# PERIOD: 1 November 1943 to 30 November 1943

1. Commanding Officer

Harvey Shelton - Lt Col, Inf

2. Officer Strength

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1 November 1943 - 45 Present - 2 Absent - Total 47 30 November 1943 - 35 Present - 7 Absent - Total 45

#### OFFICERS JOINED

Joseph B Cain, WOJG
James W. Chrestman, 2nd Lt, AUS
Harry W. Swett, 2nd Lt, AUS
Mark E. O'Herron, 2nd Lt, AUS
James R. Martz, 2nd Lt, AUS
William A. Menghini, 2nd Lt, AUS
Charles G. Fahrenkoff, 2nd Lt, AUS
Wallace E. Shafer, 2nd Lt, AUS

### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Andrew G. Scott, 2nd Lt, AUS James W. Chrestman, 2nd Lt, AUS Wallace E. Shafer, 2nd Lt, AUS

3. Enlisted Strength

1 November 1943 - 583 Present - 51 Absent - Total 634 30 November 1943 - 582 Present - 47 Absent - Total 629

#### em joined

None

# EM TRANSFERRED

2 EM Transferred to General Hospital
1 EM Transferred to Station Hosp. Cp Hood, Texas

4. Officers Promotions

None

5. Status of Training

Upon completion of Unit Training at Camp Hood, Texas, this Bn entered 3rd period training.

# 6. Change of Station

- a. Under authority contained in letter AGF 370.5/52 (TD Units)(R) (6 Nov 43) GNGCT subject "Transfer of 692d TD Bn", this battalion departed Camp Hood, Texas, 6 November 1943 to arrive at Camp Phillips, Kansas, 8 November 1943. Upon arrival at Camp Phillips, Kansas this unit would be assigned to XI Corps, Second Army, transferred from Tank Destroyer Command.
- b. Under authority contained in letter Hq 2nd Army File AG 370.5-16 (GNMBF) dated 22 Sept 43, subject "Instructing Domestic Troop Movement", this Battalion departed Camp Phillips, Kansas, 29 November 1943 to arrive at Carthage Junction, Tennessee, 1 December 1943. Upon arrival at Tennessee Maneuver Area this unit would be assigned to 14th Tank Destroyer Group, transferred from XI Crops, Second Army.

### PERIOD: 1 December 1943 to 31 December 1943

1. Commanding Officer

Harvey Shelton, Lt Col, Inf

2. Officers Strength

1 December 1943 - 47 Present - 4 Absent - Total 51 31 December 1943 - 44

#### OFFICERS JOINED

William P. Sugrue, 1st Lt, AUS Willis J. Fryer, 2nd Lt, AUS Albert Kaplan, 2nd Lt, AUS

### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Albert Kaplan, 2nd Lt, AUS

3. Enlisted Strength

1 December 1943 - 586 Present - 43 Absent - Total 629 31 December 1943 - 545 Present - 83 Absent - Total 628

#### EM JOINED

1 EM joined from 14th TD Group

#### EM TRANSFERRED

- 1 EM transferred to Office of Strategic Service, Washington, D.C.
- 1 EM discharged
- 4. Officers Promotions

None

5. Status of Training

Participating in 2nd Army Tennessee Manuevers

6. Change of Station

This Battalion arrived at Carthage Junction, Tennessee in the Tennessee Manauver Area from Camp Phillips, Kansas on 1 December 1943.

# PERIOD: 1 January 1944 to 31 January 1944

1. Commanding Officer

Harvey Shelton, Lt Col, Inf John S. Hafer, Major, Inf

2. Officer Strength

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1 January 1944 - 46 Present - 9 Absent - Total 55 31 January 1944 - 25 Present - 29 Absent - Total 54

#### OFFICERS JOINED

John S. Hafer, Major, Inf Alfred F. Hammond, Capt, MC Saul Diamond, 1st Lt, AUS John Findley, 1st Lt, AUS Bertil Neely, 2nd Lt, AUS

#### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Harvey Shelton, Lt Col, Inf Willia Fryer, 2nd Lt, AUS Wark E. O'Herron, 2nd Lt, AUS

3. Enlisted Strength

1 January 1944 - 548 Present - 80 Absent - 628 31 January 1944 - 282 Present - 348 Absent - 630

#### EM JOINED

3 EM joined this Unit during past month.

#### EM TRANSFERRED

1 EM transferred to Station Hosp. Cp Forrest, Tenn.

4. Officers Promotion

None

5. Status of Training

Completed Maneuver training on 12 January 1944 and continued 3rd period training upon arrival at new station.

