

HISTORY

661ST. TANK DESTROYER BATTALION



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ORIGINAL UNIT

1. Designation: 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion
2. Date of Organization: 17 April 1943
3. Place of Organization: Camp Bowie, Texas
4. Authority for Organization: T D C General Order No. 14,
par. III Hq, T D C, Camp Hood, Texas., dated 1
April 1943.

5. Sources from which personnel was obtained:

Cadre (Enlisted) : 806th. T D Bn.

Officers: 806th. T D Bn., 607th. T D Bn., and
Replacement Pool.

Enlisted Replacements: Reception Centers, Camp
Lee Virginia; Fort Meade, Maryland
and New Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Tank
Destroyer Replacement Training Center,
North Camp Hood, Texas.



II

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

1. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned to the Tank Destroyer Center from 17 April 1943 to 17 February 1944.
2. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned to the Fourth U. S. Army on 17 February 1944.
3. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned to the New York Port of Embarkation effective on arrival at Camp Shanks, N.Y., per W.D. Ltr., File W.D. 370-5 (1 Nov. 44) A B -S-E-M, Subj: Movement Orders, Shipment 8110, dated 2 Nov. 1944.
4. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned to the 12th. Army Group upon arrival at Camp Lucky Strike, France per Ltr., Hq. EPOUSA, Subj: Troop Assignment (# 165) dtd. 26 Dec 44.
5. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned to the First U. S. Army (VOGG of 5 February 1945) per Ltr. Hq. 12th Army Group, APO 655, dated 8 February 1945, Subj: Troop Assignment # 33.
6. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to the 5th Corps per 1st Army Letter, dtd. 10 February 1945, Subj: Troop Assignment # 14, par. 8, effective date of atcht. 7 February 45.
7. The 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to the 3rd. Tank Destroyer Group, and further attached to the 69th. Infantry Division, effective 7th February 1945 per Ltr. 5th Corps, Troop Assignment, dtd. 6 February 1945.
8. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned from the 1st. U. S. Army to the 9th. U. S. Army.
9. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned from the 9th. U. S. Army to the 7th. U. S. Army.



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**CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION
(Continued)**

10. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned from the 7th. U. S. Army to the Normandy Base Sector.
11. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned from the Normandy Base Sector to the 2nd. U. S. Army., 14th. Hq. & Hq. Det. Op. Shelby Miss.
12. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned from the 2nd. U. S. Army., 14th. Hq. & Hq. Det. Op. Shelby, Miss., to the 4th. U. S. Army., 14th. Hq. & Hq. Det. Op. Shelby, Miss.
13. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned from the 4th. U. S. Army., 14th. Hq. & Hq. Det. Op. Shelby, Miss., and attached to the 4th. U. S. Army., 11th. Hq. & Hq. Det., Sp. Trps., Op. Hood, Texas., per S O # 282, 14th. Hq. & Hq. Det. 4th. U. S. Army., Op. Shelby, Miss.
14. The 661st. Tank Destroyer Battalion is now assigned to the 4th. U. S. Army., 11th. Hq. & Hq. Det. Sp. Trps., 429th. FA Group., Op. Hood, Texas.





III
STRENGTH
COMMISSIONED & ENLISTED

MONTH	YE	STRENGTH 1st Day			STRENGTH last Day			NET INCREASE			NET DECREASE		
		O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM
June	44	51	1	735	45	1	657	0	0	13	6	0	91
July	44	45	1	674	48	1	611	13	0	13	10	0	75
August	44	49	1	611	47	1	606	3	0	1	5	0	16
September	44	47	1	606	51	2	594	6	1	3	2	0	15
October	44	51	2	594	51	2	599	0	0	7	0	0	2
November	44	51	2	599	47	2	676	5	0	84	9	0	7
December	44	47	2	681	35	2	607	1	1	31	12	1	105
January	45	35	2	612	35	2	596	0	0	1	0	0	17
February	45	35	2	596	34	2	596	0	0	14	1	0	14
March	45	35	2	597	34	2	606	2	1	27	3	1	18
April	45	40	2	602	33	1	585	1	0	16	2	1	33
May	45	33	1	586	32	2	643	3	1	91	4	0	34

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MONTH	YR	STRENGTH 1st Day			STRENGTH last Day			NET INCREASE			NET DECREASE		
		O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM
June	45	32	2	645	35	2	621	5	0	12	2	0	36
July	45	35	2	621	35	2	621	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	45	35	2	621	35	2	617	0	6	17	0	6	21
September	45	35	2	617	36	1	607	8	1	12	7	2	23
October	45	36	2	607	24	2	433	1	3	43	13	3	174
November	45	24	2	418	18	2	473	28	5	226	34	5	171
December	45	18	2	474	32	2	482	27	0	24	13	0	16
February	46	20	2	337	0	0	0	***	INACTIVATION			***	





IV

STATIONS

<u>Name of Station</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
Camp Bowie, Texas (Activated)	17 Apr 43	9 May 43
North Camp Hood, Texas	9 May 43	19 June 43
Table Rock Camp, Camp Hood, Texas	19 June 43	14 Aug 43
Camp Hood, Texas	16 Aug 43	14 Feb 44
Leesville, La. (La. maneuvers)	15 Feb 44	9 Apr 44
Camp Swift, Texas	10 Apr 44	2 Aug 44
North Camp Hood, Texas	2 Aug 44	1 Sep 44
House Camp No.3 Camp Hood, Texas	1 Sep 44	29 Sep 44
Camp Bowie, Texas	29 Sep 44	13 Oct 44
Camp Hood, Texas	13 Oct 44	14 Oct 44
Camp Chaffe, Ark.	16 Oct 44	26 Oct 44
Camp Hood, Texas	28 Oct 44	21 Dec 44
Camp Shanks, N.Y.	25 Dec 44	10 Jan 45
Le Havre, France	21 Jan 45	24 Jan 45
Camp Lucky Strike, France	24 Jan 45	5 Feb 45
Godefville, France	5 Feb 45	All Co.'s 9 Feb 45
Bullingen, Belgium	11 Feb 45	All Co.'s 17 Feb 45
Krinkelt, Belgium	17 Feb 45	"C"Co. 17 Feb 45
2 Mi. W. Bulliggen, Belgium	17 Feb 45	"B"Co. 17 Feb 45
Bullingen, Belgium	17 Feb 45	"A"Co. 17 Feb 45



