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612 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
WORLD WAR II

Worst Experience: "Battle of the Bulge"
December, 1944

- German's final major offensive
- Fierce fighting to save our necks
- Surrounded by Germans
- Mass Confusion
- Losing men and equipment (killed & captives)
- Cold weather (zero or less) most of the time
- 8-10 inches of snow on the ground

*"Proud to have served,
thankful to have returned."*

Cliff Boyles

ROSIE THE RIVETER

Bula Fonda Gillespie Boyles

- Left high school senior year, 1943 to work in defense plant.
- Finished school by correspondence course
- Became "Rosie the Riveter" in airplane factory in Wellington, Kansas
- Became engaged
- Waited for her *soldier* to return home
- "No Dear John Letter"!!?
- Married her soldier in 1946
- Still married today---2001



FAVORITE SONGS

- ◇ "You belong to me"—Jo Stafford
- ◇ "Sincerely"—McQuire Sisters
- ◇ "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree"--Andrew Sisters
- ◇ "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"--Andrew Sisters
- ◇ "White Christmas"—Bing Crosby
- ◇ All Patriotic Songs
- ◇ Old Spirituals

HERE'S A TOAST TO THE MEN OF THE ARMY TANK DESTROYER FORCES, one of the newest branches of the service, yet one that has already built up its traditions of high courage, gallant conduct and brilliance in combat action. The Tank Destroyer Forces do just what their name implies—seek out enemy armor and destroy it . . . utterly. Their chief weapons are speed and Fire-Power—speed to out-manuever enemy tanks—Fire-Power to out-range and out-slug them. In Africa, in Sicily, in Italy . . . Hitler's once-boastful Panzers have learned to respect—and to fear—America's Tank Destroyer Forces!