6. Change of Station

Under authority contained in TWX's, Hq 2nd Army dated 3 and 8 January 1944 this battalion departed Tennessee Maneuver Area 17 January to arrive Camp Campbell, Kentucky 17 January 1944. Upon arrival at Cp Campbell, Ky., this unit would be assigned to XX Corps and 14th TD Group.

#### PERIOD: 1 February 1944 to 29 February 1944

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1. Commanding Officer

John S. Hafer, Major, Inf

- 2. Officers Strength
  - 1 February 1944 25 Present 27 Absent Total 52 29 February 1944 - 35 Fresent - 2 Absent - Total 37 Attached Officers: 12 Present - 5 Absent - Total 17

#### OFFICERS JOINED

Kenneth L. Laverty, Capt, AUS William McQuade, Capt, FA Andrew J. Hydrick, 1st Lt, AUS Joseph G. Snyder, 1st Lt, FA

## OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Francis N. Cooke, Capt, MC Charles J. Tornatore, Capt, DC Clarence Cline, 2nd Lt, AUS

- 3. Enlisted Strength
  - 1 February 1944 **IX** 284 Present 347 Absent Total 631 29 February 1944 578 Present - 61 Absent - Total 639

#### EM JOINED

8 EM joined unit during past month

#### EM TRANSFERRED

- 1 EM Transferred to 14th TD Group
- 4. Officers Promotions

None

5. Status of Training

Battalion was in 3rd period training during past month

6. Battalion assigned to EXII Corps.

# PERIOD: 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944

# 1. Commanding Officer

John S. Hafer, Major, Inf

# 2. Officer Strength

1 March 1944 - 34 Present - 2 Absent - Total - 36
Attached Officers 15 Present 5 Absent - Total 20
31 March 1944 - 29 Present - 4 Absent - Total - 33
Attached Officers 15 Present 4 Absent - Total 19

### OFFICERS JOINED

Kenneth C. Peters, Capt, AUS
Jack K. Nisselius, 1st Lt, AUS
Millam C. Hethcote, 1st Lt, AUS
Leo W. Faherty, 1st Lt, AUS
Robert B. Helring, 1st Lt, AUS
Claude Headon, 1st Lt, AUS
Delbert W. Harper, 1st Lt, AUS
James F. Goode, 1st Lt, AUS
Francis M. Kirwin, 2nd Lt, AUS
Clarence E. Alexander, 2nd Lt, AUS
Archie G. Hooper, 2nd Lt, AUS
Harold B. Rogers, 2nd Lt, AUS
Donald A. Wilde, 2nd Lt, AUS
Franklin G. Bowe, WOGG

#### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Leo M. Hobert, 2nd Lt, AUS Harold B. Rogers, 2nd Lt, AUS Harmon L. Greenway, 2nd Lt, AUS James Gardiner, 2nd Lt, AUS Francis W. Kirwin, 2nd Lt, AUS James W. Williams, 2nd Lt, AUS Joseph Donlan, 2nd Lt, AUS Magles Titzgerald, 2nd Lt, AUS James Page, 2nd Lt, AUS Clarence E. Alexander, 2nd Lt, AUS Archie G. Hooper, 2nd Lt, AUS Bertil S. Welly, 2nd Lt, AUS Donald A. Wilde, 2nd Lt, AUS James J. Carter, 2nd Lt, AUS Walter E. Boyeer. 2nd Lt, AUS Harry Swett, 2nd Lt, AUS

# 3. Enlisted Strength

1 March 1944 - 692 Present - 70 Absent - Total 762 31 March 1944 - 696 Present - 66 Absent - Total 762

# M JOINED

130 EM joined Battalion from Co "B" 655th TD Bn

# EM TRANSFERRED

No EM transferred from Fn during past month

4. Officers Promotions

None

5. Status of Training

This unit was converted from Self Propelled to Towed on 1 March 1944 and continued 3rd period.

