

HEADQUARTERS
774TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 403, US ARMY

30 June 1945



SUBJECT: Battalion History.

From 1 to 10 June 1945 the Battalion was located at Ratingen, Germany and the vicinity, and was attached to the 301st Infantry Regiment of the 94th Infantry Division with the mission of maintaining DP camps, roadblocks, traffic control points, search of the area and operating the courts and other duties pertinent to Military Government in an occupied zone

6 June 1945 S/Sgt. Weidon D. Griffin and Sgt. Edward G. Beernaert received battle field commissions as second lieutenants.

On 10 June 1945 the advanced detail and billeting party departed for a new area in Czechoslovakia.

By 13 June 1945 relief of all units by British element was complete. Final preparation for movement to new area were made.

14 June 1945 a motor convoy consisting of all wheeled vehicles in the Battalion, with the exception of the Battalion Motor Maintenance, departed enroute to the new area. Three days were required to make the journey which was approximately, 523 miles.

15 June 1945 the track vehicles and Bn. Motor Maintenance left Dusseldorf by rail closing into new area on 20 June 1945.

17 June 1945 Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 301st Inf. Regt. and attached to Division Artillery, 94th Inf. Div.,

By 18 June 1945 the Bn. relieved the units now in control of the area; Co. "A" maintained the frontier roadblock at Schwarz, Czech., Co. "B" maintained roadblock at Buchwold, Czech., Co. "C" maintained patrol in Frankental and vicinity. Rcn. Co. maintained patrol in Stachy and vicinity.

The remainder of the Bn. not on duty with the above followed the regular training schedule.

From 18 to 30 June 1945 Bn. continued to maintain roadblocks and patrol and followed training schedule.

The following Officer and EM were awarded the Bronze Star Medal during the month:

1st Lt. John R. Stewart	-	Co. B
M/Sgt. Roy C. Head, Jr.	-	Hq Co
S/Sgt. Daniel J. Niedzwiecki	-	Co. B
Cpl Ralph V. Melbourne	-	Co. B
Pfc Vincent A. James	-	Rcn Co

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On 1 July 1945 the disposition of the Bn. was as follows:

Bn. CP at Zdikov, Headquarters Co., at Zdikovec, Rcn. Co., Stachy, Co. "A" at Modraba, Co. "B" Aussgerfeld, Co. "C" at Franzenthal, maintaining two frontier roadblocks and patrol throughout the area.

4 July 1945 transferred to the 612th TD Bn., 7 EM with an ASR score of 85 or over. Received 4 EM transferred to this organization from the 612th TD Bn.

6 July 1945 transferred to the 8th Armed Division three (3) Officers with an ASR score of 85 or over:

1st Lt. Archie H. Craig	0-1822241
1st Lt. John C. Hendricks	0-1822270
Capt. Joe I. Elliot	0-1822253



Received 3 EM transferred to this organization from the 612th TD Bn.

13 July 1945 Battalion relieved by elements of the 94th Div Artillery and prepared to move.

14 July 1945 received 1 EM 656 FA Bn and two EM from the 955 FA Bn.

15 July 1945 The Battalion moved by motor convoy to Windshiem, Germany. Upon arrival thereat was relieved from attachment to the 94th Inf. Div. and attached to the 1st Inf. Div. further attached to the 18th Inf. Reg.

16 to 24 July 1945 Battalion followed training program.

16 July 1945 received 5 EM from the 20th Eng. (c) Bn.,

1st Sgt. Roy L. Ballenger 37528695)

17 July 1945 received two EM from the 62nd A. F. A. Bn., 1 EM from the 45th Field Hosp. Two EM from the 107th FA/and 1 EM from the 186 FA Bn.

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18 July 1945 received 16 EM from the 997 FA Bn.

22 July 1945 received 2 EM from the 196 FA Bn.

24 July 1945 Rec. Co. and advanced details moved by motor convoy to Nurnberg, Germany.

25 July 1945 Bn. relieved from attachment to the 18 Inf. Reg. and attached to the 26th Inf. Reg. Battalion moved by motor convoy to Nurnberg, Germany. Distance travelled approx 40 miles. Upon arrival Bn. was given mission of rehabilitation and maintenance of the Nurnberg Stadium in preparation for the ETO Olympics which were to be held subsequently.

