

## 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 artillery barrages in the history of warfare.

An outfit of 400 men who spent seven months on the line were 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.

In proportion to the time that the 777th was in action, it fired more rounds than any other battalion in the XVI Corps.

They were commanded by Brigadier General C. C. Brown, who pulled the lanyard when the first shot was fired across the Rhine river last March 15. The unit was 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 automatically. The guns had to be pulled back as a precautionary measure.

During the battalion's participation in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns, two officers and no men were killed. Eight Bronze Stars, 24 Air Medals, 23 Certificates of Merit and 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 personnel: 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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WASHINGTON — Delivery of Christmas gift packages to servicemen overseas was a huge and complicated job in 1944, but it is going to be an even bigger job this year, according to Army and Navy postal officials, in spite of the fact that victory has been achieved in both Europe and Asia, OWI reports. The mailing period this year is from September 15 to October 15.

Here is how the public at home can give full cooperation to the Army and the Navy postal services, and thus help to insure prompt and safe delivery to 1945's bumper crop of Christmas gift packages:

1. If your soldier or sailor is en route home, or is about to come home, don't send him a Christmas package.

2. Use his latest address, and be sure that it is complete and accurate.

3. Mail Christmas gifts overseas from September 15 to October 15.

4. If there is any reason to believe that the soldier may move to a new location, it is safer to wait until you can mail your gift to the new address—even if this means asking the soldier for a letter requesting your gift, so that you can mail it to him after October 15 in accordance with Army regulations.

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

6. Send only usable gifts like dried fruit, canned luxury goods, razor blades, fountain pens, wallets, watches, etc.

7. Don't mail perishable goods, intoxicants, weapons, poisons, or any inflammable materials, including matches and lighter fluids.

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The postal unit of eleven men now handles three times the normal volume of mail required for such a unit and, in addition, it has to solve civilian problems of food and lodging for the inhabitants of Beuern.

Two men, Staff Sergeant Otis Preston of Vicksburg, Mississippi and Sergeant Virgil J. Dansby of Santa Monica, California, were presented with the Certificate of Merit by Brigadier General Ewart G. Plank for devotion to duty during operations in Trier, Germany. They also earned five battle stars.

The unit arrived overseas in December, 1943 and has served in Scotland, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

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