# PERIOD: 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944

1. Commanding Officer

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John S. Hafer, Major, Inf.

2. Officer Strength

1 April 1944 - 29 Present - 4 Absent - Total 33

Attached Unassigned Officers 16 Present 3 Absent - Total 19

30 April 1944 - 29 Present - 3 Absent - Total 32

Attached Unassigned Officers 15 Present 1 Absent - Total 16

#### OFFICERS JOINED

None

#### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Joseph J. Lane, Capt, Cav Kenneth C. Peters, Capt, AUS Saul Diamond, 1st Lt, AUS Alan R. Framer, 2nd Lt, AUS

3. Enlisted Strength

1 April 1944 - 699 Present - 53 Absent - Total 752 30 April 1944 - 685 Present - 71 Absent - Total 756

#### FM JOINED

None

# EM TRANSFERRED

1 EM Discharged 1 EM Transferred

4. Officers Promotions

None

5. Status of Training

Battalion continued 3rd period training.

## PERIOD: 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944

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1. Commanding Officer

John S. Hafer, Major, Inf.

2. Officer Strength

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1 May 1944 - 30 Present - 2 Absent - Total 32
Attached Unassigned
13 Present - 3 Absent I - Total 16

31 May 1944 - 28 Present - 4 Absent - Total 32

Attached Unassigned
13 Present - 3 Absent - Total 16

### OFFICERS JOINED

None

#### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

None

3. Enlisted Strength

1 May 1944 - 695 Present - 72 Absent - Total 767 31 May 1944 - 738 Present - 21 Absent - Total 759

#### EL JOINED

5 BM joined the Battalion during current month

#### **ENTRANSFERRED**

1 EM transferred during month

4. Officer Promotions

None

5. Status of Training

training
Battalion was in 3rd period training during past month.

# PERIOD: 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944

1. Commanding Officer

John S. Hafer, Major, Inf Samuel S. Morse, Lt Col, FA

2. Officer Strength

1 June 1944 - 28 Present - 4 Absent - Total 32
Attached Unassigned - 13 Present - 3 Absent - Total 16
30 June 1944 - 23 Present - 10 Absent - Total 33
Attached Unassigned - 14 Present - 2 Absent - Total 16

#### OFFICERS JOINED

1 Lt Col Morse

#### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

None

3. Enlisted Strength

1 June 1944 - 699 Present - 60 Absent - Total 759 30 June 1944 - 490 Present -294 Absent - Total 784

#### **EMJOENED**

34 - 670th TD Bn

#### EM TRANSFERRED

8 EM - 14th Det Sp Trps, Second Army

4. Officers Promotions

None

5. Status of Training

Battalion in 3rd period of training (39th week)

# PERIOD: 1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944

1. Commanding Officer

Samuel S. Morse - Lt Colonel, FA
John S. Hafer, Major, Inf - Transferred to the 820th TD Bn., Camp
Breckenridge, Kentucky - 10 July 1944.

- 2. Officer Strength
  - 1 July 1944 19 Present 12 Absent 1 WOJG Present 1 WOJG Absent
    Total 33 Present & absent.
    Attached unassigned 14 Present 2 Absent Total 16 Present & absent
  - 31 July 1944 17 Present 14 Absent 1 CWO Present 1 WOJG Absent
    Total 33 Present & absent.
    Attached unassigned 5 Present 4 Absent Total 9 Present & absent.
- 3. Enlisted Strength
  - 1 July 1944 491 Present 293 Absent Total Present & Absent 784
    31 July 1944 724 Present 56 Absent Total Present & Absent 780

#### EM JOINED

None

# EM TRANSFERRED

3 EM - 14th Det Sp Trs, Second Army 1 EM - 1580th Service Unit

4. Officers Promotions

1 - WOJG to CWO 4 July 1944 Tee CAIN

5. Status of Training:

Battalion continued 3rd period of training (43rd week)

# PERIOD: 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944

1. Commanding Officer

Samuel S. Morse - Lt Colonel, FA

2. Officer Strength

1 August 1944 - 15 Present - 16 Absent - 2 WO Present
Total - 33 Present & absent.
Attached unassigned - 4 Present - 5 Absent - Total Present & absent 9.

