

1591st ORDNANCE
SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE COMPANY AVN
318th SERVICE GROUP
APO 638 U.S. ARMY

15 Jan 1944

INITIALS

JOHN S. CARTER
1st Lt. Ord. Dept.
Commanding.

15 January 1944

UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT

Period of
4 March 1943 to 31 November 1943

DATE

EVENT

4 March 1943

Unit activated, designated as 1591st Ordnance MM Co Avn (C), at ADTS, Oklahoma City, Okla., per GO #9, Par 1, OCADAC, Will Rogers, Field, Okla.

5 March 1943

2nd Lt. JOHN S. CARTER asgd & jd as Commanding Officer per SO #63, Par 13, Hq ADTS, Oklahoma City, Okla., dtd 5 March 1943. (Incl #1). Assumes command per Company Order #1, dtd 4 March 1943. (Incl #2)
Cadre of seven (7) EL asgd & jd per Par 11, SO #63, Hq ADTS, dtd 4 March 1943. (Incl #1)

20 March 1943

2nd Lt. Hyman R. Stocknoff asgd & jd per SO #78, Par 13, dtd March 19, 1943, Hq ADTS, Oklahoma City, Okla. Assumes command of Unit.

26 March 1943

2nd Lt. Hyman R. Stocknoff trfd to 1600th Ord M M Co Avn (C). 2nd Lt. John S. Carter assumes command of Unit.

2 April 1943

Organization departed Will Rogers Field, Okla. on a permanent change of station, arrived at Barksdale Field, La. per SO #88, Hq AAB, Will Rogers Field, Okla. dtd 29 March 1943.

7 April 1943

2nd Lt. John S. Carter appointed Unit Intelligence & Public Relation Officer per Company Order #4 dtd 7 April 1943 (Incl #3).

2 May 1943

2nd Lt. Lane B. Slater asgd & jd per SO #121, par 15, Hq AAB Barksdale Field, La. dtd 1 May 1943. Primary duty assignment Supply & Armament Officer.

4 May 1943

Unit redesignated as "1591st Ordnance Supply & Maintenance Company (Avn)" per par 2 Sec I, GO #7, Hq AAB, Barksdale Field, La., dtd 1 May 1943.

11 May 1943

2nd Lt. Melvin I. Johnson asgd per SO #131, Par 11, Hq AAB, Barksdale Field, La. dtd 1 May 1943.
Appointed as Automotive Maintenance Officer per Company Order #11, dtd 24 May 1943 (Incl #4)

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14 May 1943

2nd Lt. Harold A. Trappe joined Company from Alburquerque, N.M. per SO #99, par 1, HQ SAADAC, Kelly Field, Texas, dtd 10 May 1943.

Appointed as Unit Ammunition Officer per Company Order #10 dtd 14 May 1943 (Incl #5).

2nd Lt. Zane B. Slotter left on DS to Naval Aerial Mine Warfare School, Yorktown, Va. per SO #98, par 1, HQ SAADAC Kelly Field, Tex., dtd 9 May 1943, for a 5 week course in aerial mines (Naval).

24 May 1943

2nd Lt. Melvin I. Johnson and 11 EM left on DS to Camp Polk, La. for automotive maintenance training under field conditions, per par 11, SO #143; HQ AAB, Barksdale Field, La., dtd 15 May 1943.

31 May 1943

2nd Lt. Harold A. Trappe left on DS to Ord School, APG, Md. for a special 8 week course in ammunition and aviation Ordnance.

10 June 1943

Pfc Mahley left on DS to Ord Auto School, Baltimore, Md.

16 June 1943

Cpl Arnone left on DS to Elgin Field, Fla. to attend school for Ord supply and maintenance.

24 June 1943

Organization departed on 24 hour bivouac, and 6 mile road march at Barksdale Field, La. reservation.

25 June 1943

Detachment on DS at Camp Polk, La. return to duty.

30 June 1943

Pfc Howerter left on DS to Ord School, APG Md.

