

November 8<sup>th</sup> 1942 to January 1943

Cadre schools for Enl. & off. Cadre

Preparation of Camp and equipment for incoming files

During this period primary weapons were drawn from Fort Bliss Ordnance depot, consisting of:-

32 - 40 MM Anti-aircraft guns. m-1

16 - Directors M-5

32 - Power plants - M5

32 - 50 Caliber Water Cooled AA machine guns m-2-A-1

Cadre fired these weapons at Hueco firing point for a refresher course during second week of December 1942  
November 29<sup>th</sup> detail went to Arlington Texas and returned with 20-2 1/2 ton trucks and 60 jeeps.

on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1st Lt. Edward W. Gilbert left for Fort Crook, Omaha Neb to attend a school on automotive maintenance

# History of 203<sup>rd</sup> A.C.A. Auto Wpns Bn (SP)

A. Original Unit. 608<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Regiment (2<sup>nd</sup> Bn)

1. Regimental C.O. - Col. Oliver B. Bucher  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn C.O. - Major George C. McFarlin
2. Date of organization Nov-15-1942.
3. Place of organization - Fort Bliss, Texas
4. Authority for organization - G.O. #100 Par #5-8-22-42 AAC.
5. Sources from which personnel obtained
  1. Officer Cadre assembled at Camp Davis N.C. during weeks of Sept-13-19, 1942 - arrived Fort Bliss, Texas Oct-1-1942.
  2. Enlisted Cadre from the 74<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> C.A. Regiments at Fort Monroe Va. and Camp Davis N.C. arrived S.P. 11-18-42
  3. Enlisted Filler from:-
    - Reception Center, Camp Perry Ohio
    - Jefferson Barracks, Missouri
    - Fort Thomas, Kentucky
    - Hq. 1222 Reception Center, Camp Upton, N.Y.
    - Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana
    - Fort Devens, Mass.
    - Reception Center, Fort Hayes, Ohio
    - Reception Center, Fort Bliss, Texas

Fillers were received from December 15<sup>th</sup> 1942 through January 5<sup>th</sup> 1943.

B. Changes in organization

1. on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1943 the 608<sup>th</sup> C.A. Regiment disbanded and the Second Battalion became the 203<sup>rd</sup> C.A. Bn. (AA)  
Authority:- G.O.#5, Hq AAC Richmond Va 1-11-43 effective 1-20-43
2. on February 13, 1943 the 203<sup>rd</sup> C.A. Bn (AA) was redesignated as the 203<sup>rd</sup> AAA Auto Wpns Bn (SP)  
Authority G.O.#18, Hq AAC Richmond Va 2-1-1943 effective 2-13-43.

Month of January - 1943

January 1st to 31st Training in, Dismounted drill, hikes of short duration, military courtesy, physical training. Preparatory marksmanship training with M-1 Rifles Jan 1st to Jan 19th.

January 21st to 24th, Entire Battalion fired M-1 Rifles at Eastover range also 22 Caliber firing on 1000 inch range on January 2nd detail of drivers went to Arlington Texas, returning on January 6th with the remainder of the Battalion's motorized equipment. The trucks were divided among the Batteries in accordance with I/C for S/M A.A. Bn.

Drivers training and tests under supervision of M. J. D.

Jan 20th 2nd Bn 608th C.A. (AA) Regt, redesignated as 203rd C.A. Bn (AA) (G.O.#5-H9 AAC Richmond Va 1-13-43)

Men were urged to buy National Service Life Ins and War Bonds. Dinner Dance at Fort Bliss, Officers mess Jan 29th

Battalion received special commendation from Commanding General of Fort Bliss for 98% qualification in rifle firing

Month of February 1943

February 1st to 28<sup>th</sup> dismounted drill, hikes of short duration (increased over length of January hikes), nomenclature and primary training with 40 mm and 50 Cal weapons. February 7 - Motor Convoy to Camp Huco, N.M., stayed there until Feb-20<sup>th</sup> during which time weapons were fired at sleeve targets, both with Director Control and forward area sights. On February 20<sup>th</sup> the Battalion marched to Newman, N.M. and bivouaced on the Texas side of the state border. Left this bivouac area at 0500 hours on February 21<sup>st</sup> and arrived Fort Bliss, Battalion area at 0900 hours.

February 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Field Problem at Salinas Pass, N.M.

Intercom guard duty, extended order, drill, field simulation aircraft identification. Drivers training and tests. Battalion Baseball League organized. Murado Training 2/26

1st Lt. Edward N. Gilbert returned from Fort Crook Omaha Neb. on February 8<sup>th</sup>

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 203<sup>rd</sup> C.A. Bn (aa) redesignated as 203<sup>rd</sup> CAA auto Wpn Bn (SP) (60\*18, HQ AFO Richmond Va 2-2-43)

Gas mask drill and hike through gassed area  
Special emphasis on military courtesy

Major General J.A. Green visited Ft. Bliss on 12 February.  
U. S. O. Camp Show "In the Groove" Feb 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

O. C. I. Preparatory march courses started

Bn. Commended By General Crawford for Military Courtesy

Month of March 1943

Drivers training, Infantry drill, extended order drill Aircraft Identification, Training films, Gun drill. Gas Chamber.  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 25 mile hike on Sulco Tanks road.

on March 14<sup>th</sup> went to Sulco N.M. stayed there in pyramidal tents and fired and tracked both day and night at sleeve targets and anti mech targets also rockets. Fired 50 cal m.g. and 30 cal m.g. at Balloons. Fired all weapons at O.D. targets.

7 hits on sleeve

16 hits on O.D. targets sub-caliber firing

After returning from Sulco ~~and~~ cleaned all a-a weapons which were then inspected and turned over to Ft. Bliss ord. Depot. on March 27<sup>th</sup> received 6 m-13 half tracks. Following week chiefs of Section, Squad leaders, drivers and 1st 3 grades and officers went to Sulco firing point and test fired the new m-13 mounts.

Beginning on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> this Co furnished guards for a.a.a.C. Ammunition Dump, near Biggs field.

on March 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion A+D received Commendation from CO of 32<sup>nd</sup> a.a. Brigade for artillery drill

Month of April 1943

Short hikes in vicinity of Johns ranch ruins  
Went to Biggs field for guided tour and instruction  
about U.S. aircraft. We saw the "Jugy-Q", a B-17-D  
which had seen action in the South Pacific.

25 mile hike on Biggs field road and over desert.

One officer and 3 Em per Battery left on April 10<sup>th</sup>  
for Camp Hood Texas to study preventative maintenance of  
Half Trucks.

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Field Problem at End of Franklin  
Mnt range, with Half Trucks and Trucks.

Garrison duty, Physical training, Judo training, Aircraft  
identification, extended order drill, Infantry drill, Training plan  
Gun drill. Physical proficiency test a a a I C. April 7<sup>th</sup>  
April 26<sup>th</sup> Brig. Genl Dale D. Sumner assumed  
command of Fort Bliss.  
a a a I C. Supply Sergeants school (one week)

Month of May 1943

May-1- Battalion went into Cotton uniforms

on May 8<sup>th</sup> one officer and 3 E.M. per Battery returned from D.M. school at Camp Hood Texas

on May 9<sup>th</sup> received 32 M-15 Half Tracks.

Gun drill, tracking, maintenance, infantry drill, physical Inv. training films. A.A.A. TC Wire Communication school and 543 radio school, swimming instructions. OCS Mach. Counsel. Stockade Guard A.A.A.T.C. Storkie

on May 18<sup>th</sup> Entire Battalion left for Camp Hueco in Half track Convoy. remained there balance of month during stay at Hueco, in bivouac area, fired day and night at aerial targets and anti-air.

Battalion Baseball league of 4 teams, one from each gun battery continued to play league games at Hueco. Battery "C" won league championships from Battery "D" score 3 to 4.

Fort Bliss Cooks and Bakers school. Wed May-17<sup>th</sup>

22<sup>nd</sup> A.A. Group Dance on May 27<sup>th</sup> featuring a Colored band from Camp Davis N.C.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Col. W.D. Brady assumed command of 22<sup>nd</sup> group.

Month of June - 1943

June 1 to June 18<sup>th</sup> remained at Camp Huaco in bivouac and fired at aerial and anti-mech targets. Returned to Fort Bliss in Convoy on June 18<sup>th</sup>. June 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 20% of the Battalion was sent on furloughs consisting of 5 days plus travel time.

June 22 to 27<sup>th</sup> Tactical test, Huaco tanks and Organizational Area

June 30<sup>th</sup> started on field problem in vicinity of Las Cruces to St. Augustine Pass.

Infantry drill, practice for Battalion Parade, Gun drill, Preventative maintenance courses under supervision of A.A.A.T.C. Thompson Sub-machine Gun firing, Infiltration Course. Debarkation Tower training. Obstacle Course training speed hikes. Military Comradeship training

June 12<sup>th</sup> officers Dance at 117<sup>th</sup> CA Group officers Club.



Month of July 1943

July 3<sup>rd</sup> returned from field problem at Las Cruces  
St. Augustine Pass.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Parade on a a S.C. Drill field - entire AAAIC Personnel

July 4<sup>th</sup> Battery "D" paraded in El Paso Texas  
and conducted an exhibition at Plaza square.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Battery "A" paraded in Las Cruces N.M.

Furloughs continued on 70% Basis

Preventative maintenance courses under supervision of a a a S.C.  
Practice train loading on, dummy flat cars, extended border drill,  
physical training, swimming instructions. Debarcation tower  
training and test. Obstacle course training. speed hikes  
swimming instructions, training films. Sex hygiene lecture.

Month of August 1953

August 20<sup>th</sup> Parade at night under lights, AAATC drill field  
Speed hike, obstacle course speed test, Debarbation Tower.  
Swimming instructions, chemical warfare training.  
Training films. Secrecy instructions, Military Censorship training  
Dental survey. Training film Sex hygiene.  
Sunt miniature trainer (range estimation training AAATC)  
Remainder of Battalion granted furloughs.  
Morale high

Month of September - 1933

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Fort Bliss Parade grounds, mechanized equipment parade, under lights.

Representative maintenance training, tracking, aircraft identification  
skit miniature trainer (range estimation training)

aircraft recognition training, swimming instructions

Battalion was addressed on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> by  
Captain Mel, recently returned from North Africa.

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Btry "D" defeated Btry "C" for soft ball league championships

On Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> the Battalion held a closed dance.

at Service Club #3, Logan Heights, Girls from El Paso  
and WACS from Fort Bliss were present. Refreshments  
prepared by the Bn mess personnel were served and  
music was furnished by Aaa TC Band.

Month of October 1942

Furloughs from Maneuver Area

October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Left Fort Bliss for Louisiana  
maneuver area. Arriving there on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 0900 hours.

Month of November, 1943

Furloughs from Monroeville Area - beginning on Nov-19<sup>th</sup>.

Finished Monroeville on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and camped on reservation of Camp Pells until departure for Camp Pickett.

November 22<sup>nd</sup>. left Louisiana aboard troop train arrived Camp Pickett November 25<sup>th</sup>. Equipment was shipped on a separate, train, under guard.

Month of December 1953

Firing refresher courses with all small arms. speed hikes, debarkation training. Practice unloading of equipment by use of ropes from debarkation ladders. Practice knot tying. Gun drill, tracking, aircraft identification. Aerial type Physical Examination. Dental inspection furloughs. preliminary amphibious instructions

On December 18<sup>th</sup>: left Camp Pickett in truck Convoy. arrived Camp Davis same day. Fired at aerial targets, knocked down 12 targets in one day's firing. Returned to Camp Pickett Dec 21<sup>st</sup>.

2. month of January 1944

Training with hand grenades (dummy) and firing of  
handgrenades. Speed hikes, gun drill, garrison duty.  
amphibious training  
furloughs

Left Camp Pickett in Truck Convoy on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and  
proceeded to Camp Bradford Va, where the Co took  
part in amphibious training for 6 days under super-  
vision of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Messed with navy  
and lived in Nissen huts. Returned to Camp Pickett  
on January 13<sup>th</sup> in Truck and A.T. Convoy

~~Left Camp Pickett ~~Jan~~ 25<sup>th</sup> in troop train, arrived at  
Camp Kilmer early on the morning of Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1944~~

Month of February 1944

Left Camp Rickett Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 1830 hours.  
Arrived Camp Kelmer N.J. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 0830 hours.  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> received inoculations, gas proof clothing,  
small arms. Had inspection P.O.M.  
Left Camp Kelmer Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 1940 hours and  
boarded Troop transport at New York 2230 hours.  
On morning of Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 0630 hours our ship  
St. M. F. Andes pulled out of New York, bound for  
Liverpool England.

Debarked at Liverpool England at 0100 on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1944.  
Arrived Leek, Staffordshire, England 0800 Feb 20<sup>th</sup> and  
proceeded by truck to Camp #3, Blackshaw Moor.  
Strength of Battalion on arrival 36, O's, 2-UD's 668 E.M.  
Assigned to WBS, SOS, Hq. ETOUSA by letter 2-10-44 Hq 113<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
Bn. Restricted for ten days. indoctrination period.  
Garrison set up and training program organized.  
On February 27<sup>th</sup> M. F. D., Det St. Donato J. Curcio and  
27 drivers went to Liverpool and returned with 19-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Ton Trucks  
February 28<sup>th</sup> restriction of Battalion lifted.

On February                      men were invited to represent the Battalion  
at an informal reception given by the Leek Civil Defense  
League in their hall in Leek. Friendly relations were  
established with the citizens of Leek and the occasion  
was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.



# Month of March 1944

March 4<sup>th</sup> Capt. Charles H. Lockhart, 0317751 and Captain Henry A. Eaton, 0412422, detailed to attend AAA School Camp Blanford, Dorset, reporting on March 7<sup>th</sup>

March 6<sup>th</sup> Battery "A" on 24 hour alert for cooperation with 46th, Home Guard

March 8<sup>th</sup> received notification via telephone concerning release of initial requisition of vehicles and equipment. Detail of 4 officers and 46 enlisted men sent to North Tidworth to pick up equipment.

March 10<sup>th</sup> Detail of 4 officers and 46 E.M. returned with 32 M-16 Half Tracks 2-M-17 Half Tractors and 2-M-3 Half Tractors.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1st Lt. Harry Hargrave and 1st Lt. Norton M. Bedford detailed to attend AAA School Camp Blanford, Dorset.

March 22 Alert for movement received via telephone from Sq. 113<sup>th</sup> AAA Group. All 48 hour passes.

discontinued

March 25<sup>th</sup> Detail of 3 officers and 50 E.M. left for North Tidworth to pick up vehicles.

March 26<sup>th</sup> Detail returned with 32 M-15 Half Tractors.

March 31- Batteries had photographs taken of each Battery assembled and orders were taken among the officers and men for pictures to be sent home.

Training for month: Physical Training, maintenance of Half Tractors. Cleaning of guns, tracking, aircraft identification

Month of April - 1944

at

0830

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> an advance Detachment from this organization left Camp #3, Blackshaw moor for an unknown destination. The detachment consisted of Major Clyde W. Bradshaw 033999V, 1st Lt. Norton M. Bedford 01045669 and C. WO Orlando J. Pulzone W2108530 and 30 Enlisted men.

on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 0930 the Battalion boarded a train at the L.M.S. RR station at Leek we remained on the train until 1700 when we got off at Blandford, Dorset and were taken in trucks to Drake Barracks.

