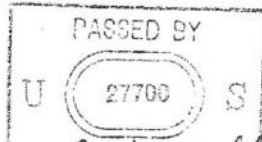


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*James W. Williams*

\* NORMANDY

\* FRANCE

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## TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE BATTALION

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I accepted a request from your Editor in Chief to write a short column for this first edition. Especially is it a pleasure to extend congratulations to all of you on our second anniversary. Those who remember the early days in Camp Forrest may recall an oft repeated saying that "things are bad now but they will probably get worse". Sure enough there were times when it was "really tough in the ETO", but you came through in magnificent fashion. You have lived up to the high standards and traditions of other Ranger Battalions. This is a real accomplishment and one of which you may be justly proud. You have earned yourselves a reputation, continue to carry on in the same determined manner, and accept none but the highest standards. We know we can fight, and I say lets continue to prove it to the American, German, and Japanese armies. Again let me extend congratulations on two years of accomplishment.

*George S. Williams*  
GEORGE S. WILLIAMS,  
MAJOR COMMANDING

Heres whats buzzin' cuzzin':-  
Its the Ranger Battalion Character, printed by, for, and about the Ranger Battalion characters, and brother "we got 'em". Its been passed by the letter snooper, so send 'er home if you want to. In case you got any gripes about your handle not showing up, remember this "you write it, we'll print it!" I bid you AWREVOOR with this thought-  
HOME OR HEAVEN IN 1947

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APRIL 1 1943 -

- APRIL 1 1945

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
RANGERS!

BATTALION DECORATIONS

- Distinguished Service Cross  
18
- Silver Star Medal  
73
- Bronze Star Medal  
64
- British Military Medal  
2
- Purple Heart  
542
- Awarded Presidential Unit  
Citation  
June 1944

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//// STOP PRESS NEWS ////

"Pop" Koepfer says that the new uniforms for DEF will be ready any day now, and the gang in ABC are really anxious to see how the "palace guards" will look in their nice white belts and snappy arm bands. Though the task be tough, and the climb up-hill we know that by super human courage, and under the leadership of the "Provost Marshall Duke" DEF will come through.

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THE SPOT-LIGHT SHINES

§ on "7 bird man" Fyda, a man of few words, mainly "Ruben, whatcha got to drink?"

§ on Captain "don't do it, its illegal" Eikner, the battalions guilty conscience.

§ on Captain "Solemn Sidney" Salomon, and his famous words quote " " Unquote.

§ on Art "my daughters got more teeth than I have" Williams, he'll be terrific in the Pacific.

§ on Ketchell "ask him about Fiji" Crisp, he gets frantic on the Atlantic.

CHARACTERS - one and all

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One year ago when Captain Lytle stood up to say a few words on the occasion of our 1st anniversary, he added to Ranger Legend with that now famous saying, "Characters, Brother we got 'em." Since then proof of those words has piled up heavily. Like that day last month when Jimmy Storm riding down a country road on his cycle looking for the battalion CP took a wrong turn and roared into an as yet untaken German town. Probably mistaking Storm for the advance elements of an armored column, the Burgemeister promptly appeared, escorted by the towns leading citizens and surrendered his villiage. Without batting an eye Storm accepted the surrender turned his bike around, and took off hell-bent back up the road.

Or the time Captain "Sureshot" Slater fired half a belt of machine gun slugs at a Kraut at about 1000 inch range and never even mussed the Heinies hair.

And if you think the Normandy beach was tough brother, just be around when "Skinner" Payne starts lighting those gasoline field ranges

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COMMISSIONED ON THE FIELD OF  
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ BATTLE \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

- M Sgt Leonard G. Lomell
- 1st Sgt John W. White
- T Sgt Joseph L. Stevens

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RECENT PROMOTIONS

Its Captain Jim Malaney now, and shave tail McClure's a First Looie. Harry Fate has the double rockers of a Tech Dick Cain, Colin Lowe, and Frank Monacelli are all Staff jobs. Vincent Hagg, Ellis Lawson, and Sigurd Sundby made buck sergeant.