26 July 1945 Transferred to the 701st Tank Bn., 4 Off and 48 EM with an ASR score of 85 or over.

1st Lt. Henry J. Baltz Jr.	0-1826107	S/Sgt. Thomas J. Monahan	35121744
1st Lt. John R. Stewart	0-1822330	S/Sgt. Lafayette H. Pellerin	20140321
1st Lt. Nick D. DeMaria, Jr.	0-1823271	S/Sgt. Walter Rantilla	31012768
2nd Lt. Ralph G. Coriell,	0-2006634	S/Sgt. Pasquale Gaia	31029662
S/Sgt. Max E. Plant	20139906	S/Sgt. Laval R. Gendron	20139845
S/Sgt. Ralph B. Thames	34034025	S/Sgt. Martin E. Urban	35020395
1st/Sgt. Joseph P. Jackson	20444623	S/Sgt. Ernest J. Robinson	31012661
S/Sgt. Daniel J. Niedzwicki	31028474		

27 July 1945 Received four (4) Officers and 48 EM from 701st Tank Bn.

1st Lt. John A. French	0-1011170
2nd Lt. John P. Hemcher	0-2010932
2nd Lt. Mattio Fortino	0-2010933
2nd Lt. Alva Williamson	0-1826070

28 July 1945 Received two officers from the 825th TD Bn.

1st Lt. Alphonse J. Decker	0-1822117
1st Lt. Robert A. Williams	0-1826070

During the month 2 Officers and 3 EM received the Bronze Star Medal and 1 Officer received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Medal.

Lt. Col. Conrad B. Sturges	-	Oak Leaf Cluster	- Hq
1st Lt. Warren J. Scidmore	-	Bronze Star Medal	- Hq
1st Lt. Harry L. Shaner	-	"	Hq Co
Sgt. Arthur A. Goodseit	-	"	Co. C
Sgt. George W. Tarue Jr	-	"	Co. C
Pvt. Walter Wiechnik	-	"	Co. C



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On 1 August 1945 the disposition of the Bn. was as follows:

Bn. CP and all companies were billeted in a former German Lager on the outskirts of Nurnberg, German. Attached to the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st US Infantry Division. The battalion remained in Category I as occupation troops and continued its mission of rehabilitation and maintenance of the Nurnberg Stadium which is now officially named Soldiers' Field.



- 3 Aug. 1945 7 EM were transferred to the 384th FA Bn.
- 6 Aug. 1945 10 EM were awarded the Good Conduct Medal.
- 7,8,9, Aug. Third US Army Baseball Championship at Soldiers' Field, Nurnberg 76th Inf Div VS 71st Inf Div. The 71st Inf Div winning the Third Army Championship by three straight games.
- 10 Aug. 1945 Received three officers from the 8th Armored Division and asgd them as follows:
 - Capt. Daniel E. Showalter Jr. O-1016446 Hqs Co. Bn Mtr Off.
 - 2nd Lt. Martin P. Caroccio O-2016498 "A" Co. Plat Off.
 - 2nd Lt. George E. Brown O-547596 Hqs Co. Trans Off.
- 10,11 Aug. US Forces Track and Field Championship Meet. Held at Soldiers' Field, Nurnberg, Germany. Won by Third US Army.
- 13 Aug. 1945 I.G. Inspection commences.
- 14 Aug. 1945 I.G. Inspection completed.
- 17 Aug. 1945 Received one EM asgd to Recon. Co.
- 18 Aug. 1945 27 EM were awarded the Good Conduct Medal.
- 20 Aug. 1945 The following named officers were placed on SD with the 3rd Bn., 26th Inf Regt., in connection with the War Crimes Commission.
 - Capt. Joseph W. Rood
 - Capt. Donald F. Polden
 - 1st Lt. William R. Pennington
 - 1st Lt. Robert A. Williams
 - 1st Lt. Matteo Fortino
 - 1st Lt. Marvin C. Ellis
- 26 Aug. 1945 Pfc Joseph Diepenbrock 37229999 was transferred to the 19th RD for discharge under the provisions of AR 615-363.
 - Capt. Lum A. Ingram Jr. O-410728, Hqs Co. is appointed Post Exchange officer for Soldiers Field, Nurnberg.

31 August 1945

Following named officers and EM were awarded the Bronze Star Medal during the month of August 1945. Total of 8 Officers and 41 EM. One EM was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for the Bronze Star Medal:

Rank	Name	Company	Award
Cpl	Russell H. Solmonson	"C" Co.	Oak Leaf Cluster
Major	Wade D. Jones	Hqs	Bronze Star Medal
Capt.	Donald F. Polden	"C" Co.	" " "
1st Lt	Don O. Tohill	Hqs Co.	" " "
1st Lt.	Lawrence A. Satterfield	"Rcn Co."	" " "
1st Lt.	Walter E. Gerding	"RCn Co."	" " "
1st Lt.	Jerome J. Devers Jr.	"A" Co.	" " "
2nd Lt.	John J. Pendoley	"C" Co.	" " "
2nd Lt.	Edward G. Beernaert	Hqs Co.	" " "
Tec 5	Thomas E. O'Nield	Rcn Co.	" " "
Sgt	Edward F. Clark	" "	2 " "
Tec 5	Noel W. Frakes	" "	" " "
Sgt	Eldon E. Thompson	" "	" " "
Tec 5	John A. Barakis	" "	" " "
Tec 4	Nazzarino M. Infantino	" "	" " "
Tec 5	Frank Marion	" "	" " "
Tec 5	Ervin Topmiller	" "	" " "
S/Sgt	Charles J. Fischer	"A" Co.	" " "
T/Sgt	Frank S. Mays	" "	" " "
Pfc	Peter McKay	" "	" " "
Sgt	Richard M. Skelly	" "	" " "
1st Sgt	Richard I. Smith	" "	" " "
Pfc	Albert Margolies	" "	" " "
Tec 4	Eugene F. Dopps	" "	" " "
Cpl	Rudolph Cochran	" "	" " "
Sgt	Archie H. Reeves	" "	" " "
S/Sgt	Paul T. Thompson	" "	" " "
Pfc	Phillip J. Hanna	" "	" " "
Pfc	Thomas T. Legista	"B" Co.	" " "
Tec 5	James E. Stanley	" "	" " "
Tec 4	Fred A. Sargent	" "	" " "
Sgt	Francis J. Garra	" "	" " "
Cpl	Walter P. Kalvio	" "	" " "
Pfc	John S. Spetich	" "	" " "
Cpl	Russel H. Solmonson	"C" Co.	" " "
S/Sgt	Byron F. Bedell	" "	" " "
Pfc	Ralph W. Mitchell	" "	" " "
Tec 5	Robert A. Barnicle	" "	" " "
Pfc	Francis J. Miller	" "	" " "
Cpl	George T. Exum	" "	" " "
Tec 4	William F. Mackey	" "	" " "
Sgt	Joseph Aguiar	" "	" " "
Tec 4	Joseph R. Sabot	" "	" " "
Cpl	Hector C. Godinez	" "	" " "
Sgt	Joseph W. Frantz	" "	" " "
Pfc	Carrol T. Duncan	" "	" " "
Sgt.	Harold Whidden	" "	" " "
Tec 5	Joseph Corcoran	" "	" " "
Cpl	Louis Iamaccione	" "	" " "
Pfc	George N. Junjulus	"B" Co.	" " "



At the end of the month the Bn. had a strength of 35 officers 2 warrant officers and 644 Enlisted Men.

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Bn. CP and all companies remained in Nurnberg, Germany, attached to the 26th Regt., 1st US Infantry Division. The Bn. continued in its mission of maintaining the Soldiers' Field. At the beginning of the month we were notified of a change in our Category from Cat I to Cat IV.

1 Sept 45 344 EM were transferred to the 131st Ord Maint Bn., 9th Armd Division for the purpose of returning to the U.S. for discharge and reassignment. All men in this group had an ASR score of 65 points or more.

2 Sept 45 Preparations for movement to the zone of Interior and transferring all men in low score groups to other units and filling our Bn to T/O strength with men with 65 points or higher.

8 Sept 45 Eleven officers and 54 EM were transferred to the 15th Tank Bn. The officers transferred were as follows, all had an ASR score of below 85 points:

1st Lt. John A. French	1st Lt. Robert A. Williams
1st Lt. Jerome J. Devers	1st Lt. Walter E. Gerding
2nd Lt. John P. Hemcher	1st Lt. Frank H. McCartney
2nd Lt. Joseph A. Bogmani	2nd Lt. Martin P. Caroccio
2nd Lt. Alvan Williamson	2nd Lt. George E. Brown Jr.
2nd Lt. Matteo Fortino	

9 Sept 45 Seventy-nine EM were transferred to the 629th TD Bn. All men had a ASR score of below 65 and above 45.

10 Sept. 45 Received four officers listed below and assigned as indicated: These officers had a critical score above 85;

Capt. Richard D. Wood	Hqs S-2
Capt. Leroy H. Manuel	Hqs Ass't S-3
1st Lt Harold J. Fleck	Rcn Co. Plat Cmdr
WOJG Anderson, William A	Hqs Ass't S-4

10 Sept 45 The Bn. was relieved of its mission in connection with rehabilitating and Maintenance of Soldiers' Field by the 70th Tank Bn.

11 Sept 45 Received 465 EM from the 629th TD Bn. All men had scores of above 65. Received 57 EM from the 743rd AAA Bn.

12 Sept 45 Transferred 23 EM to the 619th Med Ctr Co. because we were over our authorized 10% shipping quota.

13 Sept 45 Received a letter of commendation to the CO and Bn on the work done at the Soldiers' Field in connection with the Meets and Baseball games held there and in the cleaning up and caring of the Stadium. The letter was from General George Patton.

