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"...at times the Spring flood of memory sets with force
up the dark River of the Nine Bends."

Joseph Conrad
"Nigger of the Narcissus"

A MEMOIR

B Company

37th Tank Battalion

4th Armored Division

On the Eve of Combat in 1944
and
To All who Served

"...to leave no room...for anything but the old verities
and truths of the heart...love and honor and pity and
pride and compassion and sacrifice."

William Faulkner
Nobel Prize Speech

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B Company

As it landed on Utah Beach in Normandy on July 11, 1944

And Before and After

Foreword

At the Pittsburgh Convention of the 4th Armored Division Association in 1979, Hoby Drew, while riffling the pages of "Patton's Third Army at War", (see footnote) was leading a spirited discussion on who was driving and commanding tanks at Singling in France early in December 1944. In the soil of rambling reminiscences, watered by fading memories, sprouted the idea of reconstituting the whole company as it was the day it crossed the Channel to France. Knowing how we started out would then help sort out the rapid changes brought about by battle casualties. Everyone with the Company before and after the crossing must be included for all had a hand in the forging of the Company and many a humble crewman rose through the turrets to leadership in battle. Herein lies the source of our pride. We believe that the very essence and glory of every unit of our great Division was based on thorough training, outstanding leadership, mutual respect, and love for each other.

Early on it became evident, since no one walked, that we had to establish the T.O. for vehicles as well as for men. The Center of Military History (U.S. Army) kindly supplied TO&E 17-27 of 18 November 1944 which included all the changes in manpower and vehicles from September 1943 (Regiments to Battalions) and thus covered the organization of B Company in July 1944. There was, however, one change that T.O. does not reflect; namely, the assignment of one medium tank each from A, B, and C Companies to then Colonel Abrams' Battalion Headquarters. Major (now Major-General Retired) Ed Bautz, Battalion S-3, got our tank with four men.

Thus, the actual T.O. on July 10-11, 1944 reflects:
Vehicles:

16 Tanks-75MM guns (the 17th to Bn.Hq.)

1 Tank-105MM Howitzer-The Assault Gun

1 Half-Track

2 Peeps

1 Kitchen Truck

1 VTR (Vehicle Tank Recovery)

Note: a second truck, perhaps borrowed from Service Company, can be postulated and would be convenient to reduce the ten man total assigned the Kitchen Truck and Half-Track. We do not think there was one.

Personnel:

Enlisted-108 (4 from the official T.O. to Bn.Hq.)

Officers- 5

113 (The T.O. counting the 4 above has 117)

Since we can count 117 names, it appears we were 4 overstrength.

Footnote: British author Lt.-Col. George Forty R.T.R. (Royal Tank Regiment) included in his book pictures of B Co.'s 1st Platoon and of Drew, furnished by our Jimmie Leach.

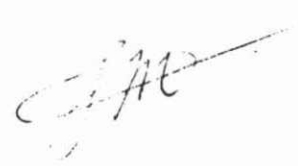
This memoir is divided into 5 parts:

- Part 1 - A Table of Organization by Rank
- Part 2 - The Calculation of the Actual Crossing Strength
- Part 3 - An Outline of the Company - Each man in his vehicle
- Part 4 - Our Dead - Killed in Action
- Part 5 - An alphabetical list of men-all who could be remembered-from Pine Camp in 1941 to Czechoslovakia in 1945, together with home towns and appropriate notations. As more names are recalled they will be added in a future edition of the memoir.

Of special interest in Part 3 is the near perfect recall of the name of every vehicle except, alas, for that of the Half-Track.

The author of this project is the Company itself. I am but the scribe, remembering little of B Co.'s days in England prior to crossing to France since I was then in Battalion Headquarters. Previous memoranda on this endeavor have cited numerous comrades with remarkable memories but it would now be necessary to list just about everyone. By word of mouth, photographs, letters, lists, local and long distance telephone calls, everyone approached has eagerly responded. We have even found long-lost comrades in the process. Let us now all share in the work we all have produced.

Francis N. Magliozzi
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Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 37th A.R.
Hq. Co. 37th Tank Battalion



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Part 1

Table of Organization -- by rank, Enlisted and Commissioned

TO&E 17-27 November, 1944

This table is the complete TO including the Company Clerk and the four men who were taken in England by Battalion S-3

