December 1944.

Sergeant Victor J. Murauskos, 32402250, Company "C", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, on 16 December 1944.

Corporal Dominic A. Radice, 32430075, Company "C", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, on 20 January 1945.

Private First Class Marcel R. Jutras, 31320080, Company "C", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, on 20 January 1945.

Private First Class Bruce R. Morton, 32733587, Company "E", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Schlich, Germany, on 20 January 1945.

Sergeant James E. Smiley, 33157600, Company "B", for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Lanersdorf, Germany, on 21 January 1945.

(4) CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: The following EM have been awarded the Certificate of Merit on 18 January 1945: In recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in connection with military operations in Germany.

Sgt Laurence L. Brandon	35901177	Company "A"
Pfc Jesse E. Brown	34178849	"A"
Pfc Charles J. Grzebielski	3674394	"A"
Pfc Harkard E. Mackey	34601112	"A"
Pfc Earl G. Kilpatrick	384307	"A"
Pvt Leonard F. Stone	35624151	"A"
Pvt Thomas C. Bower	36445453	"A"
Pvt Optima LeBlanc Jr.	38379130	"A"

*Citations and orders attached -

10. PHOTOGRAPHS of Personnel, important scenes or events are attached.

*After action report follows:

PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 1945 TO 28 FEBRUARY 1945

1. COMMANDING OFFICER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL S. MORSE, PA.

2. STRENGTH, Commissioned and enlisted:

a. At beginning of period 1 February 1945	<u>OFFICERS</u> 33	<u>WO'S</u> 2	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u> 723
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b. Increase for month of February:	<u>OFFICERS</u> 4	<u>WO'S</u> 0	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u> 9
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(1) Officers joined for month of February:

2ND LT DONALD E. GORDON, 01824454, AUS
2ND LT JACK H. NATHANAY, 01825672, AUS
2ND LT JOSEPH B. CAIN JR, 02005649, PA
2ND LT FRANCOIS L. YOST, 02005636, PA.

c. Decrease for month of February:	<u>OFFICERS</u> 1	<u>WO'S</u> 1	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u> 123
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d. Officers Promotion for month of February 1945:

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Commissioner. It was
made the Battalion
Adjutant.*

CWO JOSEPH B. CAIN JR to 2nd Lt. Pers O.
T sgt Francis L. Yost to 2nd Lt. Ln. O.

e. Total strength at end of period:	<u>OFFICERS</u> 36	<u>WO'S</u> 1	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u> 607
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3. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit:

<u>DATE OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
24 November 1944	Eschweiler, Germany	21 February 1945
21 February 1945	Derichsweiler, Germany	25 February 1945
25 February 1945	Duren, Germany	27 February 1945
27 February 1945	Buir, Germany	-----

Marches:

21 February 1945 departed Eschweiler, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Derichsweiler, Germany. Arrived destination, Derichsweiler, Germany, 21 February 1945.

25 February 1945 departed Derichsweiler, Germany, 21 February 1945 for TCS to Duren, Germany. Arrived destination, Duren, Germany, 25 February 1945.

27 February 1945 departed Duren, Germany, by motor convoy, for TCS to Buir, Germany. Arrived destination Buir, Germany, 27 February 1945.

5. Campaigns:

- (1) Name of - Germany Campaign (Duren Cologne sector)
- (2) Duration - From 9 November 1944 to - - - - -
- (3) Purpose - To capture the city of Cologne, Germany.
- (4) Authority - Par 2, Troop Assignment No. 30, Headquarters 12th Army Group, dated 5 February 1945, assigning 692d TD Bn to First United States Army, effective 3 February.

6. Battles:

- (1) Name of - Battle to capture Cologne, Germany.
- (2) Place - Germany, west of Urft River, Aachen Sector, East of Roer River.
- (3) Date - From 9 November 1944 to - - - - -
- (4) Campaign - Germany Campaign.
- (5) Forces engaged - 9th and 1st U. S. Armies, 104th Inf Div, with attached troops, including 692d TD Bn.
- (6) Results - The following towns were captured:

Duren	Birkesdorf	Eilen
Huesen-stammeln	Arnoldsweller	Morschenich
Morschenich	Golsheim	Buir
Blatzheim	Manheim	Sindorf
Bergerhausen		

(7) Summary:

The 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed) was reorganized and redesignated 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self-Propelled) on the 7 February 1945 by authority contained in General Orders No. 34, Headquarters, Ninth United States Army, 6 February 1945. The actual change to Self-Propelled was on the 9th of February 1945 when the Reconnaissance Company was activated by General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, 8 February 1945. Captain Joseph F. Sillman was assigned as Reconnaissance Company Commander and the enlisted men were transferred to Reconnaissance Company in groups from companies as indicated:

Headquarters Company	-	48
"A" Company	-	14
"B" Company	-	34
"C" Company	-	19
total		115

As a towed Tank Destroyer Battalion, our weapon was a 3" gun (towed) by a half track. Upon being converted to self-propelled, our weapon was the M36 a carriage, mounting a 90 MM high velocity gun. The entire battalion was enthusiastic over the change, being that this organization was formerly self-propelled with the gun carriage M10 mounting a 3" gun. The change was accomplished well within the ~~minimum time~~ allowed; however, due to combat conditions, all of the equipment could ~~not~~ be obtained immediately. All M36 were operational for the crossing of the Roer River on the 22nd of February. When the first Bailey Bridge was completed at the northern end of Birkesdorf on 23rd of February, Lt Lemmers of "B" Company led his platoon of TDs across the River. At the end of the month, the battle on the Cologne Plains had reached to the Urft River.

