First Negro Combat Unit to Reach Reich Is Now Dissolved

MARSEILLE, France - Elements of the first Negro combat outfit to reach Germany, the 777th Field Artillery Battalion, recently roled into a redployment camp on the outskirts of Marseille where it was disbanded. The 777th Field Artillery Battalion, whose former members are now being redployed to the United States was the only unit of its kind to participate in one of the largest mass field artillerg barrages in the history of warfare.

An outfit of 400 men who spent seven months on the line were come home, don't send him a Preston of Vicksberg, Mississippi assigned to waiting Pacific-bound convoys of Signal heavy construction, Quartermaster, Engineer, Ordnance and Transportation Corps battalions, which were ready for immediate shipment to the Pacific Operations Area.

the 777th was in action, it fired to a new location, it is safer to more rounds than any other battalion in the XVI Corps.

They were commanded by Brigadier General C. C. Brown, who letter requesting your gift, so pulled the lanyard when the first that you can mail it to him after shot was fired across the Rhine October 15 in accordance with river last March 15. The unit was Army regulations. one of the 104 Field Artillery battalions of 1,248 guns which fired 200,000 rounds in the first assault on the Rhine.

The 777th's gun crews fired seven rounds in 36 seconds. These men fired so fast and their pieces became so hot that guns fired lets, watches, etc. automatically. The guns had to be pulled back as a precautionary

During the battalion's partici- ing matches and lighter fluids. pation in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns, two officers and no men were killed. more than 15 inches long, or Eight Bronze Stars, 24 Air Med- more than 36 inches in length als, 23 Certificates of Merit and and girth combined. eight Purple Heart Medals were awarded to the individual members of the unit. The unit's heaviest battle was during the crossing of the Rhine river with the 9th Army.

In the Wiesel pocket, elements of the 777th were under constant observation by the enemy and were encircled several times while the unit launched its attack to cross the Rhine. It was during this mission that a 24-hour barrage of heavy Allied field artillery fire leveled portions of Krupp Works, Inc. in Essen, Germany. This resulted in an exchange of counterattacking blows between the 777th and the enemy which finally resulted in the enemy's surrender.

The 777th was formerly commanded by t. Col. Russell Harris, Atlanta, Georgia, with the following Negro officer presonnel: Captain James H. Robinson, Jr., 2021 Melrose Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio; Chief Warrant Officer James D. Walters, 323 Braddock Avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania, and Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) Royal T. Elliott, 6221 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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1. If your soldier or sailor is tants of Beuern. en route home, or is about to Christmas package.

accurate.

seas from September 15 to Octob-

4. If there is any reason to be- battle stars, In proportion to the time that lieve that the soldier may move wait until you can mail your gift in Scotland, England, France, to the new address-even if this Belgium and Germany. means asking the soldier for a

5. Use a heavy box and strong cord. (Government-approved overseas boxes for Christmas gifts can be bought at retail stores.)

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to the Army and the Navy postal now handles three times the norservices, and thus help to insure mal volume of mail required for bumper crop of Christmas gift has to solve civilian problems of food and lodging for the inhabi-

Two men, Staff Sergeant Otis and Sergeant Virgil J. Dansby of 2. Use his latest address, and Santa Monica, California, were be sure that it is complete and presented with the Certificate of Merit by Brigadier General Ewart 3. Mail Christmas gifts over- G. Plank for devotion to duty during operations in Trier, Germany. They also earned five

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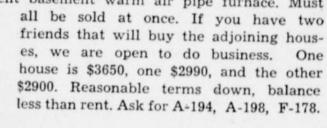
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