Our training at Camp Blandford consisted of Column movements, deployment, Camouflage, and training in Radio procedure. Remained there from 4-6-44 to -

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This Battalion during the period of April 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> was used as an experimental Battalion to establish an S.O.P. for SP units. During this phase of training this Battalion worked in conjunction with the Tactical Training Center of Camp Blandford (British)

On Monday<sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> morning at 0140 to 0300 hours the Battalion was subject to its first air raid by German planes. The nearest bomb struck about five miles from the Bn area near an airport. Areas within a 20 mile radius were bombed extensively. 20 planes were shot down by anti-aircraft in the vicinity. This Battalion did not fire. Sporadic raids continued for a few days. No damage to our immediate area.

on April 21<sup>st</sup> received alert for movement from 1<sup>st</sup> Army.

April 1944 - Continued

On April 26<sup>th</sup> Attached to First Army.  
Further attached to 47<sup>th</sup> Brigade  
Further attached to 108<sup>th</sup> AAA Group.

1 Apr 26

Month of May 1944

movement order #1770 dated May 8<sup>th</sup> for movement May 11<sup>th</sup> to Camp St. Agnes-head, Cornwall, England. During stay at this Camp Battalion engaged in firing and physical training.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> departed from Camp Blandford at 0715 - arrived at Camp St. Agnes-head at 2000 hours.

May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive Anti-aircraft firing at tow targets and living in Barracks at St. Agnes-head.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> Bn departed from St. Agnes-head at 1000 hours arrived at Camp Blandford at 2000 hours. movement order #1770, dated May 8<sup>th</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup> made preparation to leave Barracks area (Drake Barracks).

May 20<sup>th</sup> moved from Drake Barracks to Tent area South-East of Camp Blandford

Lived in Tent area Camp Blandford for remainder of month of May and prepared for combat mission

Month of June - 1944

On June 21<sup>st</sup> 1944 Advanced detachment of Battalion strength 494 EM and 32 officers left Camp Blandford England and proceeded to marshaling area at Camp D#1, Daulish England. At Camp D#1 advanced detachment was briefed as to mission in France and probable enemy action. On June 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion left Camp D#1 and proceeded in Convoy with full battle equipment to the Port of Weymouth England where they boarded 2 L.S.T's and embarked. On June 26<sup>th</sup> the Advanced detachment arrived at Utah Beach, France and proceeded in Convoy to assembly area at St. Germain de Verreville, attached to 47<sup>th</sup> AAA Brigade and 108<sup>th</sup> AAA Group for 3 days. On June 27<sup>th</sup> moved to fields outside City of Cherbourg and set up Bn CP. Gren Battery entered Cherbourg and took up positions to defend against enemy aerial action. On June 28<sup>th</sup> moved CP to suburb of Cherbourg, Fourville located in Boys and Girls school building on Rue des Flamants. On June 29<sup>th</sup> Bn relieved from attached to 108<sup>th</sup> AAA Group and attached to 92<sup>nd</sup> AAA Group. Still under 47<sup>th</sup> AAA Brigade.

June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Strength of adv. detachment	494 EM	32 officers
	" " residue	187 EM	6 officers
		<u>676 EM</u>	<u>38 officers</u>

Month of July 1944

July 1st to 31st. Bn C.P. located in Toulerville  
and Gun Batteries dispersed around Cherbourg and  
vicinity for protection of the area against enemy action.

on July 14<sup>th</sup>: Pvt Alfred J Ward, <sup>14/15/44</sup> 32717791 became first  
casualty by stepping on an enemy "shoe-box" mine  
in the vicinity of Carteret, while he was on duty in  
a Battalion outpost

July 26<sup>th</sup>: Residue party of Battalion consisting of  
187 Em and Officers arrived in Cherbourg  
and were assigned to duties with their Batteries

July 31st strength 676 Em and 39 officers

# Month of August

August 1st to 9th Bn in static position providing anti-aircraft defense for Cherbourg area  
on August 9th relieved of mission and alerted for departure  
on August 12th departed from Cherbourg at 1530 hours.  
arrived at 7th Armored Division headquarters at 1930 and went into bivouac.

Attached to 7th Armored Division  
on August 13th left CP of 7th Armored Division and proceeded to join main force of Division already in contact with Enemy.

August 15th entered La Ferte Bernard

August 16th " Courville sur Eure

August 27th " Melun

August 29th " Fismes

" 30th static position at Fismes

Capt. Alfred J. Ward 3277751 - Hq Bn awarded Purple Heart for Wound received July 1942

Strength 670 E M and 39 officers

Lost 5 men to Hospital  
and one man K.I.A.

Fuses

Lyon  
Spa

Dion	Switz	Riviera	Paris	<del>Spa</del>	England	Brussels	
3	Brey A		<sup>1</sup> <del>2</del> 4 3 2 3 May 25- 5 2 6	<del>     </del> 3-		5	
4	Brey B		<sup>1 1</sup> <del>14</del> 2 2 / 2 2 4 May 25 5 5	<del>     </del> 3-		5	
1	Brey C		<sup>1 1</sup> <del>14</del> 2 4 3 2 3 May 25 5 3	<del>     </del> 3-		5	
4	Brey D		<sup>1 1</sup> <del>10</del> 2 4 / 3 3 May 25 5 6	<del>     </del> 3-		3 5	
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Month of September 1944

Members of Bn awarded Bronze star for Battle of Western Europe from 26 June 44 to

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Bn Mission Changed

Btrks A-B-D assigned as AA protection to  
XX Corps Artillery

Btry C for protection of 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains

Bn CP Established West of Metz France

Sept 15 Btry D giving a a Protection to 559<sup>th</sup> FA Bn  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi W of Batilly France

" C " " " " to 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Div Supply Train 7 mi NW  
of Mars-la-Tour, France

Btry B, giving a a Protection to 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Div Headquarters  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles  
East of Spornville, France

Btry A, a a support for 695<sup>th</sup> and 274<sup>th</sup> FA Bns  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi N Puzieux  
Headquarters + Headquarters Btry  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mi NW Mars-la-Tour, France

Strength 39 officers & WOs - 669 Enlisted men.

Sept. 16 Pvt Kenneth F. Wood, Medical Detachment awarded silver star  
for gallantry in action, and promoted to Sec 5 (ASN 32-667671)

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Bn Left France and entered Belgium

Sept 29 D Btry arrived Holland

Sept 30 C, B, A and Hq Btry arrived Holland

30 Strength 660 E M. 37 officers 2 WOs

# Ration Cards For OFFICERS CLOTHING

SERIAL NO.	NAME	RANK	Eng.	Paris	Puebla	spa	Bureau
203	1 M <sup>c</sup> FARLIN, Geo. C.	LT COL			✓		
"	2 BRADSHAW, Clyde	MAJ		✓			
"	<del>3 LOCKHART, Charles</del>	<del>MAJ</del>					
"	<del>4 JOHNSON, Ferral</del>	<del>CAPT</del>		✓			
"	<del>5 ZERULL, Leonard</del>	<del>CAPT</del>			✓		
"	6 WARD, Frederick	CAPT					
"	7 EATON, Henry	CAPT					
"	8 WATKINS, Benjamin	CAPT					✓
"	9 SUNSERI, Philip	CAPT		✓			
"	<del>10 SAMUELSON, OSCAR</del>	<del>CAPT</del>					
"	11 FIORE, Autino	CAPT		✓			
"	12 NICKERSON, Vernon	CAPT	✓				
"	13 REID, Robert	CAPT		✓			
"	14 GILBERT, Edwin	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	15 HORTON, Charles	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	16 BEDFORD, NORTON	1 <sup>st</sup> LT	✓				
"	17 WEEKS, DONALD	1 <sup>st</sup> LT		✓			
"	18 ALWORTH, E.P.	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	19 CURCIO, DONATO	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	20 HANZLIK, HARRY	1 <sup>st</sup> LT		✓			
"	21 ZETZMAN, LAWRENCE	1 <sup>st</sup> LT		✓			
"	22 BRANTLEY, James	1 <sup>st</sup> LT		✓			
"	<del>23 Lovell, Clayton G</del>	<del>1<sup>st</sup> LT</del>					
"	24 COLBATH, RAINSFORD	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	<del>25 Amstrong, Raymond</del>	<del>1<sup>st</sup> LT</del>					
"	26 LAUGHLIN, LAWRENCE	1 <sup>st</sup> LT		✓			
"	27 Webb, Leroy	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	28 COLTON, Edgar	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	29 STAFFORD, Oliver	1 <sup>st</sup> LT		✓			
"	30 ALEFF, Jerome	1 <sup>st</sup> LT					
"	31 Owen, Eugene	1 <sup>st</sup> LT		✓			
"	32 PIREGAR, RICHARD						

Col. m<sup>c</sup> Taelin

Major BRADSHAW

Capt EATON

Capt NICKERSON

Capt O'NEIL

Capt. REID

Capt WARD

1ST LT ALWORTH

1ST LT ZETZMAN

Capt BEDFORD

1ST LT CURCIO

CWO PULZONE

WOSC STANLAND

Capt ZERULL

1ST LT COLBATH

1ST LT GILBERT

1ST LT WEEKS

1ST LT BRAKEBILL

2ND LT BEPERSTI

Capt WATKINS

1ST LT LAUGHLIN

1ST LT MOORE

1ST LT PINEGAR

1ST LT STAFFORD

1ST LT WEBB

Capt Johnson

1ST LT BRANTLEY

1ST LT HORTON

1ST LT OWEN

2ND LT BUZZY

			ENQ	PARIS	EVERIA	SPA	Bruce
203	33	BRANE bill, James	1 <sup>st</sup> LT	✓			
"	34	MOORE, Keith	1 <sup>st</sup> LT	✓			
"	35	Bigelow, Calvin	1 <sup>st</sup> LT	✓			
"	36	Buzby, Winfield	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT			✓	✓
"	37	SULLIVAN, Robert	1 <sup>st</sup> LT	✓			
"	38	Pulzone, Orlando	WO	✓			
"	39	STANLAND, ZACHEUS	WO				✓
"	46	Albert Beperti	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT	✓			

# "SILVER STAR"

BRG	RANK	NAME	ASN	G.D. NO.	Date	Hq.
Med	S/5	Kenneth F. Wood	32667671	55	21 Sept 44	7'AD.
D	Sgt	Leonard R. Brohman	35539058	6	5 Jan. '45	7'AD.
D	Sgt	Ronald R. Mruzinsky	32188051	6	5 Jan. '45	7'AD.
B	Cpl.	Joseph M. Sancalues	3121561B	6	5 Jan '45	7'AD.
B	S/5	Edmund L. Jones	32688352	6	5 Jan. '45	7'AD.
B	Pvt.	Charles H. Ostermeyer	35713121	6	5 Jan. '45	7'AD.
D	S/5	George Batis (MIA)	35578793	6	5 Jan. '45	7'AD.

# "BRONZE STAR"

Blty	Rank	Name	ASN	G.O. No.	DATE	HR
Hq	T/4	Frederick J. Allen, Jr.	35539253	89	2 Jun 45	7AD
B	T/4	John W. Ruth	35721734	89	2 Jun 45	7AD
D	T/5	Jesse A Cook	35578780	89	2 Jun 45	7AD
D	T/5	Verl Swonger	35596344	89	2 Jun 45	7AD
Hq	T/sgt.	James R Caslin	33005712	90	4 Jun 45	7AD
B	S/sgt	Raymond H Ayres	33005970	90	4 Jun 45	7AD
B	S/sgt	Wilbur H Brooks	56165154	90	4 Jun 45	7AD
D	S/sgt	Forest H. Zirkle	33006189	90	4 Jun 45	7AD
Hq	S/sgt.	Bernard J Fallon	31180337	90	4 Jun 45	7AD
D	Pfc	Billie J Napier				
A	1st Lt	Edward W. Gilbert Jr. +	01041560	100	15 Jun 45	7AD
A	Sgt	John A Metcalf +	31275655	100	15 Jun 45	7AD
A	Cpl	Joseph B Libonatti +	32687879	100	15 Jun 45	7AD
C	1st Lt	Eugene C. Owen +	0580360	110	6 Jul 45	7AD
C	1st Lt	James J. Moore +	6897862	110	6 Jul 45	"
B	S/sgt	Edwin C Stewart +	35576801	110	6 " 45	"
B	Sgt	Lloyd E. Mullins +	38232298	110	6 " 45	"
C	Cpl	Matthew D. Milano +	32688131	110	6 " 45	"
C	Cpl	Willie Shadwick +	35690653	110	6 " 45	"
C	T/5	Patricio Puente +	38215318	110	6 " 45	"
D	S/sgt	Charles L Dymacek +	33040952	111	11 Jul 45	7AD
A	T/4	John A Sturtecky +	32685979	111	"	"
D	T/4	Charles F Whittmore +	32685873	111	"	"
D	Cpl	Vernon L. Bainbridge +	37440818	111	"	"
D	Cpl	Robert W Beard +	35578850	111	"	"
A	Cpl	Edsel Hampton	35679828	111	"	"
A	Cpl	Howard Hurley +	35679776	111	"	"
A	Cpl	Freeman L Stephens +	35692358	111	"	"

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BREV	RANK	NAME	ASN	G.O. No.	Date	Hq.
B	Sgt.	Mitchell E. Bilodeau	32667101	60	1 Oct. 44	7 AD
B	Sgt.	Gerald E. Nical	35620304	60	1 Oct. 44	7 AD
Med 3/4		Michael Mikula	32695787	64	13 Oct. 44	7 AD
Hq 1/2	Sgt	Albert J. Bepresti	33346231	69	28 Oct. 44	7 AD
B	1st Lt.	Leroy Webb	01057302	69	28 Oct. 44	7 AD
A	SSg.	Francis J. Carr	33028062	69	28 Oct. 44	7 AD
A	Sgt.	Thomas J. Bass Jr.	32696541	69	28 Oct. 44	7 AD
B	and Lt.	Richard C. Pincus	01056512	70	31 Oct. 44	7 AD
C	1st Lt.	James M. Brantley	01050560	81	14 Nov. 44	7 AD
C	SSg.	Johnnie W. Brumpton	39845707	81	14 Nov. 44	7 AD
Hq	Capt.	Frederick Ward Jr.	0309702	84	15 Nov. 44	7 AD
Hq	M.Sg.	Fred E. Johnston	7023912	84	15 Nov. 44	7 AD
E	SSg.	Joseph Klecak	31009183	84	15 Nov. 44	7 AD
C	Sgt	Leonard J. Falco	32689573	84	15 Nov. 44	7 AD
D	Capt.	Henry A. Eaton	0412422	95	22 Nov. 44	7 AD
Hq	1st Lt.	Donato J. Curcio	01046759	95	22 Nov. 44	7 AD
D	Sgt.	Jesse Cardoza	20135532	105	30 Nov. 44	7 AD
D	Sgt.	Byron J. Ellis	31246520	105	30 Nov. 44	
Hq	1/2 Sg.	Lawrence E. Lape	35539233	104	29 Nov. 44	7 AD
Med 7/5		Gerald F. Malin	32689679	98	25 Nov. 44	7 AD
A	Sgt.	William F. Leck	32688844	124	10 Dec. 44	7 AD
D	1st Lt.	Clayton G. Lowell	01050786	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
B	Sgt.	Norton D. Coy	35621068	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
B	Sgt.	Joseph G. Gosztyla	35576960	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
B	Sgt.	Robert J. Quelltte	31218087	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
D	Cpl.	Elwood R. Brant	33086291	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
D	Cpl	Arthur B. Farmer	35760507	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
B	Cpl	Lawrence C. Hamilton	35680310	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
B	Cpl	Ambrose H. McKellick	31216905	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
D	7/5	Bernard J. Connally	32688176	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
D	Pvt.	Walter B. Kinkaid	35539378	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD
B	Pfc.	Ignacio Messana	36598443	6	5 Jan. 45	7 AD