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1000 yds. W Losheim Er Graben, Belgium	18 Feb 45	"A" Co.	18 Feb 45
2 Mi. E. Rocherath, Belgium	20 Feb 45	OP Gp.	20 Feb 45
2 Mi. E. Rocherath, Belgium	21 Feb 45	Ron. Co.	21 Feb 45
6000 yds. NE. of Krinkelt, Belgium	23 Feb 45	"G" Co.	23 Feb 45
800 yds. NW Meichied, Germany	2 Mar 45	"B" Co.	2 Mar 45
1200 yds. NW Dickerscheid, Germany	4 Mar 45	"G" Co.	4 Mar 45
3100 yds. SW Schonesseiffen, Germany	7 Mar 45	"A" Co.	7 Mar 45
Schmidtheim, Germany	8 Mar 45	Ron. Co.	8 Mar 45
Hecken, Germany	8 Mar 45	"G" Co.	8 Mar 45
Schmidtheim, Germany	8 Mar 45	"B" Co.	8 Mar 45
Schmidtheim, Germany	9 Mar 45	"G" Co.	9 Mar 45
1700 yds. SW Blankenheim, Germany	9 Mar 45	"A" Co.	9 Mar 45
Schmidtheim, Germany	9 Mar 45	Hq Co.	9 Mar 45
Tonderf, Germany	12 Mar 45	"A" Co.	12 Mar 45
Hecken, Germany	17 Mar 45	All Co.'s	17 Mar 45
Mulheim, Germany	19 Mar 45	All Co.'s	19 Mar 45
Konigsfeld, Germany	24 Mar 45	Ron. Co.	24 Mar 45
Bad Neuenahr, Germany	24 Mar 45	"G" Co.	24 Mar 45
Weiderbreiseger, Germany	24 Mar 45	"B" Co.	24 Mar 45
Burgbrol, Germany	24 Mar 45	"A" Co.	24 Mar 45



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<u>Name of Station</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>		<u>Date of Departure</u>
Schalkenbach, Germany	24 Mar 45	Hq Co.	24 Mar 45
Konigsfeld, Germany	24 Mar 45	CP Gp.	24 Mar 45
Engers, Germany	27 Mar 45	"B" Co.	27 Mar 45
Neiderlahnstein, Germany	29 Mar 45	Rcn. Co.	29 Mar 45
Neiderlahnstein, Germany	29 Mar 45	"C" Co.	29 Mar 45
Vallendar, Germany	29 Mar 45	"B" Co.	29 Mar 45
Neiderlahnstein, Germany	29 Mar 45	"A" Co.	29 Mar 45
Neiderlahnstein, Germany	29 Mar 45	Hq Co.	29 Mar 45
Neiderlahnstein, Germany	29 Mar 45	CP Gp.	29 Mar 45
Eschenau, Germany	30 Mar 45	Rcn Co.	30 Mar 45
Aumenau, Germany	30 Mar 45	"C" Co.	30 Mar 45
Bad Ems, Germany	30 Mar 45	"B" Co.	30 Mar 45
Wirbelou, Germany	30 Mar 45	"A" Co.	30 Mar 45
Wetzlar, Germany 7	30 Mar 45	"A" Co.	30 Mar 45
Eschenau, Germany	31 Mar 45	Hq Co.	31 Mar 45
Eschenau, Germany	31 Mar 45	CP Gp.	31 Mar 45
Balhorn, Germany	1 Apr 45	"C" Co.	1 Apr 45
Dehrn, Germany	1 Apr 45	"B" Co.	1 Apr 45
Konigshagen, Germany	3 Apr 45	Rcn Co.	3 Apr 45
Nothfelden, Germany	4 Apr 45	"C" Co.	4 Apr 45
Istha, Germany	4 Apr 45	"B" Co.	4 Apr 45



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<u>Name of Station</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>		<u>Date of Departure</u>
Fritzlar, Germany	4 Apr 45	"A" Co	4 Apr 45
Konigshagen, Germany	4 Apr 45	Hq Co. CP Gp.	4 Apr 45
Kassel, Germany	5 Apr 45	Ron Co	5 Apr 45
Bettenhausen, Germany	5 Apr 45	"B" Co	5 Apr 45
Kassel, Germany	5 Apr 45	Hq Co. CP Gp.	5 Apr 45
Vic of Kassel, Germany	6 Apr 45	"A" Co	6 Apr 45
Landwehrhagen, Germany	6 Apr 45	"A" Co	6 Apr 45
Uchlay, Germany	7 Apr 45	"B" Co	7 Apr 45
Lutterberg, Germany	7 Apr 45	Ron Co	7 Apr 45
K.L. Amerede, Germany	7 Apr 45	"B" Co	7 Apr 45
Ziegenhagen, Germany	8 Apr 45	Ron Co	8 Apr 45
Witzenhausen, Germany	8 Apr 45	"A" Co	8 Apr 45
Friedland, Germany	9 Apr 45	"A" Co	9 Apr 45
Korner, Germany	10 Apr 45	"B" Co	10 Apr 45
Bor denrode, Germany	10 Apr 45	"A" Co	10 Apr 45
Heilingenstadt, Germany	10 Apr 45	CP Gp. Hq Co	10 Apr 45
Schlotheim, Germany	11 Apr 45	Ron Co "C" Co	11 Apr 45
Brillreda, Germany	11 Apr 45	"A" Co	11 Apr 45

