

HISTORY OF THE 324TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1944

A. Original unit.

1. 324th Field Artillery Battalion
2. Organized on 15 August 1942.
3. Organized at Camp Atterbury, Indiana

B. Change in Organization

1. Changed from T/O & E 6-35 to T/O & E 6-335 on 10 February 1944 in compliance with General Order #5, Headquarters, 83rd Infantry Division, dated 9 February 1944.

C. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

1. 1 January 1944

45 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 544 Enlisted Men. MAY 11 1947

2. Monthly increase or decrease for year of 1944.

Month	Increase	Decrease	Month	Increase	Decrease
January	0	7	July	0	11
February	10	0	August	0	9
March	0	57	September	0	0
April	0	0	October	0	15
May	0	0	November	20	0
June	0	0	December	0	8

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted as of 31 December 1944

28 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 486 Enlisted Men.

D. Stations of Unit.

1. Departed Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, 30 March 1944, arrived Camp Shanks, New York, 1 April 1944.

2. Departed Camp Shanks, New York, 5 April 1944, arrived Camp Bryn-Y-Pys, Flintshire, Wales, 18 April 1944.

3. Departed Camp Bryn-Y-Pys, Flintshire, Wales, 2 May 1944, arrived Camp Aston Park, Shropshire, England, 2 May 1944.

4. Departed Camp Aston Park, Shropshire, England, 17 June 1944 arrived Camp Winterborn Abbas, Dorchester, England, 17 June 1944.

5. Departed Camp Winterborn Abbas, Dorchester, England, 18 June 1944, arrived Normandy, France, 20 June 1944.

6. Departed France, 24 September 1944, arrived Luxembourg, 24 September 1944.

7. Departed Luxembourg, 4 December 1944, arrived Germany, 5 December 1944.

8. Departed Germany, 26 December 1944, arrived Belgium, 26 December 1944.

E. Marches: None

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E. Campaigns.

1. Normandy Campaign.

- a. Normandy, France
- b. 6 June 1944 to 24 July 1944
- c. Purpose was to drive the enemy out of Normandy, France
- d. Authority ordering members of this command to wear a Bronze Service Star: Letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, dated 16 November 1944. Subject: Battle Participation Awards, Normandy Campaign #1

2. Northern France Campaign.

- a. Northern France
- b. 25 July 1944 to 14 September 1944.
- c. Purpose was to destroy the enemy in Northern France.
- d. Authority ordering members of this command to wear a second Bronze Service Star: Letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, dtd 1 December 1944. Subject: Battle Participation Awards, Northern France Campaign #1

3. Germany Campaign.

- a. Germany
- b. 15 September 1944 to not terminated.
- c. Purpose was to meet and destroy the enemy on the west side of the Roer River in Germany.
- d. Authority ordering members of this command to wear a third Bronze Service Star: Letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, dated 24 December 1944. Subject: Battle Participation Awards, Germany Campaign #1.

F. Battles: No official authority at present time.

G. Commanding Officers.

- 1. Lt Col. George W. Irvine commanded during the entire year and was personally in command during all engagements.

H. Losses in Action, Officers & Enlisted men.

1. Normandy Campaign

a. Killed in action

Melvin W. Pokela	S/Sgt
Andrew J. Giannotti	S/Sgt
James C. Staggs	Pfc
Richard Fuschillo	Pvt

b. Wounded in action

George W. Baber	S/Sgt
Edward Burr II	1st Lt
Benjamin Francavilla	Pfc
Gearld D. Walters	Pfc
Oscar C. Decker	Tec 5
Samuel J. Bifano	Tec 4
George B. Pekar	Tec 5
James E. Steib	S/Sgt

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2. Northern France Campaign

a. Killed in action

Daniel J. Dunn	Pvt
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b. Wounded in action

Albert C. Letsch	Cpl
Leo D. Moore	Pfc
George D. Hall	Pfc
Jacob Balick	Cpl
Charles V. Robinson	Pfc
Elzo Mills	Pvt
Paul E. Wilhelm	Pvt