7. Commanding Officer in important engagements:

Battalion Commander -	Lt-Col SAMUEL S. MORSE
Headquarters Commander	Capt JOSEPH F. ZILMAN (until 9 Feb 45)
	1st Lt DELBERT M. HARPER (from 9 Feb 45)
Reconnaissance Company	Capt JOSEPH F. ZILMAN (from 9 Feb 45)
"A" Company Commander	Capt WILLIAM T. McQUADE
"B" Company Commander	Capt JOHN H. WEST
"C" Company Commander	1st Lt DELBERT M. HARPER (until 9 Feb 45)
	1st Lt RALPH FLOREA (from 9 Feb 45)

8. Losses in Action, Officer and enlisted men:

(1) Engagement between Eschweiler and West of Rhine River, Germany:

KILLED

Private First Class Eugene L. Albert, 36445483, In the vicinity of Birkesdorf, Germany, on 26 February 1945.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Sergeant Arthur B. VanTayl, 33013551, died 26 February 1945 of wounds received in the vicinity of Birkesdorf, Germany, on 25 February 1945.

Corporal Dominic A. Radice, 36518843, In the vicinity of Birkesdorf, Germany, February 1945.

WOUNDED

Corporal Thomas E. Bower, 36445453, In the vicinity of Derichsweller, Germany, 21 February 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony C. Bielenberf, 39317340, in the vicinity of Merken, Germany, 22 February 1945.

Sergeant Richard L. Gearhart, 12062052, In the vicinity of Hoven, Germany, 22 February 1945.

Private Andrew Marussich, 32689936, In the vicinity of Hoven, Germany, 23 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant Andrew J. Ortiz, 32182970, In the vicinity of Birkesdorf, Germany 25 February 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade William E. White, 15012577, In the vicinity of Birkesdorf, Germany, 25 February 1945.

Corporal Raymond Rogers, 36518843, In the vicinity of Morschenich, Germany, 26 February 1945.

DECEASED

None

MISSING

None

TAKEN PRISONER

None

9. The following awards have been made to former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action during the month of February:

(1) Bronze Star:

(Par 9, Bronze Star Medal Cont'd)

Corporal Andrew Chubinsky, 32737678, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 November 1944 per GO #32, Hq 104th Inf Div, 1 February 1945.

Sergeant Alpha C. McDonald, 35025714, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 November 1944 per GO #32, Hq 104th Inf Div, 1 February 1945.

1ST LT RALPH FLORES, 01822767, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 18 November 1944 - per GO #32, Hq 104th Inf Div, 1 February 1945.

1ST LT ROY E. WELBOURN, 01821795, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 November 1944 to 4 December 1944 - per GO #35, Hq 104th Inf Div, 4 February 1945.

Sergeant George E. Sutherland, 35425417, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 13 December 1944, 1ST LT ROY E. WELBOURN, 01821795, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 November 1944 per GO #36, Hq 104th Inf Div, 5 February 1945.

Sergeant Winifred E. Hoops, 36326507, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 9 November 1944 per GO #46, Hq 104th Inf Div, 15 February 1945.

1ST LT GORDON L. CHUSE, 01822776, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 15 February 1945 - per GO #46, Hq 104th Inf Div, 15 February 1945.

Technical Sergeant Arthur Lewis, 32298788, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for meritorious service from 28 October 1944 to 8 February 1945 in Germany - per GO #51, Hq 104th Inf Div, 19 February 1945.

PURPLE HEART:

Technician Fifth Grade Edward H. Luebeck, 36827257, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Lamersdorf, Germany, 5 February 1945.

Corporal Ernest E. Simmons, 36257733, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Derichsweiler, Germany, on 15 February 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade George Nichols, 33210212, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, on 17 February.

Corporal Raymond Rogers, 36518843, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, on 18 February 1945.

Private Earl W. Zimmer, 36879870, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Eschweiler, Germany, on 18 February 1945.

Private First Class Clement M. Sowl, 36810664, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Merken, Germany, on 21 February 1945.

Private First Class Melford J. Wright, 34601580, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Merken, Germany on 23 February 1945.

Private First Class Melvin C. Wille, 36299452, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Birkesdorf, Germany, on 25 February 1945.

(Par 9, Purple Heart, Cont'd)

Private First Class Eugene J. Ecker, 32817008, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Birkesdorf, Germany, on 25 February 1945.