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<u>Name of Station</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>		<u>Date of Departure</u>
Schlotheim, Germany	11 Apr 45	OP Gp Hq Co	11 Apr 45
Grosseneuhausen, Germany	11 Apr 45	"B" Co	11 Apr 45
Kolleda, Germany	12 Apr 45	OP Gp	12 Apr 45
Naumberg, Germany	13 Apr 45	Rcn Co	13 Apr 45
Naumber, Germany	13 Apr 45	Hq Co	13 Apr 45
Sauback, Germany	13 Apr 45	"C" Co	13 Apr 45
Stentsch, Germany	13 Apr 45	"A" Co	13 Apr 45
Almsdorf, Germany	14 Apr 45	"A" Co	14 Apr 45
Teucheln, Germany	14 Apr 45	"C" Co	14 Apr 45
Zehmen, Germany	15 Apr 45	"A" Co	15 Apr 45
Elatertrebnitz, Germany	16 Apr 45	"B" Co	16 Apr 45
Naumberg, Germany	16 Apr 45	OP Gp	16 Apr 45
Pegau, Germany	16 Apr 45	OP Gp Hq Co	16 Apr 45
Pegau, Germany	16 Apr 45	Rcn Co	16 Apr 45
Naunhof, Germany	18 Apr 45	Rcn Co	18 Apr 45
Leipzig, Germany	18 Apr 45	"C" Co	18 Apr 45
Naunhof, Germany	18 Apr 45	OP Gp Hq Co	18 Apr 45
Marklesberg, Germany	19 Apr 45	"A" Co	19 Apr 45



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<u>Name of Station</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>		<u>Date of Departure</u>
Lutzschena, Germany	20 Apr 45	"B" Co	20 Apr 45
Erdmannshain, Germany	21 Apr 45	"A" Co	21 Apr 45
Amelshain, Germany	21 Apr 45	"C" Co	21 Apr 45
Taucha, Germany	21 Apr 45	"B" Co	21 Apr 45
Albrechtshain, Germany	22 Apr 45	"B" Co	22 Apr 45
Biersdorf, Germany	26 Apr 45	Hon Co	26 Apr 45
Mockrehna, Germany	26 Apr 45	"B" Co	26 Apr 45
Grinna, Germany	29 Apr 45	Hon Co	29 Apr 45
Albrechtshain, Germany	1 May 45	"B" Co	1 May 45
Deutzen, Germany	3 May 45	Hon Co	3 May 45
Ramsdorf, Germany	3 May 45	"C" Co	3 May 45
Regis, Germany	3 May 45	"B" Co	3 May 45
Winterdorf, Germany	3 May 45	"A" Co	3 May 45
Breitingen, Germany	3 May 45	CP Gp Hq Co	3 May 45
Lutzen, Germany	10 May 45	Hon Co	10 May 45
Grosslehna, Germany	10 May 45	"C" Co	10 May 45
Rochen, Germany	10 May 45	"A" Co	10 May 45
Lutzen, Germany	10 May 45	CP Gp Hq Co	15 June 45

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<u>Name of Station</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>		<u>Date of Departure</u>
Kitzen, Germany	10 May 45	"B" Co	15 June 45
Lutzen, Germany	11 May 45	"A" Co	15 June 45
Altranstadt, Germany	11 May 45	"C" Co	15 June 45
Camp Lucky Strike, France	18 June 45	All Co's	30 June 45
Camp Miles Standish, Mass.	6 July 45	All Co's	7 July 45
Camp Shelby, Miss.	9 July 45	All Co's	25 Nov 45
Camp Hood, Texas	26 Nov 45	All Co's	
Camp Hood, Texas	10 Feb 46	INACTIVATION	



V
MARCHES



<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>LENGTH OF DAILY MARCH</u>	<u>BETWEEN WHAT POINTS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONDITION OF RDS</u>	<u>REMARKS (Total Miles)</u>
Shakedown	60 Miles	Camp Bowie, Texas & Brownwood State Park	29 Apr 43	Excellent	60 - Motor
Bn Movement	90 Miles	Camp Bowie, Texas & N. Camp Hood, Texas	9 May 43	Excellent	90 - Motor
Basic Training	20 Miles	N. Camp Hood, Texas & Table Rock Camp, Camp Hood, Texas	19 June 43	Excellent	20 - Foot
Basic Training (Completion)	15 Miles	Table Rock Camp, Camp Hood, Texas & Camp Hood, Texas	16 Aug 43 to 19 Aug 43	Excellent	60 - Foot
La. Maneuvers	149 Miles	Camp Hood, Texas & Leesville La.	15 Feb 44 to 18 Feb 44	Rain - Slippery	347 - Motor
Return from La. Maneuvers	173 Miles	La. Maneuvers & Camp Swift, Texas	9 Apr 44 to 12 Apr 44	Excellent	322 - Motor
Bn Movement	123 Miles	Camp Swift, Texas & N Camp Hood, Texas	2 Aug 44	Excellent	123 - Motor
Bn Movement	23 Miles	N Camp Hood, Texas & House Camp # 3 Camp Hood, Texas	1 Sep 44	Excellent	23 - Motor
Maneuver	112 Miles	House Camp # 3 & Camp Bowie, Texas	29 Sep 44	Excellent	112 - Motor
Return from Maneuver	110 Miles	Camp Bowie, Texas & Camp Hood, Texas	13 Oct 44	Excellent	110 - Motor

