

Div Comdr.

C "A"

8 AIB  
70 AIB  
65 AIB  
27 TB  
9 TB  
20 TB

412 AFA

CC "B"

413 AFA

33 Car.

220 Eng.

138 Arty.

220 Med.

Provisional Bn.

20 AB  
Band.

14 AB  
Band.

Gen.  
Pritchard  
Gen.  
Senell

Comdr Troops  
+  
Major Gen. Allen

CC "B"

19 AIB

62 AIB

68 AIB

25 TB

47 TB

48 TB

Div Comdr.

Gen. Smith

CC "A"

499 AFA

94 Car.

125 Eng.

136 Arty.

84 Med.

Provisional Bn.

*Lt  
Keyburn*

*\* ones marked thus have come in since I did.*

HEADQUARTERS  
149TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
Camp Campbell, Kentucky

OFFICERS' ROSTER

6 Mar 44

NAME		RANK	ASN	DATE OF RATE	ASSIGNMENT
*Robert L. Vance	} TUNISIA SICILY	Major	0305571	20 Aug 1942	Bn Comdr
*Richard V. Sloan		Major	0258026	25 Nov 1942	Bn Ex C.
James M. Blue		Major	0404783	16 Apr 1943	S-3
*Robert N. Scroggins		Capt.	0419304	7 May 1943	Bn Liaison O.
Joseph B. Lehndor, Jr.		Capt.	01171855	19 Feb 1944	S-2
*Roger B. Yant	} JUST IN	Capt.	0405684	23 Mar 1943	Unassigned
Elwood Nixon		2nd Lt.	01171700	15 Oct 1942	Survey O.
*Lee D. Hampton		2nd Lt.	01172484	29 Oct 1942	Liaison Pilot
*James W. Beaubien		2nd Lt.	01182508	3 Jun 1943	Liaison Pilot
Daniel G. Levin		2nd Lt.	01178224	25 Feb 1943	Unassigned
Albert H. Beacastor		2nd Lt.	01182052	20 May 1943	Unassigned
Donald H. Singer		2nd Lt.	01178342	25 Feb 1943	Unassigned

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

Stuart Miller	BC	Capt.	01166137	11 Sep 1942	Btry Comdr
George S. White	Fo #1	1st Lt	0323540	1 Jun 1942	
Clyde W. Cassin	Fo #2	1st Lt	0372885	23 Sep 1942	
Beecher L. Ricklider	Fo #3	1st Lt	01171648	20 Apr 1943	
Otis B. Wheeler	COMO	1st Lt	0449258	20 Apr 1943	Com O.
Charles L. Hixson		2nd Lt.	01178189	25 Feb 1943	
Henry R. Hayburn		2nd Lt	0515492	13 May 1943	
*Curtis R. Thomas	MOTOR OFF	2nd Lt	01184922	29 Jul 1943	

*On special duty with 125<sup>th</sup> ENG. BN. I operate in his place.*

BATTERY CAP

William T. Smoot	BC	Capt.	01165340	2 Jul 1943	Btry Comdr
Vernsey Martin, Jr.	RO	1st Lt	01171663	20 Mar 1943	
Elvan R. Hall		2nd Lt	01178169	25 Feb 1943	
James G. Hoppel	EXEC.	2nd Lt	01178170	25 Feb 1943	
William K. Schuer		2nd Lt	0389666	18 Jan 1942	
James P. Sanders	MO	2nd Lt	01172745	15 Oct 1942	

BATTERY C

Edward E. Fraser	BC	Capt.	01171537	29 Jan 1944	Btry Comdr
Wayne V. Griss	EXEC.	1st Lt	01171509	20 Mar 1943	
Marion H. May	WEST POINT	Lt	025576	19 May 1943	
* Clarence H. Poeniskoetter	MO	2nd Lt	01182285	20 May 1943	
* Bruce F. Gill	RO	2nd Lt	01184206	29 July 1943	