Private Orville J. Martin, 35400337, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Buir, Germany on 27 February 1945.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:—The following EM have been awarded the Certificate of Merit during the month of February 1945, in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in connection with military operations in Germany:

Name	A. S. N.	Company
Pvt. Edward F. Helden	42036780	A
Cpl. James W. Pierce	31300837	B
Cpl. William T. McArn Jr	34603015	B
T/5 Frank J. Arbusto	32726118	B
T/5 Robert J. Erdman	39855018	B
Pfc John C. Whitley	35654467	B
Pfc Jack K. Gray Jr	34663493	B
Pfc Robert M. Killgore Jr	34338111	B
Pfc Clement M. Sowl	36810664	B
Pfc John R. Reitmeyer	37335001	B
Pfc Edward J. Zaliagiris	36853024	B
Pvt Glen R. Isenberg	35698817	B
Pvt Herbert B. Bernstein	13081048	B
Pvt Daniel J. Graniera	32726483	B
Pvt Carlos S. Rice	20516459	B
Pvt Gerald Lafleur	31291022	B
Pvt Raymond J. Goulet	36292565	B
Pfc Auvil S. Grady	39189417	B
Pfc David Smith	34601567	B

PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 1945 TO 30 APRIL 1945

1. Commanding Officer: LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL S. MORSE, PA.

2. STRENGTH - Commissioned and enlisted:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
a. At begining of period 1 April 1945 - - - -	32	1	594
b. Increase for month of April	4	0	26

(1) Officers joined for month of April:

CAPT GILFORD W. WHITE	01825455	PA	Bn S-4
1ST LT FLAMINO J. RISPOLI	01821769	INF	Plat Ldr.
2ND LT WILFORD L. SIDEBOTTOM	02006535	PA	Ex. O.
2ND LT WALTER A. SUSTEK	02011773	PA	Plat Ldr.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
c. Decrease for month of April	3	0	36

d. Officers promotions for month of April:

1ST LT WILLIAM J. ARMON, 0422519, PA to CAPT
 1ST LT RALPH FLOREA, 01822787, PA to CAPT
 1ST LT DELBERT M. HARPER, 01823867, PA, to CAPT
 1ST LT ROY E. WELBOURN, 01821795, INF, to CAPT
 2ND LT SAM I. GOLDBERG, 01825194, PA, to 1ST LT
 2ND LT JACK H. HATHAWAY, 01825672, PA, to 1ST LT
 2ND LT DONALD E. GORDON, 01824454, PA, to 1ST LT
 2ND LT STANTON M. LAMMERS, 01825478, PA, to 1ST LT

*These are battlefied
commissions.*

1st Sgt Wilford L. Sidebottom Aptd 2ND LT, PA
 S Sgt Walter A. Sustek Aptd 2ND LT, PA.

e. Total strength at end of period:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
33	1	584

3. STATIONS (permanent or temporary of unit):

<u>DATE OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
30 Mar 45	Viernheim, Germany	1 Apr 45
1 Apr 45	Weilbach, Germany	2 Apr 45
2 Apr 45	Reicholzheim, Germany	4 Apr 45
4 Apr 45	Hochberg, Germany	9 Apr 45
9 Apr 45	Dettelbach, Germany	10 Apr 45
10 Apr 45	Werneck, Germany	14 Apr 45
14 Apr 45	Marktstett, Germany	15 Apr 45
15 Apr 45	Scheinfeld, Germany	16 Apr 45
16 Apr 45	Neustadt, Germany	17 Apr 45
17 Apr 45	Seukendorf, Germany	18 Apr 45
18 Apr 45	Furberg, Germany	21 Apr 45

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IN ONE TOWN*

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3. STATIONS (Cont'd)

<u>DATE OF ARRIVAL</u>		<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
21 Apr 45	OR ONE OF THESE	Heilsbronn, Germany	23 Apr 45
23 Apr 45		Gunzenhausen, Germany	24 Apr 45
24 Apr 45		Ostheim, Germany	26 Apr 45
26 Apr 45		Berg, Germany	28 Apr 45
28 Apr 45		Hemerten, Germany	29 Apr 45
29 Apr 45		Odelshausen, Germany	30 Apr 45
30 Apr 45		Munchen, Germany	- - - -

4. Marches:

- a. 1 April 1945 departed Viernheim, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Weilbach, Germany. Arrived destination, Weilbach, Germany, 1 April 1945.
- b. 2 April 1945 departed Weilbach, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Reicholsheim, Germany. Arrived destination, Reicholsheim, Germany, 2 April 1945.
- c. 4 April 1945 departed Reicholsheim, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Hochberg, Germany. Arrived destination, Hochberg, Germany, 4 April 1945.
- d. 9 April 1945 departed Hochberg, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Dettelbach, Germany. Arrived destination, Dettelbach, Germany, 9 April 1945.
- e. 10 April 1945 departed Dettelbach, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Werneck, Germany. Arrived destination, Werneck, Germany, 10 April 1945.
- f. 14 April 1945 departed Werneck, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Markstett, Germany. Arrived destination, Markstett, Germany, 14 April 1945.
- g. 15 April 1945 departed Markstett, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Scheinfeld, Germany. Arrived destination, Scheinfeld, Germany, 15 April 1945.
- h. 16 April 1945 departed Scheinfeld, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Neustadt, Germany. Arrived destination, Neustadt, Germany, 16 April 1945.
- i. 17 April 1945 departed Neustadt, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Seukendorf, Germany. Arrived Seukendorf, Germany, 17 April 1945.
- j. 18 April 1945 departed Seukendorf, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Furberg, Germany, 18 April 1945. Arrived destination, Furberg, Germany, 18 April 1945.
- k. 21 April 1945 departed Furberg, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Heilsbronn, Germany. Arrived destination, Heilsbronn, Germany, 21 April 1945.
- l. 23 April 1945 departed Heilsbronn, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Gunzenhausen, Germany. Arrived destination, Gunzenhausen, Germany, 23 April 1945.
- m. 24 April 1945 departed Gunzenhausen, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Ostheim, Germany. Arrived destination, Ostheim, Germany, 24 April 1945.
- n. 26 April 1945 departed Ostheim, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Berg, Germany. Arrived destination, Berg, Germany, 26 April 1945.

