

HEADQUARTERS 894TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
A.P.O. 464, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Battalion News.

TO : Former Members of the Battalion.

1. This is the third in the series of Battalion News Letters issued at intervals to keep you who have left in touch with the old organization.

2. NOTE THIS: If you were with the Battalion in Italy before 21 January 1944, that's one (1) Battle Star - If you were with us after that date, that's another star. - Use this letter to show your personnel officer and the authority is: Letter AG 200.6/OLD P-O MIOUSA, dated 10 November 1944.

3. The Battalion line up is: Major Baldy, Executive Officer; Major Oakes, Plans and Training; Captain Brown, S-2; and Captain Heller is Supply. Lieutenant Madden is Liaison. Commanding companies these days - HQ's Captain Hale, Captain LeGuern "A", Captain Uhler "B", "C" by Lieutenant Schaefer, and Lieutenant Davis, Reconnaissance Company.

4. Rotation Jingles:

Captain Vandenberg of Dutch Fame  
Back overseas has gone to his HAME

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Lieutenant Morgan known as "Moe",  
Home to Georgia he did go.

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5. Just tick off 400 combat days for us today. (We're too busy to). Here are a few vital statistics of this year only: - (Definite results - No Probables.)

In 292 days: We've fired approximately 130,000 rounds of ammo - (no .50 cal or .30 cal in that - we've lost track of those figures).

Tanks or Self-Propelled		(equals 1 enemy)
Guns Destroyed	46	(tank regiment.)
Observation Posts Destroyed	19	
Prisoners of War Captured	237	)
Known enemy dead	216	) 612
Known enemy casualties	159	)
Vehicles Destroyed	26	(A Truck Co.)
Mortars Destroyed	3	
Field Arty Guns	24	(2 FA Battalions)
Machine Guns	93	(93 squads)
Pillboxes	15	(782 bags of concrete)
Ammo Dumps	14	(200 mule team loads)
Airplanes	1	(on the beachhead)

THESE FIGURES ARE FOR 1944 ONLY. - NO PROBABLES COUNTED

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6. DECORATIONS & AWARDS: Lieutenant Colonel Bevington now holds the Air Medal; Captain (Doc) McLoughlin received the Bronze Star. Lieutenants Elias, Johnson and Rankin now use Silver Bars as a result of their combat promotions; Master Sergeant Allred and Staff Sergeant McNeill were awarded the Bronze Star. You will be glad to know that Sergeant Clifton R. Ambrose, who was Killed In Action on 29 August was awarded the Bronze Star posthumously. See War Department General Order #63, for that "B" Company Citation.

7. FLASH NEWS: (Dr) Captain Henry Weintraub, was repatriated on the GRIPSHOLM, and is now recovering from Arthritis at HALLORAN General Hospital, Staten Island, New York. Lieutenant Colonel C. P. Eastburn was in London having a three day time of it. Lieutenant Long is now running an Artillery-Tank Destroyer Officers Club. 1st Lieutenant Sheehan has joined us as a rotation replacement to replace Seldom Wright. Captain Augustaukas is at Camp Hood, at the advanced

officers course. Lieutenant Foos is married and stationed at Camp Butner. At Camp Hood:--Major Shimer, Master Sergeant Bridges, Staff Sergeant Tollerson, T/Sergeant Hart, 1st Sgt Wills, T/Sgts "Pop" Ayers, E.O. Johnson, W.H. Bowen, S/Sgts C.C. Morgan and D.M. Hood. Lieutenant Miller is in the 662nd Tank Destroyer Battalion and going to a school at Fort Sill for towed three inch guns. Sergeant Tommy Wallace at last reports was to leave for Temporary Duty in the United States. Tec 4 Kenneth L. Pelcher visited the Adirondacks at Lake Placid, New York, and enjoyed himself at the expense of the government. Pvt Eddie Middleton is in France. Two other notable Alumni of the Battalion--Major Generals Albert C. Wedemeyer (China), and Leven C. Allen (Germany).

8. Captain Anderson has left us for a nice Staff job at the 92nd Division. Moon Milling is S-2 on the 1st Regiment Staff at the IRTC, Camp Wheeler, Georgia.--Chief Warrant Officer Stephens is at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in the 4 Section of the FARTC. Sgt Freddie Teet in the 81st FA Battalion at Camp Shelby, Mississippi (APO 417). Chaplain Reichling, is with the 437 AAA Bn.

9. Remember that African Song about "those 88's are breaking up that old gang of mine". Wonder how it sounds in Kraut.--Yep. We've got one and we use it till it gets red hot--frequently.

10. PROMOTIONS:

Cpl George N. Kinney, Rcn Co, to Sgt  
 Tec 5 Ernest R. Bridges Hc Co, to Sgt  
 Tec 5 Glen E. Humphreys Hc Co, to Tec 4  
 Pfc Orelo B. Johnson Hq Co, to Tec 5  
 Pfc Franklin D. Everette Hc Co to Tec 5  
 Tec 5 Russell E. Thompson Hq Co to Tec 4  
 Pfc John P. Wunderlich Hc Co, to Tec 5  
 Tec 5 Louis J. Urdahl Hq Co, to Tec 4  
 Tec 5 Albert P. Townsend Hc Co to Tec 4  
 Pfc William A. Murphy Co A to Tec 5  
 Tec 4 John F. Pollock Co B to Sgt  
 Pfc Andrew Vanca, Co B to Tec 5  
 Pfc Patsy Tortarelli Co C to Tec 5  
 Sgt Sherburne J. Gomez Co A to S/Sgt  
 Cpl Nicholas G. DePaul Co A to Sgt  
 Pfc Edward L. Wadas Rcn Co to Cpl  
 Pfc Marshall F. Vaillancourt Hc Co to Tec 5

Cpl Leonard F. Frisch Co B, to Tec 4  
 Pvt Erich W. Siringhaus Co A to Cpl  
 Pfc Donald R. Pleacher Co A to Cpl  
 Pfc Russell S. Lemkie Co A to Tec 5  
 Pvt Charles Sullivan Co A to Tec 5  
 Tec 5 Benjamin D. Stacy Co A to Tec 4  
 Cpl Charles F. Volta Co C to Sgt  
 Cpl Niels Lundegaard Hq Co to Sgt  
 Pfc James J. Wargas Hq Co to Tec 5  
 Pvt Lucius M. Layton Co A to Tec 5  
 Tec 5 Jimmie D. Phelps Co B to Cpl  
 Sgt Sam C. Pankey Co C to S/Sgt  
 Pvt Donald D. DePamphilis Co C to Cpl  
 Cpl Solon Berrick Co A to Sgt  
 Tec 5 Owen Griggs Co A to Tec 4  
 Pvt Lawrence W. Hosford Hq Co to Tec 5

11. Thanks for the mail from you all. It gives us something to go by and items to keep you informed of other former members.--Besides, we'll tell you about additional stuff (Battle Stars and such like).

Next issue--we will slim down our mailing list, so drop us a line if you're interested

12. Wishing you all the best for the year to come. HAPPY NEW YEAR, and Keep em Rolling.

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