

HEADQUARTERS 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION


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Battle Honors

Company B, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 7 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barthelmy, France. The enemy launched a determined counterattack in great strength by which they hoped to reach Avranches and the sea, thereby splitting American forces in France. Company B, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, was in defensive positions giving anti-tank support to other elements of the 30th Infantry Division. Throughout the day the battle raged. An opportunity for honorable withdrawal was spurned, and despite heavy casualties sustained by the company, a desperate counterattack by the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses in both personnel and equipment, and the brilliant victory attained was climaxed by a general withdrawal of the enemy from the entire sector. The enemy never succeeded in penetrating the anti-tank defenses of the company, although the counterattack was supported by a considerable number of tanks and other armored vehicles. The indomitable fighting spirit exhibited by members of the company caused them to remain in position so long as personnel or equipment with which to fight were available. In the midst of unceasing fire and often in the face of certain death, duties were performed unhesitatingly and with utter disregard of personal safety. The courage and devotion to duty shown by members of Company B, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.


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