*On SD with 125<sup>th</sup> ARMD. ENG. BN.*

BATTERY D

Clark B. Nero	BC	Capt.	01166576	20 Apr 1943	Btry Comdr
Robert O. Marshall	RO	1st Lt	01171662	9 Feb 1943	
Leon J. Crews	EXEC	1st Lt	01171508	20 Apr 1943	
Robert L. Palecek		2nd Lt	01171708	15 Oct 1942	
Billy Foust	MO	2nd Lt	01171530	15 Oct 1942	
David L. Grainger		2nd Lt	01171559	15 Oct 1942	

SERVICE BATTERY

Raymond H. Young	S-H	Capt.	01171852	25 Feb 1944	Btry Comdr
Eugene H. Mollen	Bn. MO	Capt.	0413793	19 Feb 1944	Bn MO
Clifford E. Hackleberry		1st Lt	01171602	22 Jun 1943	Adjutant
Henry C. Whittle		2nd Lt	01171833	15 Oct 1942	
Peter H. Amagost	Assy SF	2nd Lt	01171436	15 Oct 1942	
Allison C. Emerson	MO	2nd Lt	01171527	15 Oct 1942	
Frank S. Toman		2nd Lt	01181169	22 Apr 1943	
Stephen J. Meyer		WOJG	W2119777	12 Jan 1943	Pers. Adj.
Waynard L. Chensalt		WOJG	W2128013	2 Mar 1944	Motor

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

* Saul Connors	JUST IN	Capt.	01691054	3 Jun 1943	Inf. Surg.
* Myrlas B. Matthews		Capt.	0484206	16 Feb 1944	Bn. Dental O.

HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "A"  
14TH ARMORED DIVISION, APO #446  
Camp Chaffee, Arkansas

*All Officers*

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMBINED FIRING EXERCISES - CC "A"  
(9 August - 15 September incl.)

SECTION I

General

1. Purpose. The purpose of these exercises is to develop the technique of the use of the combined arms in a firing exercise with service ammunition.  
Ref: TM 798.

SECTION II

Administrative Details

2. Personnel and Equipment.

- a. All available personnel will attend.
  - (1) Combat vehicles will have complete crews.
- b. All items of equipment in accordance with prescribed T/E & TB/A will be carried.
- c. Tank companies will have at least fourteen (14) tanks present for the exercise.
- d. Uniform C.

3. March and bivouac.

a. Companies scheduled to fire on Range #A will march, on their first scheduled day of the exercise, to their assigned bivouac area (Annex A). Routes of march are: Hwy 22 - CHAFFEE to bivouac area. I.P. - 1st Ave. and Hwy 22. Heads of columns cross:

Light Tank Company	0830
Field Artillery Battery's	0845
Infantry or Engineer Co's.	0900
Medium Tank Co's.	0915

b. Units will close in their respective areas, complete bivouac establishment, feed and be prepared for rehearsal of exercise by 1300.

4. Supply.

- a. Rations: 2 days rations - normal garrison issue.
- b. Water - W.P. location to be announced.
- c. Ammunition:
  - (1) "A" Trains to bivouac empty. Supply on afternoon of first day of exercise.
    - (a) DAD (1292.3 - 1370.6)
    - (b) Ammunition D.P. to be announced; opens 1530, closes 1630.

(2) Basis for requisitions:

(a) Medium Tank Company:

105 rds - 75 mm HE  
10 rds - 75 mm Smoke  
500 rds - Cal. 30 ball per tank  
100 rds - Cal. 30 Tracer per tank.

(b) Light Tank Company:

105 rds - 37 mm HE  
500 rds - Cal. 30 ball per tank  
100 rds - Cal. 30 Tracer per tank.

(c) Infantry Company:

10 rds - Cal. 30 ball per rifle  
12 rds - Cal. 30 Tracer per rifle  
10 rds - Cal. 30 carbine per carbine  
1 rds - 37 mm HE per towed 37  
1 rds - 60 mm HE per mortar.  
200 rds - Cal. 30 ball per LMG w/ground mount  
50 rds - Cal. 30 Tracer per LMG w/ground mount  
8 Ground signals M-17 white star parachute.

(d) Engineer Company:

10 rds - Cal. 30 ball per rifle  
2 rds - Cal. 30 tracer per rifle  
7 rds - Cal. 30 carbine per carbine  
7 rds - 37 mm HE per towed 37  
200 rds - Cal. 30 ball per LMG  
50 rds - Cal. 30 Tracer per LMG  
8 Ground signals M-17 white star parachute.

