

# 75<sup>th</sup> PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION





Camp Forrest, Tennessee

January 6, 1942

To the Officers and Men, 75th Field Artillery Brigade Prov.  
(GHQ) Antitank Battalion.

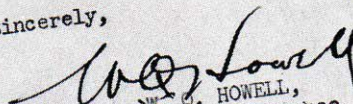
You have just returned from First Army Maneuvers  
in North and South Carolina.

The Battalion has participated in all the major  
maneuvers in the East, and after 15,000 miles of travel and  
6 months in the field, I want to congratulate you on what I  
believe to be a record; not a man has been hurt or a vehicle  
lost; a high for my money.

We have much to do yet, but my belief in the per-  
sonnel assures me that you are fast becoming seasoned troops  
of the highest caliber.

I appreciate your support and loyalty.

Sincerely,



W. C. HOWELL,  
Lt. Colonel, Ordnance,  
Commanding.





## WILLIAM Q. HOWELL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

**COMMANDING THE 75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION**

Pvt., Cpl., Sgt., Artillery, 1917. 2nd Lt., Artillery, 1918. 1st Lt., Artillery, 1922. Capt., Artillery, 1924. Major, Artillery, 1927. Lt. Col., Artillery, 1934. Lt. Col., Ordnance, 1939. Service Schools: Camp Stanley, Texas; Artillery School, Saumur, France; Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth.





# STAFF

## 75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION



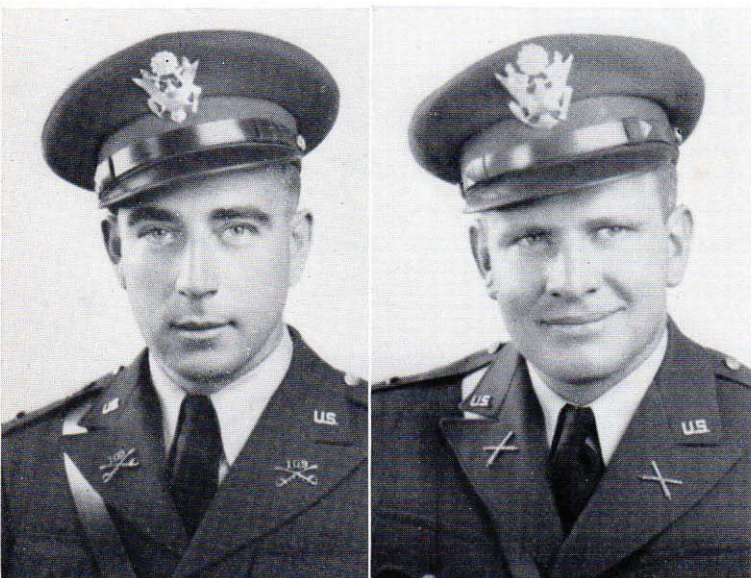
FRED L. FLAHTE  
*Captain*  
Executive Officer



CLARENCE D. MCCURRY  
*Captain*  
S-4



GEORGE T. WALKER  
*1st Lieutenant*  
S-2



WALTER K. FREELAND  
*2nd Lieutenant*  
Adjutant

ROBERT S. LONG  
*2nd Lieutenant*



# HISTORY OF THE

# 75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION

The 75th Field Artillery Brigade Antitank Battalion is the newest organization in the Brigade. The Battalion is composed of four Firing Batteries, a Headquarters Battery and attached Medical Personnel. The Firing Batteries were formerly the Antitank Batteries of the 181st and 191st Field Artillery Regiments. Batteries D and H of the 181st Field Artillery were redesignated Batteries A and B, respectively, and Batteries G and H of the 191st Field Artillery were redesignated Batteries C and D, respectively. The Headquarters Battery is composed of selected personnel of the 181st F. A., 191st F. A. and the 168th Field Artillery. The Medical detachment is from the 168th Field Artillery.

The Battalion was activated provisionally on August 1, 1941, with Lt. Col. William Q. Howell commanding. Following ten days of organization the Battalion marched to Arkansas with the other units of the Brigade, less the 168th Field Artillery, to participate in the 2nd and 3rd Army Maneuvers.