4. Marches (Cont'd)

- o. 28 April 1945 departed Berg, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Hemerten, Germany. Arrived destination, Hemerten, Germany, 28 April 1945.
- p. 29 April 1945 departed Hemerten, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Odelshausen, Germany. Arrived destination, Odelshausen, Germany, 29 April 1945.
- q. 30 April 1945 departed Odelshausen, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Munchen, Germany. Arrived destination, Munchen, Germany 30 April 1945.

5. CAMPAIGNS:

- a. Name of - Germany Campaign (Wurzburg, Munich Sector)
- b. Duration - From 1 April 1945 to - - - - -
- c. Purpose - To capture the cities of Wurzburg and Munich, Germany, and to drive to the Austrian Border.
- d. Authority - Assignment Order No. 52, Headquarters, 6th Army Group, 20 March 1945, attaching the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion to the 6th Army Group, Seventh Army, and the 42nd Infantry Division, effective 15 March 1945.

6. BATTLES:

- a. Name of: -

(1) Battle to capture the city of Wurzburg, Germany.

- a. Place: Germany, east of the Rhine River, province of Wurzburg, Germany.
- b. Date: 1 April 1945 to 5 April 1945.
- c. Campaign: Germany Campaign
- d. Forces engaged: Seventh United States Army, 42nd Infantry Division, with attached troops, including the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion.
- e. Results: The following towns and cities were taken:

Munchberg	Greussenheim
Rossbrunn	Hochberg
Reicholzheim	Waldbuttelbrunn
Homburg	Wurzburg
Berkenfield	

f. Summary: Having crossed the Rhine River on 31 March 1945, the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion immediately went into preparations for future operations. Near the close of the first period, 2 platoons reinforced a divisional Task Force. On 2 April 1945, the divisional elements reached the Main River. "A" Company, located on commanding terrain on the westside of the Main River, neutralized several dozen targets which aided tremendously in the rapid seizure of the city. On 5 April 1945, elements of "A" Company crossed the Davis Treadway Bridge in the northern section of the city in pursuit of the enemy who was making a desperate attempt to withdraw their armor. In spite of the German Commander's efforts to organize the cities defenses, organized resistance ended at 1900, 5 April 1945.

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6. BATTLES (Cont'd)

(2) Battle to capture the city of Furth, cross the Danube River, advance on Munich, and the Austrian Border.

- a. Place: Germany, east of the Rhine River.
- b. Date: 6 April to 20 April 1945
- c. Campaign: Germany Campaign.
- d. Forces engaged: Seventh United States Army, 42nd Infantry Division, with attached troops, including 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion
- e. Results: The following towns were taken:

Werneck	Sugenheim
Galdersheim	Unternesselbach
Mittlebrunn	Scheinfeld
Unter-Speckheim	Neustadt
Schweinfurt	Diesbach
Volkach	Gutenstetten
Karlstadt	Sieglersdorf
Wiesentheid	Langensenn
Kitzingen	Donderflein
Willensheim	Leichendorf

f. Summary: With the capture of Wurzburg accomplished, plans were formulated for the converging on Schweinfurt, a major strongpoint in the path of the advance on Furth. The advance on Schweinfurt was made rapidly, and, although resistance south of the city was greater than anticipated, complete encirclement and mopping up operations were completed on 11 April 1945. Continuing the attack towards Furth, with the firing companies in direct support of the Regimental Combat Teams, advance was made with slight opposition being encountered. An airport with many planes was captured, after their defense crumbled, when the Tank Destroyer Guns neutralized their gun installations. On 20 April 1945, Furth was officially declared cleared of enemy resistance and units were assembled for movement to the south. Progressing against light resistance over difficult terrain, two crossings of the Danube were forced on 26 April 1945, and the offensive towards Munich progressed swiftly. Many towns fell without resistance, or surrendered after the Tank Destroyer Guns unleashed HE shells into enemy strongholds, permitting the infantry to move forward. At the close of the period, 30 April 1945, with all elements in Munich, the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion had supported the rapid advance of the Combat Teams which had literally raced from the Danube to Munich in a period of four (4) days.

7. Commanding Officers in important engagements:

Battalion Commander - Lt Col SAMUEL S. MORSE
Headquarters Commander - CAPT DELBERT H. HARPER
"A" Company Commander - CAPT ROY E. WELBOURN
"B" Company Commander - CAPT JOHN H. WEST
"C" Company Commander - CAPT RALPH FLOREA
"Bcn" Company Commander - CAPT JOSEPH F. ZILMAN

8. Losses in action, Officers and Enlisted Men:

Engagement between Wurzburg and Furth Germany.

8. Losses in action, Officers and Enlisted Men (Cont'd)

KILLED

2ND LT LOUIS F. NICHAROT, 01998481, FA, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Cpl Robert J. Erdman, 39855018, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Pfc Charles L. Allred, 13062364, in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, on 21 April 1945.

DIED OF WOUNDS

none

WOUNDED

Tec 4 Carl J. Williams, 34601787, in the vicinity of Wursburg, Germany, on 5 April 1945.

