

Appendix A

COMMENTS

Headquarters III Corps, G-3
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The 51st Engineer Combat Battalion story has been checked by the battalion staff, and approved. The following comments were offered on the points that were raised by you [Major Richard Shappell, CO, First Army History Team] and [Major] Frank [Ferriss]:

1 What happened to the three enemy tanks? (See pages 21-22.) Captain Sam Scheuber, CO of Company C, states that none of the three enemy tanks attempted to follow Company C into the town of Trois-Ponts. He says that he cannot explain this by any fact other than that they anticipated stronger defenses in Trois-Ponts. Later the same day that the three tanks approached, P-47s gave the positions a working over and one armored vehicle--believed to have been one of the three tanks--was observed burning for a long period.

2 What happened when the Germans in American uniforms attempted to cross the bridge? (Code Name: LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW?) (See page 39.)

Captain Karl Pedersen, CO of Company A, states that there was no firefight; no tussle; no real contact. The enemy merely thought better of the idea when they discovered that there were real GIs at the bridge.