The history of the Battalion is largely concerned with maneuvers and field exercises. Shortly after arrival at Gurden, Arkansas, the 75th Antitank Battalion was temporarily released from the 75th Field Artillery Brigade and attached to the Third Army, the "Blue" army of the Louisiana maneuvers of 1941. The Battalion became part of the Third Provisional GHQ Antitank Group and began preliminary training. Our Base Camp was located one and one-half miles west of Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

The Battalion was one of the few units in the Louisiana maneuvers to oppose its parent organization. However, the forces of the 75th Field Artillery Brigade were not encountered. The Battalion served on all sectors of the Third Army front in opposing mechanized advances of the Second Army.

After the Louisiana maneuvers the organization returned to Camp Claiborne for three weeks and departed for home station at Camp Forrest. Arriving at Camp Forrest, October 22, the Battalion prepared to move again, this time to participate in the First Army maneuvers in North Carolina. After five days at home station the Battalion marched from Camp Forrest to Hoffman, North Carolina. During the preliminary phases of the maneuvers the weather became severely cold. However, the men showed the results of months of campaigning: the health of the command was excellent in spite of the inclement weather.

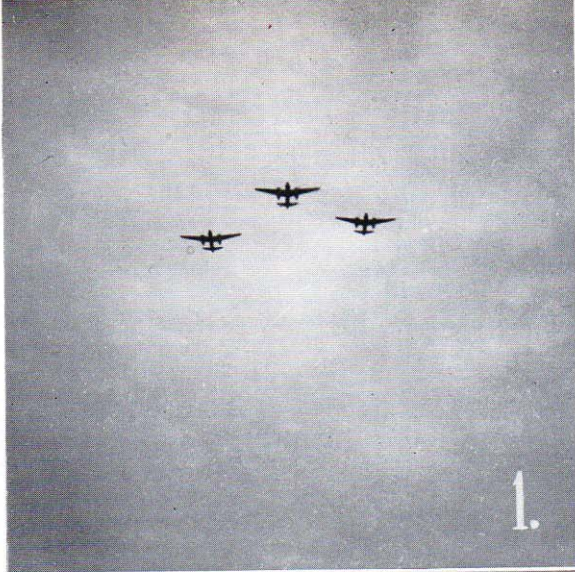
The GHQ phase of the Carolina maneuvers brought the first exhaustive test of the Battalion's ability to stop mechanized forces. The Battalion played an important part in the defense of the Cheraw bridgehead on November 17-18. During the morning of the 18th, the Battalion withstood a massive assault of tanks, half-tracks, and planes. During that period the Battalion destroyed thirty tanks and much other mechanized equipment. The Carolina maneuvers were featured by alert, aggressive antitank operations and the 75th Antitank Battalion played its part well.

Traveling in excess of 15,000 miles, the Battalion served in the combat forces of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Field Armies and returned to Camp Forrest with the enviable record of not having lost a man or vehicle.

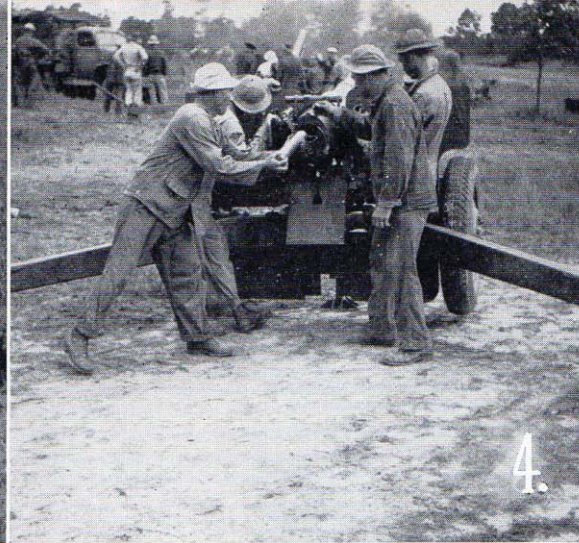
The Battalion returned to Camp Forrest and Brigade on December 4th. On December 15th the Battalion was inactivated. It was reactivated and redesignated the 775th Tank Destroyer Battalion the same date.