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BRG	RANK	NAME	ASN	GO. No.	Date	Hq
B	Pvt	Edmund F. Rutkowski	33603210	7	6 Jan 45	7AD
Hq	Major	Clyde W. Bradshaw	0339992	22	21 JAN. 45	7AD
B	Capt.	Robert H. Reid	01050890	22	21 JAN. 45	7AD
D	Cpl.	Joseph J. Pretti	33361757	22	21 JAN. 45	7AD
Med	Cpl.	Philip D. Simson	0489201	50	17 MAR 45	7AD.
Hq	CWO	Orlando J. Pulzone	W2108530	55	21 MAR 45	7AD.
Hq	SSgt	Alpert R. Anderson	37368464	56	29 MAR. 7AD.	
C	Sgt.	Joseph P. Janostak Sr.	35576927	66	22 Apr. 45	7AD
C	Sgt.	Frank P. Callura	35626173	66	22 Apr. 45	7AD
C	Sgt.	Thomas W. Cochran	35579046	66	22 Apr. 45	7AD
Med	Spjt.	Steve Pesyk	32602361	66	22 Apr. 45	7AD
C	Spjt	Lance V Jennings	7009161	66	22 Apr. 45	7AD
B	1st Lt	Oliver H. Stafford	01052579	66	22 Apr. 45	7AD.
B	1st Lt	Laurence R. Laughlin	01050772	66	22 Apr 45	7AD
Hq	1st Lt	Norton M. Bedford	01045669	66	22 Apr 45	7AD
B	1st Lt	Wilber F. Rhode	20754272	69	25 Apr. 45	7AD
D	1st Lt	Donald M. Aulton	35576758	69	25 Apr. 45	7AD
D	1st Lt	Jerome L. Aleff	01057662	69	25 Apr. 45	7AD.
D	1st Lt	Calvin P. Segilaw	01056982	69	25 Apr. 45	7AD.
D	1st Lt	Harry Hamlik	01046819	69	25 Apr 45	7AD.
D	1st Lt	Paul N Ringlehan	32796407	72	2 May 45	7AD
A	Cpl	Harold A. Rail	31384667	72	2 May 45	7AD
A	Cpl	Levi J. Kiger	35620311	72	2 May 45	7AD
A	1st Lt	Donald H Weeks	01046653	72	2 May 45	7AD
A	1st Lt	Rainard E. Calbath	01055201	72	2 May 45	7AD
<del>C</del>	<del>Capt</del>	<del>Samuel Johnson, Jr</del>	<del>0379591</del>	<del>72</del>	<del>2 May 45</del>	<del>7AD</del>
B	Capt	Benjamin C Watkins	0390424	86	28 May 45	7AD
A	Capt	Leonard A Zerull	0327411	86	28 May 45	7AD
C	1st Lt	Charles R Horton	01043669	86	28 May 45	7AD
Hq	1st Lt	Lawrence W Zetzman	01047005	86	28 May 45	7AD
Hq	1st Lt	Theodore C James	32688112	86	28 May 45	7AD
C	1st Lt	Clayton H Daniels	32200991	86	28 May 45	7AD



# OAK LEAF CLUSTER (TO BRONZE STAR)

REG	RANK	NAME	ASN	G.O. NO.	Date	Hq
B	Sgt.	Mitchell E. Bilodeau	32667101	22	21 JAN. 45	7 AD

# "PURPLE HEART"

BRN	RANK	NAME	ASN	G.D. No	DATE	HQ
C	Pfc	Albion E. Gilman	31208852	65	19 Oct 44	7 A.D.
B	Pfc	Raymond Miranda	38120048	22	28 Sep 44	256th
A	Sgt	Charles F. Mc Carthy	31004476	81	13 Nov 44	7 A.D.
A.	Sgt.	William F. Leek	32688844	124	10 Dec 44	7 A.D.
Med. Capt		Philip D. Sunseri	0489201	136	31 Dec 44	7 A.D.
B	Sgt.	James C. Sanford	34136322	136	31 Dec 44	7 A.D.
B	T/5	John F. Ward	35721286	136	31 Dec 44	7 A.D.
B	2nd Lt	Richard C. Piqueur	01056512	2	1 Jan 45	7 AD
B	Sgt	Raymond Ayers	33005970	2	1 Jan 45	7 AD.
D	T/5	Harold L. May	35721283	2	1 Jan 45	7 AD
B	T/5	Ralph J. Veltri	31215542	2	1 Jan 45	7 AD
B	Prvt	Joseph E. Baumann	32699107	2	1 Jan 45	7 AD
D	Cpl.	Arthur B. Farmer	35160507	7	6 Jan 45	7 AD
A	Cpl	Harold A. Rail	31384667	49	13 Mar 46	7 AD
B	Pfc	Salvio J. Pucayo	39915321	52	20 MAR 45	
D	Cpl	Alfred M. Succi	31275527	56	29 MAR 45	
D	T/5	Robert W. Hayes	32687185	56	29 MAR 45	
C	T/5	Henry J. Paulin	31218208	28	21/3/45	91st med
D	Cpl.	James R. Buxton	35628075	63	16 APR. 45	7 A.D.
D	T/5	William Hale Jr.	32667645	63	16 APR. 45	7 A.D.
B	Pfc	Joseph A. Becker	35540348	64	18 Apr. 45	7 A.D.
2A	T/4	Frederick H. Mc Daniel	35621044	52	20 MAR 45	7 A.D.
C	Sgt.	Euel S. Grafton	35577159			
C	T/4	Edward V Cross	35680215	81	18 Apr 45	21st Ag. B.





Owen 6/1/43

Colbath 5/19/43

Hodges 3/12/43

Reichseker 3/12/43

Stafford 3/16/43

Mericola 3/16/43

Sunseri 3/3/43

Alworth 7/6/43

Webb 8/29/43

Alex 9/3/43

Smith, J.O. AAATC

Furbeck

Mannon ?

Di Paula 8/2/43

Johnson (RE (attch.))

Ryan

Sonnenberg 9/3

Barrese 8/7/43

Belson

Wood, E.H. AAATC

Perrella 3/22/43

Clark 4/5/43

Stanala 5/26/43

Pinagar 8/29/43

Bigelow 9/3/43

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Blagaich 9/3/43

Counseller 9/3/43

Freore 10/7/43

Wright 10/8/43

Hillen

Purvis } 11/17/43

Shields

Bacon

Ash 1/19/44

W.O. Ren

Sonnenberg ?

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Srite 10/5  
Haffney 1/5  
Silbert 10/5/42  
Hutchins  
Horton ?  
Loering  
Johnson (H) 10/5  
Daugherty 10/5  
Barrington  
Adams  
Nickerson  
Richardson  
Bedford  
Hodgdon  
Mc Inroy  
Capell  
Samuelson - 3 Nov. 42  
Emery  
Marshall 1/2/43  
Goodrich 1/8/43  
Weeks  
Beidigen  
Johnson C. W.  
Falbot  
Greentaw  
Blake

Zelzman 12/8/42  
Kanglik  
Curcio "  
Pulzone - Jan. 15, 1943  
Savage }  
Lenco } Jan. 20, 1943  
Fischler }  
Laughlin Feb. 12, 1943  
Forell  
Brantley  
Woodside  
Gross  
Polar  
Reid  
Brakebill ✓

The Farlin  
Bradshaw  
Johnson  
Serull  
Poyd  
Walkers  
Ward  
Lockhart  
Eaton

v) Citation: for ~~acting~~ disregarding his own personal safety and going to the aid of wounded men under fire

(v) Former & present members who  
(a) Silver Star

(1) Wood, Kenneth, Pvt, O-----, medical aid man, 40.1074  
Citation:

1. Orig Unit
2. Strength for period (Table)
- 3) Stations
- 4) Marches
- 5) Campaigns

(~~Strength~~)

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- (a) Orig Unit
- b Change in TO
- c Strength, com + EM (Table)
- d. Stations (date + place)
- e) marches
- f Campaigns - Auth para 3 Sec VI G.O. 8  
Camp of N. France 25 July to 14 Sept.

(g) Body

h) C.O. in Important Engagement

(i) losses in Action ~~of name~~

name name <sup>C.O.N</sup> Status Engagement Location

j. Former + present members who have distinguished themselves

(1) Name name A.S.N. Award G.O. Job (General) Citation

(2) See attached copies of G.O.

(3) " " " " " "



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Authority NND 135 017  
By MN NARA Date 09/31/05

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1ST LT. F.P. H. JONSON  
ADJUTANT GEN  
203 AAA AW BN

From →  
CPL LORWIN  
REAR ENGINEER  
203 AAA AW BN

To →

To: A/S Lorwin

1. I need the "DUTY" of each of the men listed below as soon as possible:

A/S Edmund L. Jones,	Btry B	- "734" - HALF TRACK DRIVER
Pvt Charles Ostermeyer	"	B - "531" - CANNONEER
A/S George Botu	"	D - "734" - HALF TRACK DRIVER
S/Sgt Johnnie Brumpton	"	C - "813" - MOTOR TRANSPORTATION NCO
A/S Bernard J. Connolly	"	D - "601" - GUNNER, ANTI AIRCRAFT
Pvt Walter Kirkaid	"	D - "601" - GUNNER, ANTI AIRCRAFT
Pfc Ignazio Messina	"	B "606" - AA MACHINE GUNNER
Pvt Edmund Rutkowski	"	B "531" - CANNONEER

E. P. Aworth  
1st Lt, CAC

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HEADQUARTERS, 203D AAA AUTO WPNS BN (SP)  
 APO 230, U. S. ARMY

15 February 1945

ROSTER OF OFFICERS:

<u>NAME</u>		<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
McFARLIN, GEORGE C.	203-1	1st Col	0365945
BRADSHAW, CLYDE W.	"-2	Major	0339992
LOCKHART, CHARLES H.	"-3	Major	0317751
JOHNSON, FARRELL, JR.	-4	Capt	0354907
ZERULL, LEONARD A.	-5	Capt	0327411
WARD, FREDERICK, JR.	-6	Capt	0309702
BATON, HENRY A.	-7	Capt	0412422
WATKINS, BENJAMIN C.	-8	Capt	0390424
SUNSERI, PHILIP D.	-9	Capt	0489201
SAMUELSON, OSCAR L.	-10	Capt	01045586
FIGORE, AUTILIO	-11	Capt	0470423
NICKERSON, VERNON W.	-12	Capt	01045201
REID, ROBERT A.	-13	Capt	01050890
GILBERT, EDWARD H., JR.	-14	1st Lt	01041560
HINTON, CHARLES R.	-15	1st Lt	01043669
HENFORD, MORTON M.	-16	1st Lt	01045669
WEEKS, DONALD H.	-17	<del>1st Lt</del> 1st Lt	01046683
ALBONH, S. P.	-18	1st Lt	01040658
CURCIO, DONATO J.	-19	1st Lt	01046759
HANELIK, HARRY	-20	1st Lt	01046819
ZSIZMAN, LAWRENCE W.	-21	1st Lt	01047005
DRAPPLIN, JAMES M.	-22	1st Lt	01050560
LOVELL, CLAYTON G.	-23	1st Lt	01050786
COLBATH, RAINSFORD H.	-24	1st Lt	01055251
AINLONG, THOMAS E.	-25	1st Lt	01049716
LAUGHLIN, LAWRENCE R.	-26	1st Lt	01050772
WEBB, DEROY	-27	1st Lt	01057302
COLTON, EDGAR L.	-28	1st Lt	01516431
STAFFORD, OLIVER H.	-29	1st Lt	<del>01052579</del> 01052579
ALBFF, JEROME L.	-30	1st Lt	01057662
OWEN, EUGENE C.	-31	1st Lt	<del>010520360</del> 0520360
PINKAR, RICHARD C.	-32	1st Lt	01056512
BRAKEHILL, JAMES M.	-33	1st Lt	01050559
MOORE, KEITH P.	-34	1st Lt	01052488
HIGHLON, CALVIN P.	-35	1st Lt	01056982
HUBBY, WINFIELD D.	-36	2nd Lt	01056999
SULLIVAN, ROBERT M.	-37	<del>2nd Lt</del> 2nd Lt	0533681
PULZONE, ORLANDO J.	-38	C/O	W2108590
STANALAND, ZACHERUS H.	-39	NOJC	W2L26759

For the Commanding Officer:

*E. P. AINWORTH*  
 E. P. AINWORTH  
 1st Lt., CAC  
 Adjutant.

January, 1944

The beginning of the year found the 203 AAAA stationed at Camp Rickett, Virginia where the Battalion was completing the training offered by the Amphibious Training Command. On January 6, the Battalion traveled by motor convoy to Camp Bradford, Virginia, a Naval training base, for the ~~of~~ final phase of amphibious training. Under naval instructors the firing batteries and headquarter battery practiced embarking and debarking from LCP's, LCIL's, and LCT's; the firing batteries learned how to load halftracks on LST's and LCT's; and the entire Battalion received lectures on ship to shore operations. At the end of the six day period of instruction, the Battalion returned to Camp Rickett.

On 22 January the following changes in <sup>plod</sup> assignment were directed: 1st Lt Harry Hazler, ~~station~~ Adj; asgd Btry D, Btry C; 1st Lt Norton M Bedford —

~~The batteries continued training during the first weeks of January and showdown insp~~

During the remainder of the month the batteries were busy preparing for an overseas movement. There were frequent inspections of clothing and equipment, lectures on security and censorship were stressed, and organization equipment was crated and marked.

The advance party consisting of 1st Lt Norton Bedford, 2nd Lt Vernon Therkerson, m/s Fred Johnston, and S/Sgt Wilbur Ashcraft departed on 29 January. The advanced party reported to Fort Hamilton, N.Y. and embarked from the NYPOE on 31 January.

S E C R E T

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1944:

The Battalion was ~~stationed~~<sup>ad</sup> at Camp Pickett, Va., alerted and ready for overseas movement when orders were received to proceed by rail to the Staging Area at Camp Kilmer, N.J., on February 5, 1944. The Battalion arrived at Camp Kilmer, N.J., at 0830 and was immediately subjected to overseas inspection by Medical, Ordnance and Quartermaster personnel. These inspections continued both day and night, until February 8, 1944, when the Battalion moved by train to the Port of Embarkation in New York, and boarded His Majesty's Transport, "ANDES".

On February 9, 1944 at 0630 hours, the "ANDES" moved out of the New York Harbor and proceeded on ~~the~~ course towards Liverpool, England. The transport was extremely crowded and part of the men were quartered in the officer's lounge. This was the first contact that the Battalion had with British food, and many of the men did not enjoy it. The crossing was uneventful, save for several days of rough weather, during which time some of the men became seasick. After nine days on the water, the "ANDES" arrived at Liverpool, England, on February 19, 1944, and the Battalion disembarked about midnight.

The Battalion boarded a train at Liverpool, England, and after a light snack of doughnuts and coffee, served by the Red Cross in the Station, moved to Leek, Staffordshire, England, arriving at the station at 0800 on February 20, 1944. LT BEDFORD and LT NICKERSON, the advance party, met the Battalion at the station and convoyed the group to Camp No. 3, Blackshaw Moor. A hot meal of hotcakes and coffee was served, and was most welcome on this chilly morning.

The Battalion was stationed in a British Regimental Camp, sufficient hutting being provided for sleeping quarters, mess halls, and office space. LT COL GEORGE C McFARLIN took command of the camp, and immediately restricted the Battalion personnel for a ten day indoctrination period. During this time, administrative affairs were conducted, a training program organized, and organizational equipment secured. *The Battalion was attached to 113 9A Group for training and Western Base Section for Admin 454014*

On February 27, 1944, LT DONATO J CURCIO, with twenty-two drivers, went to Liverpool, England, and returned with 19 quarter-ton trucks, which were assigned to the Batteries.