31 August 1944 - 29 Present - 2 Absent - 2 WOJG Present - Total present d: absent - 33.

#### OFFICERS JOINED

None

### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Harry H. Sockol - Major
Wm. C. Flanders - 2nd Lt
Kenneth J. Laverty - Capt
Robert Mann - 2nd Lt
Wm. A. Menghini - 2nd Lt
Maurice Davis Jr. - 2nd Lt
Wm. P. Surgrue - 1st Lt
John J. Danahy - 2nd Lt
James R. Martz - 2nd Lt

3. Enlisted Strength

1 August 1944 - 627 Present - 153 Absent - Total - 780 31 August 1944 - 721 Present - 11 Absent - Total - 732

### EM JOINED

None

#### EM TRANSFERRED

30 - 14th Det Sp Trs, Second Army

3 - Det of Patients, Sta Hosp, Cp Campbell, Ky.

14 - AWOL (dropped from the rolls)

1 - Det of Patients, Thayer General Hospital.

Total

48

4. Officers Promotions

None.

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5. Status of Training

POM requirements completed. Battalion awaiting embarkation.

6. Change of Station

The 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion departed from Camp Campbell, Kentucky, 23 Adgust 1944, 1800 hours by rail for permanent change of station per par 8 special Orders #207, Headquarters 14th Det Sp Trs, Second Army, Camp Campbell, tentucky, dated 14 August 1944. Arrived Camp Kilmer, New Jersey 25 August 1944 p620 hours. Total strength of battalion on arrival; 29 Officers - 1 CWO - 127 Enlisted Men.

# PERIOD: 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944

- 1. Commanding Officer: SAMUEL S. MORSE, Lt-Col, FA.
- 2. Officers Strength:
  - 1 September 1944 31 Officers 2 WO's Total - 33 present and absent
  - 30 September 1944 31 Officers 2 WO's Total - 33 present and absent

#### OFFICERS JOINED

None

### OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

None

- 3. Enlisted Strength:
  - 1 September 1944 Total 732 present 30 September 1944 - Total 732 present

EM JOINED

None

# AL TRANSFERRED

None

- 4. Officers Promotions:
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- 5. Status of Battalion:

Battalion completed embarkation, usual Organisational duties.

6. Change of Station:

The 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion departed Camp Kilmer, New Jersey by rail 0800 hours, 10 September 1944. Arrived New York Port, boarded transport HMS Scythia 1000 hours, 10 September 1944. Left New York Port 0330 hours 12 September 1944 for overseas destination. Voyage overseas uneventful. Arrived Weymouth Harbor, ingland 1800 hours, 22 September 1944. Departed Weymouth Harbor 0700 hours 23 September 1944. Arrived Cherbourg Harbor, France 1555 hours 23 September 1944. Disembarked and landed Cherbourg, France 1440 hours, 25 September 1944 from HMS Scythia. Travelled by truck to 2 miles southeast of Valognes, France.

# 1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944 -

- Commanding Officer: SAMUEL S. MORSE, Lt Colonel, FA. station to 1. 1. abouillet, France,
- STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

At begining of period:

1 October 1944

OFFICERS 31 - 2 WO's

ENLISTED MEN 732

b. Net increase for month of October 1944:

OFFICERS

ENLISTED MEN none

none

Net decrease for month of October 1944:

OFFICERS none

enlisted men 3

OFFICERS PROMOTIONS:

CAPTAIN GEORGE V. CARRACIO to Major	S-3
IST LT LOUIS W. BUCKALEW JR to Captain	"C" Co. Comdr
2ND LT WILLIAM R. SCHEFFER to 1st Lt.	Plt Idr.
2ND LT GORDON L. CRUSE to 1st Lt.	Plt Ldr.
2nd LT PETER J. RUBINO to 1st Lt.	Plt Ldr.
2ND LT FLAMINO J. RISPOLI to 1st Lt.	Plt Ldr.
2ND LT JOHN GARDNER to 1st Lt.	Plt Ldr.
2MD LT PAUL A. WEAKLAND to 1st Lt.	Plt Ldr.
2ND LT HENRY P. WEBER to 1st Lt.	Commo O.