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MARCHES



<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>LENGTH OF DAILY MARCH</u>	<u>BETWEEN WHAT POINTS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONDITION OF RDS</u>	<u>REMARKS (Total Mile)</u>
Maneuver	162 Miles	Camp Hood, Texas & Camp Chaffe, Ark.	14 Oct 44 to 15 Oct 44	Excellent	486- Motor
Return from Maneuver	257 Miles	Camp Chaffee, Ark. & Camp Hood, Texas	27 Oct 44 to 28 Oct 44	Excellent	515- Motor
Bn Movement to P.O.E.	850 Miles	Camp Hood, Texas & Camp Shanks, N Y	21 Dec 44 to 25 Dec 44	Excellent	1800- Rail
Bn Movement to France	310 Miles	Camp Shanks, N Y & Le Havre, France	8 Jan 45 to 23 Jan 45	Rough - Rocky	3100- Boat
Movement from Port to Assembly Camp	47 Miles	Le Havre, France & Camp Lucky Strike, France	24 Jan 45	Snow - Rain - Sleet	47 - Motor
Movement from Assembly Camp to Bivouac.	60 Miles	Camp Lucky Strike, France & Cadevelly France.	6 Feb 45	Snow - Rain - Sleet	60 - Motor
Releve 812 TD Bn-120 Miles	120 Miles	Cadevelly, France Ballingen, Belgium	9 Feb 45 to 12 Feb 45	Bad	360 - Motor
Tactical Movement	20 Miles	Ballingen, Belgium & K012055 Vic of Krinkelt, Belgium	19 Feb 45	Snow - Rain	20 - Motor
Tactical Movement	6 Miles	K012055 Vic of Krinkelt, Belgium & O26085 Vic Hollerath, Germany	27 Feb 45	Snow - Rain	6 - Motor

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<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>LENGTH OF DAILY MARCH</u>	<u>BETWEEN WHAT POINTS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONDITION OF RDS</u>	<u>REMARKS (Total Miles)</u>
Tactical Movement	6 Miles	O26085 Vic Hollerath Germany & K012055 Vic of Krinkelt, Belgium	28 Feb 45	Snow - Rain	6 - Motor
Tactical Advance	6 Miles	Along Int. Hy. leading to Hollerath from Vic of Krinkelt Belgium	6 Mar 45	Snow- Rain	6 - Motor
Tactical Advance	45 Miles	Along Int. Hy. leading to Hollerath & Schmidtheim, Germany	8 Mar 45	Snow - Rain	45 - Motor
Tactical Advance	20 Miles	Schmidtheim, Germany & Vic Mulheim, Germany	19 Mar 45	Snow - Rain	20 - Motor
Tactical Advance	60 Miles	Vic Mulheim, Germany & Konigsfeld, Germany	23 Mar 45	Snow - Rain	60 - Motor
Tactical Advance	31 Miles	Konigsfeld, Germany & Nieder Lahn-stein, Germany	27 Mar 45	Good	31 - Motor Rhine River Crossed
Tactical Advance	38 Miles	Nieder Lahn-stein, Germany & Eschenau Germany		Good	38 - Motor
Tactical Advance	128 Miles	Eschenau, Germany & Konigsbagen, Germany		Good	128 - Motor
Tactical Advance	28 Miles	Konigsbagen, Germany & Kassel, Germany		Good	28 - Motor
Tactical Advance	18 Miles	Kassel, Germany & Landverhager, Germany		Good	18 - Motor

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<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>LENGTH OF DAILY MARCH</u>	<u>BETWEEN WHAT POINTS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONDITION OF EBS</u>	<u>REMARKS (Total Miles)</u>
Tactical Advance	22 Miles	Landwerhagen, Germany & Lutterberg, Germany		Good	22 - Motor
Tactical Advance	36 Miles	Lutterberg, Germany & Ziegenhagen, Germany		Good	36 - Motor
Tactical Advance	41 Miles	Ziegenhagen, Germany & Heilingenstadt, Germany		Good	41 - Motor
Tactical Advance	35.5 Miles	Heilingenstadt, Germany & Schlotheim, Germany		Good	35.5 Motor
Tactical Advance	31.56 Miles	Schlotheim, Germany & Kolleda, Germany		Good	31.56- Motor
Tactical Advance	23.67 Miles	Kolleda, Germany & Naumberg, Germany		Good	23.67- Motor
Tactical Advance	23.70 Miles	Naumberg, Germany & Pegau, Germany		Good	23.70- Motor
Tactical Advance	22.12 Miles	Pegau, Germany & Naunhof, Germany		Good	22.12- Motor
Tactical Occupation	25.28 Miles	Naunhof, Germany & Regis-Bretigen, Germany		Good	25.28- Motor
Tactical Occupation	20.54 Miles	Regis-Bretigen, Germany & Lutzen, Germany		Good	20.54- Motor
Return to France	125 Miles	Lutzen, Germany & Eisinach, Germany		Good?	125 - Motor

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<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>LENGTH OF DAILY MARCH</u>	<u>BETWEEN WHAT POINTS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>CONDITION OF RDS</u>	<u>REMARKS (Total Miles)</u>
Return to France	210 Miles	Eisnach, Germany & Trier, Germany		Good	210 - Motor
Return to France	110 Miles	Trier, Germany & Soissons, France		Good	110 - Motor
Movement to Staging Area.	98 Miles	Soissons, France & Camp Lucky Strike France		Good	98 - Motor
Movement to P.O.E.	47 Miles	Camp Lucky Strike, France & Le Havre, France	30 Jun 45	Good	47 - Motor
Movement to U.S.A.	500 Miles	Le Havre, France & Boston Mass.	1 Jul 45 to 6 Jul 45	Good	3100 - Boat
Bn Movement	20 Miles	Boston Mass. & Camp Miles Standish Mass.	6 Jul 45	Good	20 - Rail
Bn Assembly		Camp Shelby Miss.	12 Aug 45		
Bn Movement	325 Miles	Camp Shelby, Miss & Camp Hood, Texas	27 Nov 45	Good	655 - Rail

VI

Campaigns

First Campaign

Name: Rhineland.

