

HISTORY and OPERATIONS
of the
EIGHTY FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

8 June 1940 to 7 May 1945



The 81st Field Artillery Battalion was originally organized at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, 21 June 1917, as the 23d Cavalry, by the transfer of men from the 11th Cavalry. On 3 November 1917 the 23d Cavalry was redesignated the 81st Field Artillery Regiment which served overseas during World War I, did not participate in combat, and was made inactive at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1 February 1922. The Regiment was made active in July 1940, the 1st Battalion being activated at Fort Lewis, Washington with personnel from the 9th and 10th Field Artillery Regiments of Fort Lewis and the 36th Field Artillery Regiment of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 16 December 1940 the 1st Battalion, 81st Field Artillery was redesignated the 81st Field Artillery Battalion (composite).

- 8 June 1940 Battery "A" (75mm Gun) and Detachment Headquarters and Headquarters Battery activated at Fort Lewis, Washington.
- 21 June 1940 Battery "A" and Det Hq & Hq Btry sail from Seattle, Washington, destination Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska.
- 1 July 1940 Battery "B" (75mm Gun) and Battery "C" (155mm Gun) activated at Fort Lewis, Washington.
- 19 August 1940 Remainder of Headquarters Battery activated at Fort Lewis, Washington.
- 16 March 1941 Battalion consolidated at Fort Richardson, Alaska.
- 7 December 1941 Pearl Harbor attacked by Japanese. United States at war. 81st F. A. Bn., goes into battle dress for the duration. Mission, defense of vital air fields and harbors in Alaska.
- 1 January 1942 Medical Detachment activated at Fort Richardson, Alaska.
- 5 March 1942 Service Battery Activated at Fort Richardson, Alaska.
- 1 July 1942 Battalion less Battery "B" and detachment, Service Battery, flown to Nome, Alaska to repel anticipated Japanese landing on Seward Peninsula in first large scale troop air movement of the war.
- 11 August 1942 Battery "B" and Detachment, Service Battery sails to Moses Point, Alaska and then to St. Paul Island, Pribilof Group, to defend the valuable seal rookeries and hold the island outpost which guards the Bristol Bay Area and the Bering Sea.
- Oct & Nov 1943 Battalion consolidated and stages at Dutch Harbor, Alaska preparatory to return to United States.
- 1 December 1943 Battalion sails for Seattle, Washington for rail movement to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas for reorganization as a 155mm Howitzer Battalion (tractor drawn), further training, Army Ground Force Firing tests and Preparation for Overseas Movement.
- 28 August 1944 Battalion sails from New York Harbor for United Kingdom and combat duty in the European Theater of Operations.
- 25 September 1944 Battalion lands on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, after 20 days at Christchurch Barracks, England. Assigned Ninth United States Army.

13 October 1944 Battalion goes into firing position in "the line" at Welfrange, Luxembourg, defending a section of the Mosel River, after having marched 619 miles across France and Luxembourg in four days.

13 October— Battalion operates along Mosel River, supporting 83rd Infantry Division and 4th Infantry Division defense of Luxembourg. Assigned to First United States Army, attached VIII Corps.

16 December 1944

16 December— Battalion holds southern hings of "The Bulge", by denying enemy crossing in strength of the Sauer River North and East of Luxembourg City by destroying bridges, harrassing crossings, and by breaking up enemy tank and infantry attacks. During this period all Battalion installations were subjected to heavy counterbattery fire from 210mm, 190mm, 150mm, 105mm and 88mm Guns. Hundreds of rounds landed in Battery areas, some within 10 yards of howitzers. Shells landed in "B" Battery and Hq Battery kitchens. No serious Battle casualties suffered. Battalion area defended by Infantry platoon of 70 men spread along 3 mile front. Battalion assigned to General Patton's famous Third United States Army.

28 December 1944 Battalion marches 70 miles to take up firing position Southwest of Bastogne, Belgium in blinding snowstorm. Greets 1945 with Battalion Volleys against German attack on the escape road from Bastogne.

31 December 1944 "The Battle of the Ardennes." Battalion fights thru Belgium and northern Luxembourg in zero weather, blinding snowstorms and over impassable roads. Supports 11th Armored Division, 17th Airborne Division, and 87th Infantry Division.

4 February 1945 Battalion enters Germany vicinity Auw and commences attack of Siegfried Line in the Schnee Eifel Forest.

4 February 1945

6 March 1945 Break thru Siegfried Line and beginning of pursuit of German Army.

15-22 March 1945 Battle of Coblenz, Germany. Battalion in position at Saffig.

29 March 1945 Battalion crosses RHEIN RIVER at St. Goar on treadway bridge.

22 April 1945 Relieved assignment Third United States Army, assigned First United States Army.

7 May 1945 Stenn, Germany. "Cease Firing". Offensive operations against German armed forces cease. Unconditional surrender signed 0141 hours.

13 October 1944 to 7 May 1945 Total of 39,009 rounds of 155mm ammunition fired, 49 positions occupied, 805 miles covered in displacements.

