

# WWII Photographs of George Yanko

## B/203 AAA, attached to 7th Armored Division

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George Yanko passed away 31 Jan 2014. The quoted text is from Marc Yanko. In the war, George Yanko was rated Cannoneer 3601 and manned the left 50 cal on a M15A1 halftrack in Battery B.

### 1 George Yanko, 2014



01 George Yanko in 2014



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### 2-6 World War II



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05 "The big group shot is from Paris with a bunch of others from various 7th AD units." George Yanko is kneeling, 4<sup>th</sup> from left.



HEADQUARTERS 7th ARMORED DIVISION  
Office of the Division Commander

AFO 257, U. S. Army  
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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE  
7th ARMORED DIVISION AND ATTACHED UNITS:

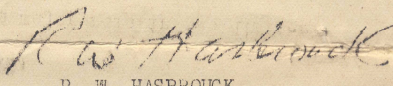
The past month has seen our Division play a major role in two difficult operations, one defensive the other offensive. The splendid manner in which you accomplished your assigned missions in both of these operations reflects great credit upon each officer and enlisted man in the Division and of those units operating with us.

During the period 17 December 1944, to 29 January 1945, you dealt the enemy a telling blow, the box score being estimated as follows:

3095 Killed	18 Self-propelled guns destroyed
1984 Wounded	11 Field pieces destroyed, 7 Captured
1188 Captured	68 Assorted vehicles destroyed
126 Tanks destroyed, 1 Captured	

Through your fighting spirit, courage and devotion to duty you have won the praise and respect of all the civilized world.

I wish to add my sincere, personal appreciation for your accomplishments and sacrifices that have won for the Division such an enviable record.

  
R. W. HASBROUCK  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

06 "letter from Gen. Hasbrouck for the 7th AD action in the Ardennes. When he showed it to me a couple of years ago it was the first time it had been unfolded since the war."