On February 28, 1944, the restriction was lifted, and the Battalion was given passes to the village of Leek. The Leek Civil Defense League held an informal reception for the Battalion on the evening of February 27, 1944, and LT COL McFARLIN, with members of the Staff and representatives from each Battery, attended. CAPTAIN BLAIDEN, of the Home Guard was Master of Ceremonies, and presented a program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Beer flowed freely, and after several hours, friendly relations between members of this organization and the towns people of Leek was firmly established.

*attached to 113 9A Group  
Strength -  
mine on my hand*

S E C R E TMONTH OF MARCH, 1944:

The first few days of this month, found the Battalion busy, conducting an intensive training program designed to ready the Battalion to a combat assignment in the near future. Aircraft Recognition and Physical Training were stressed, and classes on nomenclature of machine guns and small arms were conducted by the lettered batteries. A Post Exchange was set up under the direction of MAJOR COSMO S BARRESE, and the Battalion was able to purchase cigarettes, candy, and toilet articles. The Special Service Officer, arranged for motion pictures to be shown each week in the recreation hall.

On March 4, 1944, CAPTAIN CHARLES H LOCKHART, and CAPTAIN HENRY A BATON were detailed to attend the AAA School at the Mobile Training Center in Camp Blandford, Dorsetshire. These Officers reported to the School on March 7, 1944, and remained for a five day course.

On March 8, 1944, the Battalion received notification via telephone, considering the release of the initial requisition of vehicles and equipment. A detail of four officers and forty-six enlisted men were sent to Tidworth, England to pick up the equipment. This detail returned on March 10, 1944, driving 32 M16 Halftracks, 2 M2 Halftracks, and 2 M3 Halftracks. LT HARRY HANZLIK and LT NORTON M BEDRORD were sent to the AAA School at the Mobile Training Center in Camp Blandford, Dorsetshire, and reported to the School on March 11, 1944.

The Battalion was alerted for movement by a telephone call from the 113th AAA Group on March 22, 1944. Immediately all 48-hour passes were discontinued, and preparations were made for an immediate departure. All efforts were made to secure additional equipment and a detail of 3 officers and 50 enlisted men went to Tidworth and returned on March 26, 1944, with 32 M15 Halftracks. The Battalion was notified that the movement would be by rail, and plans were immediately made for the blocking and loading of vehicles on flatcars.

Batteries "A", "C" and HQ, had pictures taken on March 31, 1944 so that each man might have a photograph of their own organization. The pictures were taken in front of a chapel near the Camp. The Battalion then settled down to await movement orders and continued training.

*Strengthen  
48 hr. passes*

S E C R E T

MONTH OF APRIL, 1944:

On April 3, 1944, an Advance Detachment of MAJOR GLYDE BRADSHAW, LT NORTON M BEDFORD, WO ORLANDO J PULZONE, S/Sgt Wilbur Ashcraft, and ~~and~~ other enlisted men left Camp No. 3, Blackshaw Moor, for an unknown destination. The following day, the Battalion received movement orders to proceed via rail to Camp Blandford, Dorsetshire on April 6, 1944. The Battalion boarded a train at the LMS Railway Station in Leek, at 0930, and departed from Leek a few minutes later. The Battalion ate K Rations during the trip, save for a half-hour stop at Bath, where hot tea was served by the Red Cross. The Battalion arrived in Blandford at 1700, and was met by MAJOR BRADSHAW, who led the group to Blandford Camp about one and a half miles Northeast of ~~Black~~ Blandford. Barracks were available for the men and officers and offices were available for administration. The Battalion was informed by the British instructors that it was to be used as an experimental Battalion to establish a Standard Operating Procedure for Self Propelled Units. Basis for the New SOP, was to be the SOP for 40- mm Antiaircraft Battalions, which had been developed by the British. Conferences were held for several days with the British, during which time the Officers of this organization and section leaders explained the problems and possible solution of a Self Propelled Battalion to the British. The next two weeks found the ~~Letter~~ Batteries, ~~going out~~ on continual field problems which stressed column movement, deployment, camouflage and training in radio procedure. During the final week of the training, the entire Battalion, including Headquarters Battery, went on a three day field problem to test the recently formulated Standard Operating Procedure. At the end of this time, the SOP was submitted to the AA Section of ETOUSA, and approved by the Commanding General.

The Battalion was subjected to its first air-raid by German planes on the 24th of April, 1944. At the sound of the warning, all men were alerted and moved to air raid shelters. No bombs fell near the Camp area, though the area southeast of Blandford was extensively bombed. Sporadic raids continued for the next few days with no damage to the immediate area.

The Battalion was alerted by First Army on April 21st, 1944, and submitted to the Rail Transportation Headquarters the estimated amount of space needed to ship this organization overseas. Letter Batteries began the construction on racks for halftracks which were to carry equipment, ammunition and gasoline. This work occupied the Battalion until the end of the month.

During this month, members of this organization had ample recreational facilities in the movies at Camp, the ENSA Stage Shows, and the Red Cross Club which was located on the Post. The ENSA Shows ranged from very good to very poor, the highlight program being a Swing Band featuring a very lovely vocalist.

*Attached to SBS  
 " " 92 Group  
 Attached to 1st Army April 26  
 Further attel to 47th Brig "  
 " " 108 Group*

*Strengths*

*During the period of training at Camp Blandford, the Battalion was ~~attached~~ attached to the Southern Base Section for administration and supply, and further attached to the 92 AA Group and 47 AA Brigade for training. On 26 April the Battalion was relieved from attachment to S.B.S. and attached to the First U.S. Army.*

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 Upon the Racks*





Month of June, 1944.

The first three weeks of June, the Battalion was quartered in the tented area at Camp Blandford, Dorsetshire. During this period, in which the Battalion was alerted for departure, personnel were busy with practice loading exercises, maintenance, and the securing of additional equipment. On June 21st, 1944, the Battalion received Movement Orders, and the advance detachment of the Battalion (32 Officers, 494 EM), proceeded to the ~~Marshalling~~ Area at Camp D-1, Devonshire. In the ~~Marshalling~~ Area, the Battalion was briefed as to its ultimate mission in France. On June 25th, the Battalion left the ~~Marshalling~~ Area, and proceeded in convoy to the Port of Weymouth, England.

Two LST's were available for the Battalion, and loading was accomplished by evening. After an uneventful crossing, the advance detachment arrived at Utah Beach, France, on the afternoon of June 26th, 1944, and proceeded to the assembly area at St Germaine de Verreville. At this time, the Battalion was under the 47th AAA Brigade, and the 108th AAA Group.

The Battalion moved in convoy on June 27th, to the outskirts of Cherbourg. Batteries "B" and "C" set up positions in the City. The following day, Batteries, "A", "D" and Headquarters moved into Cherbourg, and the Battalion C.P. was established in a building on Rue des Flamonds, in the suburb <sup>of</sup> Tourlaville.

Upon the arrival of the 92nd AAA Group, the Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 108th AAA Group, and attached to the 92nd AAA Group. All Batteries were set up for AA defense of the Northwestern part of Cherbourg.

June 30th, 1944 - Strength of Advanced Detachment - 494 EM, 32 O's  
Strength of Residue - 182 EM, 6 O's  
Total Strength - 676 EM, 38 O's

Month of July, 1944

During the month of July, the Battalion continued to supply AA defense for the Port of Cherbourg, less Battery "B", which was given the mission of defending an airstrip about 9 miles Northwest of the City.

Pvt Alfred T Ward, 32717791, Hq Btry, became the first casualty by stepping on an enemy shoe-box mine in the vicinity of Carteret, on July ~~7th~~ 14th, 1944. At the time of his injury, Pvt Ward was on duty at a ~~Battalion~~ outpost for the AAAIS Net.

The residue detachment consisting of 182 EM and 6 Officers, arrived in Cherbourg on July 26th, 1944, and were assigned to duty with their batteries. Chaplain O'NEIL of the 92nd AAA Group was attached to the Battalion with jeep and driver.

July 31st, 1944 - Strength: 37 Officers, 2 WO's, 676 EM

Month of August, 1944

The first 9 days of August, 1944, the Battalion continued in a static position in Cherbourg. On August 9th, the Battalion was relieved of its mission, and alerted for departure. The Battalion departed from Cherbourg, on August 12th, 1944, and moved in convoy to bivouac area, outside La Hayes De Puit. COLONEL GEORGE C McFARLIN, Battalion Commander, reported to the 7th Armored Division Headquarters, and was notified that the Battalion was attached to the 7th Armored Division, and would travel with the Division in the drive across France. On August 13th, 1944, the Battalion left the bivouac area, and proceeded to join the main force of the Division, which was already in contact with the enemy. The Battalion traveled for 26 hours, passing through the towns of Fourgebies, Laval, and arrived in the area of Division Trains near La Ferte Bernard,

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MONTH OF AUGUST 1944:

The first nine days of August, the Battalion continued in a static position in Cherbourg. There was no air activity reported by batteries of this organization. On August 9, 1944, the battalion was relieved of its mission and alerted for departure from Cherbourg. Three days later, the Battalion departed in convoy ~~from~~ and moved to a bivouac area outside La Haye De Puits. LT COL GEORGE C McFARLIN, reported to the 7th Armored Division Headquarters, and was notified that the Battalion was assigned to the Third Army, and further attached to the 7th Armored Division for the drive across France. On August 13, 1944, the Battalion left the Bivouac area and proceeded to join the main forces of the Division, which was already in contact with the enemy. On Division orders, the Battalion traveled to Fourges, France, and was there told to proceed without rest, to the Division Trains area in the vicinity of La Ferte Bernard. The Battalion traveled 26 hours in convoy, and arrived at La Ferte Bernard on the evening of August 15th.

After reporting to the Trains Commander, COL McFARLIN made the following assignments according to Division instructions: Btry D, attached to Division Hq; Hq, A, B and C, attached to Division Trains. On August 6, 1944, the Battalion moved to the vicinity of Courville Sur Eure, while the 7th Armored Division made an assault on the City of Chartres. During the next few days, the Battalion remained in bivouac, supplying AA protection to Division Trains. CAPT SUNSERI, Dental Officer, made a successful foray into Courville and returned with 2 cases of Champaign, which was enthusiastically received by those fortunate enough to secure a bottle. On August 19, the Battalion moved to Treon and set up in an abandoned radio station outside of the village. Btry D reported firing on enemy planes, which attempted to strafe Division Headquarters Columns, and made claim for one Category II. The Battalion again moved on August 21, but was only able to move a few miles and bivouac in a field outside Boglianbal. The next morning, the Battalion ~~was~~ again moved forward, and passed through ~~Secorbette~~ Gallardon, Abilis, and went into bivouac that evening outside of Chauffour Les Etrechy.

That evening, Lt DONALD A WEEKS, Battery A, brought in three German prisoners which were captured in his platoon area. These were the first prisoners taken by this organization. The following morning, one Polish prisoner wandered into Camp, and LT E. P. ALWORTH and LT NORTON M BEDFORD, while reconnoitering a bath point, picked up a Russian prisoner who wore a German uniform.

Battery B received orders on August 22, to move in vicinity of Melun and establish AA protection on the bridge across the Seine River. In moving out, one track was forced off of the road, and three men were injured in the accident.

The Battalion moved the following morning, and bivouaced that evening in the vicinity of La Ferte Alais. CAPTAIN BENJAMIN C WATKINS, reported that Battery B was under heavy fire by enemy artillery. ~~The~~ Cpl Michael Manzollilo was killed and Pvts Ernest Mansfield and Clarence ~~James~~ Lesh, seriously injured by a shell bursting near their track. Pvt Kenneth Wood, Sgt Gerald Nicol and Sgt Mitchell Bilodeau went to the assistance of the wounded men, despite the continued artillery fire, and were subsequently recommended for decoration. The Battalion moved again on August 25, 1944 to a wooded area six miles southwest of Melun. Battery B was relieved of its mission on the Melun bridgehead and rejoined the Battalion. On the afternoon of August 26, two enemy planes (Me-210's?) passed over the Battalion area and dropped personnel bombs. Btry A engaged the planes with unknown results.

The Battalion moved on August 27 across the Seine River near Fountainbleau, passed through Melun and bivouaced four miles North of Melun that night. The next morning, the Battalion moved to a bivouac area six miles Northwest of Provins. Btry A was detached from Trains on the 29th and sent to establish AA defense for the bridge at Chateau Thierry. Btry A arrived at Chateau Thierry late in the evening and engaged en-

emy planes attempting to destroy the bridge.

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*27 woods on bridge, August 25, 1944, night in 3 German prisoners taken near the bridge across the Seine.*

The planes were driven off with no damage being inflicted on the bridge. The Battalion moved in convoy up through Chateau Thierry and went into bivouac outside of Fisme. LT HORTON, Battery C and CAPTAIN SUNSERI, went on reconnaissance patrol and returned with three prisoners. The same day, CAPTAIN FIORE and CAPT SUNSERI entered a hospital in Fisme and discovered nine German soldiers ~~taken~~ taking refuge there. Four of these prisoners were turned over to the MP's and the remainder evacuated to a Field Hospital.

~~The Battalion moved on~~

*The Battalion moved to the vicinity of Verdun where the Div ran out of gas and was unable to continue its advance. Enemy plants passed over the Drains area and were engaged by Strics A, B, C with unknown results.*

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October 1944:

During the first few days of October, the Bn was bivouaced in an area  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile NW of Asten, Holland. Btries A, B, & C, had the mission of providing AA protection for 7th Div Trains, and their guns were in position around the Trains area. Btry D continued to provide AA protection for Division Hq. For a period of three days, October 5th, 6th and 7th, elements of Btries A, B, & C were assigned ground defense work, along the Canal, SW of Asten. These detachments engaged enemy ground forces on three separate occasions with results unknown. ~~On the 7th of October,~~

On the 7th of October, the Bn was alerted for movement, and at 1430 departed from the bivouac area, and traveled a short distance to the new bivouac area, one (1) mile North of Heeze, Holland. On the 8th of October, Btries B & C were relieved of attachment to Div Trains, and were attached to Combat Commands B & R respectively. During this period, upon orders of the Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, the Bn began a training program which embraced such subjects as "Aircraft Identification", "Guard & Outpost Duty", "Maintenance of Vehicles & Weapons", and "Radio Procedure". This training was conducted by Platoon Leaders, with gun sections still on alert for any enemy action.

On October 13th, the 1st platoon of Btry "B", under the command of 1st Lt LEROY WEBB, engaged an enemy patrol of nine men. Results of the engagement were one enemy soldier killed, and four enemy soldiers captured. The remaining four were captured by members of this platoon on the following morning.

On October 14th, the 2nd section, 1st platoon of Btry "C", while furnishing an outpost guard ~~wick~~ West of ~~Mij~~ Meijel, in support of the 39th Infantry, received a barrage of enemy artillery fire. After the barrage, an enemy patrol of approximately 35 men approached the section. The section immediately opened fire with small arms and hand grenades. After a brief skirmish, in which the enemy returned fire with small arms, bazookas, and machine guns, the attack was beaten off. The enemy withdrew, carrying any of their dead or wounded, and results can only be estimated by the small arms and machine gun which the enemy left behind. The M15, belonging to this section, received a ~~direct hit wick~~ direct hit from a bazooka, and was placed out of action. ~~xxxx~~ Pfc Albion Gilman received powder burns on his face from an enemy hand grenade, and was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action. ~~xxxx~~

The Bn continued to occupy the bivouac area near Heeze, Holland, carrying on maintenance on vehicles and equipment. Btry B, was relieved of its mission with CCB on 22nd of October, and reverted to the control of Division Trains. Btry C was relieved of its mission with CCR two days later, and was attached to CCB for operations. ~~xxxx~~ Bn set up an AAAIS Board in the vicinity of Nuenen, for the purpose of ~~xxxx~~ receiving information from the British ~~xxxx~~ system, ~~xxxx~~ in the northern sector.