Assigned:
First U. S. Army
Third U. S. Army
Ninth U. S. Army

Attached:
VIII Corps
XII Corps
422nd FA Gp
174th FA Gp
333rd FA Gp

Supported:
83rd Infantry Division
4th Infantry Division
5th Infantry Division
9th Armored Division
10th Armored Division

11th Armored Division
17th Airborne Division
28th Infantry Division
87th Infantry Division
89th Infantry Division

Command Posts 81st Field Artillery Battalion European Theater of Operations

6 Sep 44	Christchurch, England	2 Feb 45	Eimerscheid, Bel.
26 Sep 44	Omaha Beach, France	4 Feb 45	Auw, Germany.
28 Sep 44	Les Pieux, France	9 Feb 45	Kobscheid, Ger.
9 Oct 44	Les Mons, France	6 Mar 45	Reuth, Ger.
10 Oct 44	Longumeau, France	10 Mar 45	Auel, Ger.
11 Oct 44	Chalones, France	12 Mar 45	Hoffeld, Ger.
12 Oct 44	Kablen, Luxembourg	13 Mar 45	Laacher See, Ger.
13 Oct 44	Welfrange, Lux.	15 Mar 45	Saffig, Ger.
27 Oct 44	Trintange, Lux.	22 Mar 45	Erbach, Ger.
3 Nov 44	Altwies, Lux.	24 Mar 45	Badenhard, Ger.
13 Nov 44	Berburg, Lux.	29 Mar 45	Reitzenhaim, Ger.
1 Dec 44	Mondorf, Lux.	30 Mar 45	String Margaretha, Ger.
5 Dec 44	Flaxweiler, Lux.	31 Mar 45	Wallrabenstein, Ger.
12 Dec 44	Lellig, Lux.	3 Apr 45	Schorbach, Gr.
28 Dec 44	Loufflemont, Bel.	5 Apr 45	Herleshausen, Ger.
29 Dec 44	Lonarie, Bel.	7 Apr 45	Petriroda, Ger.
30 Dec 44	Saint Marie, Bel.	10 Apr 45	Bittstadt, Ger.
31 Dec 44	Grande Rosiere, Bel.	11 Apr 45	Kirchheim, Ger.
9 Jan 45	Jodenville, Bel.	12 Apr 45	Tonndorf, Ger.
15 Jan 45	Givry, Bel.	13 Apr 45	Saalborn, Ger.
16 Jan 45	Villereux, Bel.	13 Apr 45	Rodias, Ger.
22 Jan 45	Houffalize, Bel.	14 Apr 45	Altondorf, Ger.
23 Jan 45	Cetturu, Bel.	15 Apr 45	Kleinebersdorf, Ger.
24 Jan 45	Limerle, Bel.	15 Apr 45	Burkersdorf, Ger.
26 Jan 45	Hautbellain, Lux.	16 Apr 45	Zickra, Ger.
27 Jan 45	Espeler, Bel.	17 Apr 45	Teichwoffrandsdorf, Ger.
28 Jan 45	Neundorf, Bel.	17 Apr 45	Steinpleis, Ger.
31 Jan 45	Saint Vith, Bel.	18 Apr 45	Stenn, Germany

To those Gallant Comrades whose deeds enrich the Honor of the Battalion.

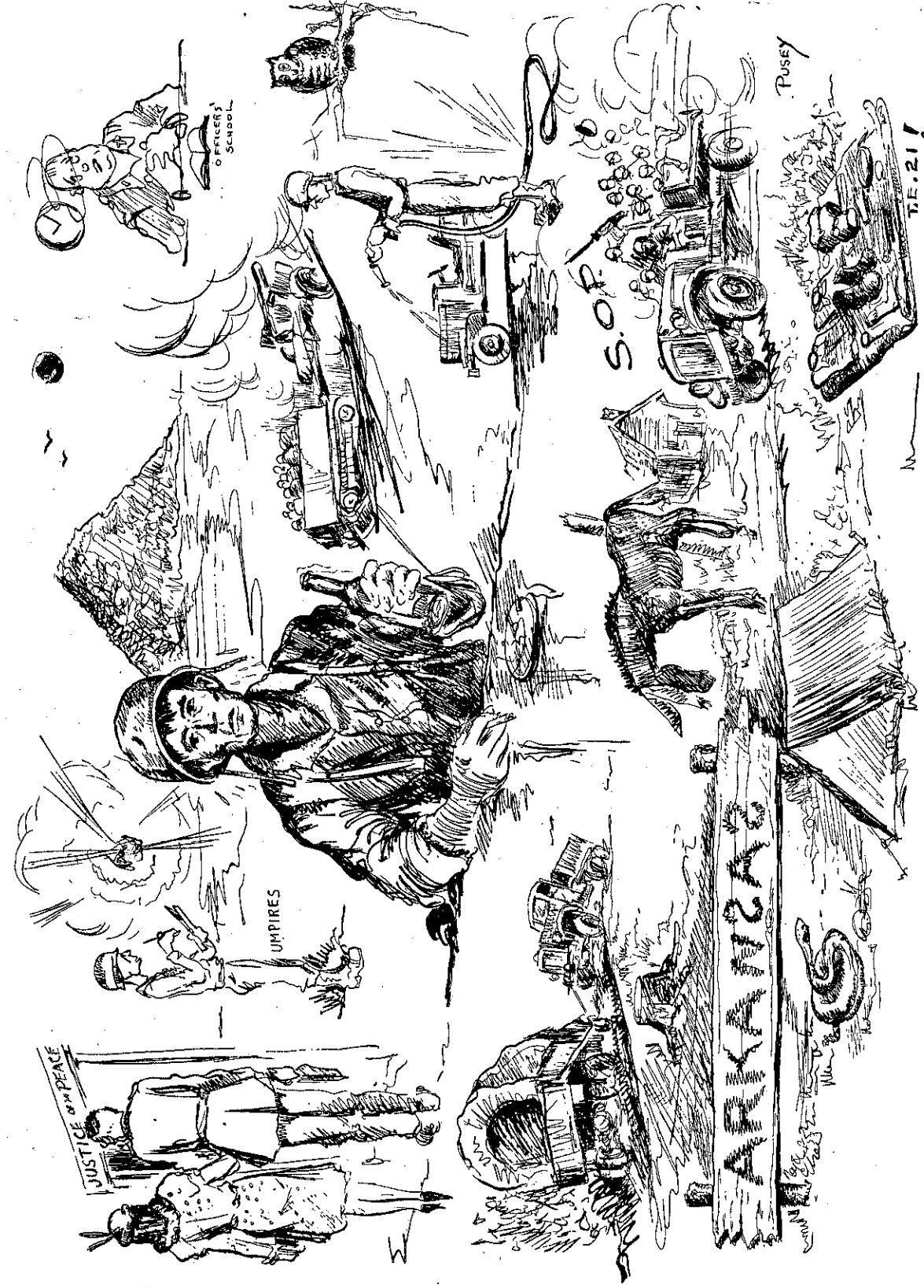
Captain Albert J. Franz, Commanding Officer, Battery "A", 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Died of wounds received 27 February 1945 while reconnoitering a Battery position in the Siegfried Line in the Schnee Eifel Forest.

