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When going on an invasion you have a Near shore Reg and a far shore sailors don't load boats nor unload so the army has to do it the 531 Engrs were near shore and 540th were far shore after the invasion in Congo the 531 was sent to England and most were killed in the landing in France.

We were held back for the invasion in Southern France. I will give you a history of where we were in Europe first Algeria French Morocco 11/8/42 to 11/11/42 Sicily 7/9/43 to 8/17/43 Naples Foggia 9/9/43 to 1/21/44 Anzio Italy 1/22/44 to 8/15/44 France Southern 8/15/44 to 9/14/44 Rhineland 9/14/44 to 3/21/45 Ardennes Alsace Battle of the Bulge 12/16/44 to 1/25/45 Central Europe 3/22/45 to 3/22/45 to 5/11/45.

From the picture you sent me your father must have been in the motor Coll as one picture he has a grease gun in his hands and one picture he has a wrench so he must have been a motor Coll worker fix trucks jeeps and other vehicles.

My wife and I have been going to reunions since 1972 at first they had them every four years and went down to every 2 years now every year the 540th was shut down two years ago only 38 members last reunion.

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The 1950 reunion has it every year last year it was in Myrtle Beach S.C. They split us about 3 years ago. The minister was the president at that time some thing happened and they split last year one group was in New Orleans other in Myrtle beach. We went to Myrtle Beach New Orleans to far in 2005 they will be in Bronson Missouri other in Williamsburg Va. we may go to Williamsburg Bronson to far my wife does not fly.

Soon as I get a notice where it will be in Bronson I will let you know maybe you would like to go then and meet some people in your father's Co. We are both well and hope this note yourself and all your family in the best of health. We were four brothers in the service in World war 2.

Don Courville

Hope you can read this