1 July 1943

Pfc Leslie Green left on DS to Armament School, Aberdeen, Md.

2 July 1943

2nd Lt. John S. Carter promoted to 1st Lt. per 15, SO #183, WD Washington, D.C., dtd 2 July 1943.

2nd Lt. Zane B. Slotter returns to duty from Naval Aerial Mines School, Yorktown, Va.

Pfc's Cucchiera and Lewis leave on DS for Armament School at Savannah, Ill., and Lansing, Mich, respectively.

5 July 1943

Organization and entire 318th Service Group leave on 4 day Motor March, and bivouac. 1st day - travelled 112 miles, bivouaced overnight east of Colfax, La. 2nd day - travelled 207 miles, bivouaced overnight at Lufkin, Tex. 3rd day - travelled 94 miles, bivouaced overnight west of Tyler, Tex. 4th day - travelled 107 miles, returned to Barksdale Field, La.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
11 July 1943	Organization with 318th Service Group moved into bivouac area, Barksdale Field Reservation. Established a Service Center and bivouaced for 8 days. Returned to Barksdale Field Base 20 July 1943. Participated in advanced training program prior to overseas movement.
11 July 1943	Pfc Kazusky left on DS to Ord School, Lansing, Mich.
5 August 1943	2nd Lt. Harold A. Trappe returns from DS at Ord School, APG, Md.
4 September 1943	Entire organization participated in Company farewell party held at Minden, La. State Park.
8 September 1943	Unit and 318th Service Group commended by Commanding General of SAASC, and Commanding Officer of 318th Service Group on excellent showing made by the Group in preparation for oversea movement. (Incl #6).
14 September 1943	Unit and 318th Service Group departed from Barksdale Field, La. on permanent change of Station per par 2 g, SO #253 HQ BABAC, Barksdale Field, La., dtd 10 Sept 1943. (Incl #7)
17 September 1943	Arrived at Camp Kilmer, N.J. NYPE Staging Area.
18 to 26 September 1943	Unit underwent final Staging Area processing at Camp Kilmer, N.J., in preparation for overseas movement.
27 September 1943	Unit departed from Camp Kilmer, N.J. on permanent change of Station, and boarded Army Transport S.S. Daniel Chester French bound for foreign port. (Secret Orders)
14 October 1943	Arrived at port of Newport, England, after safe and uneventful crossing which took 17 days.
15 October 1943	Disembarked from Transport and entrained from Newport, England. Arrived at Cottesmore Station (US AAF Station 489).
	2nd Lt. Harold A. Trappe appointed as Unit Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. John S. Carter relieved per Company Order #18, dtd 4 Sept 1943.
	2nd Lt. Harold A. Trappe appointed as Unit Censor Officer per Company Order #19 dtd 8 September 1943. (Incl #8)
22 October 1943	1st Lt. John S. Carter appointed as US AAF Sta 489 Ordnance & Automotive Officer, per par 3, SO #6, US AAF Station 489, dtd 22 Oct 1943.
	Organization sets up Ordnance Shop and takes over Station Ordnance Duties.

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25 November 1943

10 EM and 1st Lt. John S. Carter attend a Thanksgiving Day reception and party given by the Lord Mayor in the City of Leicester.

31 November 1943

Organization continues to perform Station Ordnance duties.

John S. Carter
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1st Lt. Ord. Dept.,
Commanding.

8 Incls.

- Incl #1 - SO 63, Hq ADTS
- Incl #2 - CO 1, 1591st Ord
- Incl #3 - CO 4, 1591st Ord
- Incl #4 - CO 11, 1591st Ord
- Incl #5 - CO 10, 1591st Ord
- Incl #6 - Ltr Hqs, 318th Serv Gp
- Incl #7 - SO 253, Hq BARAC, Barksdale Fld
- Incl #8 - SO's 18, 19, 1591st Ord

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1591st ORDNANCE
SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE COMPANY AVN
83rd SERVICE GROUP
APO 638 U.S. ARMY

3 March 1944

UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT
FEBRUARY 1944

On 3 February 1944, Lt. Trappe and 4 EM returned to duty from Station 489 where they were performing certain Ordnance duties until an Ordnance Unit arrived at that Station. Upon his return Lt. Trappe was appointed Team "B" AFSC Motor Pool Officer and began operation of a AFSC Motor Pool.