Technician Fifth Grade Gordon F. Trammell, Battery "A", 81st Field Artillery Battalion, died of wounds received 5 November 1944 while serving as a radio operator with a forward observer party in the Battle of Stromberg Hill, Luxembourg. He was wounded by enemy snipers while evacuating his Forward Observer.

First Lieutenant Earl W. Miles, Reconnaissance Officer, Battery "A", 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Seriously wounded by enemy snipers 5 November 1944 while serving as a forward observer during the Battle for Stromberg Hill, Luxembourg.

First Lieutenant Theodore H. Kaplan, Reconnaissance Officer, Battery "C", 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Seriously wounded 23 January 1945 while registering the Battalion from an Observation Post under heavy enemy artillery fire near Hautbellain, Luxembourg.

Staff Sergeant Gerald V. Jones, Chief of Section, Battery "A", 81st Field Artillery Battalion. Seriously wounded 27 February 1945 by an enemy mine while reconnoitering howitzer positions in the Siegfried Line in the Schnee Eifel Forest.



COMMENDATIONS

4 August 1941	Area Engineer, Alaska Defense Command.
9 June 1942	Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth United States Army.
5 June 1944	Commanding General, Alaskan Department.
20 January 1945	Commanding General, Third United States Army with 1st Ind.
28 January 1945	Commanding Officer, 9th Armored Division Artillery with 5 Ind.
16 March 1945	Secretary of the Navy and Speaker of the House of Representatives.
19 March 1945	Commanding General, VIII Corps with 2 Ind.
25 April 1945	Commanding General, Third United States Army with 2 Ind.
28 April 1945	Order of the Day, General O. N. Bradley, 12th Army Group.
1 May 1945	Commanding General, Eighth Air Force.
7 May 1945	Unconditional Surrender of German Forces.
9 May 1945	Commanding General, First United States Army.
9 May 1945	General Order No. 98, Third United States Army.
9 May 1945	Victory Order of the Day, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

WAR DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE
Anchorage, Alaska

August 4, 1941.

Subject: Unloading U. S. A. T. WILL H. POINT.

To: The Commanding Officer, 81st Field Artillery, Fort Richardson, Alaska
(THROUGH The Commanding General, Alaska Defense Command, Fort Richardson, Alaska.)

1. In compiling the records showing the rate of unloading of the WILL H. POINT which arrived at Anchorage, Alaska on July 8, I am pleased to transmit to you the following information:

a. The U. S. A. T. WILL H. POINT arrived at 4:45 a. m., July 8. Unloading was begun at 8:30 a. m. the same day and was completed at 7:00 p. m., July 19. The elapsed time from the beginning to the completion of unloading was 11.44 calendar days. The Post furnished only sufficient troop labor for 2 shifts for the first 5 days. There were worked, therefore, 30 shifts, equivalent to 10 days of 3 shifts each.

b. The total tonnage handled amounted to 5,479 tons, an average of 548 tons per 24-hour, or 3-shift day, or 479 tons for each calendar day of elapsed time the ship was unloading. This amounts to 15 percent above the average attained by Seward over a one year period on a 24-hour unloading period.

2. The officers and men of the 81st Field Artillery who comprised the unloading detail are to be congratulated for this excellent record. It is a pleasure to express this word of appreciation through you, to which I add my personal thanks for their cooperation in this work.

/s/ B. B. Talley,
B. B. TALLEY,
Major, Corps of Engineers,
Area Engineer.

Headquarters Alaska Defense Command
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Fort Richardson, Alaska

June 10, 1942.