Duration: 15 February 1945 to 22 March 1945.

Purpose: Secure foothold on East Bank of Rhine River.

Authority: Ltr. Hq: E.T.O.U.S.A., File A.G. 200.6
Op G.A. Subject: Battle Participation
awards Rhineland Campaign, dtd.
14 April 1945.



VI (Con't)

Campaigns

Second Campaign

Name: Central Europe

Duration: 23 March 1945 to 9 May 1945.

Purpose: Envelope the Ruhr and Liquidate the remaining remnants of the Central German Armies.

Authority: Ltr., O. Hq. E.T.O.U.S.A., File A.G. 200.6 Op. G.A., Subject: Battle Participation awards Central Europe Campaign, dtd. 27 June 1945.



VII
Battles

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Which Camp</u>	<u>Force Eng</u>	<u>Result</u>
1st	Seigfried Line	Helenthal, Ger	12 Mar 45	Rhineland	German	Victory
2nd	Rhine Crossing	Neiderbreigsig Ger.	27 Mar 45	Rhineland	German	Victory
3rd	Kassel	Kassel & Werra River, Ger.	9 Apr 45	Central Europe	German	Victory
4th	Leipzig	Leipzig, Ger.	17 Apr 45	Central Europe	German	Victory



VIII

Commanding Officers
in
Important Engagements

<u>Engagement</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Change</u>
Siegfried Line	Lt. Col. Donald B. Miller	None
Rhine Crossing	Lt. Col. Donald B. Miller	None
Kassel	Lt. Col. Donald B. Miller	None
Leipzig	Lt. Col. Donald B. Miller	None



IX

The following named persons were battle losses and received the Purple Heart Medal for injuries or wounds received in action:

- (1) Sergeant William E. Snidow, 33648974, FA(TD), was seriously wounded in action in an engagement near Miescheid, Belgium, on 20 February 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.
- (2) Captain Leland F. Wilcox, 0281725, FA(TD), was seriously wounded in action in an engagement near Udenbreath, Belgium, on 21 February 1945.
- (3) Private First Class Clifford A. Karidon, 35097002, FA(TD), died of wounds received in action in an engagement near Udenbreath, Belgium, on 4 March 1945.
- (4) Private First Class Lennie B. Halley, 33635948, FA(TD), was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Helenthal, Germany, on 4 March 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.
- (5) Sergeant Charles M. Turley, 33635021, FA(TD), was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Lutterburg, Germany, on 6 April 1945.
- (6) Technician Fifth Grade Walter Grossman, 33777669, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Udenbreath, Belgium, on 4 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.
- (7) Technician Fourth Grade James D. Jamerson, 33635866, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Lutterburg, Germany, on 6 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.
- (8) Private First Class Fred W. Flick, 33635126, was killed in action in an engagement near Ziegenhagen, Germany, on 7 April 1945.
- (9) Sergeant Howard G. Bioni, 33685122, was killed in action in an engagement near Ziegenhagen, Germany, on 7 April 1945.
- (10) Private First Class James E. Clark, 33648978, was seriously wounded in action in an engagement near Ziegenhagen, Germany, on 7 April 1945.
- (11) Sergeant Fredrick W. McClelland, 35539974, was injured in action in an engagement near Witzenhausen, Germany, on 8 April 1945.
- (12) Corporal James S. Byrd, 6082124, was injured in action in an engagement near Ziegenhagen, Germany, on 8 April 1945.
- (13) Private Ralph S. Venable, Jr., 34354022, was injured in action in an engagement near Witzenhausen, Germany, on 8 April 1945.
- (14) Sergeant Jack T. Sutor, 33635855, was injured in action in an engagement near Ziegenhagen, Germany, on 8 April 1945.
- (15) Corporal Owen W. Moore, 33648939, was killed in action in an engagement near Kollada, Germany, on 11 April 1945.



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(Battle losses receiving the Purple Heart Medal - Contd)

(16) Private First Class William R. T. Kelly, 33777754, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Schlotheim, Germany, on 11 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.

(17) Technician Fifth Grade Challie L. Dillard, 33648886, was killed in action in an engagement near Brandaroda, Germany, on 12 April 1945.

(18) Staff Sergeant Paul A. Singleton, 34501526, was killed in action in an engagement near Brandaroda, Germany, on 12 April 1945.

(19) Private First Class Floyd A. Burnette, 33648807, was killed in action in an engagement near Brandaroda, Germany, on 12 April 1945.

(20) Sergeant Robert M. Yabroudy, 15107104, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Naumburg, Germany, on 13 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.

(21) 1st Lt Verle L. McNealy, 01824342, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Hohen Molsen, Germany, on 15 April 1945. After medical attention had been given him, he was returned to duty.

(22) Sergeant Burnell T. Scott, 33635686, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Rotha, Germany, on 16 April 1945. After medical attention had been given him, he was returned to duty.

(23) Private First Class John P. O'Connell, 35629420, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Rotha, Germany, on 16 April 1945. After medical attention had been given him, he was returned to duty.

(24) Captain Robert L. Doupe, 0390865, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Pageau, Germany, on 16 April 1945. After medical attention had been given him, he was returned to duty.

(25) Sergeant Raymond A. Billington, 35533630, was seriously wounded in action in an engagement near Kieritzsch, Germany, on 17 April 1945.

(26) Private First Class Francis H. Blake, 53777630, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Zwenkau, Germany, on 17 April 1945.