The following named men received promotions during the month: S/Sgt. Rich to T/Sgt, S/Sgt Chamberland to T/Sgt, T/4 Hardgrave and Sgt Rhebergen to S/Sgt, Cpl Karnatz to Sgt, T/5 Prerichs and Redwood to T/4, and Pfc DiFrancesco to T/5. For a period of 2 weeks 6 man details were furnished the Station daily for the purpose of laying steel runway matting.

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Lt. Trappe attended a 2 day conference on transportation problems at
Station 401 on 16 February 1944.

On the 18th of February preparation was made for the Units movement to Station 455. All vehicles were checked, equipment packed, and all personnel made ready to move. The organization departed from Station 481 on the 20th of February at 0905 hours by motor convoy which consisted of 22 vehicles, and arrived at Station 455 at 1700 hours the same day. The trip of 165 miles was made without any mechanical or physical mishaps.

Lt. Sloter and 2 EM returned to Station 481 on 20 February to pick supplies that were not available at time of movement.

All vehicles were checked, and some equipment unpacked after arrival. Lt. Trappe picked up a supply of Cal 30 Carbine and '03 ammunition that was turned over to Group Ordnance. A Station Ordnance office was opened to perform only necessary Ordnance duties.

Pfc Nalli left on DS on 27 February with the 436th Troop Carrier Gp, 3rd ABN to act as Technical Automotive Inspector for that organization.

10 mm details were furnished for clearing areas, and pitching tents at new Station site.

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**1591st CREWANCH
SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE COMPANY AVN
83rd SERVICE GROUP**

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: Unit: J & JAG :
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APO 149, U.S. Army
3 June 1944.

UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT

MAY 1944

1. ORGANIZATION

- a. 3 May 1944 - Pfc Kahl and Pvt Niski leave on DS to Sta 563 to attend a 6 day bomb reconnaissance course per par 6, SO #64, HQ 83rd Sv Op, dtd 1 May 1944.
- b. 3 May 1944 - 2d Lt RICHARD W. SHAFER is appointed Bomb Reconnaissance Officer for Team "B", in addition to his other duties, per par 3, SO #64, HQ 83rd Sv Op, dtd 1 May 1944. (Incl #1).
- c. 3 May 1944 - Pfc Vernon Smith and Pvt Harts leave on DS to Sta 415 to attend a 3 day course on AA Machine gun firing. (Incl #2).
- d. 6 May 1944 - 2d Lt. LEONARD M. GLAUBER, is asgd and jd to organization from HQ, IX AFSC, per par 12, SO #125, HQ, IXAFSC, dtd 4 May 1944. (Incl #3).
- e. 6 May 1944 - Unit participated in Team B mobility maneuver per FO #3, HQ, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 3 May 1944.
- f. 10 May 1944 - 2d Lt. LEONARD M. GLAUBER is appointed Unit Ammunition Officer as primary duty, 2d Lt SHAFER relieved, per Company Order #11, dtd 10 May 1944. (Incl #4).
- g. 19 May 1944 - T/4 Redwood leaves on DS to Dorsetshire to attend a 10 day course on the 40 MM AA gun. (Incl #5)
- h. 21 May 1944 - 3 EN leave on DS to Wiltshire to attend an 8 day course on Motor Vehicle Waterproofing per Par 1, SO #101, HQ, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 18 May 1944. (Incl #6).
- i. 21 May 1944 - Entire group is commended by Col. SMITH of 2nd AABA, and Lt. Col. MAMMAN CO of the 83rd Sv Op upon its superior performance and efficiency, and manner by which it overcame difficulties encountered during period of its organization. (Incl #7).
- j. 21 May 1944 - Pfc Mosher leaves on DS to Depot O-640 to attend a 2 week course on the 90 MM AA cannon, per par 8, SO #102, dtd 20 May 1944, HQ, 83rd Sv Op. (Incl #8)
- k. 24 May 1944 - 2d Lt. RICHARD W. SHAFER, is appointed as Soldier Voting Officer in addition to his other duties, per Company Order #12, dtd 24 May 1944. (Incl #9).