3. Germany Campaign

a. Killed in action

Hugh J. Leonard	1st Lt
Jerome E. Whitehead	S/Sgt
Joe Watts Jr	Pvt
Frank J. Carmardi	Pfc

b. Wounded in action

James E. LaFollette, Jr	1st Lt	John J. Walsh	Cpl
James N. Nethery	Pvt	John W. D'Entremont	Tec 4
Milford P. Powell	Pvt	Noel A. Hill	Pfc
Jacob Balick	Cpl	Samuel A. Dorshow	2nd Lt
John W. Gingell	Capt	Stanley P. Leake	Pvt
Warren H. Watson	Pfc	John P. Martin	Pvt
Lawrence Fusco	Pvt	Leslie L. Watson, Jr	Pvt
Charles E. Nothnagel	S/Sgt	Clifford G. Kantenwein	Pfc
George W. Hollingshead	Pfc	Robert Y. Patterson, Jr	1st Lt

1. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action:

BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

Samuel A. Dorshow	2nd Lt	Per SO 212 Hq. TUSA dated 26 September 44
George W. Baber	2nd Lt	Per SO 345 Hq. FUSA dated 16 December 44

SILVER STAR

John R. Blackburn	1st Lt	Per GO 31 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 25 Aug 44
Glen J. Sundberg	Captain	Per GO 31 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 25 Aug 44
Samuel A. Dorshow	2nd Lt	Per GO 31 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 25 Aug 44

SOLDIERS MEDAL

Donald E. Dager	Pfc	Per GO 61 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 24 Oct 44
Stanislaus A Kusmierek	S/Sgt	Per GO 61 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 24 Oct 44
Joseph M. Sopolak	Tec 4	Per GO 61 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 24 Oct 44
James E. Steib	S/Sgt	Per GO 61 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 24 Oct 44
Peter Constantino	Cpl	Per GO 28 Hq 83d Inf Div dtd 24 Oct 44

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Bernet J. Darish	Tec 5	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
Michael Hruich	Pfc	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
George W. Irvine	Lt Col	Per GO 33 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	3 Sep 44
Owen A. Kirkland	Major	Per GO 40 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	15 Sep 44
Harold E. Balaity	Cpl	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Raymond L. Bunno	Capt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Herbert W. Davis	M/Sgt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
John W. D'Entremont	Cpl	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Louis R. Echert	Tec 4	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Raymond J. Flascck	Cpl	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Robert J. Frk	Tec 4	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Arthur Fultz	Cpl	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Walter P. Glinski	Tec 5	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Clarence J. Haldeman	Sgt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
William H. Hamilton	Pfc	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Hugh J. Leonard	2nd Lt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Charles Maxwell	Sgt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Tony R. Mihelcic	Cpl	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Joseph E. Minotti	S/Sgt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Angelo Nanfro	Tec 5	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Nicholas J. Olenik	S/Sgt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Meldron C. Owen	Tec 3	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
Robert J. Stoneburner	S/Sgt	Per GO 57 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Oct 44
James J. McGuffie	S/Sgt	Per GO 62 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
William Fenstermacher	Cpl	Per GO 63 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
J. W. Nicholson	Tec 5	Per GO 63 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
Edward J. Runk	1st Lt	Per GO 64 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
Mario O. Simonelli	Tec 4	Per GO 64 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
Henry F. Thomas	Tec 5	Per GO 64 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
Ernest C. Jones	Tec 3	Per GO 65 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
Louis J. Kinnan	1st Lt	Per GO 65 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
Walter C. Rolfe	Tec 5	Per GO 65 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	26 Oct 44
Edward A. Gaston	1st Lt	Per GO 71 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	3 Nov 44
Maryin E. Palmer	2nd Lt	Per GO 71 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	3 Nov 44
Joseph Bush	Sgt	Per GO 80 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	4 Dec 44
Albert R. Coelho	Pfc	Per GO 80 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	4 Dec 44
Edward A. Colello	Sgt	Per GO 80 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	4 Dec 44
Lee R. Deaton	S/Sgt	Per GO 80 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	4 Dec 44
Earl W. Perry	1/Sgt	Per GO 80 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	4 Dec 44
Stanley J. Ramska	Pfc	Per GO 80 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	4 Dec 44
Homer G. Thompson	Cpl	Per GO 71 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	3 Nov 44