The above promotions occured on 16 October 1944.

Total strength at end of period:

31 - 2 WO's

ENLISTED MEN 729

Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit:

DATE OF ARRIVAL STATION DATE OF DEPARTURE 1 October 1944 Valognes, France 25 October 1944 28 October 1944 Wuestwezel, Belgium 30 October 1944 31 October 1944 6 miles E Rosendaal, Holland

25 October 1944 departed 2 miles southeast Valognes, France, 0430 hours by motor convoy permanent change of station to 1st Canadian Army. Destination Belgiem. Arrived Rambouillet, France, 2200 hours. Distance travelled - 248 miles.

26 October 1944 departed Rambouillet, France, 0700 hours en-route to destination. Arrived Monldee, France 2200 hours. Distance travelled - 189 miles.

27 October 1944 departed Monldes, France, 1000 hours arrived destination 2 miles northwest of Wuestwezel Belgium 2330 hours. Roads good, weather clear and cool.

Campaigns: 5.

(1) Germany Campaign (southern Holland sector) Name of

(2) From 29 October 1944 to 31 October 1944. Duration

(3) Purpose: To drive the Germans out of southern Holland and cut off their supply lines to open the Port of Antwerp.

(4) Authority -Letter Normandy Base Section, subject, "Movement Orders", dated 23 October 1944. PCS to 1st Canadian Army.

6. Battles:

(1) Name Battle to free the Port of Antwerp.

(2) Place Southern Holland, between Breda and Rosendaal from the southern boundry to the River Mark. From 29 October to 31 October 1944 inclusive. Date

Campaign of which battle

Part of the Germany campaign.

was part of (5) Forces engaged First Canadian Army, Second British Army, 104th Infantry Divison including the 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion.

(6) Result Germans driven out of southern Holland, supply lines cut off and the Port of Antwerp opened to commerce.

7. Commanding Officers in important engagements:

Battalion Commander SAMUEL S. MORSE, Lt-Col, FA. "A" Company Commander -WILLIAM T. McQUADE, Capt, FA. "B" Company Commander -JOHN H. WEST, Capt, Cav. "C" Company Commander -LOUIS W. BUCKALEW JR., INF "HQ" Company Commander -JOSEPH F. ZILLMAN, Capt, CAV.

- Losses in Action, Officers and enlisted men: NONE.
- 9. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:
  - (1) NONE.
  - 10. Photos:

# PERIOD: 1 Movember 1944 to 30 Movember 1944

- 1. Commanding Officer: SAMUKL S. MCRSE, Lt-Col, FA.
- 2. STRENGTH, commissioned and enlisted:
  - a. At begining of period:

    1 November 1944

    31 2 WO's

    729
  - b. Net increase for month of Movember 1944:

OFFICERS ENLISTED MEN
2 28

- (1) Officers joined for month of November 1944:

  2ND LT JACK H. HATHAWAY, 0-1825672, AUS
  2ND LT HOLAND D. HELLMAN, 0-1825413, AUS
- c. Net decrease for month of November 1944:

OFFICERS ENLISTED MEN
2 30

(1) Officers dropped from the rolls during the month of November 1944:

2HD LT GREGORY F. DAALMANN, 0-1825400, FA KIA 2ST LT PLAMINO J. RISPOLI, 0-1821769, INF WIA

- d. Officers Promotions for month of Movember: WONE
- e. Total strength at end of period:

OPPICERS ENLISTED MEN
31 - 2 WO's 727

3. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit:

DATE OF ARRIVAL	HOLTATS	DATE OF DEPARTURE
31 October 1944	6 miles east Rosendaal, Holland	1 November 1944
1 November 1944	Hoeven, Holland	6 November 1944
6 November 1944	3 miles west Aschen, Germany	10 Movember 1944
10 Movember 1944	2 miles south Aachen, Germany	13 November 1944
13 November 1944	Brand, Germany	24 November 1944
24 November 1944	Rechweiler, Germany	