# 75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION







1. Air attack, Btry. B. 2-3. Anti-aircraft defense, Btry. B. 4. Preparing to fire, Btry. B. 5. Care of the piece, Btry. B. 6. Waiting for action, Btry. B. 7. Loading the piece, Btry. B. 8. Action, Btry. B. 9. Firing in Louisiana, Btry. D. 10. Working on gun (Louisiana maneuvers), Btry. D. 11. Gun in action during N. C. maneuvers, Btry. D. 12. Waiting for Santa Claus, Btry. D. 13. Col. Howell inspects gun on moving target range, Btry. A. 14. Observation balloon, Btry. A. 15. Cleaning breech of 75mm antitank gun, Btry. A. 16. Armistice Day football team, Btry. A. 17. Bald heads, Btry. C. 18. Triangular target practice, Btry. C. 19. Orderly room, Btry. C. 20. Mess Sgt. sampling food, Btry. C. 21. Hot spot south of Monroe, S. C., Btry. C.

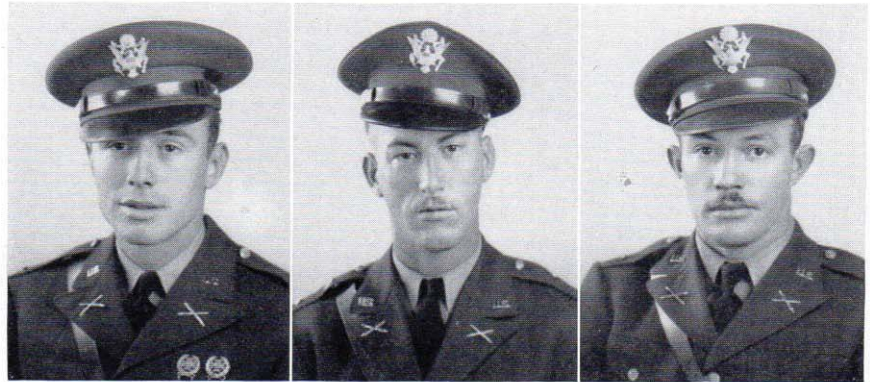


# HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION



TILLMAN H. SMITH  
1st Lieutenant  
Commanding,  
Headquarters Battery



LOUIS E. RONINGER  
1st Lieutenant

KENNETH M. BURKE  
1st Lieutenant

AVERY B. DALTON  
2nd Lieutenant



First row: Sgts. C. B. Cox, R. L. Doolittle, J. F. Daugherty, T. V. Frost, L. Griggs, E. C. Huston, C. K. Knight, G. C. Mabry, J. R. Morgan, W. C. Motes, L. D. Steele.

Second row: Sgt. Woodruff, Cpls. H. N. Buell, J. C. Durkop, A. R. Dyer, W. H. Epperson, C. T. Gilliam, W. A. Hover, R. W. King, J. LaSalle, W. J. Nilges, L. Parnell.

Third row: L. Steinberg, H. Walters, R. Williams, PFC's F. F. Alford, T. W. Benton, C. Brandes, C. D. Brumit, S. Carlisle, H. Harrison, G. McMillian, S. E. Pegg.



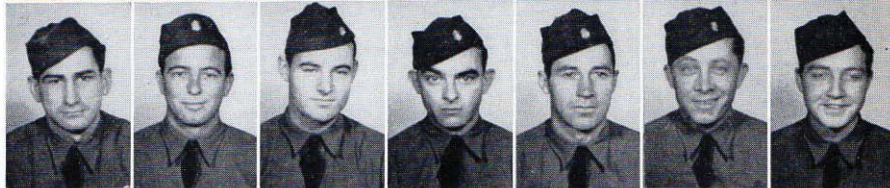
First row: PFC J. W. Sanders, Pvts. H. W. Adams, W. R. Akins, R. H. Arnold, L. Beaton, J. W. Benton, G. F. Bolen.



Second row: Pvts. N. F. Brown, J. A. Burnette, P. Clark, J. W. Cleaver, R. M. Conrad, C. E. Cook, J. Copeland.



Third row: Pvts. D. P. Curtis, J. W. Darouse, F. Dees, J. L. Elliot, V. Ellis, R. C. Fewell, J. A. Foster.



Fourth row: Pvts. R. F. Graves, N. Hardy, J. T. Harmon, J. T. Hazelwood, W. H. Holland, B. O. Johnson, R. M. Johnson.



Fifth row: Pvts. R. L. Jones, J. M. King, G. Kowalski, B. Lawson, L. Lewis, J. C. Lisk, J. T. Meador.



Sixth row: Pvts. P. Moody, R. Morrisette, E. D. Mouton, W. Mullinix, L. E. Myers, G. A. Nichols, J. W. Patton.