~~xxxx~~ Capt Benjamin Waticins, Commanding Btry B, ~~xxxx~~ suffered a broken leg in an auto accident during blackout when his jeep collided with a tank. He was evacuated and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Robert Reed assumed command.

Btry B was given the mission of defending a canal bridge near Heeze Holland. Enemy air craft were engaged on 3 successive nights with results unknown. No damage to the bridge or tracks of Btry B.

While in ground defense role near Neederwert, ~~Sgt Harris~~ ~~the second~~ a gun section of the second platoon BTRY A knocked out an anti tank gun ~~and~~ across the canal. Personnel of

operation, the anti-air gun were either killed or wounded.

The Battalion moved on 28 Oct to a wooded area near  
Went; Holland. After two days, the Am Headquarters with Btry B  
moved with Air Trains to the vicinity of St Hubert Hill

On the 1st of Nov. the Bn Command Post located near Hubrecht Lille, Holland and the firing batteries continued to provide AA protection for Div Hqs, Div Trns and the CC commands. Early on the morning of Nov. 1st, Battery A, which was being used in a ground defense role along the Canal was subjected to severe enemy mortar fire, which resulted in 7 casualties. Corp. Harold Rail, Cpl. Clayton Clay, T/5 Charles Reed, Pvt. Nicolo Perez and Pvt. Harold Malone were seriously wounded and evacuated to nearby hospitals. The following day T/5 Charles Reed died of wounds received in this encounter.

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For the next two weeks the Bn was bivouaced in a sea of mud and due to the intense cold and rain, trench foot became a serious problem. With the issue of overshoes to most of the men in the org., there was a decline in the number of cases of trench foot, but instructions continued being given concerning preventative measures to combat this disease.

On Nov. 17, Batteries A and C were ordered to proceed with Div Arty to join the newly organized Task Force Biddle. Major Charles H. Lockhart, S-3, accompanied the two Batteries to act as liaison between the batteries and the battalion. The same day, Bn Hqs moved into Merslag, Holland and for the first time occupied billets. Btries B and D took billets in nearby farms and towns the following day. Training continued to be stressed.

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damaged, the driver managed to get it out of range of the enemy fire. Another track received a direct hit by mortar shells and had to be abandoned. In the engagement, the guns of Btry D destroyed several machine gun nests and killed an unknown number of enemy. ~~Meanwhile~~

Meanwhile, Major Clyde W. Bradshaw, and Lt. E.P. Alworth with 4 vehicles and 20 men had passed unmolested through Stavelot and met Lt. Norton M. Bedford, billeting officer in Grand Halleux, Belgium. Upon discovering the remainder of the Bn Hqs was cut off in Stavelot, Major Bradshaw assumed command and set up a Bn CP in Salmchateau, Belgium. Despite limited transportation, the Hqs functioned smoothly supplying ammunition and gasoline to Btries A and C who were in with Div Arty in the woods around St. Vith. Three days later, the remainder of the Hqs Btry and Btry D arrived at Salmchateau after traveling a circuitous route through the rear areas. ~~German armor and infantry flanked the Div~~

German armor and infantry flanked the Div and attacked Div Trns at LaRoche. Col Andrew J. Adams sent for Btry B and ordered the establishment of a road block at the important road junction of the Houfflaize-Liege highway, and ordered the remainder of Btry D's trucks around into a defensive position around Samree. Meanwhile, Btry B had set up road blocks on all important roads leading into LaRoche and supplemented the defense of Samree. ~~On the morning of~~ On the evening of Dec. 19, a road block south of LaRoche, consisting of one M16 and one M-15 under the command of Sgt. Norton D. Cox was attacked by a German column lead by an American M-8 scout car. As the road block opened fire on the M-8, a Tiger Tank opened fire and knocked out the M-15 killing one man and seriously injuring five others. The German tank then turned on the second half-track which continued to fire until it too was knocked out by the heavier German vehicle. The German column made no attempt to force the position but withdrew and sent out patrols to probe the defenses.

The following morning, German infantry and armor assualted the town of Samree where Div ammo, Gasoline and supply dumps were located. The half-tracks of Btry D and B were able to hold the German advance for almost an hour, but were finally forced to withdraw ~~with~~ when ammo ran out. One section of Btry D under Sgt. Leonard Brohman knocked out two German Mark 4 tanks by firing AP ammo at short range into the lightly armored sides of the tanks. Cpl. Joseph M. Goncalves of Btry B squad leader, manned the M-16 turret loading and firing the guns himself, mowed down advancing German infantrymen until ordered to withdraw by his platoon commander.

~~MM~~ The important road junction held by 5 tracks of Btry D was attacked by a German bicycle patrol on the morning of Dec. 20th. Btry D gunners held fire until the bicyclists came within point blank range and the M-16 swept the road with their withering fire, wiping out the entire patrol. The road block was re-inforced by the arrival of three 105 field pieces from the 106th Div and during the next two days the tiny group was the object of an intense arty and mortar barrage which lifted only long enough for the German infantry to attack. Though one gun was knocked out, the infantry attacks were broken up and repelled by the withering fire of the automatic 37mm gun and quadruple mounted 50's. The night of Dec 22, the road blocks were further reinforced by 5 tanks from the 3rd Armored Div and a platoon from the 82nd infantry. The following day, German SS troopers made an all out attack and overran the position. In this engagement fourteen members of Btry D were able to infiltrate through the enemy lines and join their organization. Of the remaining 16 men, three are known dead and 13 missing in action.

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On the evening of Dec. 16, the Bn was alerted for movement the following morning and ordered to proceed to the concentration area in the vic of St. Vith. Firing batteries were to travel with the elements of the Div to whom they were attached with the exception of Btry D which was to follow Bn Hqs ~~which which was travel~~<sup>in</sup> Div Troops convoy. The Div moved over two routes and the Hqs and Btry D column followed Div Arty on the Eastern road along the German border. As the convoy approached Malmedy, word was received that German armor had cut the road ahead and Div Arty with Btry A and C and the convoy of Div Troops which included Hqs and Btry D, was forced to turn around and seek a new route to the concentration area.

The convoy travelled all night and at 4 o'clock in the morning, Div Arty with Btries A and C arrived at Vielsalm and moved East into the woods around St. Vith in support of the CC teams which were already in contact with the enemy. The first four vehicles of the Hqs column followed close behind Div Arty and passed through Stavelot unmolested and met Lt. Norton M. Bedford, the billeting officer in Grand Halleux, Belgium.

At dawn, the remainder of the Hqs Btry entered the outskirts of Stavelot and was ambushed by German infantry who, during the night, had seized the heights dominating ~~the heights~~ the approaches to the town. The Germans opened fire with machine guns, small arms and mortars on the apparently defenseless column of personnel carriers, supply trucks and jeeps. Immediately, Capt. Henry A. Eaton, Btry D. Commander, ordered his battery to move forward and open fire upon the enemy on the adjoining hill. The tremendous fire power of the quadruple mount, the M-16 and the automatic 37mm gun on the M-16 knocked out the machine gun nest and set fire to the houses in which they were placed. Under the covering fire of Btry D., the Hqs column was able to withdraw without the ~~single~~ loss of a man or vehicle. By this time, German mortar and artillery fire was concentrated on blocking the escape route of Btry D. Despite the intense barrage which blanketed the road, Capt. Eaton was able to effect an orderly withdrawal. ~~despite increased German efforts.~~ One half-track was struck by a mortar shell and five men were seriously wounded. These men were evacuated under fire by the Medical Detachment under Capt. Autino Fiore. The ~~in~~ wounded men were Sgt. Weaver, Sgt. Cardoza, Cpl. Brant, Pvt. Gothe and Pvt. Wentworth. Another track received a direct hit by a mortar shell and had to be abandoned. Though results are unknown, it is believed that Btry D destroyed several enemy machine gun nests and a large number of enemy infantry. Meanwhile, Major Clyde W. Bradshaw and Lt. E.P. Alworth, who with 4 vehicles and 20 men were in Grand Halleux, waiting for the remainder of the column, discovered that ~~they~~ Stavelot was in enemy hands, and Major Bradshaw assumed command and set up a Bn CP in Salmchateau, Belgium. Despite limited transportation, the Hqs functioned smoothly supplying ammo, gasoline and food to the firing batteries in the area. Three days later, the remainder of Hqs battery and Btry D arrived at Salmchateau after traveling a circuitous route through the rear areas.

Unable to dent the stubborn defense ~~around~~ of the 7th Armored Div around St. Vith, German armor and infantry flanked the div and attacked Div Trns at LaRoche. Col. Andrew J. Adams, trains commander, sent for Btry D and ordered the establishment of a road block at the important road junction of the Houfflaize-Liege Highway. Capt. Eaton placed Btry D's second platoon, under Lt. William K. Richardson at the road block and sent the 1st platoon, under Lt. Clayton G. Lovell, into a defensive position around Samree.

Meanwhile Btry B, under 1st Lt. Robert Reid, had set up road blocks on all important roads into LaRoche and Lt. Lawrence Loughlin 2nd platoon supplemented the ~~area.~~ On the evening of Dec. 19, a German column lead by an American ~~approached~~ approached a road block south of LaRoche, consisting of one M-16 and ~~one~~ Btry B's second platoon, commanded by Lt. Oliver

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At dawn, the remainder of the Hqs Btry entered the outskirts of Stavelot and was ambushed by German infantry who, during the night, had seized the heights dominating ~~the heights~~ the approaches to the town. The Germans opened fire with machine guns small arms and mortars on the apparently defenseless column of personnel carriers, supply trucks and jeeps. Immediately, Capt. Henry A. Eaton, Btry D. Commander, ordered his battery to move forward and open fire upon the enemy on the adjoining hill. The tremendous fire power of the quadruple mount, the M-16 and the automatic 37mm gun on the M-15 knocked out the machine gun nest and set fire to the houses in which they were placed. Under the covering fire of Btry D., the Hqs column was able to withdraw without the ~~single~~ loss of a man or vehicle. By this time, German mortar and artillery fire was concentrated on blocking the escape route of Btry D. Despite the intense barrage which blanketed the road, Capt. Eaton was able to effect an orderly withdrawal. ~~despite increased German efforts.~~ One half-track was struck by a mortar shell and five men were seriously wounded. These men were evacuated under fire by the Medical Detachment under Capt. Autino Fiore. The ~~inju~~ wounded men were Sgt. Weaver, Sgt. Cardoza, Cpl. Brant, Pvt. Gothe and Pvt. Wentworth. Another track received a direct hit by a mortar shell and had to be abandoned. Though results are unknown, it is believed that Btry D destroyed several enemy machine gun nests and a large number of enemy infantry. Meanwhile, Major Clyde W. Bradshaw and Lt. E.P. Alworth, who with 4 vehicles and 20 men were in Grand Halleux, waiting for the remainder of the column, discovered that ~~they~~ Stavelot was in enemy hands, and Major Bradshaw assumed command and set up a Bn CP in Salmchateau, Belgium. Despite limited transportation, the Hqs functioned smoothly supplying ammo, gasoline and food to the firing batteries in the area. Three days later, the remainder of Hqs battery and Btry D arrived at Salmchateau after traveling a circuitous route through the rear areas.

Unable to dent the stubborn defense ~~around S~~ of the 7th Armored Div around St. Vith, German armor and infantry flanked the div and attacked Div Trns at LaRoche. Col. Andrew J. Adams, trains commander, sent for Btry D and ordered the establishment of a road block at the important road junction of the Houfflaize-Liege Highway. Capt. Eaton placed Btry D's second platoon, under Lt. William K. Richardson at the road block and sent the 1st platoon, under Lt. Clayton G. Lovell, into a defensive position around Samree.

Meanwhile Btry B, under 1st Lt. Robert Reid, had set up road blocks on all important roads leading into LaRoche and Lt. Lawrence Loughlin 2nd platoon supplemented the defense of Samree. On the evening of Dec. 19, a German column lead by an American M-8 Scout Car approached a road block south of LaRoche, consisting of one M-16 and ~~one~~ one M-15 from Btry B's second platoon, commanded by Lt. Oliver

Meanwhile, 1st Lt. Robert Reid, commanding Btry B, placed the first platoon under Lt. Oliver Stafford on road blocks on all important roads leading into LaRoche, and sent Lt. Lawrence Loughlin with the second platoon to supplement the defenses of Samree. On the Evening of Dec 19, a German column led by an American M-8 scout car, approached a road block south of LaRoche which was guarded by a gun section under Sgt. Norton Cox. As the road block tracks opened fire, a Tiger tank behind the leading vehicle, shot an 88mm shell into the turret of the M-15 half-track, killing Pvt Gabriel Gonzales and injuring 5 other men on the track. The German tank then turned to the second half-track which continued to fire until it was knocked out by the heavily armed German vehicle. The German column made no attempt to force the position but withdrew and sent out patrols to probe the defenses. After evacuating the wounded, Sgt. Norton Cox placed the remaining men of his section as infantry outposts until relieved by the trans commander. The following morning, German infantry and armor attacked Samree where the Div ammo, gasoline and ration supply dumps were located. The half-tracks of Btry B and D were able to hold the German advance for almost an hour, permitting service vehicles to escape. One section of Btry D, under Sgt. Leonard Brohman knocked out two German Mark 4 tanks by firing AP ammo at a short range into the lightly armored sides of the tanks, When the crews attempted to escape from the burning tanks, the machine guns of the M-16 mowed them down. Cpl. Joseph M. Goncalves, Btry B squad leader, manned the M-16 turret of his half-track, loaded and fired the gun himself and cut down wave after wave of advancing German infantry. These tracks continued to fight until their ammunition was exhausted. They were forced to withdraw to LaRoche. The road junction held by 5 tracks of Btry D, was attacked by a German Bicycle patrol on the morning of Dec. 20. The Btry D gunners held fire until the bicyclists came within point blank range and the M-16 swept the road, wiping out the entire patrol. The following day, the road block was re-inforced by the arrival of 3 - 105 field pieces of the 106 Div. The tiny group was the object of an intense arty and mortar barrage which lifted only long enough for the infantry to attack. One gun was knocked out when a mortar shell burst within the turret killing Pvt. Ignacio Prior. The infantry attacks were repelled ~~were rep~~ by the devastating fire of the automatic 37mm gun and quadruple 50s of the other tracks. During this period, Lt. Harry Hanzlik, Lt. Robert Sullivan and Lt. Calvin Bigelow made frequent trips to the road block carrying ammo and food to the men and one officer stayed at the road block constantly. On the night of Dec. 22, the road block was further re-inforced by the 5 tanks from the 3rd armored division and a platoon from the 82nd airborne. The following day, German SS troopers made an all-out attack and though the small garrison fought until their ammo was exhausted, the position was overrun on the evening of the 23rd of Dec. In this engagement, 14 members of Btry D were able to infiltrate through the enemy lines and join their organization. Of the remaining 16 men, three are known dead and thirteen are missing in action.

After holding the Germans at St. Vith for 5 days, the Biv withdrew on Dec 23 to the vic of Manhay. Bn Hqs moved to a monastery in the Whoris forest. Btries A and C continued with Div Arty and Btries B and D set up a defense around Div Trns installations Christmas Eve found Bn Hqs located in a Chateau near Aywaille, while the firing Btries continued to supply AA protection to the Division. On Dec. 24th, Btry C engaged a FW 190 and submitted a claim for one Cat 11.