- 4. Marches: 6 November 1944 Departed from Hoeven, Holland by motor convoy at \$\text{9930}\$ hours, change of station (TDS) to Aachen, Germany. Arrived destination 3 miles west of Aachen, Germany, 1800 hours. Distance travelled 115 miles. Roads good, weather fair but cloudy.
- 5. Campaigne:
- (1) Name of Germany Campaign (Aachen sector)

(2) Duration - From 9 November 1944 ----

(3) Purpose - To capture the city of Cologne, Germany.
(4) Authority - Telegram, COMMANDING GENERAL, ETCUSA.

#### 6. Battles:

(1) Name of - Battle to capture Cologne, Germany.

(2) Place - Germany, west of Rhine River, Aachen sector.

(3) Date - From 9 November 1944 - - - - -

(4) Campaign - Germany campaign.

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gaged - 1st United States Army, 104th Infantry Division, with attached troops, including 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion.

(6) Results - Cities of Brand, Stolberg, Eschweiler taken, advancing toward objective, Cologne, Germany.

### 7. Commanding Officers in important engagements:

Battalion Commander - SAMUEL S. MORSE, Lt-Col, FA.
"A" Company Commander - WILLIAM T. McQUADE, Capt, FA.

"B" Company Commander - JOHN H. WEST, Capt, Cav.

"C" Company Commander - LOUIS W. BUCKALEW JR., Capt, INF.
"HQ" Company Commander - JOSEPH F. ZILIMAN, Capt, Cav.

- 8. Losses in Action, Officers and enlisted men.
  - (1) Engagement, vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany:

#### KILLED

Gregory F. Daalmann (2nd Lt) Frederick H. Doering (Pvt.) John Petrak (Pvt.)

#### WOUNDED

Flamino J. Rispoli (2nd Lt) Bennie E. Holmes (Pfc) William N. Ball (Sgt) William V. Leaner (Tec 4) Julian Wright (Pfc) Walter F. Talasis (Sgt) James A. Larrick (Pfc) Rena J. Gosselin (Sgt) Thomas M. DeMarco (Tec 5) Robert E. Shilling (Tec 5) William H. Carr (Pvt) Richard M. Green (Pvt) Kenneth A. Coyne (Pvt) CoylerShelton (Pfc) Sam Fena (Sgt) Byron L. Schrock (Sgt)

#### MISSING

Patrick V. Castellano (Pvt)

#### TAKEN PRISONER

None 24

- 9. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:
  - (1) None
- (2) The following enlisted men received the Purple Heart Award for wounds received in action against the enemy during the month of November 1944:

NAME	RANK	ASN
Raymond L. Daniels	Private	32754073
Robert M. Killgore Jr.	Private First Class	34338111
John B. Smith	Sergeant	38467279
John F. McNamee	Private First Class	39461256
Coyie Shelton	Private First Class	34599186

<sup>10.</sup> Photographs of Personnel, important scenes or events.

<sup>\*</sup> After Action Report attached.

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Dec, 1944

Three enemy tanks and one armored car were definitely destroyed and three other tanks were seriously damaged. On one occasion three radio controlled tanks loaded with TNT were rendered harmless and later captured when the tanks controlling them were forced to retreat so far that the radio control was ineffective. In occupying positions to prevent enemy counterattack the towed three inch guns were often emplaced in the infantry front lines. Four guns were moved into the town of Inden when only six houses were in our hands.

After the Roer River was reached, and before a crossing could be made, the German breakthrough in the Ardennes made it necessary for the 104th Division to broaden its sector to free divisions for use in the south. The large front occupied and the fact that the two main East-West roads to Aachen ran through the division sector made it necessary for this battalion to set up an extremely well organized anti-tank defense. For this purpose the battalion was furnished four extra three inch guns. In addition to these guns, six German 75 mm. P.A.K. and one German 88 mm. P.A.K. were salvaged and put in position. All of these guns were manned by the battalion and many alternate positions were prepared to halt any possible tank attack.