Seventh row: Pvts. J. N. Phillips, F. J. Piks, F. P. Rathbun, G. D. Rice, L. D. Ricketts, J. L. Rhodes, W. Schlotterback.



Eighth row: Pvts. F. W. Schneider, J. Starr, L. D. Stephens, J. P. Stinson, M. W. Sweat, C. Sylar, P. H. Tamplin.



Ninth row: Pvts. E. R. Tate, D. Tavenner, R. Tavenner, R. K. Tompson, H. Thurmond, E. Travis, R. E. Tumminelli.



Tenth row: Pvts. W. F. Underwood, L. C. Waibel, F. Wallace, R. H. Wallis, H. Webb, F. B. Wood, E. Zeigler.





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1. Lt. Grisard (Brigade, S-1) and Capt. F. L. Plahte.
2. "Goodbye, Sgt. Chips," Headquarters Battery.
3. Code Classroom, Headquarters Battery.
4. Automatic Keyer code type machine.
5. Swabbing throat, Medical Detachment.
6. Anti-tetanus shot, Medical Detachment.



# MEDICAL DETACHMENT

75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION



CHARLES A. MARSTON  
Captain



THOMAS R. STANDER  
Major

First row: Stf. Sgt. P. E. Keithly, Cpl. J. N. Washichek, PFC C. E. Holman, Pvts. G. E. Andrews, J. C. Ellis, S. H. Huelskamp, J. W. Huri- nek.



Second row: Pvts. R. C. Kerns, C. H. Magnuson, D. B. Moore, G. T. Ricker, H. R. Riedstra, C. A. Warren, C. W. Williams.



Pvts. Williams (patient) and Warren,  
Medical Detachment.



Dinner at base camp while on army maneuvers at Camp Claiborne, La.



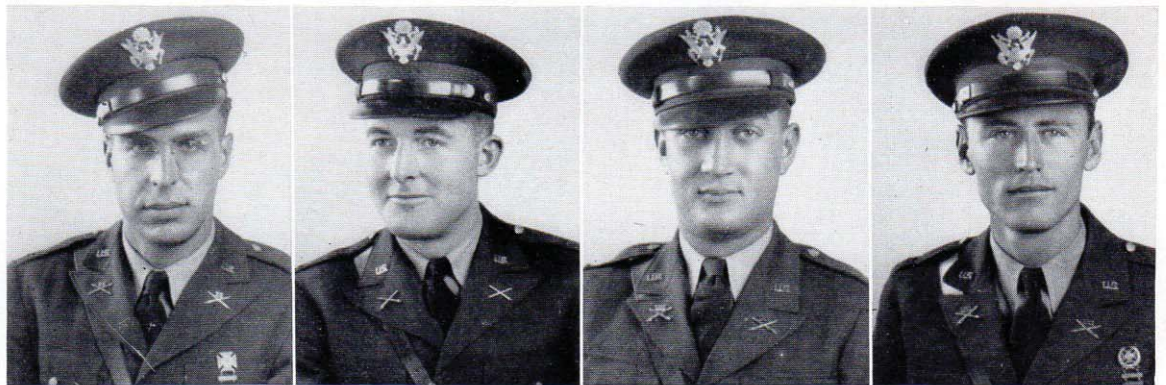




LOWELL G. BEAN  
*Captain*  
 Commanding,  
 Battery A

# BATTERY A

75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION



GEORGE W. HARTUNG  
*1st Lieutenant*

WILLARD R. AWENIUS  
*2nd Lieutenant*

HERBERT L. MOSELEY  
*2nd Lieutenant*

ROY H. SULLIVAN  
*2nd Lieutenant*



*First row:* 1st Sgt. L. G. Hensley, Sgts. E. J. Artymiak, J. R. Bean, O. Briethaupt, W. Carter, Jr., H. C. Gentry, D. J. Hudnall, P. H. Kirby, H. A. Landry, P. J. McCanless, T. S. Nelms, G. E. Oehlsen.  
*Second row:* Sgts. R. H. Presley, C. G. Upton, C. C. Sutton, Cpls. H. L. Allison, J. Y. Brashear, J. H. Goodman, O. Harris, R. L. Maddux, T. J. McVay, H. R. Murphy, J. W. Ritch, J. Simon.  
*Third row:* Cpls. T. N. Smith, B. L. Thompson, C. H. Thompson, E. Vocke, PFC's S. O. Arterburn, E. Bedgood, J. Belgarde, F. Bitsko, M. Breaux, J. W. Bryant, C. Claxton, C. R. Cook.