2. STRENGTH

- a. 4 Officers, 76 Enlisted Men.

3. MOVEMENT

- a. NEGATIVE

4. CASUALTIES.

a. NEGATIVE.

5. DECORATIONS.

a. NEGATIVE.

6. GENERAL ACTIVITIES.

a. Throughout the month all sections of the unit were engaged in the performance of their respective Ordnance duties. All necessary preparations required by an alerted unit were carried out - vehicles were properly marked, construction and marking of boxes completed, weapons of all units inspected, and all efforts were made to bring this unit and other units' supplies and equipment up to T/S requirements.

An intensive program of motor vehicle waterproofing instruction was instituted by the automotive section. Key personnel of all units of the Service Group and Fighter Group received instruction, which consisted of actual waterproofing and also wading exercises.

Experiments were made by the automotive section on the reclaiming of burnt exhaust valves of the AutoCar. These valves have been giving a good deal of trouble due to burning. To render them serviceable the faces were ground undersized and Stellite was applied, not only because of its extreme hardness, but mainly because of its non-sealing properties. The valve was then reground.

The valve seats were chamfered at an angle of 15° in order to narrow the area of contact between the valve face and valve seat. This was done in order that the pressure per unit area between the valve and valve seat would become higher and thus enable the valve to seat itself more firmly upon closing.

Due to the shortage of jeep distributor rotors, experiments were conducted in the manufacture of rotors using Plexiglass. A rotor made of Plexiglass so far has given good service, and a method is being designed to enable them to be manufactured in reasonable numbers. The tools for this process are now being made.

The ammunition section was kept busy maintaining their stock level of bombs and ammunition. Most of the work of hauling and unloading of the bombs was done during the night due to the congested condition of railheads.

John S. Carter
JOHN S. CARTER
Capt. Ord. Dept.,
Unit Historical Officer.

9 Incls.

- Incl #1 - SO #84, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 1 May/44.
- Incl #2 - SO #85, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 2 May/44.
- Incl #3 - SO #125, HQ, IX AFSC dtd 4 May/44.
- Incl #4 - 1591st Ord, Company Order #11, dtd 10 May/44.
- Incl #5 - SO #100, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 17 May/44.
- Incl #6 - SO #101, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 18 May/44.
- Incl #7 - Ltr, HQ, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 21 May/44.
- Incl #8 - SO #102, 83rd Sv Op, dtd 20 May/44.
- Incl #9 - 1591st Ord, Company Order #12, dtd 24 May/44.

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1591ST ORDNANCE SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE COMPANY AVIATION
TEAM "B"

74th Service Group

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APO 149 U.S. Army
4 June 1945

UNIT HISTORICAL REPORT

MAY 1945

1. ORGANIZATION

a. No organizational changes occurred during the month however the unit felt strongly the effects of the redeployment program as far as personnel were concerned. The following well trained men were assigned to other organizations of the same type during the course of the month:

T/Sgts Calvin Hartman and Clifford C. Gregor, S/Sgt Arthur H. Karnatz, Sgt Bernard Sevin, Technicians Fourth Grade John E. Hood, Edward A. Stachewicz, James A. Thornton, Burdett C. Spiegel, Paul B. Redwood, Floyd E. Cornett, Richard G. Lorentz, Donald Fitzgibbons, Charles R. Safranek and John T. Barnes. Technicians Fifth Grade James O. Crider, Frank L. Covello, Ernest B. Jastrzebski, William J. Nalli, Stephen T. Smith, Riley W. Travers, Germain M. Yahner and Frank J. Lakata. Privates First Class Olan L. Drake, John G. Schnippel, Charles D. Hickerson and William J. Kohl. Private Martin Chassman.