"HQ WDC AND FOURTH ARMY PSF CALIF 309 PM JUNE 9 1942
MAJOR GENERAL S B BUCKNER JR
U S ARMY CG ADC
FT RICHARDSON

CONVEY TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN YOUR COMMAND MY APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION AND THAT OF THE ENTIRE WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY OF THE SPLENDID MANNER WITH WHICH THEY HAVE MET THEIR FIRST TEST OF STRENGTH WITH THE ENEMY STOP THE ALERT EFFICIENCY OF ALL RANKS AT ALL STATIONS GIVES ASSURANCE OF READINESS TO MEET ENEMY ATTACKS OF ANY NATURE AT ALL TIMES STOP THE MAGNIFICENT WORK OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ELEVENTH AIR FORCE AND THEIR NAVAL COMRADES TOGETHER WITH THEIR GALLANT AND COURAGEOUS ACTION UNDER UNFAVORABLE AND DANGEROUS WEATHER CONDITIONS CHALLENGE THE IMAGINATION AND CALL FOR THE HIGHEST PRAISE STOP WHILE THE ENEMY HAS APPARENTLY WITHDRAWN COMMA HIS RETURN IS TO BE EXPECTED STOP WHEN HE DOES MAY HIS RECEPTION BE AS VIGOROUS AS THE ONE JUST ENDED AND HIS ANNIHILATION BE THE REWARD FOR HIS TEMERITY STOP KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK WE HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOUR ABILITY TO PRODUCE RESULTS

"DEWITT"

Headquarters Alaskan Department
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 942 c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Washington

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Commanding Officer, 81st Field Artillery, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

1. I wish to express my deep appreciation to the officers and men of your organization for the outstanding devotion to duty, courage, and efficiency which they have displayed over the many months of their assignment in Alaska.

2. The extremely difficult terrain and unfavorable weather conditions prevalent in Alaska and the Aleutians created manifold handicaps beyond those normally expected of troops to endure, however, your ruggedness, ingenuity, and persistence enabled you to overcome all difficulties and produce outstanding accomplishments.

3. Your unceasing labors, the effective execution of your missions, and superior courage, were great contributions in overpowering the enemy in the Aleutians.

4. The zeal, enthusiasm and devotion to duty displayed by all officers and men of your organization is worthy of the greatest praise and is a source of inspiration and pride.

/s/ S. B. BUCKNER, JR.
S. B. BUCKNER, JR.
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
APO 403

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: Commanding General, Officers and Men of the VIII Corps, APO 308,
U. S. Army.

1. The magnificent tactical skill and hardihood which you and your Command displayed in slowing up the German offensive, and the determined valor and tactical prescience which caused you to retain possession of BASTOGNE, together with your subsequent resumption of a victorious offensive, constitute a truly superb feat of arms.

2. You and the officers and men of your Command are hereby highly commended for a superior performance.

3. You will apprise all units concerned of the contents of this letter.

/s/ G. S. Patton, Jr.,
/t/ G. S. PATTON, JR.,
Lieut. General, U. S. Army,
Commanding

Ltr, Hq Third U. S. Army, subject: "Commendation", 20 January 1945.

AG 330.13

1st Ind

(20 Jan 45)

HEADQUARTERS VIII CORPS, APO 308, U. S. Army, 23 January 1945.

TO: 81st Field Artillery Battalion, APO 403, U. S. Army.

1. This commendation is forwarded to all members of this command with my heartfelt congratulations on a job well done.

2. In the difficult days just past, all personnel exhibited great devotion to duty and valor in their tenacious stand against tremendous odds.

3. It gives me great pleasure to forward this letter to those who have earned such a commendation.

4. This letter will be brought to the attention of all members of your command.

/s/ Troy H. Middleton
/t/ TROY H. MIDDLETON,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding

AG 330.13

2nd Ind

(20 Jan 45)

HEADQUARTERS 81ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, APO 403,
U. S. Army

TO: Each Officer and Man 81st F. A. Bn., APO 403, U. S. Army.

The 81st F. A. Bn., was attached to the VIII Corps during the entire operation for which the Army Commander has cited the VIII Corps; therefore every officer and man of the Battalion may feel justly proud of Lieut. General Patton's personal commendation for a superior performance.

U. P. WILLIAMS
Lt. Col., FA
Commanding

DIVISION ARTILLERY COMMAND

APO 259 U. S. Army

28 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Commanding Officer, 422d Field Artillery Group Thru Commanding General, 9th Armd Div.

I wish to commend you and the units under your command, for the excellent manner in which supporting fires were delivered during the period 16 December 44 to 26 December 44.

During the period 16 December 44 to 26 December 44, the missions fired by these units greatly aided in repelling numerous attacks and inflicting severe losses, both men and equipment, upon the enemy.

The speed and accuracy with which these missions were accomplished and the cheerful spirit of cooperation which prevailed at all times, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service, and reflects great credit upon the officers of these units.

Your assistance at all times was greatly appreciated and admired. My best wishes go with you on your future missions.

/s/ Joseph W. West
JOSEPH W. WEST
Col., FA
Commanding

1st Ind.

1 February 1945

HEADQUARTERS 9TH ARMORED DIVISION, APO 259, U.S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer, 422d Field Artillery Group, U.S. Army (THRU:
Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U.S. Army)

The rapid and accurate coordination of your headquarters and your field artillery battalions in delivering fire on the Germans was of material assistance to Combat Command "A" of this division in holding its sector. I add my commendation to that of Colonel WEST for the splendid work of your officers and men.

/s/ John W. Leonard
JOHN W. LEONARD
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

2nd Ind

HEADQUARTERS VIII CORPS, APO 308, U.S. Army, 10 February 1945

THRU: Commanding General, VIII Corps Artillery, APO 308.

TO: Commanding Officer, 422nd Field Artillery Group, APO 403.

It is a pleasure to forward this letter, reflecting as it does the high spirit of cooperation between all elements of the Army, which contributes so much to our successful operations.

/s/ Troy H. Middleton
TROY H. MIDDLETON
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

3rd Ind.

JEM/bgg

HEADQUARTERS VIII CORPS ARTILLERY, APO 308, U.S. Army, 15 Feb 45

TO: Commanding Officer, 422d Field Artillery Group, APO 403, U.S. Army.