First row: PFC's C. Cruse, C. Devall, J. T. Elrod, B. M. Goff, M. M. Harley, E. A. Kinton.



Second row: PFC's T. LaFever, J. C. Long, C. E. McBroom, F. E. Medlin, T. J. Nelson, J. Nixon.



Third row: PFC's J. Orillion, T. Panni, R. Pilaroscia, L. L. Pecararo, A. Pilkington, J. V. Scarbrough.



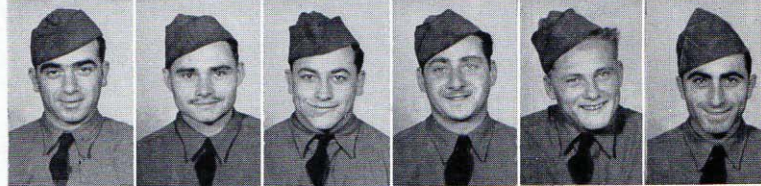
Fourth row: PFC's P. V. Schuff, A. Shamoan, L. E. Stout, T. Swicegood, G. Reynolds, J. Zanetta.



Fifth row: Pvts. F. C. Allison, E. Arcuri, N. Arena, G. Barberi, E. Boehm, H. Butts.



Sixth row: Pvts. J. Brigandi, P. Broussard, M. C. Bryant, M. Cagganio, R. Calbaugh, A. Calderone.



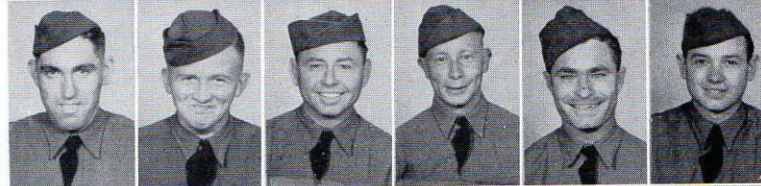
Seventh row: Pvts. J. Carubia, R. Carucci, S. Caruso, Y. W. Chu, J. J. Cicero, E. Cinardo.



Eighth row: Pvts. J. F. Ciochon, J. Coley, S. Hedrick, H. Hickey, J. Hudson, L. Jones.



Ninth row: Pvts. T. Kinney, K. W. LaFever, V. Perkins, C. J. Phillips, W. M. Purswell, U. Revis.



Tenth row: Pvts. V. Rhame, A. B. Ryland, T. Snider, F. S. Soileau, L. H. Stewart, B. J. Stout.



Eleventh row: Pvts. M. Stump, R. Tillman, J. A. Tucker, W. Wheeler, J. A. Williams, O. Wyatt.