112 Men - 5 Officers

<u>Men</u>		<u>Officers</u>	
First Sgt.	1	Captain	1
T-Sgt-Motor	1	First Lts.	2
Staff Sgts	5	Second Lts.	2
(B had 6)		1 Platoon and Motor Officer were 1st Lts.	
		Mess	
		3 Platoon	
		Supply	
Sergeants	12	Communications Chief (Staff Sgt. in B)	
		11 Tank Commanders	
		3 each platoon - 9	
		1 in Hq. Section-1	(taken by Bn. S-3
		1 Assault Gun Cmdr. 1	as were 1 each
			T/4, PFC, and Pvt)
Corporals	20	18 Gunners	
		1 Company Clerk	
		1 Agent Liaison	
T/4	15	1 cook	
		9 Tank Drivers- 2 tanks and 105MM of Hq. Section	
		2 in each platoon	
		1 Artillery Mechanic (TO assigns to Half-track)	
		3 Tank Mechanics (TO assigns 1 in Peep; 2 in Half-track)	
		1 Radio Repair man (in B started in Peep; later in loader's seat in Command Tank)	
T/5	14	1 Armorer	
		1 Cook	
		9 Tank Drivers (3 in each platoon)	
		1 Peep driver	
		2 Tank Mechanics (TO assigns as drivers of VTR and Half-track)	
PFC	19		
Pvt	25	These 44 include	18 Bow Gunners
			18 Loaders
			8 Unspecified
Totals	<u>112</u>		<u>5</u>

Part 2

The Calculation of the Actual Crossing Strength-Personnel and Vehicles

1. The Official T.O.E	112 Men	5 Officers	18 Tanks
2. TO as amended by Bn. 1 Tank-4 men to 3-3	108 Men	5 Officers	17 Tanks
3. The Crossing T.O. Company clerk to rear echelon-crossed later	107 Men	5 Officers	
4. Actual Crossing Strength	111 Men	5 Officers 116

Calculation of No. 4 Actual Crossing Strength

The Company picture of April 1944 - 119 (including Officers)

Four who crossed but not in picture: 4

Johnson
Clark
Yaremchuk
Fitzgerald

123
2

Two in picture who did not cross:

Pallamallo
Hodges

121
4

Four to Bn Hq.

117
1

Company Clerk

116
112

.....116

Crossing T.O. No. 3 above
Overstrength

4**

Distribution of the Crossing Strength-Personnel in Vehicles

Vehicle	Men	Officers	
Command Tank	4	1	5
Assault Gun	5		5
15 Tanks-3 platoons	72	3	75
1 Truck & Trailer (Mess)	10		10
1 VTR (Vehicle Tank Recovery)	4		4
1 Half-Track, Maintenance	10		10**
2 Peeps			
No. 1 Motor Officer	2	1	3
No. 2 First Sgt.	4		4
	<u>111</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>116**</u>

**cf. Page 18 Willard - Now read 5, 11, and 117

Part 3

Outline of the Company-Each man in his vehicle (faces page 6)

Abbreviations: TN-Tank Name;VN-Vehicle Name;TC-Tank Commander
G-Gunner;L-Loader;D-Driver;B-Bow Gunner or Bog
VTR-Vehicle Tank Recovery;CMDR-Commander of Vehicle;
(Officers and principal Sgts in parentheses)

Company Headquarters and Headquarters Platoon

Company Command

TN - Buccaneer

TC - Tieg (Capt.)

G - Williams

L - Zynn

D - Blume

B - Connelly

Communications-Supply-
Mess-Maintenance

Peep-VN-Back-N-Forth

D - Kilanowski
Mixon (1st Lieut.)
Jefferis

TN - Target-for-Tonight

TC - Bautz, S-3, Bn.Hq.

G - Slifka

L - Darling

D - Brindle

B - Johnson

Truck-VN-Biscuit Buggy

D - Quinlan Grigger
Ramey(Mess)Aulicino
Garrison Colasanti
Scates Davis
Cocchiara Tuchinsky

TN - Back Breaker (105 MM)

TC - Grimm

G - Hayward

L - Boyer

D - Bieniek

B - Holland

VTR-VN-Black Panther

CMDR - Cortese
D - Debevc
Roberti
Strulovitz

Peep - VN-Beulah

D - Powell
Guffey (1st Sgt)
Kaplin (Supply)
Saxon

CMDR - Mullen(Maintenance)
D - Mercer
Mollo
Brooks(Communication)
Goss
DiGangi
Salvaggio (displaced G
from Bautz Tk)

Note:Company Clerk Luthye
crossed with rear
echelon later

Matheson
Green
Davenport

Part 3

Outline of the Company-Each man in his vehicle (faces page 5)