Cpl Robert L. McNally, 36636278, in the vicinity of Wursburg, Germany, on 5 April 1945.

Pvt Timothy M. Cannon, 11089923, in the vicinity of Wursburg, Germany, on 3 April 1945.

Tec 5 Joseph R. Morsfall Jr., 33351033, in the vicinity of Everbach, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

Pfc Charles W. East, 39278330, in the vicinity of Everbach, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

Sgt Edmund E. Bodek, 33351688, in the vicinity of Geldersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

1ST LT STANTON M. LAMMERS, 01825478, in the vicinity of Everbach, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

Sgt Eugene J. Ecker, 32817008, in the vicinity of Unter Spiesheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Sgt Leo J. Zyskowski, 36517859, in the vicinity of Obendorf, Germany, on 11 April 1945.

Sgt Ray J. Bugni, 39616366, in the vicinity of Alitzheim, Germany, on 12 April 1945.

Tec 5 Frank J. Arbusto, 32726118, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Cpl James W. Peirce, 31300837, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Sgt John T. Morton, 34663661, in the vicinity of Zirndorf, Germany, on

8. Losses in action, Officers and Enlisted Men (Cont'd)

Sgt James M. Martin, 39910394, in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, on 21 April 1945.

Sgt Edward Zizza, 31082193, in the vicinity of Huisheim, Germany, on 25 April 1945.

S Sgt Edward V. Cherry, 33250612, in the vicinity of Wallersdorf, Germany, on 26 April 1945.

Sgt Carl R. Potts, 35726892, in the vicinity of Wallersdorf, Germany, on 26 April 1945.

Pfc Alan D. Hawkins, 18010025, in the vicinity of Wallersdorf, Germany, on 28 April 1945.

DECEASED
None

MISSING
None

TAKEN PRISONER
none

9. The following awards have been made to former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:

a. BRONZE STAR:

CAPTAIN LOUIS W. BUCKALEW JR., 0410154, INF, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany. - per GO #66, Hq 104th Inf Div,

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL A. WEAFLAND, INF, 01822843, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany. - per GO #66, Hq 104th Inf Div, 28 February 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN GARDNER, FA, 01822790, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany. - per GO #66, Hq 104th Inf Div, 28 February 1945.

b PURPLE HEART:

First Lieutenant Stanton M. Lammers, 01825478, PA, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Everback, Germany, on 9 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Flaminio J. Rispoli, 01821769, INF, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Brand, Germany, on 21 November 1944.

First Lieutenant Gilford W. White, 01825455, PA, Headquarters, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Sindorf, Germany.

Sergeant Peter J. Dunne, 35402565, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Inden, Germany, on 2 Dec 45.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward W. Lichter, 36202536, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Ahs, Germany, on 2 March 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Dale M. Breth, 33250643, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, on 27 November 1944.

Private First Class Daniel J. Ball, 33580268, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Inden, Germany, on 4 December 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Shilling, 33238685, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, on 18 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony C. Bielenberg, 39317340, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Merken, Germany on 22 February 1945.

Private First Class Andrew A. Marussich, 32689936, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Merken, Germany, on 23 February 1945.

Sergeant Peter Bilox, 32836746 (then Private) Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Inden, Germany, on 2 December 1944.

Sergeant Edmund E. Bodek, 33351688, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Geldersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Private Wilford L. Graham, 34795938, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Weiden, Germany, on 5 March 1945.

Sergeant Roger M. Sellers, 35723392, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Ludwigswinkel, Germany, on 19 March 1945.

Private First Class Elliott Holestin, 35654258, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Sindorf, Germany, on 2 March 1945.

Sergeant Byron L. Schrock, 33246480, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, on 29 November 1944.

Private First Class John G. Collins, 32781035, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Wursburg, Germany on 2 April 1945.

Private Harold R. Roth, 33410708, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Wursburg, Germany, on 4 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Chris L. Poules, 33328632, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Private First Class Homer L. Ganner, 16074612, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Private First Class Don V. Woods Jr., 37483577, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Private Andrew E. Lazor, 33570709, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 8 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Floyd E. Hinchey, 33208642, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Dale Marshall, 35503571, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Brebersdorf, Germany, on 3 April 1945.

Corporal Foster S. Wray, 33498229, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Schleerlieth, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Paul A. Weakland, 01822883, INF, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Werneck, Germany, on 11 April 1945.

Private First Class Robert L. Kushner, 35335950, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Reichelsdorf, Germany, on 20 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade James D. Northstein Jr., 13096424, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Furth, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

Sergeant Raymond L. Mitchell, 35453734, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, 20 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Mural D. Dye, 38474781, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Gildersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles W. Lewis, 37630559, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Gildersheim, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold A. Covington, 18002213, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, on 10 April 1945.

Corporal Peter Biles, 32836746, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wound received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Winsbach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).

Private First Class Daniel M. Young, 34163963, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Munding, Germany, on 25 April 1945.

Private First Class "W" Curtis King, 33418998, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Munding, Germany, on 26 April 1945.

c. AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:—The following EM having been awarded the Certificate of Merit during the month of April 1945, in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in connection with military operations in Germany:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>A. S. N.</u>	<u>Co.</u>
Tec 5 Ivan C. Smith	39258225	Hq
Tec 4 Jerome B. Bexten	37385825	Hq
Sgt Richard L. Gearhart	12062052	Hq
Tec 4 Nolan Picard	34236352	Hq

*See after action report attached.