1. I add my commendation to that of Colonel West.
2. Every officer and enlisted man of your organization should be extremely proud of his part in stopping the German attack. My congratulations to them all.

/s/ John E. McMahon
JOHN E. MCMAHON
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Commanding

4th Ind.

19 Feb 45

HEADQUARTERS, 422D FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 339, U.S. Army,

TO: Commanding Officer, 81st F. A. Battalion, APO 403, U.S. Army

1. The forgoing commendation is forwarded to you with great pleasure.
2. The results indicated could not have been attained without the splendid cooperation and ability displayed by the officers and men under your command. You and your command are to be commended for a job well done.

/s/ Harlo W. Higby
HARLO W. HIGBY
Lt Colonel, FA
Commanding.

5th Ind.

28 Feb 45

HEADQUARTERS 81ST FIELD ARTILLERY BN, APO 403, U.S. Army,

TO: All Batteries, 81st F. A. Bn, APO 403, U.S. Army

1. The fortitude, courage and Esprit de Corps exhibited by the Battalion during the past five months is worthy of the greatest praise and will insure the continued success of the Battalion and the inevitable defeat of the enemy.
2. To every officer and enlisted man of the Battalion I express my gratitude.

U. P. WILLIAMS
Lt. Col., FA
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

16 March 1945

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY:

“FOR GENERAL OF THE ARMY DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. THE UNITED STATES NAVY JOINS THE NATION IN ADMIRATION FOR THE FEATS OF THE ARMIES UNDER YOUR COMMAND AND PARTICULARLY SENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST ARMY ON ITS HISTORIC CROSSING OF THE RHINE.

REGARDS AND ALL PERSONAL GOOD WISHES. JAMES FORRESTAL. “THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SPEAKER RAYBURN OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

“AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED, I SEND TO YOU, THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF ALL SERVICES UNDER YOUR COMMAND, OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORIES RECENTLY ACHIEVED ON THE WESTERN FRONT.”

HEADQUARTERS VIII CORPS
Office of the Commanding General

APO 308, U. S. Army
19 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Commanding General, 87th Infantry Division, APO 448, U. S. Army

1. On the completion of the advance of the 87th Infantry Division from the vicinity of Saint Vith, Belgium, through the Siegfried Line Defenses and on to the Rhein River, which culminated in the capture of the historic city of Koblenz, I desire to take this means of expressing my appreciation for the excellent performance of the officers and men of your command during the advance in question.

2. It has been my duty to assign to the 87th Division difficult tasks while it has been in the VIII Corps. I am pleased to say that the division has always accepted its assignments with the spirit of “Can Do”. Furthermore, the division has accomplished all missions given it in a most satisfactory manner. The most recent mission of forcing a crossing of the Moselle River, capturing Koblenz, and clearing the enemy from the area from Koblenz to Boppard was a difficult one made easy by the hard work and superior cooperation by all members of the division and attached units.

3. The 87th Division can no longer be considered inexperienced and unseasoned. The division now takes rank with other fine, experienced combat organizations in the U. S. Army. I therefore convey to all ranks of the division my thanks and appreciation for the work you have done so well.

/s/ Troy H. Middleton
TROY H. MIDDLETON
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding

1st Ind.

Ha 87th Inf Division APO 448 U. S. Army 20 March 45

TO: Commanding Officer, 174th FA Group, APO 308, U. S. Army

This commendation from a distinguished soldier is most gratifying. I desire to add my appreciation of the part played by troops under your command. It is requested that you express to them my thanks and admiration for their fighting qualities which have made possible the success of the 87th Infantry Division and attached units.

/s/ Frank L. Culin, Jr.
FRANK L. CULIN, JR.
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

2nd Ind.

23 March 1945.

HEADQUARTERS 174TH FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 403, U. S. Army,

TO: Commanding Officer, 81st Field Artillery Battalion, APO 403, U. S. Army.

It is with great pleasure that I forward this commendation. The role played by your unit contributed materially to the successful advance through the Siegfried Line to the Rhein River.

/s/ Walter R. Hensey, Jr.
WALTER R. HENSEY, JR.
Colonel, FA
Commanding

3rd Ind.

25 March 1945.

HEADQUARTERS 81ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, APO 403, U. S. Army.

TO: All Personnel, 81st FA Bn.

The above commendations have been earned through the efforts of every officer and enlisted man in the Battalion. Such work is earning for the Battalion the reputation of an outfit the doughboys like to have behind them. To forward this commendation is a sincere pleasure.

For the Battalion Commander:

R. W. ALLEN
Major, FA
Executive

HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
APO 403

25 April 1945

My dear General Middleton:

Again the exigencies of war have separated the VIII Corps and the Third Army. We are all most regretful.

None of us will ever forget the stark valor with which you and your Corps contested every foot of ground during Von Rundstedt's attack. Your decision to hold BASTOGNE was a stroke of genius.

Subsequently, the relentless advance of the VIII Corps to the KYLL River, thence to the RHINE, your capture of KOBLENZ and subsequent assault crossings of the RHINE at its most difficult sector, resulting in your victorious and rapid advance to the MULDE River, are events which will live in history and quicken the pulse of every soldier.

Please accept for yourself and transmit to the officers and men of your command my sincere thanks and admiration for the outstanding successes achieved. May all good fortune attend you.

Very sincerely,

/s/ G. S. Patton, Jr.
/t/ G. S. PATTON, JR.,
Lieut. General U. S. Army.
Commanding

Major General Troy H. Middleton
Headquarters VIII Corps
APO 308, U. S. Army

Ltr fr Lt General G. S. Patton, Jr. to Maj General Troy H. Middleton, 25 April 1945 Continued.