The Three Tank Platoons

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
<u>TN-Blockbuster</u>	<u>TN-Boilermaker</u>	<u>TN-Brother Tobv</u>
TC-Leach (1st Lt.)	TC-Bohn (2nd Lt.)	TC-Marston (2nd Lt.)
G-Coffee	G-Peskar	G-Cueto
L-Brown	L-McVicker	L-Niski
D-Boggs	D-Porter	D-Chelmecki
B-Popovitch	B-Rhoads	B-Martin
<u>TN-Betty Boop</u>	<u>TN-Bock Beer</u>	<u>TN-Brooklyn Boy</u>
TC-Fitzpatrick (Plat. Sgt)	TC-Langmeier (Plat. Sgt)	TC-Farese (Plat. Sgt)
G-Creviston	G-Hauptman	G-Ginoli
L-Clark	L-Ross	L-Daly
D-Baay	D-Moe	D-Farks
B-Reynolds	B-Miller	B-Ritland
<u>TN-Bulldozer</u>	<u>TN-Ballantine</u>	<u>TN-Blenheim</u>
TC-Morphew	TC-Del Vecchio	TC-Whiteside
G-Sandroch	G-Wenrich	G-Chernick
L-Hale	L-Gellman	L-McGuire
D-Kelley	D-Machen	D-Paulus
B-Tyler	B-Simcik	B-Ayotte
<u>TN-Berlin Bound</u>	<u>TN-Budweiser</u>	<u>TN-Blondie</u>
TC-Grady	TC-Lewis	TC-Heintz
G-Litherland	G-Checki	G-Bordner
L-Nelsen	L-Grieb	L-Graham
D-Caisey	D-Wright	D-Peck
B-Fitzgerald	B-Kaczmarek	B-Gagliardi
<u>TN-Beer Barrel</u>	<u>TN-Blue Ribbon</u>	<u>TN-Beaufighter</u>
TC-Kobela	TC-Sowers	TC-Krassner
G-Weitzman	G-O'Hearn	G-Gregor
L-Simo	L-Bradley	L-Cariello
D-Levins	D-Drew	D-Irish
B-Yaremchuk	B-Cunningham F.	B-Troxell

Note: In USAREUR article on Singling Morphew commanded Bottlebaby

.....Killed in Action

No greater love.....

cf. 33 below

1. Leonard L. Blume AT Gun	Aug. 30 Chancenay	17. Frederick F. Lockwood 2nd Lt. R Tank Fire	Nov. 12 Obrick
2. Ewing B. Boggs Tank Fire	Sept. 20 Ley	18. Charles R. McCreer R Sniper	Dec. 17 Walsheim G
3. William J. Bradley AT Gun	Dec. 6 Singling	19. Edward M. McGuire TANK FIRE	Sept. 19
4. Nicholas Chernick AT Gun	Nov. 21 Francaltroff	20. William J. McVicker Tank Fire	Dec. 6 Singling
5. Edward H. Clark AT Gun	Dec. 23 Flatzbourhof L	21. John H. Parks AT Gun	Dec. 23 Flatzbourhof L
6. Arthur M. Connelly AT Gun	Aug. 30 Chancenay	22. Lester H. Peck Accidentally killed by his Bow Gunner GAGBardie	Aug. 9 Brittany
7. James N. Farese 2nd Lt. AT Gun	Dec. 6 Singling	23. John O. Peshek R	Nov. 21 Francaltroff
8. Charles T. Fibranz R	Mar. 19 G	24. Stanley F. Pielak 2nd Lt. R	Mar. Bad Kreuznach G
9. Everett T. Finch 37th Medic Artillery	Dec. 6 Singling	25. George Popovitch Tank Gun	Sept. 20 Ley
10. John H. Furlow R Tank Fire	Dec. 6 Singling	26. Ernest C. Ritland	Feb. Bitburg G
11. Angelo Ginoli Tank Fire	Dec. 6 Singling	27. Joseph M. Ross	Mar. 1 Sefferweich G
12. Leo J. Gnatowski R	Feb. 26 G	28. John P. Simo Panzer Faust	July 31 Brittany
13. Walter P. Kaplin (TC) Sniper	Dec. 24 Flatzbourhof L	29. Bernard Tuchinsky	Mar. 19 G
14. Lloyd J. Kelley	Mar. Koblenz G	30. Conrad T. Wenrich Ducy - German Small arms motorcyclist	July 31 Brittany
15. Matthew M. Krassner AT Gun - into DP	Nov. 13 Librezing	31. James A. Whiteside OST Am: oriented cowardly	Aug. 7 Brittany
16. Gerhard J. Liese 1st Lt. Cmdg. R	Mar. 18 Bad Kreuznach G	32. Bert C. Wright Accidentally killed self / snipe	July 31 Brittany
		33. Robert H. Bailey R	Mar. 26 Schweinheim G

Notes: 1) I-Luxembourg, G-Germany, otherwise France, R-Replacement
2) Record Group 407-CFN 161, National Archives, Suitland MD
lists the Division dead. Of the 138 37th Tk.Bn. dead, 32
plus Finch, medic serving B Co., are E Co. men. 23 of them
and Finch crossed to France on July 10-11. 9 are replace-
ments. It is unlikely that any more of the 138 are ours.

