

**714th TANK BATTALION – SUMMARY REPORT, AWARDS & DECORATIONS, OFFICERS ROSTER
JUNE 1945**

Summary Report

From 1 to 13 June 1945 the unit, except for Company A, remained at WERTINGEN, Germany guarding targets, acting as security troops, and conducting training.

Company A was nearby at BUTTENWIESEN during this period.

At 1245B 13 June 1945, Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company left WERTINGEN and moved to a new area at LAUCHHEIM, Germany. The rest of the battalion also moved to various towns near LAUCHHEIM.

Service Company moved to HULEN.

Company C moved to REICHENBACH.

Company D moved to WALDHAUSEN.

Companies A and B moved to GUNDELFINGEN and performed the duties of auxiliary trucking companies moving PWs from GUNDELFINGEN to AALEN.

At 0710B 27 June Company C moved from REICHENBACH to EBNAT.

At 1700B 27 June the battalion held a Review and Parade at LAUCHHEIM at which time the Commanding General of the 12th Armored Division presented the battalion with its colors.

At 1030B 30 June 1945 Major William R Comfort, 0450264 assumed command of the battalion vice Lt Col Frederick P Field, 0359720, transferred.

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JACK C CHILDERS, Lt Col, Infantry, Commanding

Awards and Decorations

SILVER STAR

Tec 4 Ralph E Butts, 36430197

GO 62, Sec II, 27 Jun 45

1st Sgt Harry W Shillinger, 35022621

GO 63, Sec V, 29 Jun 45

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR

Pfc William F Bartelt, Jr, 16102136

GO 63, Sec VI, 29 Jun 45

2nd Lt William V Okoniewski, 02016378

GO 63, Sec VI, 29 Jun 45

BRONZE STAR

S/Sgt Warren V Nelson, 35159952	GO 50, Sec VII, 1 Jun 45
Pvt Norman B Pedersen, 19211704	GO 50, Sec VIII, 1 Jun 45
T/Sgt Murray M Latimer, 36213307	GO 51, Sec I, 4 Jun 45
Pfc Darryl L Creveling, 33616704	GO 51, Sec III, 4 Jun 45
Tec 5 Ruben A Joachin, 37317257	GO 51, Sec V, 4 Jun 45
Pfc Meyer Friedlander, 42035217	GO 57, Sec V, 16 Jun 45
2 nd Lt Thomas D Sefton, 02016384	GO 59, Sec IV, 22 Jun 45
1 st Lt Hugh Robinson, 01168436	GO 62, Sec X, 27 Jun 45
Pfc Robert W Kessler, 32473621	GO 63, Sec VIII, 29 Jun 45
1 st Lt Artold C Heath, 01013612	GO 63, Sec X, 29 Jun 45
Tec 4 James A Magruda, 39685127	GO 63, Sec X, 29 Jun 45
Capt John R Stuerwald, 01012879	GO 63, Sec X, 29 Jun 45
Tec 5 Elden F Heusing, 26382717	GO 63, Sec XI, 29 Jun 45
Capt Herbert E Magruder, 0450609	GO 63, Sec XI, 29 Jun 45
Sgt Proctor Rothell, 34595931	GO 63, Sec XI, 29 Jun 45
Pfc Don R Walker, 39261927	GO 63, Sec XIII, 29 Jun 45
Tec 4 Francis J Mrozek, 33396804	GO 63, Sec XIV, 29 Jun 45
S/Sgt Walter W Baeoke, 37194575	GO 63, Sec XV, 29 Jun 45
Sgt Alton E Clother, 12171342	GO 63, Sec XVI, 29 Jun 45
Sgt Elmer L Foster, 36615043	GO 63, Sec XVI, 29 Jun 45
Pfc Ray A Debelak, 17143338	GO 63, Sec XIII, 29 Jun 45
Pfc Robert B Adams, 15340046	GO 63, Sec XIX, 29 Jun 45
Pvt George P Karcher, 32563294	GO 63, Sec XVII, 29 Jun 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Tec 5 Vernon J Brett, 18046034	GO 50, Sec XII, 1 Jun 45
Tec 5 Angelo T Chiusano, 32523676	GO 51, Sec XX, 4 Jun 45
WOJG George B Froust, Jr, W2 135354	GO 57, Sec IX, 16 Jun 45
S/Sgt Robert C Mobney, 33393535	GO 63, Sec XXIII, 29 Jun 45
Tec 4 Michael Bohaczyk, 33243132	GO 63, Sec XXIV, 29 Jun 45
Cpl Dan B Jeffrey, 36429813	GO 63, Sec XXIV, 29 Jun 45
Tec 5 Lewis H White, 32267480	GO 63, Sec XXIV, 29 Jun 45
Tec 5 Leonard B Schoene, 37653842	GO 63, Sec XXV, 29 Jun 45
Tec 4 George W Wenrick, 5510029	GO 63, Sec XXV, 29 Jun 45
Tec 4 Claude F Allen, 39813714	GO 63, Sec XXVII, 29 Jun 45
Tec 5 Harold I Losey, 3618844	GO 63, Sec XXVII, 29 Jun 45

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Battalion Headquarters

Lt Col Frederick P Field	Commanding
Major William R Comfort	Exec Officer
Major James M Boone	S-3
Capt Robert C Kelly	S-2
Capt Morris Schwartz	Communications Officer
Capt John K Shipe	S-4
1 st Lt William W Turley	S-1
1 st Lt Arnold C Heath	Liaison Officer

Headquarters Company

Capt George Harding	Commanding
1 st Lt Cleo C Taylor	Reconnaissance Officer
1 st Lt Harold A Sleeman	Maintenance Officer
2 nd Lt Othal T Parsons	Mortar Platoon Officer
2 nd Lt James R Jenks	Assault Gun Platoon Officer
2 nd Lt Abe H Traktman	SSO – EFM – Bn Gas Officer

Company A

Capt Charles J McLaughlin	Commanding
1 st Lt Vernon R Foster	Tank Platoon Leader
1 st Lt Robert V Kresge	Tank Platoon Leader
1 st Lt Raymond H Schmidt	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt William F Attison	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt William V Okoniewski	Tank Platoon Leader

Company B

Capt Herbert E Magruder	Commanding
1 st Lt William W Goad	Maintenance Officer
2 nd Lt Harry N Kettler	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt Ivin R Philpott	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt George A Branson	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt Arthur Arnold	Tank Platoon Leader

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Company C

Capt Charles C Clayton	Commanding
1 st Lt Hugh Robinson	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt James C Phelps	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt Fred L Shelton	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt Thomas M Gaffney	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt John N McDougal	Tank Platoon Leader

Company D

Capt John G Cook	Commanding
1 st Lt Louis I Dethloff	Maintenance Officer
1 st Lt Joe C Carlson	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt William J Venema	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt Frank R Pagnotta	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt Thomas D Sefton	Tank Platoon Leader

Service Company

Capt George H Hoyt	Commanding	1 st Lt to Capt
Capt John E Stuerwald	Battalion Motor Officer	
1st Lt Christopher T Garvey	Transportation Platoon Officer	
2 nd Lt Casmir F Grochowski	Company Maintenance Officer	
CWO Joseph T Collins	Personnel Officer	
WOJG George M Frost	Supply & Evacuation Staff Officer	
WOJG Charles D Frazier	Motor Transportation Officer	

Medics

Capt Andrew Thomas	Medical Officer
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