(e) Field Artillery Battery:

5 rds - 105 mm HE per Howitzer  
2 rds - 105mm HE w/time fuze M54 per Howitzer  
2 rds - 105 mm Smoke per Howitzer  
500 rds - Cal. 30 ball  
100 rds - Cal. 30 Tracer.

d. Fuel and lubricants:

(1) Sufficient fuel and lubricants will be carried for two days operation.

e. Miscellaneous:

(1) Per Company or Battery, to be brought out at beginning of the exercise:

- (a) 50 pounds dynamite
- (b) 10 feet of fuse
- (c) 10 electric blasting caps
- (d) 10 Non-electric blasting caps
- (e) 20 Burlap sacks for fighting grass fires.
- (f) 10 Fuse lighters.

5. Medical.

a. Treatment station will be established by 84th Medical Battalion - location to be announced.

b. First aid personnel designated by Division Surgeon will be present at each exercise.

6. Repair of targets and range.

a. Infantry or Engineer Companies will be responsible for scoring of hits and making repairs and/or replacement of all personnel targets used in the exercise.

b. Artillery Batteries will be responsible for scoring of hits, and making repairs and/or replacement of all panel targets used in the exercise.

c. Repairs will be made on day following the firing.

d. Scores will be turned in to Lt. Col. Coolidge, 47th Armd. Regt. showing number of panels and silhouettes hit and total number of hits.

e. Material for repair of targets will be furnished by officer in charge of the exercise.

7. Communication.

a. Conduct of firing controlled by SC<sup>2</sup>A on channel #30. Artillery Battery and Tank Companies will have cr receiver tuned on channel #30. All Infantry Company sets to be tuned on channel #30.

8. Schedule for exercise.

a. First Day.

- (1) Preliminary instructions  
Time: 1300  
Place: Annex A (Instruction Area)  
Attendance: All personnel dismounted.
- (2) Terrain Study  
Time: 1345  
Place: As above  
Attendance: All officers and NCO's.
- (3) Preliminary walk through problem  
Time 1530  
Place: As above  
Attendance: All Personnel dismounted.
- (4) Preliminary run of exercise.  
Time: 1800  
Place: As directed  
Attendance: All Personnel mounted.

b. Second Day.

- (1) Practice run of exercise  
Time: 0800  
Place: As directed  
Attendance: All Personnel mounted.
- (2) Practice run and ranging of all weapons.  
Time: 1300  
Place: As directed  
Attendance: All Personnel mounted.
- (3) Final Exercise  
Time 1830  
Place: As directed  
Attendance: All Personnel mounted.

9. Situation

a. General situation

- (1) Maps: State Highway map ARKANSAS, CAMP CHAFFEE and vicinity 1/62,500.
- (2) Main Forces. The main BLUE forces of which the 14th Armored Division forms a part have broken thru the main RED defensive position along the general line OZARK - BOONEVILLE and are advancing on FORT SMITH from the east.

b. Special Situation:

(1) The 14th Armored Division is engaged in reducing scattered enemy resistance in the area south and west of CHARLESTON. One such enemy group estimated to be a reinforced infantry company has been located on the high ground about 2 miles south of CHARLESTON.

(2) Lt. Col. Coolidge 14th Armored Division has been put in command of the following units:

- Co. "D" 48<sup>th</sup> A.R.
- 1 Co. 62<sup>nd</sup> A.I.R.
- "B" Btry. 499 A.F.A.Bn.

and to execute the mission of reducing this enemy resistance without delay, while the remainder of "A" moves to the west of CAMP CLAYTON.

c. Plan of the Exercise (Ref. Overlay)

"B"  
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a. Phase 1:

Battery concentration on objective at (C). This firing is the signal for starting phase 2.

b. Phase 2:

Platoon of the Infantry Company moves into position on hill (A). Platoon opens fire with all weapons, directing fire at targets on objective.

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c. Phase 3:

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First Tank Platoon from defilade position (B) opens fire with 75 mm guns on indicated targets. Estimated duration of fire - 5 rds per gun. It must be prepared to move out promptly on firing its shells. Smoke will be fired last, on sight of objective at (D).