The year closed with the battalion waiting impatiently for the time when the attack in its sector would again be resumed.

Commanding Officers during this period of difficult but distinguished combat were:

Lt Colonel Samuel S. Morse, 0346559, FA - Battalion Commander
Captain William T. McQuade, 0407644, FA - A Company Commander
Captain John H. West, 0327774, Cav - B Company Commander
Captain Louis W. Buckalew Jr., 0410154, Inf - C Company Commander
until 10 December
1st Lieutenant Delbert M. Harper, 01823867, FA - C Company Commander
from 10 December
Captain Joseph F. Zillman, 0317220, Cav - Headquarters Company
Commander



The successfull struggle to drive the Germans across the Roer River was not without its price. The personnel of the battalien will always remember the gallant men who were killed and wounded while fighting to ensure the victory.

#### LOSSES SUSTAINED THROUGH BATTLE CASUALTIES

### KILLED IN ACTION

2nd Lieutenant Gregory F. Daalmann, 01825400, FA - In the vicinity of Darff.

Germany, 11 November 1944.
Private Frederick H. Deering, 36299711, FA - In the vicinity of Diepenlinchen, Germany, 22 Nevember 1944.

Private First Class John Pstrak, 33461263, FA - In the vicinity of Rothgen, Germany, 28 Nevember 1944.

Private Henry J. Krakowiak, 31281181, FA - In the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, 6 December 1944.

# DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION

Technician Grade Five James C. Delerenze, 35794849, FA - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 2 December 1944.

## **WOUNDED IN ACTION**

Private First Class Bennie E. Helmes, 36444346, FA - In the vicinity of Breda, Helland, 30 October 1944.

Sergeant William N. Ball, 32390226, FA - In the vicinity of Heeven, Helland, 3 Nevember 1944.

Technician Grade Four William V. Lesner, 13086704, FA - In the vicinity of Oudenbesch, Helland, 6 Nevember 1944.

Private First Class Julian Wright, 34214227, FA - In the vicinity of Aachen,

Germany, 8 Nevember 1944. Sergeant Walter F. Talasis, 35001136, FA - In the vicinity of Derff, Germany, 15 Nevember 1944.

Technician Grade Five Rebert E. Shilling, FA, 33238685 - In the vicinity of Eilenderf, Germany, 18 Nevember 1944.

Sergeant Rena J. Gosselin, 31326420, FA - In the vicinity of Eilendorf, Germany, 18 Nevember 1944.

Technician Grade Five Themas M. DeMarce, 33420947, FA - In the vicinity of Eilenderf, Germany, 18 Nevember 1944.

Private First Class James A. Larrick, 35409668, FA - In the vicinity of Eilendorf, Germany, 18 Nevember 1944.

Private William H. Carr, 36558099, FA - In the vicinity of Eilendorf, Germany, 18 November 1944.

Private Richard M. Green, 37385572, FA - In the vicinity of Eilendorf, Germany, 18 Nevember 1944.

Private Kenneth A. Coyne, 36298657, FA - In the vicinity of Verlautenheide, Germany, 19 Nevember 1944.

1st Lieutenant Flamine J. Rispeli, 01821769, Inf - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 21 Nevember 1944.