AG 330.13 — GNMHG 1st Ind.
(25 Apr 45)

HEADQUARTERS VIII CORPS, APO 308, U. S. ARMY, 27 April 1945.

TO: 81st Field Artillery Battalion, APO 230, U. S. Army

It is with deep appreciation and a sense of humility that I transmit to the officers and to the enlisted men who have served in the VIII Corps since December 16, 1944 this letter of appreciation from General Patton.

As we review the picture since Bastogne, we see performance of feats by officers and men of the Corps which in normal times one would have believed to be impossible of execution. It is however doing the impossible which marks the leader and returns the winner in war.

My sincere thanks to those members of the Corps now living and my humble reverence to those now deceased who by devotion to a cause and a duty made this letter of appreciation from our Army Commander possible.

/s/ Troy H. Middleton
TROY H. MIDDLETON
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding

2nd Ind.

29 April 1945

HEADQUARTERS 174TH FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 230, U. S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer, 81st Field Artillery Battalion, APO 230, U. S. Army.

It is with great pleasure that I forward a copy of the Army Commander's letter and the Corps Commander's indorsement to you and your battalion in order that you may know that the strenuous efforts you have put forth in the last four months have been appreciated.

/s/ W. R. Hensey, Jr.
W. R. HENSEY, JR.
Colonel, FA
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS 12TH ARMY GROUP
APO 655 U. S. ARMY

AG 330.13 — GNMHS

28 April 1945

SUBJECT: ORDER OF THE DAY

TO: 81st Field Artillery Battalion

"Soldiers of the First, Third, Ninth, and Fifteenth American Armies".

At 1640 hours on April 25, 1945, in the twenty-ninth Month of our land war against the German Government, American Troops of the Twelfth Army Group joined forces with SOVIET Elements of Marshal KONIEV'S FIRST Ukrainian Army Group.

These armies have come to you from the ruins of Stalingrad and Sevastopol — across the scorched cities of the Ukraine. In 2 years they have smashed 1400 miles through the German Armies to drive the enemy from RUSSIA and pursue him to the ELBE.

Their achievements — and they have given immortality to a people that would not be conquered — are made more meaningful by your own deeds.

Across 3800 miles of an ocean supply line, you have forced a coast the enemy had been years preparing against you. Within four months after landing you destroyed whole armies — to take PARIS, free FRANCE, and give the world a symbol of freedom. When the enemy raised a new army and threw it into the winter battle of the Ardennes you smashed it and flung its remnants back. You have beaten and broken down this mighty SIEGFRIED Line. You crossed the RHINE in your stride, encircled and reduced the RUHR.

While demonstrating new lessons in mobile warfare, you have annihilated whole groups of German Armies in the West on their own German soil. In one zero (10) months you have fought your way seven hundred miles from the beaches. These accomplishments were secured by your courage, your resourcefulness, and by your comrades who died to achieve them.

You have shared in the liberation of four (4) nations, given hope to others, and conquered half of Germany.

The people of America, who armed you, have had great faith in you. You have justified that faith as you will in the battles that follow.

O. N. BRADLEY
General, USA Commanding

1 May 1945.

Telegram from the Commanding General, Eighth Air Force.

"YOUR COOPERATION WITH OUR BOMBING EFFORT BY COUNTERBATTERY FIRE ON ABLE ABLE POSITIONS HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL THIS SPLENDID COOPERATION OF ALLIED ARTILLERY HAS SAVED MANY AIR CREW MEMBERS AND MANY AIRCRAFT PD IN ALL AIR CREWS THERE EXISTS HEARTY APPRECIATION OF YOUR EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THESE ABLE ABLE POSITIONS AT THE POINTS AT WHICH AIR CREWS CROSS INTO ENEMY TERRITORY PD I HAVE AN ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK BEING DONE BY THESE UNITS AND FOR THE RESULTS THEY HAVE ACHIEVED PD"

Hq VIII Corps
G-3 Section
070900B May 1945

TELETYPE

URGENT

THE FOLLOWING SHAEF MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM NINTH U.S. ARMY AND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMPLIANCE:

"REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND SIGNED THE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF ALL GERMAN LAND, SEA, AND AIR FORCES IN EUROPE TO THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND AT 070141B MAY 1945, UNDER WHICH ALL FORCES WILL CEASE ACTIVE OPERATIONS AT 090001B MAY 1945. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WILL CEASE. TROOPS WILL REMAIN IN PRESENT POSITIONS. MOVES INVOLVED IN OCCUPATIONAL DUTY WILL CONTINUE. DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATIONS, THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY IN SIMILAR ORDERS REACHING ENEMY TROOPS, SO FULL DEFENSIVE PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN. NO RELEASE TO THE PRESS PENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HEAD OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS."

MIDDLETON
CG VIII CORPS

HEADQUARTERS
FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
APO 230

9 May 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation of Major General Troy H. Middleton, 03476

TO: Major General Troy H. Middleton, Commanding General, VIII Corps,
APO 308.

Now that the fighting in Germany is over I want to express to you, your staff and to the fighting troops of your command my appreciation for your gallant performance. Please let them know that I am deeply grateful for their outstanding accomplishments.

In each of the three periods you were under my command you displayed outstanding leadership, cooperation, and tactical judgement in fulfilling your assigned missions. From Normandy, through France and Belgium to the Mulde River, VIII Corps has established an enviable record.

