

# HEADQUARTERS 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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## Battle Honors

Company A, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from 6 August 1944 to 12 August 1944, during the battle of Mortain, in France. On 6 August 1944 Company A, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, and elements of the 30th Infantry Division, were disposed in a defensive position, occupying the town of Mortain and the adjacent terrain. On 7 August 1944 the enemy launched the first of a series of attacks, in an effort to drive to Avranches and the sea and split American forces in France. Hostile forces were able to penetrate the entire area and succeeded in breaking through and overrunning positions. For six days hostile forces continued extremely heavy pressure, in many instances completely isolating groups of our forces. Company A, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, with elements of the 30th Infantry Division, held in abeyance the might of a desperate foe. Though subjected to fierce attacks by day and night, by heavy enemy armor, and though casualties suffered were many, this brave group of men effectively blocked the enemy's advance, inflicting crushing casualties upon his personnel and destroying much of his equipment. Their supreme effort in the face of great odds materially contributed to the brilliant victory attained in this decisive action. Many individual acts of heroism were performed, and all duties were performed unhesitatingly and with utter disregard of personal safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by the members of Company A, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

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