PERIOD FROM 1 MAY 1945 TO 31 MAY 1945

1. Commanding Officer: LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL S. MORSE, FA.

2. STRENGTH - Commissioned and enlisted:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
a. At beginning of period			
1 May 1945 - - - - -	33	1	594

b. Increase for month of May:

(1) Officers joined for month of May:

CAPT ROY E. WELBOURN, 01821795, INF	(From Absent Sick)
1ST LT JOHN GARDNER, 01822790, FA	(From Absent Sick)
1ST LT STANTON M. LAMMERS, 01825478	(From BC)
2ND LT LEONARD R. SATIN, 01826834, INF	(Rep O.)
2ND LT JAMES R. BRADLEY, 0539279, CAV	(Rep O.)
2ND LT ROY W. NORRIS, 02014918, FA	(Aptd)

c. Decrease for month of May:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
1	0	28

d. Officers promotions for month of May:

2ND LT JOHN B. EVERINGHAM, 0182163, FA, to 1st Lt
 2ND LT PHILIP B. LIEBER, 01822592, FA, to 1st Lt
Battlefield Commission T SGT ROY W. NORRIS, Aptd 2nd Lt, FA

e. Total strength at end of period:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WO'S</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
38	1	623

3. STATIONS (permanent or temporary of unit):

<u>DATE OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
30 Apr 45	Munchen, Germany	2 May 45
2 May 45	Glonn, Germany	3 May 45
3 May 45	Rott, Germany	4 May 45
4 May 45	Waging, Germany	15 May 45
15 May 45	Torwang, Germany	31 May 45

4. MARCHES:

a. 2 May 1945 departed Munchen, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Rott, Germany
 Arrived destination, Glonn, Germany, 2 May 1945.

b. 3 May 1945 departed Glonn, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Rott, Germany
 Arrived destination, Rott, Germany, 3 May 1945.

c. 4 May 1945 departed Rott, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS TO Waging, Germa
 Arrived destination, Waging, Germany, 4 May 1945.

d. 15 May 1945 departed Waging, Germany, by motor convoy for TCS to Torwang, G
 Arrived destination, Torwang, Germany, 15 May 1945.

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5. CAMPAIGNS:

- a. Name of - Central Europe (Munich Sector)
- b. Duration - From 1 May 1945 to - - - - -
- c. Purpose - To drive to the Austrian Border.
- d. Authority- Assignment Order No. 52, Headquarters, 6th Army Group, 20 March 1945, attaching the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion to the 6th Army Group, and the 42nd Infantry Division, effective 15 March 1945.

6. BATTLES: a. Name of:-

(1) Mopping up operations, south and east of the Danube River.

- a. Place: Germany, southeast of Danube River, province of Munich, Germany.
- b. Date: 1 May 1945 to 10 May 1945.
- c. Campaign: Central Europe.
- d. Forces engaged: Seventh United States Army, 42nd Infantry Division, with attached troops, including the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion.
- e. Results: Aiding in the final surrendering of the Third Reich.
- f. Summary: Munich had fallen, the enemy was in full retreat. They had no effective organization. Enemy soldiers surrendered enmass, by company and battalion. The war was over to most of them since they realized the cause was lost. The drive of the American forces proceeded as rapidly as movement could be made. There were only a few instances of light resistances, when fanatic SS troops refused to surrender. So swiftly did our forces move that they covered nearly one hundred miles before the order for forward movement was rescinded. The forces remained in place until "The Unconditional Surrender" was signed. After the complete surrender, the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion was ordered to the locality of Torwang, Germany (X350185 - Map of Germany. 1/100000), just south of the Salzburg-Munich highway and east of the Inns River. Our area of occupation was 250 square miles. The Battalion was given control of all installations in the area, these numbered about 60 of different types and nature. The end of the period found the occupation running smoothly. The civilian population and returning German soldiers taking the surrender in good spirits, with no actual reports of sabotage in the immediate area.

7. Commanding Officers in important engagements:

Battalion Commander - LT COL. SAMUEL S. MORSE
Headquarters Commander - CAPT DELBERT M. HARPER
"A" Company Commander - CAPT ROY E. WELBOURN
"B" Company Commander - CAPT JOHN H. WEST
"C" Company Commander - CAPT RALPH FLOREA
"Rcn" Company Commander - CAPT JOSEPH F. ZILMAN

8. Losses in action, Officers and Enlisted Men:

KILLED
none

DIED OF WOUNDS
none

WOUNDED
none

DECEASED
Pfc. Ocell Cambre - 34234726, Company "C", died of pneumonia, 8 May 1945

MISSING
none

TAKEN PRISONER
none

9. The following awards have been made to former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:

a. SILVER STAR:

FIRST LIEUTENANT BEN L. NICOLSI, 01822718, CAV., Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, (posthumous), for gallantry in action on 18-19 March 1945 near Ludwigswinkel, Germany - per GO #53, Hq. 42nd Inf Div. 7/5/45

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANTON M. LAMMERS, 01825478, FA., Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945 near Obbach, Germany. - GO #53, Hq. 42nd Inf Div. 7 May 1945

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. SCHEFFER, 0467099, CAV., Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Cologne, Germany. - per GO #73 Hq. 42nd Inf Div, 27 May 1945

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL A. WAKLAND, 01822843, INF., Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #48 Hq. 42nd Inf Div. 1 May 1945

SERGEANT LLOYD E. BLACKBURN, 33422766, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 12 April 1945, near Altsheim, Germany. - per GO #58, Hq. 42nd Inf Div, 1 May 1945

SERGEANT DONALD B. SHANK, 33017045, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Cologne, Germany. - per GO #146, Hq. 104th Inf Div, 21 May 1945.