I desire to commend you on your distinguished contribution toward the victory in Europe and to extend to you, you officers and your men my personal wishes for new successes.

/s/ Courtney H. Hodges
COURTNEY H. HODGES
General, U. S. Army,
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HEADQUARTERS VIII CORPS, APO 308, U. S. Army, 16 May 1945.

TO: 81st Field Artillery Battalion, APO 230, U. S. Army.

This commendation from the Commanding General, First United States Army is forwarded for the information of the officers and enlisted men of the VIII Corps whose good work made the commendation possible.

/s/ Troy H. Middleton,
TROY H. MIDDLETON
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HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

9 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 98

SOLDIERS OF THE THIRD ARMY, PAST AND PRESENT

During the 281 days of incessant and victorious combat, your penetrations have advanced farther in less time than any other army in history. You have fought your way across 24 major rivers and innumerable lesser streams. You have liberated or conquered more than 82,000 square miles of territory, including 1500 cities and towns, and some 12,000 inhabited places. Prior to the termination of active hostilities, you had captured in battle 956,000 enemy soldiers and killed or wounded at least 500,000 others. France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia bear witness to your exploits.

All men and women of the six corps and thirty-nine divisions that have at different times been members of this Army have done their duty. Each deserves credit. The enduring valor of the combat troops has been paralleled and made possible by the often unpublicized activities of the supply, administrative, and medical services of this Army and of the Communications Zone troops supporting it. Nor should we forget our comrades of the other armies and of the Air Force, particularly of the XIX Tactical Air Command, by whose side or under whose wings we have had the honor to fight.

In proudly contemplating our achievements, let us never forget our heroic dead whose graves mark the course of our victorious advances, nor our wounded whose sacrifices aided so much to our success.

I should be both ungrateful and wanting in candor if I failed to acknowledge the debt we owe to our Chiefs of Staff, Generals Gaffey and Gay, and to the officers and men of the General and Special Staff Sections of Army Headquarters. Without their loyalty, intelligence, and unremitting labors, success would have been impossible.

The termination of fighting in Europe does not remove the opportunities for other outstanding and equally difficult achievements in the days which are to come. In some ways the immediate future will demand of you more fortitude than has the past because, without the inspiration of combat, you must maintain—by your dress, deportment, and efficiency—not only the prestige of the Third Army but also the honor of the United States. I have complete confidence that you will not fail.

During the course of this war I have received promotions and decorations far above and beyond my individual merit. You won them; I as your representative wear them. The one honor which is mine and mine alone is that of having commanded such an incomparable group of Americans, the record of whose fortitude, audacity, and valor will endure as long as history lasts.

/s/ G. S. Patton, Jr.,
G. S. PATTON, JR.,
General

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
APO 757

9 May 1945

SUBJECT: Victory Order of the Day.

TO: 81st F. A. Bn.

I

"MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE: THE CRUSADE ON WHICH WE EMBARKED IN THE EARLY SUMMER OF NINETEEN FORTY FOUR HAS REACHED ITS GLORIOUS CONCLUSION. IT IS MY ESPECIAL PRIVILEGE, IN THE NAME OF ALL NATIONS REPRESENTED IN THIS THEATER OF WAR, TO COMMEND EACH OF YOU FOR VALLANT PERFORMANCE OF DUTY. THOUGH THESE WORDS ARE FEEBLE THEY COME FROM THE BOTTOM OF A HEART OVERFLOWING WITH PRIDE IN YOUR LOYAL SERVICE AND ADMIRATION FOR YOU AS WARRIORS.

"YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT SEA, IN THE AIR, ON THE GROUND AND IN THE FIELD OF SUPPLY, HAVE ASTONISHED THE WORLD. EVEN BEFORE THE FINAL WEEK OF THE CONFLICT, YOU HAD PUT FIVE MILLION OF THE ENEMY PERMANENTLY OUT OF THE WAR. YOU HAVE TAKEN IN STRIDE MILITARY TASKS SO DIFFICULT AS TO BE CLASSED BY MANY DOUBTERS AS IMPOSSIBLE.

II

"YOU HAVE CONFUSED, DEFEATED AND DESTROYED YOUR SAVAGELY FIGHTING FOE. ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY YOU HAVE ENDURED EVERY DISCOMFORT AND PRIVATION AND HAVE SURMOUNTED EVERY OBSTACLE. INGENUITY AND DESPERATION COULD THROW IN YOUR PATH. YOU DID NOT PAUSE UNTIL OUR FRONT WAS FIRMLY JOINED UP WITH THE GREAT RED ARMY COMING FROM THE EAST, AND OTHER ALLIED FORCES, COMING FROM THE SOUTH.

"FULL VICTORY IN EUROPE HAS BEEN ATTAINED.

"WORKING AND FIGHTING TOGETHER IN A SINGLE AND INDESTRUCTIBLE PARTNERSHIP YOU HAVE ACHIEVED A PERFECTION IN UNIFICATION OF AIR, GROUND AND NAVAL POWER THAT WILL STAND AS A MODEL IN OUR TIME.

"THE ROUTE YOU HAVE TRAVELED THROUGH HUNDREDS OF MILES IS MARKED BY THE GRAVES OF FORMER COMRADES. FROM THEM HAS BEEN EXACTED THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE: BLOOD OF MANY NATIONS — AMERICAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN, FRENCH, POLISH AND OTHERS — HAS HELPED TO GAIN THE VICTORY. EACH OF THE FALLEN DIED AS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM TO WHICH YOU BELONG, BOUND TOGETHER BY A COMMON LOVE OF LIBERTY AND A REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO ENSLAVEMENT.