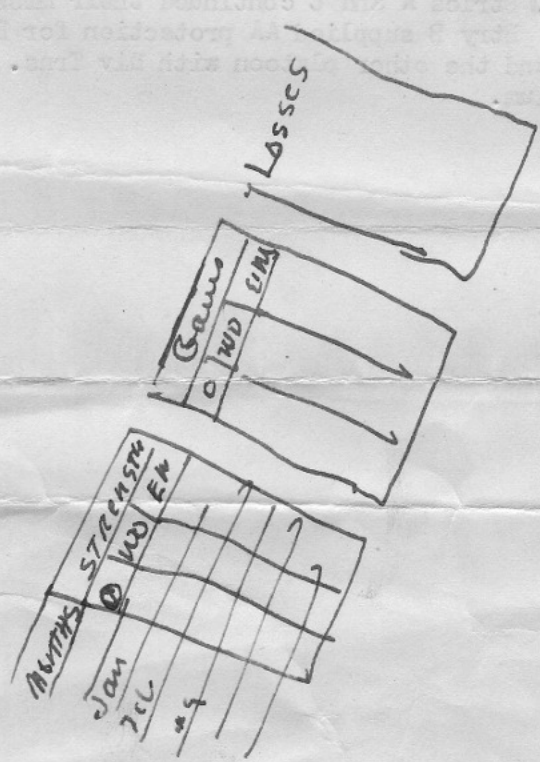
During the final week of the year, Btries A and C continued their mission of supplying AA protection for Div. Arty. Btry B supplied AA protection for Div Trns and Btry D had one platoon at Div Hqs and the other platoon with Div Trns. Bn Hqs was located in a chateau in AWAn, Belgium.

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January: The new year found battalion head quarters located in Chateau de Awan in Awan, Belgium. The firing batteries were attached to elements of the Seventh Armored Division which was in contact with the enemy near Manhay: Btry A and Battery C were attached to Div. Arty; Btry B and Btry D were attached to Div Trains near Spri mont. The Seventh Armored Division was relieved early in January but Div. Arty with Btries A and C continued to support the attacking infantry.

The battalion received a quota of ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> men to be sent to the United States on furlough. Chaplain Joseph O'Neil and two enlisted men were selected and departed on January 10. The Chaplain, made drunk by his good fortune, passed out his personal possessions to the remaining officers. To Maj Bradshaw he gave a knife, to Maj Lockhart his cot, to Capt. Fiore his bedroll, and to Lt. Dworth his field desk and typewriter.

The first part of the month many reinforcements were received and equipment to replace items lost on the Bulge was issued to the batteries. A training program was instituted to ready the battalion for a combat assignment. By the end of the month, better batteries were again almost fully equipped and up to full strength.

Twenty ~~one~~<sup>nine</sup> members of the battalion were decorated for their actions during the Battle of the Bulge. Silver Stars were awarded to: Sgt Leonard C. Brodman, Btry D; Sgt. Reinold Muzynsky Btry D; 1/5 George Batu (MIA) Btry D; Cpl Joseph M. Goncalves Btry B; 1/5 Edmund L. Jones Btry B; Pvt Charles H Ostermeyer, Btry B. Bronze Stars were awarded to Major Clyde Bradshaw; Capt. (Then 1st Lt) Robert Reid; 1st Lt Clayton S. Lovell Btry D; Sgt. Norton D Cox Btry B; Sgt Joseph G. Gostula Btry B; Sgt. Robert J. Mullett Btry B; Cpl. Edward Braeth, Btry D; Cpl. Arthur B. Farmer, Btry D; Cpl. Lawrence C. Hamilton, Btry B; Cpl. Ambrose A. McKellick, Btry B; 1/5 Bernard J. Connolly, Btry D; Pvt Walter B. Rankaid, Btry D; Pfc Ignacio Messana Btry B; and Cpl. Joseph Petti.

Purple Hearts were awarded to: Capt. Philip Sunseri; 1st Lt. Richard Pinegar, Btry B; Sgt James C. Stanford, Btry B; 1/5 John Ward Btry B; 1/5 Raymond Ayres Btry B; 1/5 Harold May Btry D; 1/5 Ralph J. Veltri Btry B; Pvt Joseph Bauman Btry B; and Cpl. Alfred B. Farmer Btry D.

The Seventh Armored Division was alerted on 12 Jan and the following day moved to the general area south of Verriers. Bn. Head quarters moved to an empty chateau near Peginister and the latter batteries were in close proximity. The Division became tactical and was giving the mission of re-taking STV 74. The area near Wames was congested and the Btries A C and D moved with Div Arty and Div Head quarters, Battalion head quarters could get only to Polleur which was approximately 15 miles from the firing batteries.

As the distance between Bn headquarters and the batteries increased, an advance C.P. was established in Wainies on 23 January. The Commanding Officer, the Executive Officer, the S-1 section, the S-2 section, and representatives from the B.S.O., Motor Pool, and Patcher composed the advanced C.P. Two days later the remainder of the battalion moved to Wainies and a C.P. was established.

The Seventh Armored Division re-captured ST VIT# on the 24 January and two days later moved north to the vicinity between Eupen and Verriers. Battalion headquarters was located in Hevermont, Belgium and firing batteries were with division artillery and division Pns.

During the month the Division was attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps for operations and at the close of the period the Division was attached to the V Corps. Battalion was attached to the 11th AH Group ~~and~~ during the month and at the close of the period came under the 15 Group of V Corps.

February:

During the month of February the Div was in reserve and had no combat assignment. Battalion Headquarters was located at Hevermont, Belgium; Btries A and B were with Div. Arty near ~~Roetgen~~ Roetgen, Germany; Btry C was located north of Limburg; and Btry B was with Div Inams in Spa.

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Passes were allotted to the battalion by the Division and by V Corps to the rest center at Eupen, to Verriers, to England, and to Paris. Men at Bn Hq were sent to the G.I. movie at Verriers each night, and the letter batteries had access to movies in their respective areas.

In Germany, Btries A and D engaged enemy aircraft on February 8 but no claims were submitted. On the 22 February, Btry A engaged an Me 210 and Battery D engaged an Me 410, but neither battery submitted a claim. Two days later Btries A and D engaged an Me 210 and Me 262 which were strafing the area and again made no claims.



March

The opening day of March found the 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division still in reserve and billeted in the general area around Eupen. Battalion Hq and letter battery CP had been static for over a month. But the drive across the Rhur was in progress and the Division was expected to be committed in the near future.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March Battalion moved into Germany and took billets in the demolished town of Rollesbroech, Germany. Letter batteries were attached to components of the Division in the area. The Division moved forward and Bn Hq was established in Emfain on March 8. Two days later Bn Hq moved to Merl in an all right convoy during which every vehicle was stuck in the mud or in a ditch at least once.

The Remagen Bridge was seized by the 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division on 8 March and on the 11 March, Btr's A, C and D were sent to the bridge by the 116 Group to supplement the defense of this vital area. There was considerable air activity over the bridge, and on 11 March Btr's A and D reported engagements with enemy aircraft. Btry A submitted a claim for 1 Cat I and Btry D claimed 1 Cat I and 1 Cat II.

The following day, March 12, German aircraft increased the attacks on the bridge. Btry A submitted claims for 3 Cat I; Btry C submitted claims for 3 Cat I. On the 13 of March, German aircraft again attacked the bridge and Btry A claimed 3 Cat I while Btry D claimed 1 Cat I and 1 Cat II. Btry C claimed 5 Cat I during the three days of action. Air attacks continued on a lesser scale the next day and Btry D claimed 1 Cat I, and Btry A claimed a Cat I the following day. Results of the period were Cat I claims - 17; Cat II claims - 5.

An unidentified explosion, either V-2 or heavy artillery, caused 3 casualties at Btry A on 12 March. Cpl. Thomas Mahoney was killed, and Sgt. Sylvester Traeder and Cpl Charles Hadstedt. Fragmentation bombs caused four casualties in Btry D. 1/5 Michael Narohis and PTE William Kaczynski were evacuated and Cpl. Alfred Tucci and 1/5 Robert Hayes were slightly wounded. Artillery caused three casualties in Btry C on 18 March ~~when~~ 1/5 Walter Brown was killed, and PTE Rudolph R Giacovoni and 1/5 Henry Paulin were seriously wounded.

The Remagen bridge collapsed on 18 March and the firing batteries stayed in position to protect the pontoon and Bailey bridges which had been constructed at Remagen. Two V-2 rockets landed in the area causing damage and casualties. Btr's

~~the Bn crossed the Rhine~~  
A C and D were relieved of this mission on 20 March and reverted to Div control.

The Bn crossed the Rhine at 0300 on 25 March and established a C.P. in the vicinity of Hargarten, German. Batteries were attached as follows: Btry A and Btry B were with Div Arty; Btry C had one platoon with Div Arty and another platoon with Div Headquarters; Btry D was with Div Trans.

The next few days saw the Battalion sweep deep into Germany as the 1st Armored Division broke through the German defenses. ~~Almost~~ Bn Hq was almost in constant convoy halting only a few hours each day. The route lead past the Autobahn through Holzhausen, Allenstatten, to Heskem where enemy air craft attacked the roads and bivouac areas of the division. All batteries including headquarters engaged the enemy planes, but no claims were submitted.

During this drive, many prisoners were taken by the batteries. ~~though it ~~was~~~~ Btry A reported seeing Sgt Byron Ellis of Btry D who had been missing in action since Dec 21, 1944. Sgt Ellis had been freed from a Nazi prison camp by the Division.

Sights which were common during the drive were white flags flying from each German building; Nazi prisoners walking to the rear without guards; truckloads of prisoners being carried to the rear; freed slave laborers of France, Russia and Poland clustering the highways; destroyed and burning German equipment along the roads.

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**203D ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BATTALION (SP)  
APO 405, U. S. ARMY**

**Subject: Organization History, from date of activation to  
26 May 1944.**

Original Unit, 608th Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Regt. (2nd Bn)

1. Regimental CO, Col. OLIVER B. BUCHER
2. 2nd Bn CO, Major GEORGE C. McFARLIN
3. Date of Organization, Nov. 15, 1942
4. Place of Organization, Fort Bliss, Texas
5. Authority for organization, GO No. 100, Par 5, 22 Aug 1942, AAG
6. Sources from which personnel obtained:
  - a. Officer Cadre assembled at Camp Davis N.C. during week of 15 September to 19 September, 1942 - arrived Fort Bliss, Texas, 1 October 1942
  - b. Enlisted Cadre from 74th and 85th C.A. Regiments at Fort Monroe Virginia and Camp Davis, N.C. - arrived Fort Bliss, Texas, 18 November 1942.
  - c. Enlisted Fillers from:
    1. Reception center, Camp Perry, Ohio.
    2. Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.
    3. Fort Thomas, Kentucky.
    4. Hq 1222 Reception Center, Camp Upton, N. Y.
    5. Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.
    6. Fort Devens, Mass.
    7. Reception Center, Fort Hayes, Ohio.
    8. Reception Center, Fort Bliss, Texas.
    9. Fort Eustis, Va.
7. Fillers were received from 15 December, 1942 through 5 January, 1943. After the receipt of all fillers the strength of the Battalion was approximately 550 men, representing at least one man from every state in the United States.

Changes in Organization

1. On 20 January 1943 the 608th CA Regiment disbanded and the 2nd Bn became the 203d CA Bn AA.
  - a. Authority: GO No. 5, HQ AAG, Richmond Va. 11 Jan. 1943, effective 20 Jan., 1943.
2. On 13 February 1943 the 203d CA Bn AA was redesignated as the 203d AAA Auto Wpns Bn (SP).
  - a. Authority: GO No. 18, HQ AAG Richmond Va. 2 Feb 1943, effective 13 February 1943,

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The 608th Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Regiment was organized on 15 November 1943 under command of Col. OLIVER R. BUCHER. The 2nd Battalion of the Regiment, commanded by then Major GEORGE C. McFARLIN, was destined to be redesignated twice in rapid succession during its early stages of training. On January 20th the Battalion became the 203d CA Bn AA, and on February 13th 1943 it was again changed to its present designation as the 203d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, Self Propelled, the entire armament, equipment and personnel of the Battalion being mounted on Half-Track Combat vehicles.

The Battalion was organized and spent the first ten months of its existence at Fort Bliss, Texas, during which time basic training, advanced training and desert training were accomplished. On October 11th and 12th, 1943 the Battalion left Fort Bliss Texas in two separate trains, and proceeded to Camp Polk Louisiana, where it detrained and immediately set out in convoy for the Louisiana maneuver area.

Maneuvers were finished on November 15th and the Battalion bivouaced at Camp Polk until November 22nd when it boarded a train and proceeded to Camp Pickett, Virginia, arriving there on November 22nd. At Camp Pickett, preliminary and advanced, amphibious training were accomplished as well as refresher firing courses with all arms.

On February 5th, 1944, the Battalion left Camp Pickett aboard a troop train, and proceeded to Camp Kilmer, N.J. which is part of the New York Port of Embarkation, arriving there on February 6th. On the evening of February 8th the Battalion boarded the British Troop transport, H.M.T. Andes, which pulled out of New York Harbor at 0630 hours on February 9th, 1944.

On February 9th, 1944 H.M.T. Andes docked at Liverpool, England and the Battalion debarked and proceeded to Camp No. 3 Blackshaw Moor, which is situated about a mile from the village of Leek Staffordshire. Our mission at Blackshaw Moor was the outfitting and indoctrination of the Battalion, and preparing for a combat mission. On April 6th 1944, the Battalion left Blackshaw Moor and moved to Camp Blandford Dorset, where training consisted of tactical experiments, in conjunction with the British. From May 11th to May 18th the Battalion was at Camp St. Agnes Head, Cornwall, England where Antiaircraft firing took place. On May 18th the Battalion returned to Camp Blandford and went on the alert for movement into a Marshalling area. Strength 701 Officers & men.

GEORGE C. McFARLIN  
Lt. Col., CAC  
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203D ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BATTALION (SP)  
APO 403, U.S. Army

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    9. Fort Eustis, Va.

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November 18th, 1942 to January 1st, 1943.

1. Cadre Schools for Enlisted and Officer Cadres.
2. Preparation of Camp and equipment for incoming fillers.
3. During this period primary weapons were drawn from Fort Bliss Ordnance depot, consisting of:
  - a. 32; 40 MM Antiaircraft Guns, M-1.
  - b. 16; Directors, M-5.
  - c. 32; Power Plants, M-5.
  - d. 32, 50 Cal., water cooled, AA Machine Guns, M-2A1.
4. Cadre fired these weapons at Hueco Firing Point, N.M. for a refresher course during second week of December 1942.
5. 29 November, detail went to Arlington, Texas and returned with 20, 2 1/2 ton trucks and 60 Jeeps.

Month of January, 1943

1. January 1st to 31st, Training in dismounted drill, hikes of short duration, military courtesy, physical training, preparatory marksmanship training with M-1 rifles.
2. January 21st to 24th, entire Battalion fired M-1 rifles at Castner Range, Texas, also 22 cal. firing on 1000 inch range.
3. On January 2nd detail of drivers went to Arlington, Texas, returning on January 6th with remainder of the Battalion motorized equipment.
4. Drivers training and tests under supervision of M.T.O.
5. 20 January, 2nd Bn 608th, CA AA Regt, was redesignated as the 203d CA Bn (AA) per GO #5, Hq AAC, Richmond Va., dtd 13 January 1943.
6. Men were urged to buy National Service Life Insurance and War Bonds.
7. Dinner Dance at Fort Bliss, Officers Mess, 29 January 1943.
8. Battalion received special commendation from Commanding General of Fort Bliss for 98% qualification in rifle firing.