(27) Corporal Thomas S. Knick, 33635194, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Zwenkau, Germany, on 17 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.

(28) Sergeant William J. Laver, 33777591, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Kieritzsch, Germany, on 17 April 1945. After medical attention had been given him, he was returned to duty.

(29) Sergeant Romaine F. Repair, 33723576, was seriously wounded in action in an engagement near Leipzig, Germany, on 18 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.



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(30) Staff Sergeant Gordon L. Gashman, 20535701, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Leipzig, Germany, on 18 April 1945. After medical attention had been given him, he was returned to duty.

(31) Sergeant Mark J. Ringletter, 36228681, was seriously wounded in action in an engagement near Leipzig, Germany, on 19 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was later returned to duty.

(32) Sergeant Louis A. Tyree, 33635035, was seriously wounded in action in an engagement near Glasten, Germany, on 19 April 1945.

(33) 1st Lt Howard E. Matlack, 01824398, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Leipzig, Germany, on 19 April 1945. After medical attention had been given him, he was returned to duty.

(34) Private First Class Robert L. Stark, 35806770, was slightly wounded in action in an engagement near Ziegenhagen, Germany, on 23 April 1945. After hospitalization had been given him, he was returned to duty.





MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION

(1) On 11 March 1945, Sergeant William E. Snidow, 33648974, FA(TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 20 February 1945, near * * * Germany. Though wounded by shrapnel from an 88mm shell after successfully directing fire against an enemy pillbox, Sergeant Snidow displayed superior qualities of leadership and courage by remaining at his post under continuous artillery fire and directing his tank destroyer to a position of safety. (CO#11, 69th Inf Div, dtd 11 Mar 45)

(2) On 17 March 1945, First Lieutenant Anthony Ziolkiewicz, (then Second Lieutenant), O1E23219, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 February 1945, near * * * Germany. Despite sniper and artillery fire, First Lieutenant Ziolkiewicz displayed superior qualities of leadership and courage by leading a section of his Pioneer Platoon up the road into the town of * * * (Germany), clearing the road of mines in order that the tank destroyers could move in to support the infantry. (CO#16, 69th Inf Div, dtd 17 Mar 45)

(3) On 6 April 1945, Captain Leland F. Wilcox, O2E1725, FA(TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 24 February 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Captain Wilcox displayed outstanding leadership while performing duties as Company Commander. Because of his efficient supervision, initiative and devotion to duty, his men had a high standard of efficiency and morale, and when ordered to combat against the enemy, did so with a spirit and enthusiasm that brought about excellent results. (CO#23, 69th Inf Div, dtd 6 Apr 45)

(4) On 20 April 1945, Captain James A. LaDu, (then First Lieutenant), O1E23894, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 February 1945, to 14 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Captain LaDu displayed outstanding leadership while performing duties as Company Commander. Through his forceful and aggressive leadership, he led his company to the successful completion of all combat missions. (CO #28, 69th Inf Div, dated 20 April 1945)

(5) On 20 April 1945, Captain Robert L. Doupe, O390865, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 January 1945, to 14 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Captain Doupe displayed outstanding qualities of intelligence and aggressiveness in performing his duties as Battalion Motor Officer. His efficient supervision of maintenance activities have resulted in the maximum of vehicles being available to carry out missions against the enemy. (CO#28, 69th Inf Div, dtd 20 April 1945)

(6) On 20 April 1945, Sergeant Burrell T. Scott, 33635686, FA(TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 April 1945,

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in Germany. Encountering an enemy ambush and receiving heavy small arms and machinegun fire, Sergeant Scott signalled the platoon to deploy. With utter disregard for his own safety, he remained in his 1/4 ton vehicle and opened fire on the enemy positions with his 30 caliber machine gun, remaining in the vehicle until forced to abandon it by the appearance of a Royal Tiger Tank. (GO #28, 69th Inf Div, dated 20 April 1945)

(7) On 24 April 1945, Captain William J. King, O1822152, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 January 1945, to 20 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Captain King has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership in performing his duties as Company Commander. His cool-headed aggressive leadership has led his company to the successful completion of all assigned missions.

(GO #29, 69th Inf Div, dated 24 April 1945)
(8) On 24 April 1945, First Lieutenant Harold A. Molin, O1822040, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 February 1945, to 21 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. First Lieutenant Molin executed his duties as Platoon Leader with exceptional aggressiveness and intelligence. Under difficult circumstances, he maintained a high standard of esprit de corps and discipline in his unit. (GO #30, 69th Inf Div, dated 24 April 1945)

(9) On 25 April 1945, Private First Class Henry G. David, 33740310, FA(TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945, near * * * Germany. When an armored car was hit by an enemy 88mm shell, killing all the occupants of the car, Private First Class David, without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran across a road under enemy shell fire and drove the vehicle to a position of comparative safety. (GO #28, 69th Inf Div, 20 April 1945)

(10) On 4 May 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Donald B. Miller, O22018, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 February 1945, to 1 May 1945, in Germany. Through his ceaseless efforts and sound judgment, Lieutenant Colonel Miller trained his Tank Destroyer Companies to the peak of efficiency in every phase of operation. In combat he has materially aided the successful completion of battle missions by his accurate and timely advice to the Division Commander on the tactical employment and capabilities of his destroyers. The disposition of elements under his command resulted in the destruction of 150 AA guns defending Germany's fifth largest city, assuring its eventual capture. (GO #34, 69th Inf Div, dated 4 May 1945)

(11) On 6 May 1945, First Lieutenant Guy W. Newels, O1824354, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 January 1945, to 25 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. First Lieutenant Newels has exhibited exceptional qualities of leadership in executing his duties as platoon leader. The coolheadedness and intelligence

