

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 419th ARM'D F.A. BN. TENTH ARMORED DIVISION

- Bn. debarked at Cherbourg, France at 2030 Sat. Sept. 23, 1944. proceeded to staging area bivouac at 2330.
- 24 Sept. to 3 Oct. regular camp duties.
- 4 Oct. howitzers caliberated.
- 5 Oct to 25 Oct. loading of vehicles completed and Bn. ready to leave for combat.
- 28 Oct. Bn. left in convoy.
- 29 Oct. to 1st Nov. Bn. made motor march across France.
- 2 Nov. Bn. occupied position at Vionville, France. 1st round fired by 3rd section of "C" Btry. at 1500 Hrs. B.F, registration in contact with the 17th SS 416 Inf. Div. and the 402 Inf. Div. "C" Btry. continued firing on targets until Nov. 6.
- 7 Nov. left Vionville for Bumerange, Luxem. Bn. put in direct support of the 90th Inf. Div.
- 9 Nov. first casualties, Lt. Reardon and Pfc Danko.
- 11 Nov Bn. displaced to Pixum, France. In contact with the 419th Inf. and the 25 Pz ~~Gr~~ Gr Div.
- 15 Nov. Bn. displaced with T/F Standish to Vic of Ordene, France. "C" Btry. as advance guard Btry,
- 16 Nov. supported advance of T/F in contact with 21st pz Div.
- 17 Nov. B Btry. FWD OBS tank knocked out. Crew escaped under cover of fire from BN.
- 18 Nov. Bn. displaced to Dalstein France. Lt Winsberg and observer shot down by plane that was thought to be friendly..
- 19 Nov. Bn. displaced to Bouzonville, France.
- 20 Nov. Crossed the German border east of Luxum at Schendorf.
- 25 Nov. Bn. mission changed from general to direct support of T/F Riley. Sinz shelled heavily by the Bn. enemy very active near Tettingen, counter attacking and defend from prepared positions.
- 29 Nov. Bn. displaced to Betting, France. Contact made with the German 19th Inf. Div.
- 2 Dec. Bn. displaced to Silwingen, Germany opposite Merzig. Contact made with the 19th Inf. Div.
- 8 Dec. Bn. CO made presentation of decorations.
- 16 Dec. Bn. moved to Wolper, Lux. in direct support of T/F Riley, mission to seize Echternach, Germany and drive the Germans back across the river.
- 18 Dec. Attempt made by T/F Riley and T/F Standish to relieve friendly troops at Echternach. Not successful. Enemy had adopted a fluid defense against which armor was ineffective.
- 21 Dec. all elements of the Tenth withdrew. Bn. stayed in position ~~at 0100~~ in support of the 159th Engr. Bn. and the 2nd Bn. 12th Inf. Bn. finally had to displace to Altrier to keep from being completely cut off.
- 23 Dec. Bn. displaced to Stege, Lux.
- 25 Dec. Bn. left Stege and went to Heisdorf, Lux. in contact with the 252 V. G. Div.
- 26 Dec. Bn. alerted for march to assy. area in Metz, France.
- 27 Dec. to 16 Jan. Bn. stayed in Metz doing maint.
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17 Jan. Bn. left Metz and marched to Merlenbach France. In contact with the 311th Inf.
- 18 Feb. Bn. displaced to Metz
- 19 Feb. to 18 Feb. Bn. remained in Metz doing maint.
- 12 Feb. Bn. displaced to Schendorf, Germany, mission to attack north and clear the Saar Moselle triangle as well as any intact bridges over the Saar. Bn. in direct support. Rounds fired up to this point 24, 905
- 20 Feb. Bn. displaced to Merzkirchen Germany where "A" and "C" Btry. received fire though to be a counter batry. but later proved to be friendly artillery. Rounds fired 322
- 21 Feb. Bn. siaplaced to Odsdorf Germany in support of CCA in contact with the 256 V.G. Div. rounds fired 287
- 22 Feb. rounds fired 235
- 23 Feb. rounds fired 155
- 24 Feb. 3 RCs sebt out with the 20th Inf. Bn. mission to attack across the Saar in assault baats. rounds fired 46
- 25 Feb. Bn. displaced southward to cross the Saar through the 94th Inf. Div. bridgehead.
- 26 Feb. Crossed the Saar at Serrig and stayed on the road all night. Rounds fired 57. Closed into position at Irsch under enemy fire .
- 27 Feb. Rounds fired 689
- 28 Feb. Bn. displaced to Steinbach. Incessof blowing up the Seigfried line. Rounds fired 349
- 1 March. Rounds fired 441
- 2nd Mar. In position at Franzheim, Trier fell to our forces today, moved to position outside Trier. The garrison at Trier fell intact. Rounds fired 233 Mission to defend Trier while Div. was regrouping.