b. Replacements from various other Ordnance S&M Companies were received during the course of the month.

c. Lt. Richard W. Shaffer left to attend the Information-Education Staff School at Cite Universitaire, Paris.

d. Capt. Gottlob W. Zell was appointed Team Supply Officer per SO #17 Hqs Team "B", 74th Service Group.

e. The following promotions were earned during the month:

S/Sgt Clifford C. Gregor to T/Sgt
Tec 5 Charles R. Safranek to Tec 4
Pfc Fredrick R. Barker to Tec 5
Pfc William E. Smith to Tec 5

2. STRENGTH

a. 4 Officers, 57 Enlisted Men

3. MOVEMENT

a. Negative

4. CASUALTIES

a. Negative

5. DECORATIONS

a. The unit was officially accorded Battle Participation Credit for the "Germany" campaign as established by Section VI GO #80 WD 1944.

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Unit Historical Report - May 45, 1591st Ord S & M Co Avn, 4 June 45, Cont'd

6. EVENTS & GENERAL ACTIVITIES

a. The long awaited and "hard fought for" VE Day was realized on the 9th of May but work went on as usual. Although the unit suffered fraternally through the transfer of men who had been a working combination for well over two years, the high standard of efficiency and amount of work turned out was unaffected. 110 3rd Echelon and 152 miscellaneous repair jobs went through the shops.

The cessation of tactical missions brought with it a sharp decline in the demand for armament parts and ammunitions. This however was compensated for by a noticeable increase in the demand for automotive parts, stove parts and general ordnance supplies. The supply section completed 1252 transactions during the month. This was accomplished on a skeleton staff owing to the aforementioned transfers.

b. The closing of the Aero-Club curtailed social activities to some extent but there has been a diversion to other features of the Special Services curriculum. Performances of a U.S.O. Show, "Five for Fun", and a French Show "Alles -OOp" were given during the month. The stage was out of doors thereby permitting a larger attendance. These along with three movies a week, baseball and volley-ball tournaments and other Special Services offerings have aided considerably in providing entertainment in the evenings.

c. Three day passes to Belgium were initiated during the last days of the month and the unit has been allotted a quota of two men per trip. We hope that this number will be increased.

d. A much needed and a very much used ping-pong table was added to the day room. This added amusement was built from "policed-up" materials by Tec 5 Charles R. Buchanan.

e. A group picture of the entire unit present was taken at the entrance to the living site by the Photography Section of Team "B", 74th Service Group. Copies of the photograph were made available to the men of the organization (Incl 2)

f. A detachment of one officer and eight enlisted men departed to become part of the 404th Disarmament Team which is participating in the disarming of Germany. They will be primarily concerned with armament peculiar to the "ex-Luftwaffe".

g. The unit received an "excellent" rating in both the monthly administrative and technical inspections conducted by the team. (Incl # 3 & #4).

Gottlob W. Zell
GOTTLÖB W. ZELL
Capt. Ord. Dept.
Unit Historical Officer

4 Incls :

Incl # 1- Extract, Ltr Hq, ETOUSA, "Battle Participation Awards- Germany Campaign (No 4), 16 April 1945.