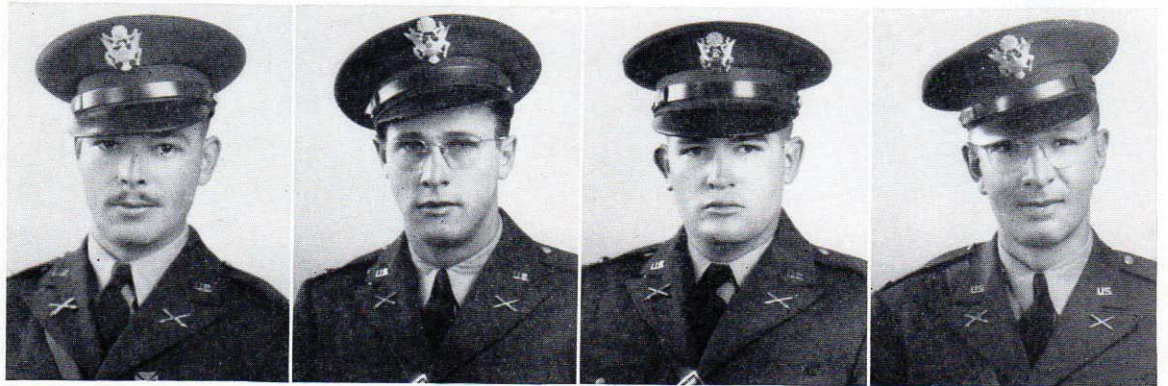




JOHN J. BRAGG  
*Captain*  
 Commanding,  
 Battery B

# BATTERY B

75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK  
 BATTALION



WILLIAM G. KNIGHT  
*2nd Lieutenant*

BEN F. MECHLING  
*2nd Lieutenant*

WILLIAM O. TERRY  
*2nd Lieutenant*

STEPHEN WHEELER, JR.  
*2nd Lieutenant*

*First row:* 1st Sgt. A. H. Gill, Sgts. J. E. Austin, J. K. Barr, R. H. Bradley, A. L. Brown, E. V. Daniels, C. F. Hawkins, R. Leftwich, P. H. Morris.  
*Second row:* Sgts. G. D. Smith, R. C. Sorrell, B. D. Williams, F. L. Wright, Cpls. V. A. Benson, D. Charnovitsky, O. Ervin, J. W. Foust, B. R. Goff.





First row: Cpls. J. L. Knight, M. A. Magehee, J. L. McGinn, R. G. Presley, L. Williams, PFC's C. W. Addison, G. W. Addison, C. E. Anderson.



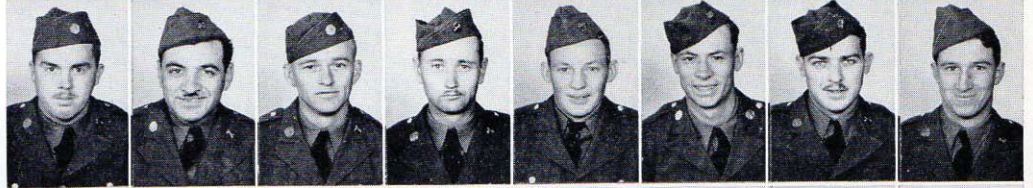
Second row: PFC's H. E. Ashburn, J. P. Bailey, J. J. Balopitos, R. W. Bebar, A. A. Benanti, W. D. Boatright, G. C. Bowen, Jr., L. Bowman.



Third row: PFC's J. C. Brandon, J. W. Brasher, F. L. Braue, M. Brazzell, R. D. Breeding, H. F. Brooks, G. K. Brown, J. W. Buller.



Fourth row: PFC's G. W. Carroll, P. P. Cascioli, G. S. Curlett, V. Daniels, J. L. Ford, W. W. Harville, V. H. Hawkins, T. G. Hemrick.



Fifth row: PFC's G. Hickey, R. L. Huskins, L. W. Kirk, J. M. Latham, J. H. Maxwell, W. E. Miller, J. Miller, L. Murphy.



Sixth row: PFC's L. L. Petty, V. A. Pickett, P. J. Pollard, W. C. Qualls, R. K. Reed, D. D. Riggs, A. L. Roberson, Auburn Ryland.



Seventh row: PFC's F. S. Sliger, W. N. Smith, E. L. Smitherman, F. V. Spinelli, A. J. Stanton, R. W. Surratt, J. A. Travis, V. Whaley.



Eighth row: PFC's A. M. Whatley, C. T. White, S. T. Woodall, L. Woodley, Pvts. J. M. Bilbrey, W. T. Bryant, J. W. Belisle, D. E. Burch.



Ninth row: Pvts. B. D. Capshaw, J. H. Clayton, A. H. Cobb, G. W. Hunnicutt, L. V. Jones, R. L. Lewis, C. C. Luniewski, J. E. Norton.



Tenth row: Pvts. W. E. Parker, C. A. Patrick, L. T. Purgason, V. A. Ramey, W. A. Roussarie, A. E. Snider, W. Stallings, W. G. Tilley.