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Private First Class Coyle Shelton, 34599186, FA - In the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, 21 Nevember 1944. Sergeant Sam Fena, 35300212, FA, - In the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, 26 November 1944. Technician Grade Five Dale M. Breth, 33250643, FA - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 27 Nevember 1944. Sergeant Byron L. Schrock, 33246480, FA - In the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, 29 November 1944. Private First Class William C. Cogar, 35750316, FA - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 1 December 1944. Private First Class George Snake, 37122761, FA - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 1 December 1944. Private First Class Rebert G. Lebdell, 32737769, FA - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 1 December 1944. Private First Class Benjamin F. Mitchell, 38467085, FA - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 1 December 1944. Sergeant Peter J. Dunne, 35402565, FA - In the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, 2 December 1944. Private First Class Daniel J. Ball, FA - In the vininity of Eschweiler, Germany, 4 December 1944. Private Peter Bilez, 32836746, FA - In the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, 1 December 1944. Private First Class Jeseph H. Kelley, 36421196, FA - In the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, 9 December 1944. Captain Louis W. Buckalew Jr., 0410154, Inf - In the vicinity of Putzlehn, Germany, 10 December 1944. Private First Class Rebert M. Warren, 16095042, FA - In the vicinity of Putzlehn, Germany, 10 December 1944.
Sergeant Victor J. Murauskos, 32402250, FA - In the vicinity of Inden, Germany, 16 December 1944. Technician Grade Five James J. Loria, 36562201, FA - In the vicinity of Inden, Germany, 16 December 1944. Private First Class Marie J. Nunez, 32682435, FA - In the vicinity of Inden, Germany, 16 December 1944. Private First Class Gerald W. Rebinsen, 36421237, FA - In the vicinity of Lamersderf, Germany, 22 December 1944. Private First Class John D. Heffman, 33430942, FA - In the vicinity of Langerweke, Germany, 28 December 1944.

All of the personnel of this battalion are extremely proud of their comrades listed below who distinguished themselves in action.

# AWARDED THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

Sergeant Edward Ritchie, 35116422, Company C 692d Tank Destroyer Battalien, for gallantry in action in Germany on 21 November 1944 - per GO #25, Hq. 104th Inf., Div., dated 8 December 1944.



Private First Class Edward J. Zaliagiris, 36853024, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalien, for gallantry in action in Germany on 5 December 1944 - per GO #32, Hq 104th Inf. Div., dated 15 December 1944.

Private First Class William E. Wright, 34603056, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalien, for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 December 1944 per GO #33, Hq. 104th Inf. Div., dated 16 December 1944.

# AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sergeant Vernen L. Webster, 15320800, Headquarters Cempany, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in connection with military eperations in Germany on 4 December 1944 - per GO #40, Hq. 104th Inf Div., dated 23 December 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles W. Marshall, 14138122, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destreyer Battalion, for hereic achievement in connection with military eperations in Germany on 4 December 1944. - per GO #40, Hq 104th

Inf. Div., dated 23 December 1944.

Private First Class Arthur E. Alexander, 33451307, Headquarters Company, 692d Tank Destreyer Battalion, for hereic achievement in connection with military eperations in Germany on 4 December 1944 - per GO #40, Hq 104th Inf Div., dated 23 December 1944.

Private First Class George Snake, 37122761, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalien, for hereic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 Nevember 1944 - per GO #43, Hq 104th Inf Div., dated 26 December

Private Arvel E. Stafford, 34364838, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for hereic achievement in connection with military operations in Germany on 29 Nevember 1944 - per GO #43, Hq 104th Inf Div., dated 26 December 1944.

# AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

First Sergeant Wilford L. Sidebettom, 38083260, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, on 11 December 1944.

Sergeant Den K. Crawford, 20322432, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, on 8 December 1944.

Sergeant Rena J. Gesselin, 31326420, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eilendorf, Germany, on 18 November

Sergeant John B. Smith, 38467279, Company A, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Hehlrath, Germany, on 26 November 1944. Technician Grade Five Leuis Segedy, 35291378, Company B, for wounds received

as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Lamersdorf, Germany, on

24 December 1944.

Sergeant Charles W. East, 39278330, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, on 8 December 1944.

Private First Class Isadore Becker, 32191450, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Frenz, Germany, on 6 December

Private First Class William O, Embry, 35725611, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Lamerdorf, Germany, on 17 December 1944.



Private First Class Rebert M. Killgere Jr., 34338111, Cempany B, fer wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eilendorf, Germany, on 17 November 1944.

Private First Class John F. McNamee, 39461256, Company C, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Weisweiler, Ger-

many, en 26 Nevember 1944.

Private First Class Coyie Shelton, 34599186, Company A, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Eschweiler, Germany, on 21 November 1944.

Private Raymond L. Daniels, 32754073, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Oudenbosch, Helland, on 5 Nov-

ember 1944.

Private Martin G. Marmurek, 32879618, Company B, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in the vicinity of Lamersdorf, Germany, on 16 December 1944.