Incl # 2 -Group Picture (1 cpy)

Incl # 3- Extract Ltr, Hq Team "B"- 74th Sv Gp, "Monthly Adm Insp of 1591st Ord S&M Co Avn, 23 May 45

Incl # 4 - Extract Ltr, Hq Team "B"- 74th Sv Gp, "Monthly Tech Insp of 1591st Ord S&M Co Avn, 31 May 45

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16 April 1945

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SUBJECT : Battle Participation Awards- Germany Campaign (No 4)

TO : Commanding Generals,
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe
Each Army Group
Communications Zone
Each Army
XVIII Corps (Airborne) Rear
United Kingdom Base, Communications Zone
European Division, Air Transport Command
Ground Force Reinforcement Command
Section Commanders, Communications Zone
Commanding Officers:
European Civil Affairs Division
Military Intelligence Service
Headquarters Commandant, APC 887

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 21b, (2) AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, announcement is made of units awarded battle credit for participation in the campaign "Germany" as established by paragraph 3, Section VI, General Orders No 80, War Department, 5 October 1944:

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL EISENHOWER:

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Brigadier, General, U S A
Adjutant General

Gottlob W. Zell
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Capt. Ord. Dept.
Commanding, 1591st Ord S&M Co Avn

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IX AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND

APC 149, U S Army
3 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 83)

AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE is awarded to the following units:

32D SPECIAL SERVICE COMPANY. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, the superior performance of normal duties and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline for the period 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations.

65TH AIRDROME SQUADRON. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, the superior performance of normal duties and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline for the period 1 July 1944 to 11 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations.

380TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, the superior performance of normal duties and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline for the period 1 January 1944 to 31 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations.

925TH SIGNAL COMPANY DEPOT, AVIATION. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, the superior performance of normal duties and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline for the period 1 November 1944 to 1 April 1945 in the European Theater of Operations.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 1585TH QUARTERMASTER GROUP, AVIATION. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, the superior performance of normal duties and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline for the period 3 May 1944 to 1 January 1945 in the European Theater of Operations.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 1586TH QUARTERMASTER GROUP, AVIATION. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, the superior performance of normal duties and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline for the period 1 January 1945 to 1 March 1945 in the European Theater of Operations.

2202D QUARTERMASTER TRUCK COMPANY, AVIATION. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, the superior performance of normal duties and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the European Theater of Operations.

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GENERAL ORDERS
No. 33

WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON 25, D. C., 1 May 1945

Section
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BATTLE HONORS—List of battles and campaigns

RESCISSION—War Department general orders

BATTLE HONORS.—The following are added to the list of battles and campaigns of the United States Army:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATER

1. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

a. *Combat zone*.—Philippine Islands and adjacent waters.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942.

2. BURMA, 1942.—This pertains to operations on the Burmese mainland during the period indicated, and to such local air operations as were directly concerned therewith.

a. *Combat zone*.—Geographical limits of Burma.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941 to 26 May 1942.

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

a. *Combat zone*.—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying west of the 180th meridian less the main islands of Japan, the Bonin-Vulcan and the Ryukyu Island chains, and the immediately adjacent waters; the Gilbert Islands and Nauru; the Hawaiian Islands on 7 December 1941 only; Midway Island from 3 to 6 June 1942 only.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941 to 6 December 1943 (except as indicated in a above).

4. EAST INDIES.

a. *Combat zone*.—Southwest Pacific Area less the Philippine Islands and less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south.

b. *Time limitation*.—1 January 1942 to 22 July 1942.

5. INDIA-BURMA.

a. *Combat zone*.—Those parts of India, Burma, and enemy-held territory lying beyond the following line: The Assam-Thibet border at east longitude 95°45', thence due south to latitude 27°32' north; thence due west to SADIYA branch of SADIYA-DIBRUGARH railway (exclusive); thence southwest along railway to TINSUKIA (exclusive); thence south along Bengal and Assam railway to NAMRUP (exclusive); thence southwestward through MOKEUCHUNG, KOHIMA, IMPHAL, and AIJAL to CHITTAGONG (all inclusive); also adjacent waters.

b. *Time limitation*.—2 April 1942 to 28 January 1945.

6. AIR OFFENSIVE, JAPAN.

a. *Combat zone*.—The Islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu, the enemy owned portion of Karufuto, and the Kurile, Bonin, and Ryukyu Islands, including the immediately adjacent waters.

b. *Time limitation*.—17 April 1942. Final date to be announced later.

