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The two-engined B-26 medium bombers compared favorably with the four-engined B-17s--they carried the same bomb-load, flew faster and had a smaller size that made them less of a target. Bedessem and gives an overview of the entire Central Europe campaign. Yet Hitler forced the Allies to fight, often bitterly, for final victory.

387th Bombardment Group

The 1st Battalion and Medical Detachment received the Distinguished Unit Citation for their action in the battle which punctuated 145 continuous days of combat for the Raiders.

447th Air Expeditionary Group

The Germans showered the Ludendorff Bridge with shrapnel and shells.

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The group's original squadrons were the , , and.

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Ardennes

Although the twin-engined B-26s carried the same bomb load and flew faster than the four-engined heavy bombers, they had a much shorter range.

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Company E, 2nd Battalion, was stopped completely at a strongpoint, the Port Lyautey lighthouse. After relieving the 3rd Armored Division, the Regiment held that line until VE day, and met up with Russian soldiers soon after.

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