Part 5

Alphabetical List of the Company-Pine Camp to Czechoslovakia

From 1941 to 1945

Almond, George	Pawtucket R.I.	Replaced Lt. Mixon
Aulicino, Louis	Schenectady N.Y.	Bugler. Oldest man in Company Died 1978
Ayotte, Normand C.	Waterbury Conn.	Crossed in Whiteside-Paulus tank Gunner for Sowers at Singling. Died 1980, not knowing of Association. Tank driver for Fitzpatrick. WIA
Baay, Joseph J.	Wisc.	
Bailey-see page 19		
Bieniek, Charles W.	Albany N.Y.	Tank driver 105MM. Idem at Singling
Blume, Leonard L.	Caroline	Tank driver for Co. Cmdr. KIA Aug 30 at Chanceneay. Monument in town
Boggs, Ewing B.	W. Va.	Tank driver for 1st Plat. Cmdr. Leach KIA Ley Sept 20
Bohn, William F.	Waynesville Missouri	2nd Lt., 2nd Plat Cmdr
Bonanno, Philip Jr.	Brooklyn N.Y.	Bog for Morpheus at Singling
Bordner, Harry A.	Camden N.J.	Tanker, G for Heintz; at Singling, G for Lt. Cook; later Tk Cmdr.
Boyer, Kenneth H.	Avonmore Penn.	Assault Gun Crewman. Came to B Co. from Service Co. in Texas with Hollan
Bradley, William J.		Tanker, KIA Dec 6 at Singling
Brindle, Roland Jr.	Providence R.I.	Tank driver; with tank to Bn. S-3 in Devizes
Brooks, Charles R.	Louisville Ky.	Communications Sgt.
Brown, Ralph	Maine	Tanker, 1st Plat.
Bubar, Harold F.		Co. E Pine Camp. Tfd out later
Caffey, Herman R.		Gunner at Singling

Caisey, Joseph E.	Chelsea Mass.	Tank driver (first platoon)
Cariello, Vito W.	New York N.Y.	3rd Plat. tanker
Checki, John	Wilkes-Barre Penn.	Gunner
Chelmecki, Peter M.		Tank driver,;WIA. Died Cancer later
Chernick, Nicholas Jr.	Harrison Mich.	Gunner, Tank Cmdr. KIA Nov 21
Cheverette, Arthur J.	Escanaba Mich.	Tfd in Devizes after Simo affair.
Christian, Raymond B.	Calif.	Pine Camp, E Co.
Clark, Rudolph C.	Mich.	Tanker, loader for Fitzpatrick at crossing.
Clark, Edward H.		Tanker; in Parks tank at Singling
Clute, Leo		Tanker; Bog for Fitzpatrick at Singlin
Cochrane, Vincent F.		Co. E. Lt. Tfd
Coffee, George R.	Lawrenceville N.J.	Gunner and tank crewman
Cocchiara, Joseph P.	Monessen Penn.	Tanker; WIA Bad Kreuznach same day Capt. Liese killed
Colasanti, Anthony T.	New York N.Y.	
Connelly, Arthur M.	New Jersey	Bog Co. Cmdr. tank; KIA Aug 30 with Blume, at Chancenay. Monument in town.
Conradi, William H.		Tfd to Air Force from Camp Bowie, Texas
Cook, Robert M.		1st lt 3rd Plat at Singling; SWA Dec 2. at Bigonville <i>Bullet through chest</i> 24
Cortese, John J.	Glendale I.I., N.Y.	Maintenance; Cmdr of VTR

Creighton, Bernard J.	Queens N.Y.	Co. E, Pine Camp
Creviston, Patrick O.	Springfield Ill.	Gunner; SWA Chateau Salins
Crigger, Rufus P.	Switch Back West Va.	Crossed in Biscuit Buggy; Kitchen Crew
Cueto, Herman J.	Newark N.J.	Gunner; Tank Cmdr. SWA. Died cancer July '73, news received at Convention.
Cummings, Robert N.		Loader for Pappy Grimm at Singling
Cunningham Francis T.	Bronx N.Y. N.Y.	Tank Crewman
Cunningham, Lee	Robinson Ill.	Maintenance; later Bog for Leach
Daly, Robert P.	Kew Gardens L.I., N.Y.	Tanker 3rd Platoon
Darke, Raymond E.		Gunner for Pappy Grimm at Singling
Darling, Walter A.	Penn.	Loader in tank tfd to Bn. S-3
Davenport, Arthur I.		Capt. Co. E early in '42
Davenport, Don M.	Houston Texas	Tanker; driver for Hauptman at Singling Died '70 near Ft. Sill, Oklahoma
Davis, Daniel		Crossed with Company (not verified)
De Carlo, John J.	N.Y. N.Y.	Co. E Pine Camp
Debevc, Anthony	Conn.	Driver of VTR
Del Vecchio, Emil	Conn.	Tank Cmdr in second Plat. Died soon after the war
DiGangi, Joseph	N.Y. N.Y.	Armorer after Goss; tanker; Bog for Sowers at Singling
Dmochowski, Steven J.		Tfd. to Air Force from Camp Bowie, Tex.
Donnelly, James P., Jr.		2nd Lt. in E Co Pine Camp; tfd. to A Co. of 37th Tank Battalion. KIA

