

Let It Be Known to All, I Served With the Varsity

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Very much like the late commissioned officers Floyd Van Derhoef, Charles Willis and others, I too, saw action with the varsity team in that we all participated in combat situations at Herrlisheim, Colmar, Speyer and many other villages and hamlets in France, Alsace, and Germany.

It was my honor also to have served as a member of the occupation troops in Germany being stationed in Schlosberg, Bopfingen, and Gerstetten prior to being transferred to the 2nd Armored Division for a tad more occupation duties prior to making my return to the good old U.S. of A.

I began with the 12th Armored Division at Camp Campbell in late October 1942, and remained with the division almost to its deactivation.

The 12th was a great division, but it was the officers and enlisted men who made it that way. I can attest that I served with some of the finest men that our God ever placed on this earth. They are all heroes and should be looked upon as thus.

With that statement, my story has arrived at its conclusion.