

714th TANK BATTALION – SUMMARY, AWARDS & DECORATIONS, AND OFFICERS ROSTER – JULY 1945

Summary Report

On 2 July 1945 Major William R Comfort, 0-450264 was relieved of command of the battalion and assumed the principle duty of Executive Officer. Command of the battalion was assumed by Lt Col Jack C Childers, 0-282405. Major James M Boone, 0-1010726 was transferred on temporary duty to Headquarters 6th Corps.

From 3 July to 6 July 1945 men and officers of this battalion were transferred to the 771st Tank Battalion and the 36th Infantry Division.

From 6 to 10 July 1945 men and officers of this battalion were transferred to the 1st Armored Division and to Infantry Division Reorganization, Det H, Reception Station 7035.

On 10 July 1945 Major Karl A Von Voigtlander, 0-289547 was transferred to this headquarters from the 771st Tank Battalion and took over duties of Executive Officer.

On 11 July 1945 Major William R Comfort was transferred from this headquarters to the 43rd Tank Battalion.

From 11 July to 24 July 1945 the battalion was engaged in usual battalion duties.

On the 25th July 1945 men and officers were transferred to the 1st Armored Division.

From 25 July to 31 July 1945 the battalion was engaged in usual battalion duties.

K. A. VON VOIGTLANDER, Major, Cavalry
Commanding

Awards and Decorations

SILVER STAR

Capt Charles J McLaughlin, 01013371	GO 67, Sec IV 6 Jul 45
Capt John G Cook, 01010872	GO 72, Sec I 18 Jul 45

OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR

2 nd Lt James C Phelps, 02010536	GO 74, Sec IV 20 Jul 45
1 st Lt Wilman E Goad, 01013750	GO 74, Sec V 20 Jul 45
Maj William R Comfort, 0450264	GO 81, Sec V 27 Jul 45

BRONZE STAR

Pfc John J Lehmann, 20119155	GO 67, Sec VIII 6 Jul 45
Tec 4 Harry C Patchin, 33396712	GO 67, Sec XVIII 6 Jul 45
Sgt Joseph F Jaconetty, 36608982	GO 71, Sec VIII 15 Jul 45
Tec 4 Clarence F Fitzpatrick, 37311310	GO 72, Sec VIII 18 Jul 45
Sgt Norman E Helm, 33186998	GO 72, Sec IX 18 Jul 45
M/Sgt Robert R Johnson, 36313866	GO 72, Sec X 18 Jul 45
Cpl Dale E Goon, 35546448	GO 74, Sec IX 20 Jul 45
S/Sgt Sidney J H Pratt, 38079494	GO 74, Sec IX 20 Jul 45
Sgt Howard A Vance, 39192817	GO 74, Sec X 20 Jul 45
S/Sgt Dave P Arburn, 15323881	GO 80, Sec I 26 Jul 45
Sgt Gerald R Hellen, 33246415	GO 80, Sec I 26 Jul 45
Tec 5 Frank W Langenbachen, 33678950	GO 81, Sec X 27 Jul 45
1 st Lt Louis I Dethloff, 01014623	GO 81, Sec XI 27 Jul 45
Pfc Eugene Wilson, 37408869	GO 81, Sec XI 27 Jul 45
1 st Lt Vernon R Foster, 03943324	GO 81, Sec XIII 27 Jul 45
Tec 4 Jesse L Russell, 38319550	GO 81, Sec XIII 27 Jul 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Sgt Walter C Crane, Jr, 12063225	GO 69, Sec XXIV 10 Jul 45
Tec 5 William M Lawrence, 38134025	GO 69, Sec XXV 10 Jul 45
Pfc Ray E Aungst, 36534264	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Vernon L Beecham, 38275875	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc John W Beir, 33551259	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Henry N Biette, 32576763	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Paul Benschak, 33485524	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Charles W Brettell, 32528292	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Victor E Brodeur, 36534526	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Emiliano G Daniti, 32620282	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pvt Robert E Emerick, 36382450	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Ira M Goldstein, 12156641	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Robert H Hector, 35329750	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pvt Walter D Hutcherson, 38081173	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc James W Johnson, Jr, 38386005	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Melvin GH Johnson, 37315913	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc James Lewis, 33686802	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Martin R Loftin, 38029275	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Vernon R Mays, 34376196	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc John F McDermott, 32905830	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT (Continued)

