



# U.S. 78th Infantry Division

December, 1944

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903rd  
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60 (H) 36 2 155mm 0	2 C(l) 2* 1 M4 HST 10
x 2	x 2

303rd  
Engineer  
Battalion

1 I 1 6 1	0 - 0 1 23 Truck Bridge 0	0 C 0 1 Truck 14
x 9	x 1	x 10

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78th  
Recon  
Troop  
(Mech)

1 I 2 3 SCOUT 1	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 3	x 3	x 2

552nd  
Anti-Aircraft  
Battalion  
(attached)

8 H 12 2 40 mm 0	8 I 4 2 .50 cal 0	0 C 0 1 Truck 14
x 4	x 4	x 8

attached on  
December 19th

709th  
Tank  
Battalion  
(attached)

5 A 5 5 M-5 11	11 A 8 9 M-4/75 8	14 A 10 10 M-4/76 9	14 H 10 9 M-4/105 8	3 M 12 3 M-21 10	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18
x 3	x 7	x 2	x 1	x 1	x 1

628th  
Tank  
Destroyer  
Battalion  
(attached)

15 A 12 6 M-36 9	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 I 4 3 M-20 15	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1

attached on  
December 19th

893rd  
Tank  
Destroyer  
Battalion  
(attached)

14 A 10 6 M-10 9	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 I 4 3 M-20 15	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1

The "Lightning" Division was almost totally inexperienced when the Germans came to call, having been in France for less than one month. One regiment had been involved in the fight in the Hurtgen Forest and the division was on the left flank of the attack towards the Ryr and Urft dams when the Germans struck. The division stayed on the north shoulder of the "bulge" and helped keep the 272nd Volksgrenadier Division tied down, thus denying the Germans the use of this division in their offensive.