2d Tank Platoon will move forward into its firing position to the front 3 minutes after opening fire by the first platoon. Upon arrival at its position on the crest, it will fire 30 Cal. ammunition on the objective. The initiation of this fire starts phase 5.

e. Phase 5:

Includes the following: Movement of the 1st tank platoon to the rear of the 2d tank platoon and its advance under cover of smoke to the objective. The 2d platoon continues 30 Cal. firing on objective. The 3d tank platoon opens fire with 75 mm beyond the objective.

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(12)

f. Phase 6: - Includes the following:

1st tank platoon moves into line and passes through woods. Fire will be initiated by tanks individually as the objective becomes visible. The advance over the objective passes thru artillery concentration (E). Platoon will clear guns prior to passage from flagged area to assembly position (F). The artillery will open fire concentration (E) as 1st tank platoon passes over objective. This will be time fire.

g. Phase 7:

Is the movement of the tank company commander to the forward area in position from which he can coordinate the assault of the 1st and 2d tank platoons, his movement timed by the initiation of fire by the 1st platoon at the assault position.

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h. Phase 8:  
is the rapid movement by the 2d platoon of tanks from its rear firing position directly to the objective. The artillery observer will accompany this movement in his tank. On arrival at objective, platoon opens fire with 75 mm on targets to its front. After completion of its fire, one section remains to support assault by the infantry from hull defilade, and one section moves to the west to cover the flank.

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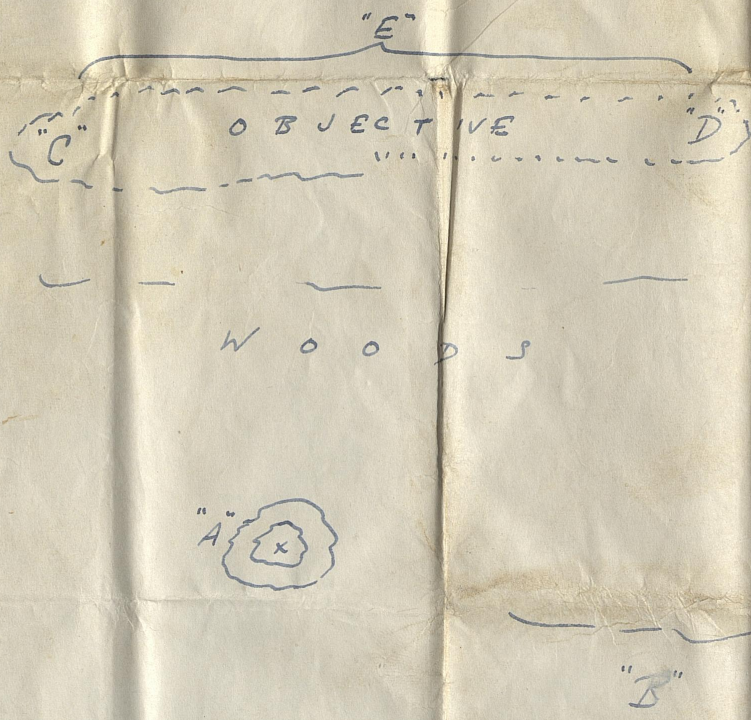
i. Phase 9:  
The infantry company minus platoon already in position, will move out so as to arrive at objective immediately in rear of tank assault. Artillery concentration on (G) will be timed to fall on its area immediately after the arrival of the infantry upon the objective. Fire by the infantry platoon in position at A will stop on the initiation of the movement by the infantry company. It will rejoin its company when the latter arrives at the objective.

j. Phase 10:  
Upon the relief by the infantry on the hill which is the objective, the tank company will complete its assembly at (F). This includes the 3d or reserve platoon and the section of the 2d platoon that has been supporting the infantry. The remaining section of the 2d platoon will continue to operate on the west flank.

k. Phase 11:  
The tank company will form in column of platoons, platoons in wedge, prepared to repel counter-attack or to continue to new objective.

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F



This diagram may help you to understand the outline of the fire exercise.

H.P.