III

"NO MONUMENT OF STONE, NO MEMORIAL OF WHATEVER MAGNITUDE COULD SO WELL EXPRESS OUR RESPECT AND VENERATION FOR THEIR SACRIFICE AS WOULD PERPETUATION OF THE SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP IN WHICH THEY DIED. AS WE CELEBRATE VICTORY IN EUROPE LET US REMIND OURSELVES THAT OUR COMMON PROBLEMS OF THE IMMEDIATE AND DISTANT FUTURE CAN BE BEST SOLVED IN THE SAME CONCEPTIONS OF COOPERATION AND DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN FREEDOM AS HAVE MADE THIS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SUCH A MIGHTY ENGINE OF RIGHTEOUS DESTRUCTION.

"LET US HAVE NO PART IN THE PROFITLESS QUARRELS IN WHICH OTHER MEN WILL INEVITABLY ENGAGE AS TO WHAT COUNTRY, WHAT SERVICE, WON THE EUROPEAN WAR. EVERY MAN, EVERY WOMEN, OF EVERY NATION HERE REPRESENTED, HAS SERVED ACCORDING TO HIS OR HER ABILITY, AND THE EFFORTS OF EACH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE OUTCOME. THIS WE SHALL REMEMBER — AND IN DOING SO WE SHALL BE REVERING EACH HONORED GRAVE, AND BE SENDING COMFORT TO THE LOVED ONES OF COMRADES WHO COULD NOT LIVE TO SEE THIS DAY.

SIGNED DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER."

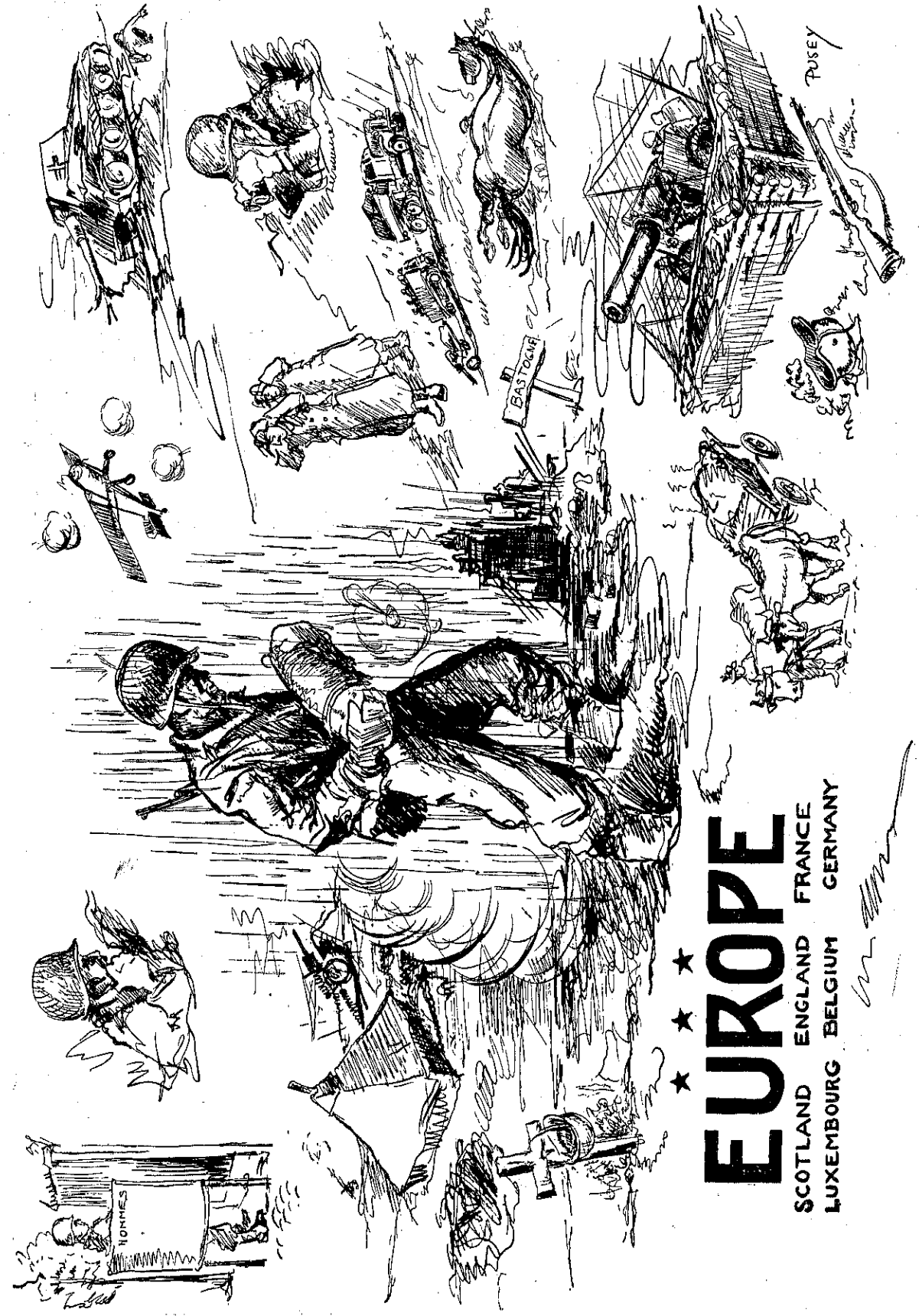
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