Month of February 1943

1. February 1st to 28th, dismounted drill, hikes of short duration (increased over length of January hikes), nomenclature and primary training with 40 MM and 50 cal weapons.
2. February 7th, motor convoy to Camp Hueco, N.M. stayed there until February 20th, during which time weapons were fired at sleeve targets, both with director control and forward area sights.
3. February 20th the Battalion marched to Newman, N.M. and bivouaced on the Texas side of the state border. Left this bivouac area at 0500 hours on February 21st and arrived on foot at Fort Bliss, Battalion area at 0900 hours.
4. February 25th to 26th, Field Problem at Filmore Pass, N.M.
5. For remainder of month; interior guard duty, extended order drill, field sanitation, aircraft identification, drivers training and tests, Gas mask drill and hike through gassed area. Special emphasis on military courtesy.
6. February 29th, 203d CA Bn AA redesignated as 203d AAA Auto Wpns Bn (SP) per GO #18, Hq AAC, Richmond Va., dtd 2 February 1943.
7. Major General J. A. GREEN visited Fort Bliss on 12 February.
8. U.S.O. Camp Show, "In the Groove" 8th and 9th February.
9. O.C.S. preparatory Math courses started.
10. Battalion commended by General CRAWFORD for military courtesy

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### Month of March, 1943

1. Drivers training, Infantry drill, extended order drill, aircraft identification, training films, Gun drill, Gas chamber.
2. March 10th, 25 mile hike on Hueco Tanks road.
3. March 14th went to Hueco N.M., stayed there in pyramidal tents and fired and tracked both day and night at sleeve targets, rockets and anti-mech targets. Fired 50 cal. M.G. and 30 cal M.G. at Balloons. Fired all weapons at O.Q. targets.
4. After returning from Hueco, cleaned all AA weapons which were then inspected and turned over to Fort Bliss Ordnance Depot.
5. On March 27th received 6, M-13 Half Tracks. Following week Chiefs of Section, Squad Leaders, Drivers, 1st 3 grades and officers went to Hueco Firing Point and test fired the new M-13 mounts.
6. Beginning on February 28th This Battalion furnished guards for AAATC ammunition dump, near Biggs field.
7. On March 10th Batteries A and D, received commendation from CO of 32nd AA Brigade for artillery drill perfection.

### Month of April, 1943

1. Training consisted of hikes in vicinity of Tobin's Ranch ruins, Garrison duty, physical training, Jude training, aircraft identification, extended order drill, infantry drill, training films, gun drill.
2. April 6th went to Biggs Field for guided tour and instruction about U.S. Aircraft. Battalion saw "Suzy Q", A B-17-D Boeing Bomber, which had seen action in the South Pacific, and achieved world fame.
3. April 7th, Physical proficiency test at AAATC.
4. April 13th, 25 mile hike on Biggs field road and over desert.
5. One officer and 3 EM per battery left on April 10th for Camp Hood, Texas to study preventative maintenance of Half-Tracks.
6. April 26th Brig. General DALE D. HINMAN; assumed command of Fort Bliss.
7. AAATC Supply Sergeants School (one week).

### Month of May, 1943

1. May 1st, Battalion went into Cotton Khaki uniforms.
2. May 8th One officer and 3 EM per battery returned from preventative maintenance school at Camp Hood Texas.
3. May 9th, received 32, M-15 Half-Tracks.
4. Training for month consisted of Gun drill, tracking, maintenance, infantry drill, physical training, training films, AAATC wire communications school and 543 radio school; swimming instructions, O.C.S. math courses, stockade guard at AATC Stockade.
5. On May 18th Entire Battalion left for Camp Hueco, N.M. in Half-Tracks convoy. Remained there balance of month, during stay at Hueco, in bivouac area, fired day and night at aerial targets and anti-mech.
6. Battalion Baseball League of 4 teams, continued to play league games on desert at Hueco.
7. Fort Bliss Cooks and Bakers school Wed May 12th.
8. 22nd AAA Group Dance on May 27th featuring a colored band from Camp Davis N.C.
9. May 25th Col W.I. BRADY assumed command of 22nd Group.

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### Month of June 1943

1. June 1st to June 18th remained at Camp Hueco, N.M. in bivouac and fired at aerial and anti-mech targets. Returned to Fort Bliss in convoy on June 18th.
2. June 19th, 20% of the Battalion was sent on furloughs, consisting of five days plus travel time.
3. June 22nd to 27th tactical test, Hueco Tanks and Orogrande area.
4. June 30th started on field problem in vicinity of Las Cruces and St. Augustine pass, N.M.
5. Training for month consisted of, Infantry drill, practice for Battalion parade, gun drill, preventative maintenance courses under supervision of AAATC. Thompson machine gun firing, infiltration course, debarkation tower, obstacle course, speed hikes, military censorship training.
6. June 12th officers dance at 147th CA Group, Officers club.

### Month of July 1943

1. July 3rd, returned from Field problem at Las Cruces and St. Augustine Pass.
2. July 5th Parade on AAATC drill field, entire AAATC personnel.
3. July 4th Battery "D" paraded in El Paso Texas and conducted an exhibition at Plaza square.
4. July 4th, Battery "A" paraded in Las Cruces N.M.
5. Furloughs continued on 20% basis.
6. Training consisted of preventative maintenance courses under supervision of AAATC, practice train loading on dummy flat cars, extended order drill, physical training, swimming instructions, debarkation tower training and test, obstacle course training and test, speed hikes, training films and sex-hygiene lecture.

### Month of August

1. Training consisted of speed hikes, obstacle course speed test, debarkation tower, swimming instructions, chemical warfare training, training films, secrecy instructions, military censorship training.
2. Dental survey, training film on sex-hygiene.
3. Hunt miniature trainer (range estimation training AAATC)
4. Remainder of Battalion granted furloughs.
5. Morale high.

### Month of September 1943

1. Training consisted of preventative maintenance training, tracking, aircraft identification, Hunt miniature trainer, aircraft recognition, swimming instructions.
2. Battalion was addressed on September 7th by Captain MEE, recently returned from North Africa.
3. September 10th, at Fort Bliss Parade grounds, mechanized equipment parade, under lights.
4. September 23rd the Battalion held a closed dance at Service Club number 3 Logan Heights, girls from El Paso and WACS from Fort Bliss were present. Refreshments prepared by the Battalion Mess personnel were served and music was furnished by the AAATC Band.

### Month of October 1943

1. October 11th and 12th left Fort Bliss by rail for Louisiana maneuvers.

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2. Arrived Leesville Louisiana October 14th at 0900 hours, and detrained on Camp Polk siding.
3. Remainder of month spent on maneuvers.

Month of November 1943

1. Finished maneuvers on November 15th and camped on reservation of Camp Polk until departure for Camp Pickett, Va.
2. Furloughs from maneuver area beginning on November 19th.
3. November 22nd left Louisiana aboard troop train, arrived Camp Pickett Virginia November 25th. Equipment was shipped on a separate train, under guard.

Month of December 1943

1. Fired refresher courses with all small arms, speed hikes, debarkation tower, practice unloading equipment from towers by use of ropes. Practice knot tying, gun drill, tracking, aircraft identification.
2. Final type physical examination. Dental inspection.
3. Furloughs continued on 10% basis.
4. Preliminary amphibious instructions.
5. On December 18th left Camp Pickett in truck convoy arrived at Camp Davis N.C. same day. Fired at aerial targets, knocked down 12 targets in one day's firing. Returned to Camp Pickett December 21st.

Month of January 1944

1. Training with dummy hand-grenades, and firing of live grenades, speed hikes, gun drill, garrison duty, amphibious training.
2. furloughs for remainder of Battalion.
3. Left Camp Pickett in truck convoy on January 6th and proceeded to Camp Bradford Va., where the Battalion took part in Amphibious training for 6 days under supervision of the U.S. Atlantic fleet. Messed with Navy and lived in Nissen huts. Returned to Camp Pickett on January 13th in truck and Half-Track convoy.

Month of February 1944

1. Left Camp Pickett February 5th at 1830 hours, arrived at Camp Kilmer, N.J., February 6th at 0630 hours.
2. February 6th to 8th, received inoculations, gas proof clothing, small arms and had inspection P.O.M.
3. Left Camp Kilmer February 9th at 1940 hours and boarded troop transport 0630 at New York 2230 hours.
4. On morning of February 9th at 0630 hours, Troop ship H.M.T. Andes (British) pulled out of New York Harbour, bound for Liverpool England.
5. Debarked at Liverpool England at 0100 on February 19th, 1944, arrived Leek, Staffordshire England 0600 February 20th and proceeded by truck convoy to Camp number 3, Blackshaw Moor. Strength of Battalion on arrival was 36 O's, 2 WO's and 668 EM.
6. Assigned to WBS, SO3, Hq ETOUSA by letter 10 February, 1944, Hq 113th AAA Group. Battalion restricted for 10 days indoctrination period. Garrison set up and training program organized.
7. Equipment obtained.
8. Formal reception for Battalion by citizens of village of Leek, Staffordshire.

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Month of March, 1944

1. March 4th Capt CHARLES H. LOCKHART and Captain HENRY A. EATON, detailed to attend AAA School, Camp Blandford Dorset, reporting on March 7th, 1944.
2. March 6th Battery "A" on 24 hour alert for cooperation with Leek, home guard.
3. March 8th received notification via telephone concerning release of initial requisition of vehicles and equipment, equipment was procured.
4. March 11th, 1st Lt. HARRY HANZLIK and 1st Lt. NORTON M. BEDFORD detailed to attend AAA School Camp Blandford Dorset.
5. March 22nd alert for movement received via telephone from Hq 113th AAA Group, all 48 hour passes discontinued.
6. March 31st Batteries had photographs taken by photographer to be sent home.
7. Training for month, physical training, maintenance of Half-Tracks, cleaning of guns, tracking, aircraft identification, secrecy training.

Month of April, 1944

1. at 0830 on April 3rd an advance detachment from this Battalion left Camp number 3, Blackshaw Moor for an unknown destination.
2. On April 6th at 0730 the Battalion boarded a train at the IMS R.R. Station at Leek, Staffordshire, and arrived at Blandford, Dorset at 1800 hours the same day. Lived in Drake Barracks area at Camp Blandford.
3. Training here consisted of column movements, deployment, camouflage, and training in radio procedure.
4. This Battalion during this period of April 11th to 22nd was used as an experimental Battalion to establish an S.O.P. for SP units. During this phase of training this Battalion worked in conjunction with the Tactical Training Center at Camp Blandford (British).
5. On Monday morning April 24th at 0140 to 0300 hours the Battalion was subject to its first air raid by German planes. The nearest bomb struck about 5 miles from the Battalion Area near an airport. Areas within a radius of 20 miles were bombed extensively. 20 planes were shot down by anti-aircraft in the vicinity. This Battalion did not fire. Sporadic raids continued for a few days. No damage to our immediate area.
6. On April 21st received alert for movement from 1st Army.
7. On April 26th attached to First Army, further attached to 47th brigade, further attached to 108th AAA Group.

Month of May 1944

1. Movement order #1770 dated May 8th for movement May 11th to Camp St. Agnes Head, Cornwall, England. Departed from Camp Blandford May 11th at 0715 hours, arrived at St. Agnes Head at 2000 hours.
2. During stay at St Agnes Head engaged in firing and physical training. Fired at tow targets and lived in British Barracks.
3. On May 18th returned in convoy to Camp Blandford Dorset and following day moved into tent area South East of Camp.

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Lt. Col., CAC  
Commanding

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CHANGES IN STATION

- 26 January 1944- Advance party consisting of 2 officers and 2 enlisted men left Camp Pickett, Va. for unknown destination.
- 5 February 1944 Battalion Hq, Hq Btry, A, B, D, C, Med Det., left Camp Pickett, Va enroute to staging area, Camp Kilmer New Jersey at 1830 5 February 1944, by rail for permanent change of sta., per ltr 375.5/457 (GNNC) Hq XIII Corps, Ft Dupont Delaware, dtd 27 Jan 44. Arr at staging area Camp Kilmer, New Jersey at 1100 6 February 1944. Strength- 36 O, 2 WO, 665 MI.
- 8 February 1944 Bn Hq, Hq Btry, A, B, C, D, Med Det, left staging area Cp Kilmer, N. J. 8 Feb 44 at 1930 by rail for POE, New York, N.Y. Arr POE NYC, NY at 2300. Boarded NY 101 at 2300 8 Feb 44. Strength 36 O, 2 WO, 672 MI
- 9 Feb 44- Sailed from POE, NY at 0600 9 Feb 44 aboard NY 101 for unknown destination.
- 19 Feb 44- Debarked fr NY 101 at Liverpool England at 0100 19 Feb 44. Traveled by rail to Blackshaw Moor, Staffordshire, England. Arr at Blackshaw Moor, Staffordshire, England 0300.
- 8 Apr 44 - Left Blackshaw Moor, Staffordshire, England 0830 for Cp Blandford, Dorset, England for per ch of stat. Arr at Cp Blandford, Dorset, England 0800.
- 21 Apr 44- This Battalion alerted for overseas departure per ? ? ? ?
- 11 May 44- Left Camp Blandford, Dorset, England at 0645 for temp dig of sta Cp St Agnes, Cornwall, England. Traveled by motor convoy. Arr St Agnes, Cornwall, England at 1900. Dist tr 176 mi.
- 18 May 44 Left Cp St Agnes, Cornwall, England 0700 for perm sta Cp Blandford, Dorset, England by motor convoy. Arr Cp Blandford Dorset, England 1800. Dist traveled 176 mi.
- 20 June 44 32 O, ~~1-WO~~ 493 EM, left Cp Blandford, Dorset, England at ~~18~~ 0845 for concentration area at cp D/1, ~~Dal~~ Dewlish, England. by motor convoy. Dist traveled 9 mi..
- 25 June 44 32 O, 493 EM, left concentration ~~area~~ area at Cp D-1 Dewlish, England for POE, Weymouth, England. Bn Hq left Cp D-1 Dewlish, England at 1130. Arr Weymouth England 1350. Dist traveled 16 mi. Boarded LST 1700. Hq Btry, left Cp D-1, Dewlish, England at ~~1250~~ 1150. Arr Weymouth England 1300. Dist traveled 20 mi. Boarded LST U.S.S no 230 at 1500. Sailed fr Weymouth, England at 2230 for France. Btry A left Cp D-1 Dewlish, England at 1145. Arr Weymouth England at 1630. Boarded LST at 2000. Btry B left Cp D-1 Dewlish, England at 1130. Arr Weymouth

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25 June 44 (cont) England at 1615. Boarded LST 1945 for France. Btry C left Cp D-1 Dewlish, England at 1230. Arr and boarded LST at Weymouth, England 1600. Dist traveled 16 mi. Sailed for France 2300. Btry D, left Cp D-1 Dewlish England at 1245. Arr Weymouth England 1415. Dist traveled 16 mi. Boarded LST at 1700. Residue Det established this date ~~25~~ 25 June 44, consisting of 3 O, 2 WO, 189 EM. Residue Det and Med Det consisting of 1 O, 5 EM remain at Cp Blandford, Dorset, England.