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that he has displayed under fire have led his platoon through many close situations without serious casualties. His ever present thoughts for the personal welfare of the men in his platoon, combined with his aggressiveness and sound decisions, has imbued in those under his a deep respect and a willingness to perform any assigned task. (GO #36, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 6 May 1945)

(12) On 6 May 1945, First Lieutenant Ralph N. Kent, 01824328, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 January 1945, to 24 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. First Lieutenant Kent has consistently performed the various duties of 3-1 and Adjutant in a thorough-going and highly efficient manner. In the preparation and submission of necessary administrative records, he has acted with exactitude and punctuality. Billeting arrangements negotiated by him have always been exceptionally satisfactory, in point of both convenience and accommodation. (GO #36, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 6 May 1945)

(13) On 6 May 1945, Technical Sergeant John Gramata, 33184480, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 22 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Technical Sergeant Gramata has faithfully attended to the duties incumbent upon him as Company Motor Sergeant with the consequence that all vehicles under his supervision have been maintained in readiness and in a high degree of efficiency. (GO #36, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 6 May 1945)

(14) On 6 May 1945, Staff Sergeant John H. Schoenenberger, 37470960, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 February 1945, to 22 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Staff Sergeant Schoenenberger exerted the utmost effort in performing his duties as Supply Sergeant. At no time did he hesitate to make trips under blackout conditions through territory not definitely known to be cleared of the enemy. (GO #36, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 6 May 1945)



(15) On 6 May 1945, Sergeant LeRoy E. Stevens, 32760327, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, in Leipzig, Germany. After knocking out a heavily fortified machinegun position, Sergeant Stevens dismounted from his disabled destroyer to go to the assistance of some injured men across the street, twice crossing and recrossing the thoroughfare under fire to secure medical aid and evacuation for these men. (GO #36, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 6 May 1945)

(16) On 8 May 1945, First Lieutenant Howard K. Matlack, 01824324, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, in Leipzig, Germany. Braving sniper and small arms fire, First Lieutenant Matlack went alone and afoot in search of a missing destroyer and its crew. Although wounded in the hand, he returned again through heavy fire to resume command of his platoon. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

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(17) On 8 May 1945, First Lieutenant Verle E. McNealy, 01824342, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 February 1945, in Dickerscheid, Germany. First Lieutenant McNealy, while under enemy observation and fire, discovered a machinegun nest and wiped it out by firing a bazooka on the position. This action permitted him to employ his platoon early in the day to protect the ground gained by the infantry. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(18) On 8 May 1945, Technical Sergeant Charles W. Wilkins, 33777710, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 25 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Technical Sergeant Wilkins has been conspicuously attentive to the duties devolved upon him in his position as Company Motor Sergeant with the result that all vehicles committed to his supervision have been maintained in excellent condition. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(19) On 8 May 1945, Sergeant Elmer E. Ehrhardt, 39278034, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 February 1945, to 25 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Sergeant Ehrhardt, in the performance of his duties as Gun Commander, has handled every task assigned to him in a manner clearly demonstrating his ability to direct and control the operations of a Tank Destroyer gun crew. His men have complete confidence in him, and he has never shown that confidence to be misplaced. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(20) On 8 May 1945, Sergeant Richard Furman, 33777625, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 February 1945, to 25 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Sergeant Furman has performed his duties as Gun Commander with a skill and resourcefulness that have at all times enlisted the highest respect and cooperation from his crew. His exemplary service has been both an inspiration and a challenge to his men, indicative of high qualities of leadership. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(21) On 8 May 1945, Sergeant Louis A. Tyree, 33635035, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, near Leipzig, Germany. While operating a machinegun on the destroyer which he commanded, Sergeant Tyree killed seven enemy snipers thereby protecting the remainder of his crew and accompanying infantrymen. This action aided materially in the accomplishment of his platoon's mission. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(22) On 8 May 1945, Sergeant Mark J. Ringelstetter, 36228641, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, in Leipzig, Germany. While commanding a tank destroyer, Sergeant Ringelstetter, though wounded twice, continued to fire his machinegun on the enemy while in an exposed position. He remained at his post throughout the action until it became necessary to evacuate him as a result of his wounds. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dated 8 May 1945)

(23) On 8 May 1945, Sergeant Romains F. Repair, 39723976, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement



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in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, in Leipzig, Germany. While firing his machinegun against enemy personnel, Sergeant Repair was wounded in the right arm. Despite his wound and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he remained at his post and continued to fire into the enemy although in an exposed position, displaying superior qualities of leadership and courage. (CO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(24) On 8 May 1945, Sergeant James L. Hogan, 33635823, PA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 February 1945, to 26 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. In executing his duties as Transportation Sergeant, Sergeant Hogan has exhibited aggressiveness and coolheadedness. At all times he has been courageous and his intelligent leadership of the Transportation Platoon has gained for him the confidence of the men under him. (CO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(25) On 8 May 1945, Technician Fifth Grade John W. Roth, 36164670, PA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 March 1945, to 26 April 1945, in Germany. Throughout this period, the aggressiveness and initiative exhibited by Technician Fifth Grade Roth in performing the duties of a truck driver and interpreter aided materially in the successful completion of his unit's missions. (CO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(26) On 8 May 1945, Private First Class Arthur D. Crager, 36137617, PA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, in Leipzig, Germany. While feeding ammunition to the Gun Commander of his destroyer, Private First Class Crager grasped and held up two wounded infantrymen who were riding on the destroyer, thus preventing them from falling into the path of the vehicle. At intervals he fired his rifle at the enemy and was at all times exposed to enemy fire. (CO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(27) On 8 May 1945, Private First Class Jack C. Nucia, 36901619, PA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, in Leipzig, Germany. Private First Class Nucia manned a machinegun under concentrated enemy fire to cover his destroyer commander while the latter twice crossed and re-crossed the street to secure aid for wounded infantrymen. (CO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(28) On 8 May 1945, Technician Fifth Grade Henry Weinstein (then Private First Class), 33777798, PA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 February 1945, to 26 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Weinstein was given command of a wire laying crew with no previous experience and showed outstanding leadership in training his crew under combat conditions, working day and night in areas not yet definitely cleared of all enemy resistance. (CO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)