7. ALEUTIAN ISLANDS.

a. *Combat zone*.—The area bounded by longitude 165° west, and 170° east, and by latitudes 50° and 55° north.

b. *Time limitation*.—3 June 1942 to 24 August 1943.

8. CHINA.

a. *Combat zone*.—Enemy-held portions of China and contiguous countries, plus a zone 50 miles in width extending into territory held by allied forces.

b. *Time limitation*.—4 July 1942. Final date to be announced later.

9. PAPUA.

a. Combat zone.—Southwest Pacific Area less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south and east of longitude 140° east.

b. Time limitation.—23 July 1942 to 23 January 1943.

10. GUADALCANAL.

a. Combat zone.—Solomon Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—7 August 1942 to 21 February 1943.

11. NEW GUINEA.

a. Combat zone.—Southwest Pacific Area less the Philippine Islands after 16 October 1944 and less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south and east of longitude 140° east, except that the Bismarck Archipelago and adjacent waters will be included from 24 January to 14 December 1943 only. Effective 1 October 1944 Australia and those portions of New Guinea both south and east of Medang are excluded from the combat zone.

b. Time limitation.—24 January 1943 to 31 December 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 31 December 1944.

12. NORTHERN SOLOMONS.

a. Combat zone.—Solomon Islands north and west of Russell Islands, Bismarck Archipelago, and adjacent waters, except that the Bismarck Archipelago and adjacent waters will be included from 22 February to 14 December 1943 only. Effective 1 October 1944 the combat zone is limited to Bougainville Island and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—22 February 1943 to 21 November 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 21 November 1944.

13. EASTERN MANDATES.

a. Combat zone.—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying between longitude 180° and longitude 150° east, excluding the Gilbert Islands.

b. Time limitation.—7 December 1943 (air). Final date for air to be announced later. 31 January 1944 (ground) to 14 June 1944.

14. BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO.

a. Combat zone.—Bismarck Archipelago and adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—15 December 1943 to 27 November 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 27 November 1944.

15. WESTERN PACIFIC.

a. Combat zone.—That portion of the Central Pacific Area lying west of longitude 150° east, less the main islands of Japan, the Bonin-Vulcan and the Ryukyu island chains, and the immediately adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—17 April 1944 (air); 15 June 1944 (ground). Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

16. SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

a. Combat zone.—The Philippine Islands, exclusive of Luzon, lying south of latitude 13°35' north, and the adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—17 October 1944. Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

b. *Time limitation*.—25 July to 14 September 1944.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for this campaign may be awarded by the theater commander to units or individuals who actually engaged the enemy after 14 September 1944.

10. SOUTHERN FRANCE.

a. *Combat zone*.—Those portions of France (exclusive of Corsica) occupied by forces assigned to the North African Theater of Operations, and adjacent waters.

b. *Time limitation*.—15 August to 14 September 1944.

11. GERMANY.

a. *Combat zone*.—Those portions of France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany east of the line: Franco-Belgian frontier to 4° east longitude, thence south along that meridian to 47° latitude, thence east along that parallel to 5° east longitude, thence south along that meridian to the Mediterranean coast.

b. *Time limitation*.—15 September 1944. Final date to be announced later.

12. ARDENNES.

a. *Combat zone*.—The area forward of the line: Euskirchenneupen (inclusive)—Liege (exclusive), east bank of Meuse River to its intersection with the Franco-Belgian border, thence south and east along this border and the southern border of Luxembourg.

b. *Time limitation*.—16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for the campaign "Germany" will not be accorded during this period for operations in area defined above.

ALL THEATERS OF OPERATIONS

1. ANTISUBMARINE (where not incident to a named battle or campaign for which the unit otherwise receives credit).

a. *Combat zone*.—All theaters of operations and defense commands.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941. Final date to be announced later.