Drew, Hobart	Bloomingtondale N.J.	2nd Plat tank driver; driver for Leach at Singling. Died in Florida Dec '79
Duffy, Bernard F.		Missed the boat in Boston as Company departed Myles Standish
Eshelman, Clarence F.		Maintenance T/Sgt in Pine Camp
Everman, Carl G.		S/Sgt in Pine Camp and desert. Hit by truck in the desert.
Farese, James M.	Jersey City N.J.	S/Sgt 3rd Plat. Battlefield Commission to 2nd Lt. KIA Singling Dec 6
Fibrenz, Charles T.		Gunner 1st Plat at Singling; KIA Mar 1
Fitzgerald, Robert G.		To B Co. May as Co. leaving Devizes Tanker. Tank Cmdr 1st Plat at Singlin
Fitzpatrick, John J.	Summit N.J.	S/Sgt 1st Plat SMA Flatzbourhof, Lux. Dec 23
Furlow, John H.	Jackson Mississippi	Bog at Singling KIA in Hayward tank
Gagliardi, Thomas, J.		Accidentally killed Peck with Dow MG in Brittany Aug. 9 Tfd.
Garrison, Albert H.		Cook
Gatlin, Wiley D.		Cook, tfd
Gellman, Saul	New York N.Y.	Tanker, 2nd Platoon-Post-war company photographer
Ginoli, Angelo	Philadelphia Penn.	Gunner 3rd Plat, KIA Dec 6 Singling
Gnatowski, Leo J.		Gunner at Singling; KIA Feb 26
Goble, William F.		1st Lt. 1st Plat Cmdr at Singling WIA
Goss, John R.	East Orange N.J.	Company Armorer; WIA, Dec 4
Grady, Robert G.	Indianapolis Ind.	Tank Cmdr 1st Plat. Only B Company tank commander to start and finish war Twice WIA and returned.
Graham, Edward M.	Waterbury Conn.	Tanker 3rd Platoon

Green, Charles	Maine	Tanker; WIA by own burp gun in turret of Cueto tank and when laid out in field was attacked by a bull.
Gregor, Joseph J., Jr	Cleveland Ohio	Tanker 3rd Platoon. Gunner. Was Sgt.
Grieb, Joseph J.	Philadelphia Penn.	Tanker 2nd Plat. WIA near Conthil Wood Nov 12 or 13. Returned to combat.
Grimm, Robert G.	Harrisville W. Va.	Pappy at 37 in '42 second oldest in Company. Cmdr of Assault Gun. Native of Ohio.
Guffey, Lewis A.	Topeka Kansas	1st Sgt. of Company B from Pine Camp beginning, to end in Czechoslovakia.
Guglielmelli, Neil		In Pine Camp
Hale, Therman E.	Dallas Texas	Tanker; WIA at Singling
Harris		
Hauptman, Joseph	Brooklyn N.Y.	Supply Sgt in Pine Camp. Later tanker including Cmdr in 2nd Plat at Singling
Hauss, Albert G.		Tfd to Air Force from Camp Bowie, Texas
Hayward, Giles W.	Spokane Wash.	WIA as tank cmdr at Singling. Died of heart attack in late '70's.
Heintz, Henry H.	Hudson N.Y.	3rd Plat tank cmdr. WIA at Lorient on August 7; Bronze Star
Himli, Raymond C.		Loader for Fitzpatrick at Singling
Hitchings, Merritt E.		Driver for Lt. Cook at Singling
Hodges, Samuel D.	Tenn.	Left Company in England; deranged Had been driver 3rd Platoon
Holland, Russell K.	Carbondale Ill.	To B Co. from Service Co. in Texas with Boyer. Bog for Pappy Grimm. Tank driver at Singling
Hulton, Eugene G.	Ohio	At Pine Camp Co.E
Irish, Alfred R.	Maine	Bog 1st Flat to driver 3rd Plat in England, vice Hodges, q.v.
Jefferis, Kenneth P.	Downington Penn.	Radio Repairman. Taken into Leach tank from Peep when Leach to Co Cmdr.