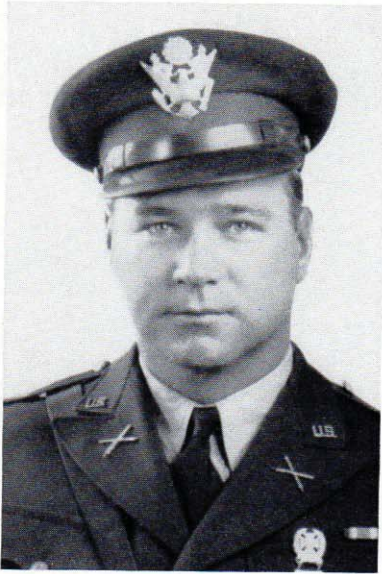
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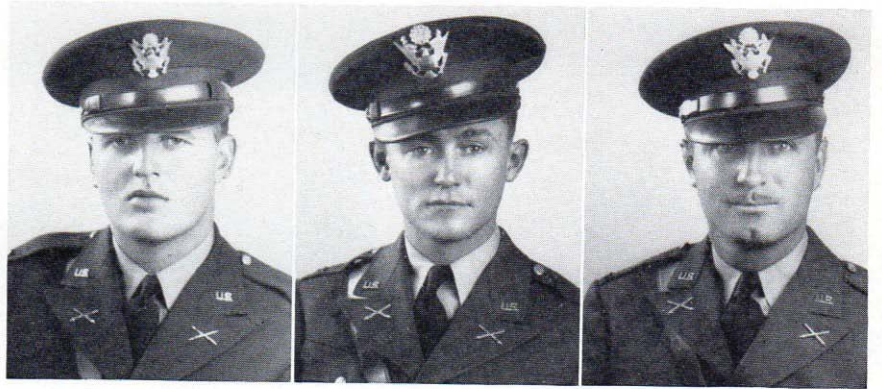


# BATTERY C

75th PROVISIONAL ANTITANK BATTALION



DENNY K. FARNSWORTH  
1st Lieutenant  
Commanding,  
Battery C



CHARLES S. AWENIUS  
1st Lieutenant

THOMAS C. VAUGHAN  
1st Lieutenant

ROBERT H. RISLEY  
2nd Lieutenant

First row: 1st Sgt. W. A. Chambers, Sgts. J. T. Beavers, E. C. Brannon, W. Camper, R. L. Cates, F. E. Clark, J. M. Clark, E. J. Duncan, B. C. Gardner.  
Second row: Sgts. F. G. Hale, W. C. Huffman, A. G. Kiser, P. E. McDaniels, V. C. Moore, R. C. Trotter, Cpls. L. Q. Ammons, W. H. Anderson, G. W. Brinkley.  
Third row: Cpls. C. H. Farr, R. W. Martin, T. F. Martin, R. D. McFarland, B. Ozga, P. Pelose, M. Taylor, PFC's G. R. Begley, L. K. Buckingham.





First row: PFC's A. P. Carmack, M. Clark, R. S. Edmondson, T. Farris, E. D. Fields, O. Gilbert, J. N. Hadden, J. F. Hampton.



Second row: PFC's G. K. Hill, T. Hoinko, M. R. Hurst, G. W. Ikard, T. N. Keith, J. W. Ramey, G. Rice, W. T. Sisk.



Third row: PFC's E. Miles, G. A. Smith, R. E. Taylor, M. Temples, W. F. Thomas, J. B. Throneberry, A. L. Troxler, J. E. Tymon.



Fourth row: PFC's H. Warriner, M. Whitehead, J. L. Willocks, E. K. Williams, J. T. Woods, T. N. Wiseman, C. W. Yancey, V. L. Yoakum.



Fifth row: Pvs. Bon Der, A. Claxton, W. L. Dong, E. R. Fann, J. Fong, A. S. Gallino, W. S. Isom, F. Leederman.



Sixth row: Pvs. J. Levy, R. W. Luster, J. K. Maguire, F. W. Maurer, R. Maya, W. Maylander, W. H. McCarthy, M. W. McFarland.



Seventh row: Pvs. M. Melamed, A. Millayes, H. Miller, R. Mitten, J. Mittleman, W. Moore, K. Molkenthin, H. F. Murphy.



Eighth row: Pvs. J. J. Murphy, A. Nathan, E. L. Necci, J. Nerney, R. J. Nicholson, H. J. Orr, M. G. Ostapeck, T. D. Owens.



Ninth row: Pvs. F. Packasinski, L. Parker, S. Perna, M. Postiglione, R. Pucciarelli, M. Quinones, J. Ratkowski, W. T. Rawluck.



Tenth row: Pvs. A. Razzino, N. Ridosh, E. W. Riffin, R. Rios, C. Robino, H. Rockberger, E. Rogan, C. M. Roland.



Eleventh row: Pvs. C. L. Ronda, J. Rosario, B. Rossitto, J. S. Rostkowski, H. Rothman, S. Schillizzi, H. Throneberry, C. Wall.



