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March 10, 1944 I was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Maryland. After I was processed, I was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky for 17 weeks of basic training. After basic training I was sent to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas for more training and maneuvers. I am not sure about exact dates, but I think it was some time in June 1944 that I was sent to Camp Polk, La. At Camp Polk I was placed in Co. A 18th Tank Battalion for more tank maneuvers. By September 1944 I went with Co. A 18th Tank Battalion to Camp Kilmer New Jersey P.O.E. In the early part of October we left Camp Kilmer on a troop ship that lasted 14 days on the Atlantic for England. During that time the Co. A - 18th Tank Battalion had M.P. duty. We arrived at Southampton England the first part of Nov. 1944. We were in London for a while then, we went to Tidworth, England for more intense training.

After we finished training, we crossed the channel to France on Jan. 1945. Later in Jan. we supported the 94th Infantry Division as they drove the Germans back across the Saar river. A week or two later the 8th Armored was ordered to join the 9th Army in Holland to support their drive for the Rhine River. We crossed the Rhine river on a pontoon bridge into Cologne, Germany. I remember the 35th Infantry and the 84th Infantry and what they had to go through in the ice and snow. We were in medium tanks, but we didn't have enough fire power to do our job properly. The Germans had their Tiger Tanks with their 88<sup>m</sup> cannons, and we had 75<sup>m</sup> cannons, so we had to out maneuver them and try to blow off their tracks to knock them out of action. So ~~we~~ we did it and that's what counts.

I remember being afraid a lot.  
Our tank no. was 13, but I still  
think we were lucky, except our  
tank commander got wounded the  
first day in action. Sgt. Scheuble

I remember the names of some of  
the towns we stayed in when we  
were in reserve like, Eickendorf, Ger.  
Flossenburg Ger., Jandshut, Ger. Landau  
Mannheim Ger. and Regensburg, Germany

After Germany surrendered, we were  
ordered to go to Czechoslovakia to  
process POW's. After that a lot of the  
guys were transferred to different outfits.  
I was transferred to the 4th Armored  
Division. I think we went to Weiden,  
Germany and stayed for awhile.  
We then went to France and was  
waiting for a ship to come back  
home, to the good ole U.S.A.

We got on the Liberty ship and  
arrived in New York after 12 or 13  
days on the Atlantic. I came home  
to Maryland at Fort Meade and got  
mustered out of service on May 3, 1946