Jocis, Frank J.		Driver at Singling
Johnson, John, K.		Bog in tank to Bn S-3 in England
Johnson, Morris	Francisco Ind.	To B from A Company
Maczmerek, Theodore	Chicago Ill.	Tanker all the way to end of war last heard of in VA hospital. Affectionately, the Gangster Supply Sgt later tank cmdr. KIA at Flatzbourhof Dec 23.
Kaplin, Walter P.	Pittsburgh Pa.	
Kasmarek, Joseph J.		In Pine Camp
Kelley, Lloyd J.	Kansas City Missouri	1st Plat driver. Driver for Sowers at Singling. KIA at Koblenz at Rhin crossing.
Kilanowski, Roman A.	Brooklyn N.Y.	Maintenance mechanic
Kimsey, Charles L.	Pilot Mound Iowa	E Co. Captain before Capt. Tiegs Several commands in Division.
Kirchenblatt, Jacob		Tanker, 1st Plat at Singling
Kleintop, Harold A.	Allentown Penn.	Gunner Battle of the Bulge. Loader at Singling
Kobela, Andrew	Hartford Conn.	Tank Cmdr 1st Plat. SWA July 31 in first tank KO'ed-Simo first KIA
Krassner, Matthew M.	New York N.Y.	From cook to tanker to tank cmdr at the crossing. KIA Nov 12 or 13 near Conthil Wood.
Langmeier, Adolph T.	Potosi Wisc.	S/Sgt 2nd Platoon
Lanza, Francisco M.	Aguirre Puerto Rico	Pancho. Joined B Co at Commercy Aug. Bog for Krassner, Gunner for Sandroek Grady, Ritland, Miller then tank cmdr. Co. D 2nd Lt to 1st Lt 1st Platoon of "B" a crossing. Co cmdr after Tiegs WIA.** Multiple WIA. DSC. (Asgd. to "B" in Texas)
Leach, James H.	Houston Texas	
Levins, Alex	Worcester Mass.	Ace tank driver-tfd in Texas
Levins, Joseph	Worcester Mass.	Brother of Alex. Driver 1st Platoon
Lewis, Harry B.		Tank Cmdr in 2nd Platoon

**First at Rennes, then Aug, 7-Lorient

Liese, Bernard Joseph		Co Cmdr, after Leach, from 1st Plat. (Leach to U.S. Jan. 8) KIA Bad Kreuz- nach, Mar. 18 by old man with bazooka. Gunner 1st Plat. Tallest man in Co. SWA Francaltroff late Nov.
Litherland, Travolia M.	Chicago Ill.	
Lockwood, Frederick F.		2nd Lt. KIA Nov 11 or 12 near Obrick
Lord, Paul B.		Co. E, Pine Camp
Luthye, Dale H.		Company Clerk
Machen, James T.	Scottsboro N.C.	2nd Plat tank driver
Magliozzi, Francis N.	Williamstown Mass.	Co. E clerk, then Gunner; tfd to 2nd Bn Hq in desert; later with S-2 37th Tk. SWA Nov 11 Haboudange
Marcos, Antone V.		Co. E Pine Camp
Marston, Merwin A.	Maine	2nd Lt 3rd Platoon
Martin, George N.	Greenwood W.Va.	Tanker; Gunner for Fitzpatrick at Sing- ling. After war car fell off jack and killed him. Always had his guitar.
Matheson, John M.	Dayton Ohio	Bog for Cook at Singling. Suicide after war.
McCarty, Matthew J.	New York	Left Company in Texas
McGuire, Edward M.	New Orleans La.	Loader in Whiteside-Paulus tank 3rd Plat. KIA Sept 19 when gunner.
McCreer, Charles R.		Loader for Cook at Singling. Later KIA
McVicker, William J.	New York N.Y.	Tanker. Loader in Lt Bohn tank when Gunner Peskar broke marksmanship re- cord in England. KIA Singling Dec 6
Mercer, Raymond		Driver of Maintenance Half-track.
Miller, Hulmer C.	Millry Ala.	2nd Plat tanker. Gunner for Farese at Singling
Mixon, Preston B. Jr.	Ozark Ala.	1st Lt. Motor Off. SWA at Conthil Wood Also LWA at Chancenay when 1st Plat.
Moe, Alvin H.	Monitor Oregon	Tank driver, 2nd Plat. Drove for Farese at Singling Farese

Mollo, Chester A.	New York N.Y.	Maintenance mechanic
Moon	Catskill N.Y.	1st Lt. Died of overweight after war.
Morphew, Max V.	Nora Springs Iowa	Tank Cmdr 1st Platoon; later Plat Sgt
Mullen, James F.	Madison Wisc	T/Sgt Maintenance
Nelsen, John J.	New York	Tanker; driver at Singling
Niski, Joseph	New York N.Y.	Tanker 3rd Plat. SWA Sept 19 Returned to combat and finished war.
O'Hearn, John W.	Rumford Maine	Gunner, 2nd Plat. SWA, lost hand.
O'Neil, Clarence R.	Montana	Farm discharge from desert. Drowned early '45 crossing ice on river.
Pallamallo, Dante	New York N.Y.	Broke leg in England just before crossing.
Pancake, Richard	N.J.	Last commander wartime B Company
Parks, John H.	South Bend Ind.	Tank driver; tank cmdr at Singling KIA Flatzbourhof, Lux. Dec 23
Paulus, Charles W.	Versailles Ohio	3rd Plat driver then cmdr. Twice wounded and returned. All the way, Pine Camp to Czechoslovakia
Paycheck (known as, but name was:) Peshek, John O.		Tanker, KIA Nov. 21. Peshek was last B Co. KIA identified--by Bob Cook.
Peacock, Bennie F.	Georgia	E Co. Pine Camp; tfd poor eyesight
Peck, Lester H.	Seattle Wash.	Tank driver; 3rd oldest in Co. KIA accidentally in Brittany, Aug. 9
Peine, Nickolas L.		Co. E, Pine Camp. Family well-to-do wheat farmers.
Peskar, Rudolph A.	Cleveland Ohio	Gunner in Lt. Bohn's tank Bournemouth May '44 hit 8 moving targets of 8 in 25 seconds. McVicker was loader. WIA
Pielak, Stanley F.		2nd Lt. KIA Bad Kreuznach
Popovitch, George	Barre Vt.	Bow Gunner Leach tank KIA with Boggs Sept 20 at Ley