SERGEANT ROGER L. SWEENEY, 31173616, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #48, Hq. 42nd Inf Div, 1 May 1945

9. a. SILVER STARS: (cont'd)

SERGEANT RICHARD J. FROMASKA, 35319782, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #48, Hq 42nd Inf Div, 27 April 1945.

CORPORAL KOHN T. WHITLEY, 35654479, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #53, Hq 42nd Inf Div, 1 May 1945.

b. BRONZE STARS:

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ALBERT L. ANGEL, 38147110, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in action from 27 October 1944 to 14 April 1945, in Belgium, Holland, Germany and France. - Per GO #74, Hq 42nd Inf Div, 27 May 1945.

STAFF SERGEANT JAMES H. SINGLETON, 20516578, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in action, during the period 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. - per GO #76, Hq 42nd Inf Div, 28 May 1945.

TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE JOSEPH B. POWERS, 32402505, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. per GO #73 27 May 1945, Hq 42nd Inf Div.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE LA VERN R. BERKE, 36363543, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #73, Hq 42nd Inf Div, 27 May 1945.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE DONALD L. SIGNS, 37657784, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #73, Hq 42nd Inf Div, 27 May 1945.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT H. SMITH, 38447931, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 March 1945, near Cologne, Germany. - per GO #73 Hq 42nd Inf Div, 27 May 1945.

c. BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

CAPTAIN RALPH FLOREA, 01822787, Infantry, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in action during the period from 1 April to 30 April 1945, inclusive, in Germany. - per GO #74 Hq 42nd Inf Div, 28 May 1945.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE SNAKE, 37122761, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in Wurzberg, Germany. - per GO #76, Hq 42nd Inf Div, 28 May 1945.

d. PURPLE HEART:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GERALD W. ROBINSON, 36421237, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 22 December 1944, in Germany. - per GO #2 Hq 102d Gen Hosp. 7 January 1945.

d. PURPLE HEART: (Cont'd)

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM C. COGAR, 35750316, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 2 December 1944 - per GO #33, Hq, 692d TD Bn.

e. The following Officers were awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy - per GO #24, Hq 222nd Inf Regt, 29 May 1945:

ROY E. WELBOURN	CAPT	INF	01821795
CLIFFORD C. PRUETT	1ST LT	INF	01824505

f. AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT:--The following EM having been awarded the Certificate of Merit during the month of May 1945, in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in connection with military operations in Germany:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>A. S. N.</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
Sgt. Herman G. Selph	20322472	C
Sgt. Joseph E. Picharella	33168274	C
Tec 4 Modest F. Roll	36415046	C
Cpl. Rosser H. Nichols	33124540	C
Tec 5 Thomas A. Smith	34601669	C
Pfc. Oneil Cambre	34234726	C
Pfc. Raymond J. Zander	32760646	C
Pfc. Edward J. Wojcik	36636365	C
Pfc. Daniel M. Young	34163963	Med

*See After Action Report attached

PERIOD FROM 1 JUNE 1945 TO 30 JUNE 1945

1. COMMANDING OFFICER: LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL S. MORSE, FA.

2. STRENGTH: Commissioned and Enlisted:

a. At beginning of period 1 June 1945 - - - -	<u>OFFICERS</u> 38	<u>WO'S</u> 1	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u> 623
b. Increase for month of June: NONE			
c. Decrease for month of June:	<u>OFFICERS</u> 3	<u>WO'S</u> 0	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u> 14
d. Officers promotion for month of June: NONE			
e. Total Strength at end of period:	<u>OFFICERS</u> 35	<u>WO'S</u> 1	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u> 609

3. STATIONS: (Permanent or Temporary of Unit)

<u>DATE OF ARRIVAL</u>	<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>
15 May 1945	Terwang, Germany	9 June 1945
9 June 1945	Kessen, Austria	- - - - -

4. MARCHES:

a. 9 June departed Terwang, Germany, by motor convey for TCS to Kessen, Austria. Arrived destination, Kessen, Austria, 9 June 1945.

5. CAMPAIGNS: Central Europe ended 12 May 1945.

6. BATTLES: NONE

7. COMMANDING OFFICERS DURING PERIOD:

BATTALION COMMANDER	- LT COL SAMUEL S. MORSE.
HEADQUARTERS COMMANDER	- CAPT DELBERT M. HARPER
"A" COMPANY COMMANDER	- CAPT ROY E. WELBOURN - - 1 - 3 June 1945
	1ST LT CLIFFORD C. PHUETT - - 3 June to 30 June
"B" COMPANY COMMANDER	- CAPT JOHN H. WEST
"C" COMPANY COMMANDER	- CAPT RALPH FLOREA
"HCN" COMPANY COMMANDER	- CAPT JOSEPH F. ZILMAN - - 1 - 26 June 1945
	1ST LT JOHN GARDNER - - - 26 - 30 June 1945

8. LOSSES IN ACTION, Officers and Enlisted Men: NONE

9. The following awards have been made to former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:

a. Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMUEL S. MORSE, 0346559, Field Artillery, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in action from the 15 April 1945 to 19 April 1945, inclusive, in Germany. per GOM 90 Hq. 42nd Inf Div, dated 9 June 1945.