26 June 44 Bn Hq arr at Utah Beach at 1700. Disembarked at 1730. Arr at assembly area at 2030. Departed for bivouac area and arr at 2100. Bivouac located St. Germain de Vereville, France. Cord WU 3998, Ord Survey of France. Hq Btry, arr Utah Beach France 1530. Disembarked 1900. Traveled in motor convoy to transit area (B). Cord WU 3998 (St Germain de Vereville). Arr 2200. Dist traveled 10 mi. Btry A, arr at Utah Beach France at 2200 Disembarked and traveled in motor convoy to bivouac area at St Germain de Verreville, France, Cord WU 3998. Dist traveled 5 mi. Btry B, disembarked fr LST 1730 at Utah Beach. Traveled to St Germain de Verreville, France, Cord WU 3998, Ord Survey of France. Arr 2200. Btry C arr at Utah Beach and disembarked 2000. Traveled in motor convoy to St. Germain de Verreville, France, Cord WU 3998, Ord Survey of France. Arr 2200. Dist traveled 6 mi. Btry D arr and disembarked fr LST at Utah Beach France at 2000. Traveled to transit Area "B" at St Germain de Verreville, France, Cord WU 3998, Ord Survey of France. Arr 2200. Dist traveled 6 mi.

27 June 44 Bn Hq left St Germain de Verreville, France Cord WU 3998 Ord Survey of France at 1630 for Cherbourg, France. Arr 3.5 mi SES of Cherbourg, France at 1830 and established bivouac area 1835. Hq btry left Transit Area "B" at St Germain de Verreville France WU 3998 Ord Survey of France by motor convoy enroute to Cherbourg France. Arr 3.5 mi SES of Cherbourg France, Cord WU 1718, Ord Survey of France and established bivouac area at 1830. Btry A left St Germain de Verreville, France WU 3998, Ord Survey of France at 1400. Arr at bivouac area 3.5 mi SES of Cherbourg France WU 1718, Ord Survey of France 1700. Dist traveled 17 30 mi. Btry B left St Germain de Verreville, France Cord WU 3998, Ord Survey of France at 1450. Arr Cherbourg France at 1700. Btry C left St Germain de Verreville, France ~~29~~. Cord ~~3~~ WU 39.8 98.5 Ord Survey of France at 1430. Arr at Cherbourg France Cord WU 24.3 12.6, Ord Survey of France at 1800. Dist traveled 20 mi. Btry D left St Germain de Verrevill France Cord WU 3998 Ord Survey of France at 1500. Traveled by motor convoy and arr 1 mi S. of Cherbourg France WU 1718 at 1715. Dist traveled 26 mi.

28 June 44 Bn Hq left 3.5 mi SES of Cherbourg, France. Set up CP at Cherbourg France Cord VT 1623 (you know the name of the map). Hq Btry left bivouac area 3.5 mi SES of Cherbourg France, Cord WU 1718 in motor convoy for Cherbourg France 1300. Arr at Cherbourg France and established CP at 1430. Btry A, left bivouac 3.5 mi SES. of Cherbourg France, Cord WU 15.6 18.3, Ord Survey of France at 1000. Arr at Tourlaville, France Cord WU 17.5 27.1. Ord Survey of France at 1100. Dist traveled 8 mi.

- 28 June 44- (Cont) Btry B ~~left~~ providing AA protection for Cherbourg France, Cord VU 17.2 24.5, Ord Survey of France. Btry C, left Cherbourg France, Cord VU 24.3 12.6 Ord Survey of France, at 1330. Arr Cherbourg France, Cord VU 22.3 16.0 at 1430. Dist traveled 3 mi. Btry D, left 1 mi S. of Cherbourg France, Cord VU 1718 at 0930. Arr 2 mi SE of Cherbourg France ~~at 1000~~ Cord VU 1621 Ord Survey of France at 1000. All guns in position and ready for action at 1130. No enemy action.
- 18 July 44 Residue Det and Med Det left  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Mi ENE of Blandford, England Cord VU 3627, Ord Survey of England and Wales at 1400 by motor convoy. Arr 2 mi NW of Preston, Dorset, England at 1700. Dist traveled 20 mi.
- 21 July 44 Residue Det and Med Det left 2 mi NW of Preston Dorset England for marshaling area, Southampton, England at ~~1600~~ 0600, by motor convoy. Arr at Southampton marshalling area at 1000 Dist traveled 50 mi.
- 22 July 44 Left Southampton marshalling area 0530. Arr POE Southampton at 0700. Boarded U.S.S. Thomas Aldrich at 1800. (Residue & Med)
- 23 July 44 Residue Det and Med Det left BOE, Southampton England at 0600. Arr off the coast of France at 1930-
- 26 July 44 Residue Det and Med Det landed at Utah Beach at 1330. Traveled by motor convoy to Cherbourg France. Arr and joined advance echelon at 1800. Dist traveled 30 mi. Residue Det disbanded this date. 1 Off joined advanced Hq. echelon
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|-------|-----------------|
|       | Bn Hq           |
| 2 Off | " " H " Hq Btry |
| 2 WO  | " " " " Hq Btry |
| 49 EM | " " " " Hq Btry |
| 31 EM | " " " " Btry A  |
| 33 EM | " " " " " B     |
| 31 EM | " " " " " C     |
| 33 EM | " " " " " D     |
- 12 Aug 44 Left Cherbourg France 1540 in convoy for La Haye Du Puits. Arr 4 mi SES ~~4-SES~~ of La Haye Du Puits, France Cord VT 2080 (you know the name of the map) Dist traveled 40 mi. Hq Btry left Cherbourg France by motor convoy for vicinity of La Haye Du Puits, France. Arr 1750. Dist traveled 40 mi. Bivouaced in area 4 mi SES of La Haye Du Puits, France Cord VT 2080 (you know the name of the map. Btry A left Tourlayville, France at 1515 by motor convoy for vicinity of La HAYE Du Puits, France. Arr 4 mi SES of La HAYE Du Puits, Cord 20.6 ~~18.4~~ 18.4, ORD Survey of France. Dist traveled 40 mi. Btry B left Cherbourg France at 1550 in motor convoy for vicinity of La Haye Du Puits France. Arr and bivouaced 4 SES of La Haye Du Puits France, Cord ~~20.6~~ 20.6 31.4 (you know the name of the map) Dist Traveled 40 mi. Btry C left Cherbourg France, Cord VU 45.6 23.3 Ord Survey of France at 1515 for vicinity of La Haye Du Puits, France. Arr 4 SES of La Haye Du Puits, France Cord 15.6 23.3 (you know the name of the map) 1815. Dist traveled 40 mi. Btry

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12 Aug 44 (Cont) "D" left bivouac area 2 SE Cherbourg, France at 1520 in motor convoy for Gerville, France. Arr  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi S Gerville, France Cord 2180 (you know the name of the map) at 1745. Dist traveled 42 mi. Med Det left Cherbourg France in motor convoy for vicinity of La Haye Du Puits France. Arr 4 mi SES of La Haye Du Puits France at 1950. Dist traveled 40 mi.

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STRENGTHS AT END OF MONTHS

January 1, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	8		
Hq Btry	5	2	93
A	7		143
B	7		142
C	8		142
D	6		142
Med Det	2		13
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>675</b>

April 30, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	7		
Hq Btry	3	2	88
A	6		139
B	5		141
C	6		140
D	5		140
Med Det	3		14
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>662</b>

January 31, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	9		
Hq Btry	3	2	91
A	6		141
B	8	142-	142
C	7		143
D	7		144
Med Det	3		13
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>674</b>

May 31, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	7		
Hq Btry	2	2	89
A	6		141
B	6		140
C	6		141
D	6		141
Med Det	3		14
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>666</b>

February 29, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	8		
Hq Btry	3	2	89
A	6		142
B	5		140
C	6		142
D	5		142
Med Det	3		13
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>668</b>

June 30, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	6		
Hq Btry	0		41
A	6		113
B	6		113
C	6		113
D	6		113
Med Det	3		5
Residue	3	2	189
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>687</b>

March 31, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	8		
Hq Btry	3	2	88
A	6		138
B	5		141
C	6		135
D	5		137
Med Det	3		12
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>651</b>

July 30, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	7		
Hq Btry	3	2	91
A	6		144
B	6		146
C	6		144
D	6		146
Med Det	3		5
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>676</b>

August 31, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	8		
Hq Btry	2	2	97
A	6		139
B	6		140
C	6		139
D	6		142
Med Det	3		13

Total 37 2 670

September 30, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	8		
Hq Btry	2	2	102
A	6		139
B	6		139
C	6		137
D	6		141
Med Det	3		13

Total 37 2 671

October 31, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	8		
Hq Btry	2	2	96
A	6		138
B	4		137
C	6		136
D	6		139
Med Det	3		13

Total 35 2 659

November 30, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	8		
Hq Btry	2	2	94
A	6		135
B	5		136
C	5		132
D	7		140
Med Det	3		13

Total 36 2 650

December 31, 1944

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	7		
Hq Btry	2	2	94
A	5		138
B	6		132
C	6		137
D	5	m	113
Med Det	4		12

Total 35 2 626

January 31, 1945

	Off	WO	EM
Hq	9		
Hq Btry	2	2	97
A	6		138
B	6		136
C	6		138
D	6		136
Med Det	4		12

Total 39 2 657



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31 246 520	Ellis, Byron J.	Sgt	MIA	20 Dec 44	Belgium
35 151 759	Henderson, Alva M.	Pfc	SWA	22 Dec 44	"
32 688 109	Kabala, Joseph J.	Pfc	<del>KIA</del>	20 Dec 44	"
32 688 899	Prior, Egidio G.	Pfc	<del>KIA</del>	22 Dec 44	"
010041 008	Richardson, William K.	1st Lt	LWA	20 Dec 44	"
33 497 583	Weidman, Elray Jr.	Pfc	MIA	20 Dec 44	"
31 275 458	Hajosy, William A.	Pvt	SWA	24 Dec 44	"
32 188 051	Mruzinsky, Rhinold R.	Sgt	LWA	23 Dec 44	"
33 361 757	Pretti, Joseph J.	Cpl	LWA	23 Dec 44	"
<del>35 692 260</del>	<del>Napier, Billy J.</del>	<del>Pvt</del>	<del>MIA</del>	<del>23 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>
32 688 244	Schellmann, Edward J.	Cpl	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
32 667 260	Veve, Arthur J.	Pfc	<del>MIA</del>	23 Dec 44	"
35 747 239	Adams, Jr., Charles F.	Cpl	<del>KIA</del>	23 Dec 44	"
<del>37 440 818</del>	<del>Bainbridge, Vernon L.</del>	<del>Cpl</del>	<del>MIA</del>	<del>23 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>
12 081 523	Bigness, Vernon L.	Pvt	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
35 578 793	Botu, George	MMI Tec 5	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
35 645 885	Christian, Bud W.	Tec 5	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
35 526 863	Fizet, Nick	Pfc	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
31 215 557	Golden, Jr., Asa B.	Pvt	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
35 539 402	Harrington, Bobbie T.	Cpl	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
<del>35 151 759</del>	<del>Henderson, Alva M.</del>	<del>Pfc</del>	<del>Fr SWA to LWA</del>	<del>22 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>
<del>35 692 416</del>	<del>Klusmier, Leroy A.</del>	<del>Pvt</del>	<del>MIA</del>	<del>23 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>
32 982 286	Kurta, Henry	Pvt	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
32 716 763	Martin, Thomas	Tec 5	MIA	23 Dec 44	"
<del>32 188 051</del>	<del>Mruzinsky, Rhinold R.</del>	<del>Sgt</del>	<del>Fr LWA to RTD</del>	<del>27 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>
<del>37 440 818</del>	<del>Bainbridge, Vernon L.</del>	<del>Cpl</del>	<del>Fr MIA to RTD</del>	<del>30 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>
<del>35 692 416</del>	<del>Klusmier, Leroy A.</del>	<del>Pvt</del>	<del>Fr MIA to RTD</del>	<del>30 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>
<del>35 692 360</del>	<del>Napier, Billy J.</del>	<del>Pvt</del>	<del>Fr MIA to RTD</del>	<del>30 Dec 44</del>	<del>"</del>

38 216 157	Gonzales, Gabriel C.	Pfc	MIA to KIA	19 Dec 44	Belgium
32 688 899	Prior, Egidio G.	Pfc	MIA to KIA	22 Dec 44	Belgium
31 275 587	Kowal, Harry	Tec 5	LIA to RTD	21 Jan 45	"
33 361 757	Pretti, Joseph J.	Cpl	LWA to RTD	21 Jan 45	"
35 747 239	Adams, Jr, Charles F.	Cpl	MIA to KIA	23 Dec 44	"
35 593 058	Brohman, Leonard R.	Sgt	LWA to RTD	11 Feb 45	"
35 873 504	Lynch, Lloyd	Pfc	LWA to RTD	15 Feb 45	"
32 688 109	Kabala, Joseph J.	Pfc	MIA to KIA	20 Dec 44	"
35 620 305	Malone, Harold S.	Pvt	LWA to RTD	23 Feb 45	"

BATTLE CASUALTIES

1	32 717 791	Ward, Alfred T.	Pvt LWA	15 July 1944	Cap de Carteret, Fr	
2	35 539 295	Lesh, Clarence	Pvt LWA	24 Aug 44	Melun, France	
3	35 579 188	Mansfield, Ernest R	Pvt LWA	24 Aug 44	Melun, Fr	
4	32 646 444	Manzollillo, Michael L.	Cpl KIA	24 Aug 44	Melun, Fr	
5	31 275 587	Kowal, Harry	Tec 5 LIA	9 Sept 44	Tauxieres, France	
6	32 689 289	Walsh, John J.	Tec 5 LIA	31 Oct 44	Holland	→
7	6 969 317	Banks, Charles E.	Pvt LWA	2 Nov 44		Holland
8	35 679 802	Clay, Clayton	Cpl SWA	2 Nov 44		"
9	35 620 305	Malone, Harold S.	Pvt LWA	2 Nov 44		"
10	39 253 594	Perez, Jimmie E.	Pvt SWA	2 Nov 44		"
11	31 384 667	Rail, Harold A.	Cpl LWA	2 Nov 44		"
<i>W</i> <i>OK</i>	<del>32 685 925</del>	<del>Reed, Charles A.</del>	<del>Tec 5 SWA</del>	<del>2 Nov 44</del>		<del>"</del>
13	32 685 925	Reed, Charles A.	Tec 5 DOW	3 Nov 44		Belgium
14	33 045 724	Dalton, Lacy R.	Pvt LWA	19 Dec 44		"
15	35 690 653	Shadwick, Willie	Cpl LWA	19 Dec 44		"
16	38 188 466	Stewart, Floyd H.	Pfc LWA	19 Dec 44		"
17	33 086 291	Brant, Elwood R.	Cpl LWA	18 Dec 44		"
18	20 155 532	Cardoza, Jesse A.	Sgt SWA	18 Dec 44		"
19	32 687 780	Goffi, Ferrer F.	Tec 5 LWA	18 Dec 44		"
20	35 679 824	Weaver, John H.	Sgt LWA	18 Dec 44		"
21	31 320 631	Wentworth, James L.	Pvt LWA	18 Dec 44		"
22	31 215 519	Smith, Robert C.	Pfc LIA	18 Dec 44		"
23	<del>6 969 317</del>	<del>Banks, Charles E.</del>	<del>Pvt fr LWA to RTD</del>	<del>10 Dec 44</del>		<del>Germany</del>
	<del>31 384 667</del>	<del>Rail, Harold A.</del>	<del>Cpl fr LWA to RTD</del>	<del>10 Dec 44</del>		<del>Germany</del>
	38 216 157	Gonzales, Gabriel C.	Pfc KIA	19 Dec 44		Belgium
	35 539 058	Brohman, Leonard R.	Sgt LWA	20 Dec 44		"
	35 645 712	Cooke, Ira G.	Tec 5 SWA	22 Dec 44		"
	" " "	" " "	" " DOW	24 Dec 44		