Tec 5 Charles E McMullen, 33255968	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Martin C Reisch, 37616939	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Charles H Renning, 33409501	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc George J Smith, 32527021	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Joseph Seva, 35232145	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Pfc Thomas E Weese, 35586173	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Robert E Wilson, 37233575	GO 72, Sec XVIII 18 Jul 45
WOJG Charles D Frazier, W2127799	GO 72, Sec XX 18 Jul 45
WOJG George M Frost, W2135354	GO 72, Sec XX 18 Jul 45
Tec 5 Alfred Gannon, 32576844	GO 72, Sec XXI 18 Jul 45
M/Sgt Leonard J Racinewski, 32132707	GO 72, Sec XXII 18 Jul 45
T/Sgt Charles K Rushen, 33075133	GO 72, Sec XXIII 18 Jul 45
Tec 4 Frank J Vidmer	GO 72, Sec XIV 18 Jul 45
S/Sgt Kenneth H Flyr, 37462127	GO 74, Sec XX 20 Jul 45
T/Sgt Charles P Lichenauer, 32227832	GO 74, Sec XX 20 Jul 45
Tec 5 Jack M King, 39540180	GO 74, Sec XX 20 Jul 45
Pfc Arthur Marrelle, 39409876	GO 74, Sec XX 20 Jul 45
Cpl Douglas E Berlin, 16133862	GO 77, Sec IV 23 Jul 45
S/Sgt James D Ufferman, 35422874	GO 77, Sec VII 23 Jul 45
Pfc Frankie A Kidd, 35344331	GO 77, Sec XIII 23 Jul 45
Pfc Louis F Rae, 32863181	GO 77, Sec XIII 23 Jul 45
WOJG Charles D Frazier, W2127799	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Claude F Allen, 39613714	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Wilbert E Barts, 37316045	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 George M Bean, 39900485	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Pvt Frederick E Beck, Jr, 33341595	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Walter L Chejnacki, 36532971	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Oscar P Christensen, 36273955	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 5 John W Dalton, 7040376	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 5 Everett P Davis, 36380503	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 5 Alfred Dreher, 37336298	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Robert L Ecker, 33243121	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 5 Edward F Kapalka, 33471224	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Oliver W Ordahl, 373177877	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 John Papils, 32526962	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
S/Sgt Harold A Resner, 32282314	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Sgt Grady B Rowell, 34596206	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Earl W Reyer, 36069636	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT (Continued)

T/Sgt Charles K Rushen, 33075135	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 5 John R Schielke, 16153276	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 5 Donald Smith, 32659653	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Eugene W Thomas, 39900678	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Frank J Vidmar, 35517294	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 5 John E Simpson, 32751346	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
Tec 4 Kinzie Watkins, 36174730	GO 78, Sec IV 24 Jul 45
S/Sgt Durward B Jackson, Jr, 37050971	GO 80, Sec III 26 Jul 45
Tec 5 Billy L Lucas, 35666583	GO 80, Sec III 26 Jul 45
1 st Sgt Frank A Scaglione, 32552711	GO 80, Sec IV 26 Jul 45
2 nd Lt Arthur Arnold, 02016377	GO 80, Sec V 26 Jul 45
Sgt George J Fedsora, 35588354	GO 80, Sec V 26 Jul 45
Sgt Morris H Horner, 37495689	GO 80, Sec V 26 Jul 45
2 nd Lt Harry N Kettler, 02006358	GO 80, Sec VI 26 Jul 45
Tec 4 Charles E McDonald, 33104791	GO 80, Sec VI 26 Jul 45
1 st Lt Harold S Landau, 01012435	GO 80, Sec VII 26 Jul 45
1 st Sgt James A McGiness, 36169578	GO 80, Sec VII 26 Jul 45

MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Service Company	GO 72, Sec III 17 Jul 45
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Officers Roster

Battalion Headquarters

Lt Col Jack C Childers	Commanding
Major Karl A Von Voigtlander	Exec Officer
Major James M Boone * DS	S-3
Capt Robert C Kelly	S-2
Capt Morris Schwartz	Communications Officer
1 st Lt Royal S Kalis	S-4
1 st Lt Robert M Kittle	S-1

Headquarters Company

1 st Lt Robert V Kresge	Commanding
Capt George Harding *	DS
2 nd Lt James C Phelps	SSO

Company A

Capt Orval O Saunders	Commanding
2 nd Lt Shelby Speights	Tank Platoon Leader
2 nd Lt William V Okoniewski	Tank Platoon Leader

Company B

Capt Herbert E Magruder	Commanding
2 nd Lt George A Branson	Tank Platoon Leader

Company C

1 st Lt William R Keegan	Commanding
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Company D

2 nd Lt Othal T Parsons	Commanding
2 nd Lt Paul E Wilhelm	Tank Platoon Leader

Service Company

1st Lt Christopher T Garvey	Transportation Platoon Officer
1 st Lt William H French	Battalion Motor Officer
1 st Lt Michael Borda	Supply and Transportation Officer
2 nd Lt Lee B Horton Jr	Company Maintenance Officer

Medics

1 st Lt F L Turner	MAC
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