Porter, Leslie M.	Belfast Maine	Drove Lt. Bohn 2nd Plat tank. At St. Quentin seat shot out under him as tank "Boilermaker" K.O.'ed.
Powell, Lester L.	Indian Springs Ind.	Peep driver. Won 2 Silver Stars, Salvaged men and tanks. Also 2 Bronze Stars and 5 Purple Hearts.
Privett, Fred L.		Killed on Pine Camp maneuvers in '42. Sowers took body home.
Pugh, Oliver T.	Paulding Mississippi	Bog at Singling
Quinlan, William P.	Queens Village L.I., N.Y.	Driver Kitchen Truck
Ramey, Guy T.	Ky.	Mess Sergeant
Resnick, Samuel J.	New York N.Y.	Tfd from E Co. in Pine Camp Contact regained in NYC in '70's.
Reynolds, James F.	Topeka Kansas	Tanker, 1st Platoon
Rhoads, Finis A. (Dusty)	Dallas Tex.	Bog for Lt. Bohn. From Sv. Co. in Texas LWA in arm St Quentin just before tank K.O.'ed.
Ritland, Ernest O.	Iowa	Tanker, then tank cmdr. KIA near Bit-burg
Roberti, Domenick A. Jr.	New York N.Y.	Maintenance
Ross, Joseph M. Regular Army 1939	Chelsea Mass.	Tanker, 2nd Plat. KIA, buried Hamm, Lux. beside brother, Gerald, KIA, 75th Inf. Div. 4 Ross brothers served in WW II.
Salvaggio, Anthony F.	Boston Mass.	Tanker. Displaced from Bn S-3 tank. Gunner for Del Vecchio at Singling
Sanchez, Izaiah, Sr.		Gunner for Morpew at Singling
Sandroek, Kenneth L. Franklin Grove	Ill.	Morpew's gunner, then tank cmdr at Singling
Sapp, Lowell W.		Loader for Morpew at Singling
Sator, Thomas D.	San Francisco Calif.	Tanker, replacement-Fall of '44 Bog at Singling
Saxon, Marshall T.	Watkinsville Georgia	In Peep with 1st Sgt.
Scates, Joseph D. Jr.		Cook

Scopinich, Clifton J.		Tfd from E Co. in Texas when Bn formed
Shafer, Robert G.	Muncie Indiana	Bog for Farese at Singling
Simcik, John A. Jr.	Pittsburgh Penn.	Tanker 2nd Plat.
Simo, John P.	Sheboygan Wisc.	KIA Brittany July; first B man killed, as loader for Kobela
Skirvin, Lee R.		Drove for Morpew at Singling
Slifka, Frank	Livingston Ill.	Sgt. became gunner in Bn S-3 tank.
Smith, William W.	Clarksville Tenn.	Loader at Singling
Soderstrom, Gustave W.		Pine Camp to Texas then tfd out. Was sgt. Told Paulus to fire anyway after ammo exhausted
Sowers, Bernard K.	Rocky Gap Va.	Tank cmdr 2nd Plat. Plat Sgt for Lt. Farese at Singling
Stein, Mathias R.		In Pine Camp
Stern, Harry		Bog for Pappy Grimm at Singling
Strulovitz, Philip		Crossed with Maintenance
Thomas, Vern L.		Loader at Singling; WIA
Thompson, Paul		In Pine Camp
Tiegs, George E.	Columbus Wisc.	Capt. Co. E already in Pine Camp, then of B, first combat commander, WIA** returned to command C Co.
Troxell, Sherman	Anderson Ind.	Tanker 3rd Plat. Died heart attack after war.
Tyler, Arthur R.	Brooklyn N.Y.	Tanker 1st Platoon
Tuchinsky, Bernard		Crossed with Kitchen Truck, soon a tanker, Bog at Singling; later KIA