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(29) On 8 May 1945, Private First Class Floyd L. Smith, 33437196, Medical Department, United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945, near Brundaroda, Germany. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Smith drove his medical jeep forward under enemy artillery fire to administer first aid to three wounded soldiers. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(30) On 8 May 1945, Private First Class Edward S. Teixeira, 31447833, Medical Department, United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 12 April 1945, near Brundaroda, Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Teixeira went forward under enemy artillery fire to administer first aid to three critically wounded men. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(31) On 8 May 1945, Private First Class Ignatius C. Alletto, 36636030, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 April 1945, in Leipzig, Germany. While carrying out his duties as assistant Gunner on a tank destroyer, Private First Class Alletto promptly and successfully administered first aid to a wounded infantryman in the destroyer's turret, and at the same time assisted his wounded gun commander in loading and firing the destroyer's guns. Although constantly exposed to enemy fire, he performed these tasks without regard for his personal safety. (GO #37, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 8 May 1945)

(32) On 24 May 1945, First Lieutenant Anthony J. Polito, 01824362, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 14 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. First Lieutenant Polito filled the assignment of Liaison Officer superbly, obtaining information of vital importance for the unit commander. At all times he was aware of the responsibilities of his job and never failed to relay messages to his superiors of both major and minor importance. (GO #49, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 24 May 1945)

(33) On 24 May 1945, First Lieutenant Walter W. McFarland, 01822423, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. First Lieutenant McFarland has constantly commanded the respect and admiration of his men by his forceful leadership and excellent judgment. He has built a fighting unit with an aggressive spirit. The results obtained by his platoon in action are a tribute to his excellent leadership. He has constantly exposed himself to danger in the performance of his duties, inspiring his men to greater efforts. (GO #49, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 24 May 1945)

(34) On 24 May 1945, First Lieutenant Robert M. Wilkins (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant), 01823901, Cavalry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. As Reconnaissance Company Platoon Leader,



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First Lieutenant Wilkins participated in numerous missions involving a high degree of foresight, ingenuity and tactical knowledge. All of his missions were accomplished in a superior manner. The risks involved caused some serious casualties in his platoon, but because of his excellent leadership, the morale of his men never slackened, and they continued to perform their assignments excellently. (GO #49, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 24 May 1945)

(35) On 24 May 1945, Technician Fifth Grade Elwood O. Clark, 33649056, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 February 1945, to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. He has been gasoline and oil corporal of this battalion since arrival in this theater. The initiative and aggressiveness he has displayed in supplying the battalion with gasoline has been outstanding. He has taken gasoline to companies moving rapidly forward, supplying them on the run, often encountering enemy sniper fire while moving through areas only recently passed by the combat teams. (GO #49, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 24 May 1945)

(36) On 28 May 1945, Major Phillip M. Sleet, 0365158, Infantry, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Major Sleet has constantly performed every assignment with courage, resourcefulness and spirit. As Executive Officer he has supervised the administration of the unit in a superior manner, relieving the unit commander of many burdensome details. As Executive Officer and S-3, he has been a steady and forceful influence on the officers and enlisted men. (GO #51, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 28 May 1945)

(37) On 28 May 1945, First Lieutenant Alan D. Cameron, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant), 01825840, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 22 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. First Lieutenant Cameron displayed outstanding ability while performing the duties of Platoon Leader and Company Motor Officer. As a result of his capable supervision, his platoon achieved a high standard of efficiency and morale. The vehicles of his company were constantly maintained in an excellent state of operation. (GO #51, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 28 May 1945)



(38) On 10 June 1945, Corporal Joseph F. Roma, 32512235, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 31 May 1945, in Germany. Corporal Roma was in charge of a detail loading 76mm APC in an ammunition trailer when one round was accidentally fired, injuring one man and setting the trailer on fire. Corporal Roma, with full knowledge of the fact that the remaining ammunition might explode at any minute, stayed at the trailer and extinguished the fire, thereby saving the remaining ammunition and averting possible serious injury to the remainder of the ammunition detail. (GO #59, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 10 June 1945)

(39) On 14 June 1945, Technician Fourth Grade Elwood Layman, 33740669, FA, (TD), United States Army, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for

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meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 January 1945, to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Technician Fourth Grade Layman has at all times executed his assignments in a superior manner. When called upon to perform tasks not particularly related to his duty assignment, he did so ungrudgingly and unhesitatingly, thereby aiding the Personnel Section greatly in the fulfillment of its duties. During the Personnel Sergeant's absence, Technician Fourth Grade Layman handled the position ably, enabling the section to continue to function smoothly. He has constantly maintained a high standard of workmanship.

(GO #60, Hq, 69th Inf Div, dtd 14 June 1945)



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PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERSONNEL, IMPORTANT SCENES OR EVENTS

**The Monument of All Nations
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Leipzig, Germany**

On 18 April 1945 the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion was assigned the mission of supporting the attack on the Monument of All Nations in Leipzig, Germany. The monument, which had an underground fortress beneath it, was the main objective, because many of our own men and those of Allied Nations were being held prisoner there. Many units of heavy artillery were firing upon the monument and were having little effect, so the Battalion was never called upon to fire at it with its Destroyers. During the attack the Battalion was instrumental in capturing its contents because of much small arms fire that was employed to keep the enemy from escaping from the monument.