- 3 Mar. Rounds fired 74
- 4 Mar. Rounds fired 305
- 5 Mar. Rounds fired 670. Division relieved by the 417 Inf.
- 6 Mar. Rounds fired 67
- 7 Mar. rounds fired 205
- 8 Mar. arrived at Houten after crossing the Kyll river through the 76 Inf. Div. bridgehead. T/F Cherry has taken the objective and has started the push on Wittlich in contact with the 212 V.G. Div. Rounds fired 373
- 9 Mar. Rounds fired 1604
- 10 Mar. Rounds fired 140
- 11 Mar. Displaced to Wittlich. In contact with the 76th Div. and the 560 V.G.
- 12 Mar. T/F Cherry takes objective. High ground between Alf and Reil. Rounds fired 380
- 13 Mar. Bn. moved back to Trier for Maint.
- 14 Mar. Bn. moved to Lappweiler in direct support of T/F Hankins. Rounds fired 264
- 17 Mar. Rounds fired 237
- 18 Mar. Rounds fired 238
- 19 Mar. Enemy on the run. Kaiserlautern taken, rounds fired 500
- 20 Mar. Bn. backtracked through Kaiserlautern and took Frankenstein. Rounds fired 113
- 21 Mar. Rounds fired 432
- 22 Mar. Rounds fired 238
- 23 Mar. Bn. following route of T/F Hankins moved into Landau, rounds fired 317
- 24 Mar. Rounds fired none
- 25 Mar. Orders to begin maint. at once on 30 hr. elect.
- 26 Mar. Left Landau and arrived at Mannheim 29th March.
- 30 Mar. Bn. in direct support of T/F Riley mission to take Weilburg reached there at 2030
- 31 Mar. Bn. displaced to Gaiberg in support of T/F Riley objective Hellbronn, rounds fired 258
- 1 April left Gaiberg and closed position at Eiberach. rounds fired 204.
- 2 Apr. Enemy air active. Bn. in direct support of T/F Roberts in contact with the 17th SS Panzer Div. rounds fired 27
- 3 Apr. Rounds fired 36
- 4 Apr. Rounds fired 600
- 5 Apr. Took Eibersbach and crossed the Moselle at Eibersbach. Rounds fired 400