9. a. Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal: (cont'd)

CAPTAIN JOHN H. WEST, 0327774, CAV. Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #89, Hq. 42nd Inf Div. dated 9 June 1945.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEVI UNRUH, 37500251, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in action, on 3 April 1945, near Wursburg, Germany. - per GO #107, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 29 June 1945.

b. Bronze Star Medal.

CAPTAIN DELBERT M. HARPER, 01823867, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in action from 29 October 1944 to 7 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. per GO #91 Hq. 42nd Inf Div. dated 10 June 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MAX E. RECTOR, 01821767, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations, from 29 October 1944 to 7 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. per - GO #94 Hq 42nd Inf Div dated 14 June 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN B. EVERINGHAM, 01821563, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in France and Germany, from 16 December 1944 to 7 April 1945. per GO #101, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 20 June 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEO W. FAHERTY, 01821564, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 15 March 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. - per GO #90, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 9 June 1945.

MASTER SERGEANT JACOB W. MARCUM, 37083490, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 27 October 1944 to 14 April 1945, in Belgium, Holland, Germany and France. - per GO #90 Hq 42nd Inf Div dated 9 June 1945.

FIRST SERGEANT MARION W. BARDIN JR. 34236324, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 28 October 1944 to 12 April 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. - per GO #101, Hq 42nd Inf Div., dated 20 June 1945.

STAFF SERGEANT EDMON ECKLES, 34338324, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, from 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. - per GO #98 Hq 42nd Inf Div, dated 16 June 1945.

9. b. Bronze Star Medal: (cont'd)

STAFF SERGEANT ELMER E. KOJZSA, 33161215, Field Artillery, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, near Stein, Germany. - per GO #102, Hq 42nd Inf Div, dated 20 June 1945.

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT E. VAN DE POL, 37189692, Field Artillery, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - GO #85, Hq. 42nd Inf Div dated 6 June 1945.

STAFF SERGEANT JAMES C. WORSHAM, 34212459, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action from 28 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. - per GO #99, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 16 June 1945.

SERGEANT RAYMOND T. DICKEY, 35542397, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations on 10 April 1945, between Ober Spiesheim and Herlheim, Germany. per GO #107, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 23 June 1945.

SERGEANT GEORGE E. ELLIS, 39563719, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in Wursburg, Germany. - per GO #97 Hq 42nd Inf Div dated 12 June 1945.

SERGEANT ROY F. FARMER, JR. 34354845, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. - per GO #97, dated 16 June 1945, Hq 42nd Inf Div.

SERGEANT AUGUST P. HENNEFORTH, 32780017, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 17 November 1944, near Stolberg, Germany. - per GO #99 Hq. 42nd Inf Div., dated 16 June 1945.

SERGEANT HERBERT B. KNOX, 34602976, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. - per GO #100, Hq 42nd Inf Div, dated 20 June 1945.

SERGEANT RICHARD J. SCANLON, 33489272, Field Artillery, Company "E", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on the 10 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. - per GO #99, Hq 42nd Inf Div, dated 16 June 1945.

TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE CHARLES R. ECONOVICH, 33260484, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with Military operations from 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. - per GO #98, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 16 June 1945.

9. b. Bronze Star Medal: (cont'd)

TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE ROBERT J. SHANAHAN, 32448837, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations from 28 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. - per GO #98, Hq. 42nd Inf Div. dated 16 June 1945.

CORPORAL RALPH L. BAILEY, 36446708, Field Artillery, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, in Holland France and Germany. - per GO #101, Hq. 42nd Inf Div. dated 20 June 1945

CORPORAL WILBERT J. G. FETH, JR., 33260217, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, in Holland, France and Germany. - per GO #98, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 16 June 1945.

CORPORAL JOSEPH KOLENDA, 36562211, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. - per GO #92, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 12 June 1945.

CORPORAL ROY T. JOHNSON, 16131780, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945 to 6 March 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. per - GO #83, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 6 June 1945.

CORPORAL FELIX A. STASIAK, 32739375, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, near Alitzheim, Germany. - per GO #89, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 4 June 1945.

CORPORAL CARL R. WILSON, 39278210, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. - per GO #92, Hq. 42nd Inf Div. dated 12 June 1945.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE EUGENE BUSH, 36729111, Field Artillery, Company "A" 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. - per GO #100, Hq 42nd Inf Div., dated 20 June 1945.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE WILLIAM S. GUERDELL, 32402223, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 28 October 1944 to 15 April 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. - per GO #94, Hq. 42nd Inf Div. dated 14 June 1945.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE CARLOS S. RICE, 20516459, Field Artillery, Company "B", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, at Stein, Germany. per GO #102, Hq 42nd Inf Div. dated 20 June 1945.

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE GEORGE C. WAINWRIGHT, 34633982, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. - per GO #85, Hq 42nd Inf. Div. dated 6 June 1945.