AIR MEDAL

William Law	1st Lt	Per GO 18 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	30 Jul 44
Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster		Per GO 26 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	15 Aug 44
Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster		Per GO 31 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	25 Aug 44
Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster		Per GO 72 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	7 Nov 44
Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster		Per GO 85 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	23 Dec 44
Robert G. Slocum	Capt	Per GO 55 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	17 Oct 44
Glenn W. Behrens	2nd Lt	Per GO 31 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	25 Aug 44
Glenn J. Sundberg	Capt	Per GO 31 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	25 Aug 44
Dale L. Hoefler	1st Lt	Per GO 78 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	27 Nov 44
George T. Boscoff	S/Sgt	Per GO 27 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	18 Aug 44
Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster		Per GO 49 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	5 Oct 44

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PURPLE HEART

Raymond L. Bunno	Capt	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
Tony R. Mihelcic	Cpl	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
Calvin Robbins Jr	Pfc	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
Herman C. Huffman	Pvt	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
Robert E. Hoffman	Pvt	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
Thomas J. Sczafabo	Pfc	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
James E. Steib	S/Sgt	Per GO 13 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	20 Jul 44
George W. Baber	S/Sgt	Per GO 12 Hq 4th Conv Hosp	17 Jul 44
Frederick W. LeGeyt	Pvt	Per GO 25 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	13 Aug 44
James J. McGuffie	S/Sgt	Per GO 26 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	15 Aug 44
Louis R. Eckert	Tec 4	Per GO 45 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	29 Sep 44
Lester T. Ives	S/Sgt	Per GO 45 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	29 Sep 44
Milford P. Powell	Pvt	Per GO 70 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	2 Nov 44
Lee R. Deaton	S/Sgt	Per GO 72 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	7 Nov 44
Leo D. Moore	Tec 5	Per GO 72 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	7 Nov 44
Matthew B. Radich	Pfc	Per GO 72 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	7 Nov 44
Gerald D. Walters	Pfc	Per GO 72 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	7 Nov 44
George B. Pekar	Tec 5	Per GO 5 Hq 314 Sta Hosp dated	28 Jul 44
Edward Burr II	1st Lt	Per GO 24 Hq 160 Gen Hosp	29 Jul 44
James M. Nethery	Pvt	Per GO 78 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	27 Nov 44
Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster		Per GO 78 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	27 Nov 44
Jacob Balick	Cpl	Per GO 81 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	10 Dec 44
Frank W. Spowart	Pfc	Per GO 81 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	10 Dec 44
Elzo Mills	Pvt	Per GO 10 Hq 127 Gen Hosp dated	(Undated)
Paul E. Wilhelm	Pvt	Per GO 9 Hq 127 Gen Hosp dated	(Undated)
Charles V. Robinson	Pfc	Per GO 9 Hq 127 Gen Hosp dated	(Undated)
Glenn W. Behrens	1st Lt	Per GO 85 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	23 Dec 44
James E. LaFollette	1st Lt	Per GO 85 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	23 Dec 44
Edmund J. Miller	Tec 5	Per GO 85 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	23 Dec 44
Stephen J. Conley	Tec 4	Per GO 86 Hq 83rd Inf Div dated	29 Dec 44
George T. Boscoff	S/Sgt	Per GO 3 Hq 128 Gen Hosp dated	6 Sep 44
Felix M. Stencil	Pvt	Per GO 1 Hq 19 Gen Hosp dated	31 Aug 44