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14 Sept 1945 Received 9 officers and they were assigned to companies indicated:

Major Orville L. Schwoerke	Hqs.
Capt. Myrel O. Matthews	Hqs.
Capt Gayle W. McFadden	Hqs.
1st Lt Joseph Januszczok	A Co.
1st Lt Joyce A. Braden	A Co.
1st Lt Eugene B. Humrighouse	Rcn Co.
1st Lt J.D. Wommack	B Co.
1st Lt Charles T. Carpenter Jr	Rcn Co.
2nd Lt. Joseph F. Pulaski	C Co.

Received movement orders from XV Corps directing the Bn to move to Camp Atlanta, in the vicinity of Reims, France as soon as practicable.

18 Sept 45 The advance party left for Camp atlanta at 0500 this morning. The Bn. was winding up its preparations for leaving this area.

20 Sept. 45 The Bn.

19 Sept. 45 Part of the Bn. entrained this morning for Camp Atlanta. The following personnel left by rail.

Train Cmdr Capt. Car. A. Black
 Train QM Capt. Joseph A. Rood
 Entraining Off. 1st Lt. William Murphy

Co. "A" 4 officers - 104 EM
 Co. "B" 4 officers - 95 EM
 Medics 1 officers - 6 EM
 Hqs & Hq 9 officers



20 Sept 45 The remainder of the Bn. departed by truck convoy this morning at 0900 expecting to arrive at Camp Atlanta, AAC, railhead Maily France on 221400 Sept 45

Arrived Aschafenberg 1400 Departed 210430 Sept.
 21 Sept 45 Arrived at Nancy where the Bn bivouaced for the night, DEP. for Cp atlanta 1100 Sept 21.

22 Sept 45 Arrived at Camp Atlanta and began processing for oferseas movement.

21 Sept 45 ~~The~~ Train arrived at Cp Atlanta
 211400 Sept.
 Convoy arvd 221700 Sept.

23 Sept 45 ~~Steps were taking~~ Preparations for processing - Show-down insp.

24 Sept 45 - Bn processed

25 Sept 45 - Bn prepares to move to staging area

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29 October 1945

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20 Sept 1945 The advance party arrived at Camp Atlanta, Reims, France.

The remainder of the Bn departed Nurnberg, Germany by motor convoy at 0900, arriving at Aschaffenburg, Germany at 1600. Having travelled 112 miles the Bn bivouacked there for the night.

21 Sept 1945 Motor convoy left Aschaffenburg, Germany at 0430 and moved to Nancy, France arriving at 1700 and staying at the transient camp in Nancy. The convoy travelled 223 miles.

That part of the Bn travelling by train arrived at Camp Atlanta, France at 1000.

22 Sept 1945 Motor convoy left Nancy, France at 1115 and proceeded to Camp Atlanta, France ~~at 1115~~ arriving at 1730 having travelled 115 miles.

23 Sept 1945 Having closed the Bn at Camp Atlanta, France the Bn immediately began processing for movement to staging area and further movement overseas.

25 Sept 1945 Having completed processing the Bn awaited further movement orders. Granting 24 hour passes to Paris and Reims.

7 Oct 1945 The Bn departed Camp Atlanta, France at 0004 and travelled by rail enroute to Camp Lucky Strike, France.

8 Oct 1945 The Bn arrived at Camp Lucky Strike, France at 0700. Billeted in squad tents the Bn completed processing and awaited further movement orders.

19 Oct 1945 The Bn departed Camp Lucky Strike, France at 1000 and travelled by motor convoy to Le Havre, France arriving at 1230. Boarded the USAT James Parker at 1300. The Bn at this time had a strength of 37 officers and 3 WO and 662 EM making a total strength of 702.

20 Oct 1945 Departed Le Havre, France on the USAT James Parker at 0020. The Bn assumed the largest part of the details aboard. Lt. Col., Conrad B. Sturges being Commander of Troops on board, 1st Lt. Warren J. Scidmore the Ships' Adjutant and Major Edward J. Bellamy the Executive Officer. The Bn supplying all guard and kitchen details as well as administrative work for the trip.

21 Oct 1945 First day at sea the weather was fair the ocean rough.

28 Oct 1945 Arrived at Pier 16, Staten Island, N.Y., USA at 0315. The Bn debarked at 1550 and proceeded to Camp Kilmer, N.J. by ferry to Hoboken, N.J. and train to Camp Kilmer, N.J. arriving at 2130.

29 Oct 1945 Completed processing at Camp Kilmer, N.J. EM and Officers proceeding to their designated separation centers. The Bn was deactivated as of 2100 with a strength of 37 officers 3 warrant officers and 662 EM.