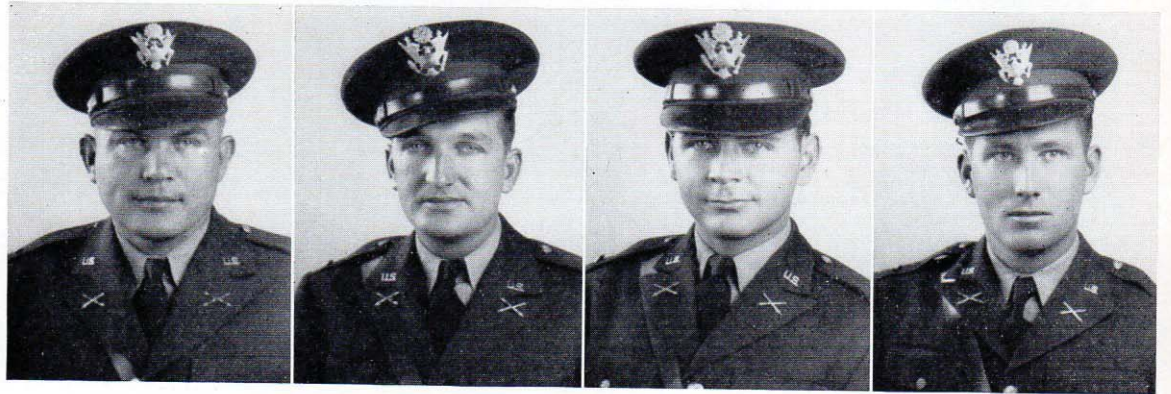




COILE A. QUINN  
*Captain*  
 Commanding,  
 Battery D

# BATTERY D

75th PROVISIONAL  
 ANTITANK BATTALION



RAY CLONINGER  
*1st Lieutenant*

THOMAS E. MURRELL  
*2nd Lieutenant*

JAMES E. SUGG  
*2nd Lieutenant*

ERSKINE H. WADDLE  
*2nd Lieutenant*



*First row:* 1st Sgt. D. L. Harkleroad, Sgts. R. C. Brumley, W. C. Byerlev, J. C. Davis, C. F. Derey, F. Gosnell, R. R. Grazian, C. R. Hilton.

*Second row:* Sgts. H. R. Lane, J. B. Lintz, K. B. Marine, J. E. Shepard, Cpls. P. K. Beck, W. H. Bible, D. D. Broyles, S. S. Gennuso.

*Third row:* Cpls. J. R. Gosnell, W. M. Hope, W. D. Knight, W. T. Rader, W. V. Ricker, C. Shelton, B. A. Wykle, E. C. Yokley.

*Fourth row:* PFC's J. C. Boswell, E. F. DuBose, I. T. Fisher, C. H. Fortner, R. R. Gass, I. E. Greene, E. L. Harkleroad, R. E. Hawkins.



First row: PFC's B. Holland, J. Huber, T. M. Hyde, J. N. Iulianetti, W. A. Kay, G. E. Lucas.



Second row: PFC's A. Maruzzi, W. H. McMillian, J. Mitchell, J. L. Naulta, H. A. Phillips, H. J. Rutherford.



Third row: PFC's H. E. Scott, J. A. Southerland, F. K. Tweed, F. Wallen, K. R. Wallen, C. H. Windels.



Fourth row: PFC's G. B. Woods, F. B. Wykle, Pvts. J. L. Craven, M. B. Crumley, I. D. Friedman, I. Gartenlaub.



Fifth row: Pvts. L. M. Gelman, A. Georgian, H. Goldberg, A. Greenberg, J. Gross, J. Henry.



Sixth row: Pvts. W. Henry, D. L. Hensley, L. H. Hirsch, F. M. Horne, N. Hyman, V. F. Interligi.



Seventh row: Pvts. V. Iula, J. Jadygo, J. K. Jaghab, E. Jarshuk, C. R. Kaka-ryka, J. Kaplan.



Eighth row: Pvts. E. Katz, L. S. Kay, J. Keiser, W. A. Kocon, S. Leblang, I. Levine.



Ninth row: Pvts. M. Levy, I. Lukomnik, L. Makler, M. Malzman, L. J. Marasco, S. Margolis.



Tenth row: Pvts. D. E. Marshall, E. L. Mason, A. A. Matarese, E. W. Mattesky, M. F. McAmis, R. E. Thompson.