2. GROUND COMBAT (not included in one of the above campaigns).

a. *Combat zone*.—All theaters of operations.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941. Final date to be announced later.

3. AIR COMBAT (not included in one of the above campaigns).

a. *Combat zone*.—All theaters of operations.

b. *Time limitation*.—7 December 1941. Final date to be announced later.

RESCISSION.—The following War Department general orders, pertaining to battles and campaigns, are rescinded:

Year	Number	Section	Year	Number	Section
1913	75		1944	80	VI
1943	83	III	1944	83	VI, VII
1944	17	V, VI	1945	9	X
1944	49	III	1945	28	IV, V

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BATTLE HONORS—Additions to list of battles and campaigns----- I
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BATTLE HONORS.—The following battles and campaigns of the United States Army are added to the list published in section I, WD General Orders 33, 1945:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATER

19. RYUKYUS.

a. Combat zone.—The chain of islands lying between Formosa (exclusive) and Kyushu (exclusive), and the adjacent waters.

b. Time limitation.—26 March 1945. Final date to be announced later; may be different for various islands within the combat zone.

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

13. NORTH APENNINES.

a. Combat zone.—Italy and adjacent waters north of the line: Cecina-Siena-Monte S. Savino-Fabriano-Ancona (all inclusive) to 27 October 1944 (inclusive) and north of the line: Arno River-Pontassieve-Sansepolcro-Urbano-Urbino-Pesaro (all inclusive) thereafter.

b. Time limitation.—10 September 1944 to 4 April 1945.

14. CENTRAL EUROPE.

a. Combat zone.—That part of the European Theater lying beyond a line 10 miles west of the Rhine River between Switzerland and the Waal River until 28 March 1945 (inclusive), and thereafter beyond the east bank of the Rhine.

b. Time limitation.—22 March 1945. Final date to be announced later.

15. PO VALLEY.

a. Combat zone.—Italy and adjacent waters north of the line: Pietrasanta-San Marcello-Riola-Castiglione-Brisighella-Ravenna (all inclusive).

b. Time limitation.—5 April to 8 May 1945.

II. BATTLE HONORS.—Section I, WD General Orders 33, 1945, is amended by changing paragraphs 6a and 11a, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and paragraphs 7b, 11, 12a and note, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, as follows:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATER

6. AIR OFFENSIVE, JAPAN.

a. Combat zone.—The Islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu, the enemy-owned portion of Karafuto, and the Kurile, Bonin, and Ryukyu Islands, including the immediately adjacent waters. Effective 26 March 1945, the Ryukyu Islands (the chain of islands lying between Formosa (exclusive) and Kyushu (exclusive)) and adjacent waters are excluded from the combat zone.

11. NEW GUINEA.

a. Combat zone.—Southwest Pacific Area less the Philippine Islands after 16 October 1944 and less that portion of Australia south of latitude 21° south and east of longitude 140° east, except that the Bismarck Archipelago and adjacent

waters will be included from 24 January to 14 December 1943 only. Effective 1 October 1944, Australia and those portions of New Guinea both south and east of Madang are excluded from the combat zone.

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

7. ROME-ARNO.

b. *Time limitation.*—22 January to 9 September 1944.

11. RHINELAND. (Name of campaign changed from "Germany" to "Rhine-land".)

a. *Combat zone.*—Those portions of France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany east of the line: Franco-Belgian frontier to 4° east longitude, thence south along that meridian to 47° latitude, thence east along that parallel to 5° east longitude, thence south along that meridian to the Mediterranean coast.

b. *Time limitation.*—15 September 1944 to 21 March 1945.

12. ARDENNES.

a. *Combat zone.*—The area forward of the line: Euskirchen-Eupen (inclusive)—Liege (exclusive), east bank of Meuse River to its intersection with the Franco-Belgian border, thence south and east along this border and the southern border of Luxembourg.

NOTE.—Battle participation credit for the campaign "Rhineland" will not be accorded during this period for operations in area defined above.

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