Total number fired up to May 6th, 40,000

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Sept. 13, 1944 Left New York
Sept. 23, Arrived at Cherbourg, France
Sept. 24 to Oct. 26 prepared for combat at LeThiel, France
Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, moved to front
13 Nov. 2, to Nov. 6, Vionville, France firing on Metz
Nov. 7, to Nov. 13, Burmurrang, Lux.
Nov. 15, Ker---
Nov. 13, and 14, Fixem, Lux.
Nov. 15, Kerling, France
Nov. 16, Lemostraff, France
Nov. 17, Mannern, France
18 Nov. 18, Friestroff, France
Nov. 19, Dalestein, France
19-20 Nov. 20 to Nov. 28, Schendorf, Germany
Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, Betting, France
20-21 Dec. 2 to Dec. 16, Silwingen, Germany firing on Lertzig
Dec. 17, Bridal, Lux.
Dec. 18, Wolper, and Altrier, Lux. firing on Heher Echternach
Dec. 19, and 20, Wolper, Lux.
Dec. 21 and 22, Altrier, Lux.
Dec. 23, Nommern, Lux.
25 Dec. 24 and 25, Stegen, Lux.
Dec. 26, Heisdorf, Lux.
27-31 Dec. 27 to Jan. 16, Metz, France ~~2-4-6-7-10-11-13~~
Jan. 17, Donnely, France
Jan. 18, to Jan. 24, Merlebach, France
23-24 Jan. 25 to Feb. 9, Bettingen, France ~~2-4-6-8-~~
Feb. 10 to 19, Metz, France - 11-13-14-16-18
Feb. 20, Borg, Sinz, and Merzkirchen, Germany
27 Feb. 21, to Feb. 25, Onsdorf, Germany
Feb. 26, to 28, Irsh, Germany
March. 1 and 2, Franzenheim, Germany
3-7 March. 3 to 7, Olewig, Germany, outside Trier
March. 8, Oerhofen, and Rathaus, Germany
March. 9, Dodenburgh, Germany
March. 10, Dreis, and Wittlich, Germany
11 March. 11, Wittlich, Germany
March. 12, Neuesburg and Bengel, Germany
14 March. 13, to 15, Oliweg, Germany
March. 16, Zerf and Rappweiler, Germany
March. 17, Morscholz and Buweiler, Germany
March. 18, Selbach, Bleisen, Germany
March. 19, Niederkirchen, Pattersheim, and Kauserlautern, Germany
March. 20, Kauserlautern, Niederkirchen, and Frankenstein, Germany
March. 21, Ellerstadt, and Rodersheim, Germany
March. 22, Geegg-Hochdorf, Germany
March. 23, Duttweiler, and Landau, Germany
24 March. 24 to 27, Landau, Germany
March. 28, Lampersheim, Germany
March. 29, Manneheim, Germany
March. 30, Seckenheim, and Heidelberg, Germany
March. 31, Leiben and Guilberg, Germany
April. 1, Langenzell, Aglastershausen, and Bergen, Germany
April. 2, Ruffenhardt, and Biberach, Germany
3 April. 3, and 4, Biberach, firing on Heilbronn
April. 5, Windeshbusch, Germany
April. 6, Assamstadt, Germany
April. 7, Gröningen, Ilshofen, and Wolpertshausen, Germany
8 April. 8, Wolpertsharsen, Ilshofen, Germany
April. 9, Nesselbach, Lassbach, and Berndshausen, Germany
April. 10, Sindeldorf, Germany
April. 11, Crispenhofen, Wsisbach and Naufels, Germany
April. 12, Kleinierschbach, Germany, firing on Chrinzen

- 13 April. 13, Ohringen, Germany
- April. 14, Ohringen, Germany
- 15 April. 15, Untermassholerbach, Germany
- April. 16, Pfedelbach, Germany
- 17 April. 17, Gleichen, and Obermuhle, Germany
- April. 18, Hotten, and Obermuhle, Germany
- April. 19, Unterneustetten, Gerscholz, and Holzhaussen, Germany.
- April. 20, Schierbach, and Willengen, Germany
- 21 April. 21, Kirckheim, Germany
- April. 22, Owen, and Feldstettin, Germany
- April. 23, Allmendingen, Germany
- 24 April. 24, Berg, Reisstissen, Bicklofingen, and Keuren, Germany
- April. 25, Jedesheim, Germany
- April. 26, Dottenhausen, Osterburg, Gunz, and Oberkammlach, Germany
- April. 27, Mindelheim, Gernisried, Kaufboeren, and Hottenbach, Germany
- April. 28, Burgen, Germany
- April. 29, Kohlgrub, and Murnau, Germany
- April. 30, to May 15, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
- May. 8, ----- V-E DAY [1-3-6-8-9-12-13
- May. 15 to 20, Lengries, Germany 16-19-20-22-~~23~~ -
- May. 20 to June 19, Wegscheid, Germany 23-26-28-29-30 [1-3-6-8-9-10-11-16-17-19⁴³
- June. 19 to 26, Wessobrunn, Germany 21-21
- June. 26 to /????????????? Reigsee, Germany, near Murnau.

On May 5, 1945 the 19th. German Army surrendered to the TENTH ARMORED DIVISION.