** At Rennes and again Aug. 7 at Lorient
where turret hatch crushed hands.

Wegner, Otto		In Pine Camp
Weinberg, Walter		In Pine Camp; refugee from Germany Tfd out. KIA-On MACY N.Y.C. store Memorial plaque.
Weitzman, Wilbert	New York N.Y.	Gunner 1st Platoon
Wenrich, Conrad T.	West Reading Penn.	Gunner 2nd Platoon, KIA Brittany while on guard duty, July 31
Whiteside, James A.	Ky,	Tank Commander 3rd Plat. KIA Brittan between Hennebont and L'Orient, Aug. 7 at St. Gilles en route to LoChrist.
Willard, Charles H.	Frederick Md.	To B in Bowie eve of move to England. Crossed Channel in Halftrack. Tiegs then sent him to Recon/37.
Williams, Joseph S.	Vinegar Bend Ala.	Gunner for Company Command tank.
Wolk, Jules	New York N.Y.	B Co. after assignments to 37th A.R. Hq., 37th Tk Bn Hq, A Co and Sv Co.
Wright, Bert C.	Glasgow Mont.	Driver 2nd Platoon. KIA by own burp gun same day Wenrich KIA.
Yaremchuk, John	Arlington Va.	Tanker. Came to Co. in England as Co. leaving Devizes Barracks. Bog fo Kobela, gunner for Hauptman and for Leach at Singling. Later Tank cmdr.
Zynn, Russell E.	Coatesville Pa.	To B from Sv Co in Texas. Tanker, driver. Drove also for Co cmdr Leac

Attached Frenchmen

Bourrois, Roger	26 Avenue de l'Europe 78160 Marly-le-Roi (Les Yvelines) France	Helped with new Blume- Connelly tablet in Cha ceñay, Aug. 30, 1984
Didier, Louis René	Le Cèdre Bleu - Entrée 13 54100 Nancy (Meurthe-et-Moselle) France	Met Bourrois 1984, firs time since B Co in '44

Both these comrades joined B Company at Vitry-le-François in August
and were released to join the French Army in October

ADDENDUM

Other B Company men, majority culled from Ken Jefferis' address book. Also see the Yellow Book, 37th Armored Regiment of 4th A.D., published in 1942 by Army-Navy Publishing Co. of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Allen, Staff Sgt. With Company until Texas. To OCS Oct.24,'43

Annese, Nick- Tank Driver. Left Company after California desert

Craig, Ralph E. -Moorehead, Mississippi

Eckman, Jack - Chester, Idaho

Edwards, James - Glendale, Arizona

Fisher, Paul S. - Pond Creek, Oklahoma

Goodemote, Sherwood - Collins, New York

Lambeth, Joseph Patrick - Brown Summit, North Carolina

Liebhart, Edward - Salem, Ohio

Lipscomb, -South Carolina (late replacement-cf. F. Lanza.

Livingston, Howard W. - Rayland, Ohio

McNerey, Thomas - Schoolfield (near Danville), Virginia

O'Keef, David - Wilmington, North Carolina

Querry, Edward I. - Heber Springs, Arkansas

Sanzo, Theodore - New York City-Cf Yellow Book-found by R. Daly, 1984

Shumate, John - cf F. Lanza- a Seminole Indian from Florida

Bailey, Robert H. - cf. F. Lanza. Last addition to list of KIA, (pg.7).
Killed at Schweinheim during Hammelburg breakthrough.

Mull, Stanley W. - In Pine Camp with Co.E

Lieutenant Gilston - At one time commanded 2nd Platoon in Europe
Came over from another Company. Aschaffenburg area

Medical Detachment

Each Tank Battalion of the Division had a Medical Detachment consisting of two Doctors and eighteen men. (T/O 17-25, change of June 16, 1944). Dr. John R. Scotti was Battalion Surgeon and Dr. Charles Voltz his Assistant, and later Battalion Surgeon upon the departure of Dr. Scotti to a Combat Command. Dr. Scotti assigned two men to each line company and the others, attached to Hq. Co., served as needed to augment or replace their comrades. One was a permanent Ambulance Driver.

To the best recollection of B Co. men, and other Medics, the two Medics assigned to B Co. at the crossing were:

- 1) Fiore, Crescent A. - Westbury, Long Island
- 2) Gregory

Others known assigned to B Co. were:

- 3) Finzimer, Joseph - Southampton, Pennsylvania (In Nancy area)
- 4) Isenmann, Isaac (In Nancy area)
- 5) Finch, Everett - KIA Singling on Dec. 6

Others of the 18 or more (crossing and replacements); some doubtless served B Co.-

- 6) Smith, Joseph S. - KIA
- 7) Weinstein, Harold - KIA (Staff Sgt)
- 8) Maione, Oswald
- 9) Bove, Frank M.- Hicksville, N.Y. The Ambulance Driver
- 10) Levy
- 11) McCarthy, Matthew
- 12) O'Reilly
- 13) Wolfgang, Ben - 37th A.R. medic at Camp Bowie, Texas
- 14) Booth, John - Ambulance driver
- 15) Eames, Charles - Doc Scotti's Peep driver in France

HEADQUARTERS
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O each officer and soldier in the Third United States Army, I wish a Merry Christmas. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We march in our might to complete victory. May God's blessing rest upon each of you on this Christmas Day.

G. S. Patton, Jr.
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Lieutenant General,
Commanding, Third United States Army.

PRAYER



OMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen.