

3d ARMORED DIVISION

"Spearhead"

The mixture of insignia and distinctive colors of several arms incorporated in the Armored Force symbolize integrity and esprit. It is an interlocked ornament, found in Nordic monuments, composed of three torques: red for Artillery; blue for Infantry; and yellow for Cavalry. The symbols represent the characteristics of Armored Divisions: the tank track, mobility and armor protection; the cannon, fire power; and the red bolt of lightning, shock action.

COMMAND AND STAFF

Commanding General

15 Sep 1943	Maj Gen Leroy H. Watson
7 Aug 1944	Brig Gen Maurice Rose
5 Sep 1944	Maj Gen Maurice Rose
21 Mar 1945	Brig Gen Doyle O. Hickey

Arty Comdr

15 Sep 1943	Col Frederic G. Brown
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CofS

15 Sep 1943	Col John A. Smith
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ACofS G-1

15 Sep 1943	Lt Col Jack A. Boulger
1 Apr 1945	Maj George G. Otis

ACofS G-2

15 Sep 1943	Lt Col Andrew Barr
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ACofS G-3

15 Sep 1943	Lt Col Howard M. Snyder
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28 Aug 1943	Lt Col Wesley A. Sweat
1 Apr 1945	Maj James A Alexander
25 Apr 1945	Lt Col Wesley A Sweat

ACofS G-4

15 Sep 1943	Lt Col Eugene C Orth
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ACofS G-5

22 Feb 1944	Lt Col William E Dahl
20 Apr 1945	Maj George F Cake

Adj Gen

15 Sep 1943	Lt Col Robert M Gant
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CC A Comdr

15 Sep 1943	Brig Gen Doyle O Hickey
31 Mar 1945	Col Leander L Doan

CC B Comdr

15 Sep 1943	Brig Gen John J Bohn
15 Jul 1944	Col Truman Everett Boudinot
4 Sep 1944	Brig Gen Truman Everett Boudinot

CC R Comdr

15 Sep 1943	Col Graeme G Parks
19 Jul 1944	Col William W Cornog Jr
15 Aug 1944	Col Louis P Leone
6 Sep 1944	Col Carl J Rohsenberger
24 Sep 1944	Col Robert L Howze Jr

STATISTICS

Chronology

Activated	15 Apr 41
Arrived ETO	15 Sep 43
Arrived Continent (D/18)	24 Jun 44
Entered Combat:	
First Element	29 Jun 44
Entire Division	9 Jul 44
Days in Combat	231

Casualties (Tentative)

Killed	2,540
Wounded	7,331
Missing	95
Captured	139
Battle Casualties	10,105
Non-Battle Casualties	6,017
Total Casualties	16,122
Percent of T/O Strength	111.5

Campaigns

Normandy

Northern France

Ardennes

Rhineland

Central Europe

Individual Awards

Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)	17
Legion of Merit	23
Silver Star	885
Soldiers Medal	32
Bronze Star	3,884

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Air Medal	138
Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)	3

Prisoners of War (POW) Taken: 76,720

COMPOSITION

ORGANIC UNITS

Headquarters Company

Service Company

Combat Command A

Combat Command B

36th Armored Inf Regiment

32d Armored Regiment

33d Armored Regiment

23d Armored Eng Bn

83d Armored Rcn Bn

143d Armored Sig Co

3d Armored Division Artillery

391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion

67th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

3d Armored Division Trains

3d Ordnance Maintenance Battalion

Supply Battalion

45th Armored Medical Battalion

Military Police Platoon

ATTACHMENTS

Antiaircraft Artillery

486th AAA AW Bn (SP)	25 Jun 44-9 May 45
413th AAA Gun Bn (Mbl)	7 Jul 44-16 Jul 44

Armored

Co A 738th Tk Bn (Mine Explorer)	6 Dec 44-15 Jan 45
1st & 3d Plats Co B 738th Tk Bn (Mine Explorer)	12 Jan 45-17 Jan 45

Cavalry

113th Cav Gp	8 Jul 44-10 Aug 44
4th Cav Gp	28 Feb 45-1 Mar 45
4th Cav Gp	3 Mar 45-8 Mar 45

Chemical

Cos A & C 87th Cml Bn	24 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
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Engineer

294th Engr C Bn	25 Oct 44-9 Nov 44
1st Plat Co B 15th Engr C Bn (9th Div)	27 Oct 44-11 Nov 44
298th Engr C Bn	9 Nov 44-10 Nov 44
Co B 15th Engr C Bn (9th Div)	11 Nov 44-1 Dec 44
298th Engr C Bn	27 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
Co B 297th Engr C Bn	27 Dec 44-30 Dec 44

Field Artillery

967th FA Bn (155 How)	29 Jun 44-30 Jun 44
58th Armd FA Bn	3 Jul 44-10 Aug 44
963d FA Bn (155 How)	7 Jul 44-9 Jul 44
258th FA Bn (155 Gun)	8 Jul 44-10 Aug 44
87th Armd FA Bn	9 Jul 44-28 Aug 44
258th FA Bn (155 Gun)	10 Aug 44-14 Aug 44
991st FA Bn (155 Gun)	12 Aug 44-20 Sep 44
60th FA Bn (9th Div) (105 How)	13 Aug 44-15 Aug 44

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58th Armd FA Bn	18 Aug 44-1 Oct 44
84th FA Bn (9th Div) (105 How)	27 Oct 44-11 Nov 44
83d Armd FA Bn	20 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
991st FA Bn (-2 btrys) (155 Gun)	21 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
188th FA Bn (155 How)	23 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
75th Div Arty	24 Dec 44-7 Jan 45
991st FA Bn (155 Gun)	2 Jan 45-11 Jan 45
183d FA Bn (155 How)	2 Jan 45-11 Jan 45
83d Armd FA Bn	2 Jan 45-9 May 45
183d FA Bn (155 How)	12 Jan 45-20 Jan 45
Btry A 991st FA Bn (155 Gun)	17 Jan 45-19 Jan 45
991st FA Bn (155 Gun)	25 Feb 45-9 Mar 45
183d FA Bn (155 How)	25 Feb 45-24 Apr 45
991st FA Bn (155 Gun)	29 Mar 45-1 Apr 45
138th FA Bn (155 How)	29 Mar 45-8 Apr 45
991st FA Bn (155 Gun)	6 Apr 45-13 May 45
Btry A 13th FA Obsn Bn	17 Apr 45-23 Apr 45

Infantry

1st Bn 60th Inf (9th Div)	9 Jul 44-11 Jul 44
2d Bn 60th Inf (9th Div)	10 Jul 44-11 Jul 44
3d Bn 60th Inf (9th Div)	13 Aug 44-15 Aug 44
2d & 3d Bns 60th Inf (9th Div)	17 Aug 44-19 Aug 44
1st Bn 26th Inf (1st Div)	6 Sep 44-23 Sep 44
47th Inf (9th Div)	8 Sep 44-10 Sep 44
47th CT (9th Div)	25 Oct 44-10 Nov 45
84th FA Bn (9th Div) (105 How)	25 Oct 44-10 Nov 44
1 Plat Co B 15th Engr C Bn (9th Div)	25 Oct 44-10 Nov 44
Co A 746th Tk Bn	25 Oct 44-10 Nov 44
Co C 899th TD Bn (SP)	25 Oct 44-10 Nov 44
Btry D 376th AAA AW Bn (Mbl)	25 Oct 44-10 Nov 44
2d Bn 47th Inf (9th Div)	24 Nov 44-26 Nov 44
1st Bn 60th Inf (9th Div)	11 Dec 44-12 Dec 44
1st Bn 517th Prcht Inf (Non-Div)	22 Dec 44-26 Dec 44
509th Prcht Inf Bn (Non-Div)	23 Dec 44-29 Dec 44
290th CT (75th Div)	23 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
898th CT (75th Div)	23 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
1 plat Co B 275th Engr C Bn (75th Div)	23 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
Btry A 440th AAA AW Bn (Mbl)	23 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
289th CT (75th Div)	24 Dec 44-29 Dec 44
897th FA Bn (75th Div) (105 How)	24 Dec 44-29 Dec 44

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730th FA Bn (155 How) (75th Div)	24 Dec 44-29 Dec 44
Btry A 440th AAA AW Bn (Mbl)	24 Dec 44-29 Dec 44
331st Inf (83d Div)	29 Dec 44-31 Dec 44
330th Inf (83d Div)	1 Jan 45-7 Jan 45
2d & 3d Bns 330th Inf (83d Div)	7 Jan 45-19 Jan 45
1st Bn 330th Inf (83d Div)	11 Jan 45-19 Jan 45
335th Inf (84th Div)	18 Jan 45-21 Jan 45
13th Inf (8th Div)	26 Feb 45-17 Mar 45
395th CT (99th Div)	28 Feb 45-2 Mar 45
924th FA Bn (99th Div) (105 How)	28 Feb 45-2 Mar 45
Co C 629th Tk Bn	28 Feb 45-2 Mar 45
Co C 786th Tk Bn	28 Feb 45-2 Mar 45
3d Bn 13th Inf (8th Div)	17 Mar 45-19 Mar 45
414th Inf (104th Div)	23 Mar 45-12 Apr 45
3d Bn 47th Inf (9th Div)	11 Apr 45-24 Apr 45
1st Bn 18th Inf (1st Div)	11 Apr 45-25 Apr 45
2d Bn 414th Inf (104th Div)	12 Apr 45-22 Apr 45
60th Inf (9th Div)	22 Apr 45-24 Apr 45

Tank Destroyer

803d TD Bn (SP)	25 Jun 44-2 Jul 44
703d TD Bn (SP)	25 Jun 44-17 Dec 44
643d TD Bn (SP)	22 Dec 44-26 Dec 44
703d TD Bn (SP)	2 Jan 45- 9 May 45
2d Plat Co B 635th TD Bn (T)	15 Jan 45-20 Jan 45

DETACHMENTS

(Attached To)

Armored

CC B	30th Div	8 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
33d Armd Regt	30th Div	8 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
36th Armd Inf (-3d Bn)	30th Div	8 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
Co D 83d Armd Rcn Bn	30th Div	8 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
Co B 23d Armd Engr Bn	30th Div	8 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
CC A	9th Div	9 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
32d Armd Regt	9th Div	9 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
3d Bn 36th Armd Inf	9th Div	9 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
83d Armd Rcn Bn	9th Div	9 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
Cos A & C 23d Armd Engr Bn	9th Div	9 Jul 44-16 Jul 44
CC B	1st Div	26 Jul 44-30 Jul 44
33d Armd Regt	1st Div	26 Jul 44-30 Jul 44
36th Armd Inf (-3d Bn)	1st Div	26 Jul 44-30 Jul 44
391st Armd FA Bn	1st Div	26 Jul 44-30 Jul 44
83d Armd Rcn Bn	1st Div	26 Jul 44-30 Jul 44
Cos B & D 23d Armd Engr Bn	1st Div	26 Jul 44-30 Jul 44
CC B	4th Div	30 Jul 44-4 Aug 44
33d Armd Regt	4th Div	30 Jul 44-4 Aug 44
36th Armd Inf (-3d Bn)	4th Div	30 Jul 44-4 Aug 44
391st Armd FA Bn	4th Div	30 Jul 44-4 Aug 44
83d Armd Rcn Bn	4th Div	30 Jul 44-4 Aug 44
Cos B & D 23d Armd Engr Bn	4th Div	30 Jul 44-4 Aug 44
CC A	1st Div	30 Jul 44-12 Aug 44
32d Armd Regt	1st Div	30 Jul 44-12 Aug 44
3d GBn 36th Armd Inf	1st Div	30 Jul 44-12 Aug 44
54th Armd FA Bn	1st Div	30 Jul 44-12 Aug 44
67th Armd FA Bn	1st Div	30 Jul 44-12 Aug 44
Co A & C 23d Armd Engr Bn	1st Div	30 Jul 44-12 Aug 44
CC B	1st Div	4 Aug 44-7 Aug 44
33d Armd Regt	1st Div	4 Aug 44-7 Aug 44
36th Armd Inf (-3d Bn)	1st Div	4 Aug 44-7 Aug 44
391st Armd FA Bn	1st Div	4 Aug 44-7 Aug 44
83d Armd Rcn Bn	1st Div	4 Aug 44-7 Aug 44
B & D Cos 23d Armd Engr Bn	1st Div	4 Aug 44-7 Aug 44
CC B	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44
33d Armd Regt	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44

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36th Armd Inf	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44
87th Armd FA Bn	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44
391st Armd FA Bn	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44
83d Armd Rcn Bn	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44
B & D Cos 23d Armd Engr Bn	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44
1 det Co E 23d Armd Engr Bn	30th Div	7 Aug 44-12 Aug 44
Task Force King CC B	9th Div	5 Sep 44-6 Sep 44
1st Bn 33d Armd Regt	9th Div	5 Sep 44-6 Sep 44
Co F 36th Armd Inf	9th Div	5 Sep 44-6 Sep 44
3d Plat Rcn Co 33d Armd Regt	9th Div	5 Sep 44-6 Sep 44
2d Plat Co B 23d Armd Engr Bn	9th Div	5 Sep 44-6 Sep 44
Co E 33d Armd Regt	26th Inf	11 Oct 44-22 Oct 44
Co H 32d Armd Regt	9th Div	13 Oct 44-17 Oct 44
3d Bn 33d Armd Regt	26th Inf	15 Oct 44-22 Oct 44
CC A	V Corps	18 Dec 44-21 Dec 44
32d Armd Regt (-1st Plat)	V Corps	18 Dec 44-21 Dec 44
3d Bn 36th Armd Inf	V Corps	18 Dec 44-21 Dec 44
67th Armd FA Bn	V Corps	18 Dec 44-21 Dec 44
Co A 23d Armd Engr Bn	V Corps	18 Dec 44-21 Dec 44
CC B	30th Div	19 Dec 44-25 Dec 44
33d Armd Regt (-3d Bn)	30th Div	19 Dec 44-25 Dec 44
2d Bn 36th Armd Inf	30th Div	19 Dec 44-25 Dec 44
Co D 23d Armd Engr Bn	30th Div	19 Dec 44-25 Dec 44
CC B	V Corps	19 Dec 44-20 Jan 45
33d Armd Regt (-3d Bn)	V Corps	19 Dec 44-20 Jan 45
2d Bn 36th Armd Inf	V Corps	19 Dec 44-20 Jan 45
Co D 23d Armd Engr Bn	V Corps	19 Dec 44-20 Jan 45
Task Force Doan	84th Div	23 Dec 44-22 Jan 45
Hq 32d Armd Regt	84th Div	23 Dec 44-22 Jan 45
2d Bn 32d Armd Regt	84th Div	23 Dec 44-22 Jan 45
3d Bn 36th Armd Inf (-1 co)	84th Div	23 Dec 44-22 Jan 45
CC A	75th Div	29 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
3d Bn 32d Armd Regt	75th Div	29 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
Co I 36th Armd Inf	75th Div	29 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
67th Armd FA Bn	75th Div	29 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
54th Armd FA Bn	75th Div	29 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
83d Armd Rcn Bn	75th Div	29 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
Co A 23d Armd Engr Bn	75th Div	29 Dec 44-30 Dec 44
Task Force Richardson	84th Div	2 Jan 45-23 Jan 45
3d Bn 32d Armd Regt	84th Div	2 Jan 45-23 Jan 45
1 plat Co A 23d Armd Engr Bn	84th Div	2 Jan 45-23 Jan 45
CC R	1st Div	8 Mar 45-17 Mar 45

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3d Bn 32d Armd Regt	1st Div	8 Mar 45-17 Mar 45
2d Bn 33d Armd Regt	1st Div	8 Mar 45-17 Mar 45
3d Bn 36th Armd Inf	1st Div	8 Mar 45-17 Mar 45
Co C 23d Armd Engr Bn	1st Div	8 Mar 45-17 Mar 45
Co E 23d Armd Engr Bn	1106th Engr C Gp	17 Mar 45-25 Mar 45
CC R	1st Div	20 Mar 45-22 Mar 45
CC R (Contd)	1st Div	20 Mar 45-22 Mar 45
3d Bn 32d Armd Regt	1st Div	20 Mar 45-22 Mar 45
2d Bn 33d Armd Regt	1st Div	20 Mar 45-22 Mar 45
3d Bn 36th Armd Inf	1st Div	20 Mar 45-22 Mar 45
Co C 23d Armd Engr Bn	1st Div	20 Mar 45-22 Mar 45
CC A	9th Div	24 Apr 45-25 Apr 45
CC R	9th Div	24 Apr 45-25 Apr 45

Engineer

Co A 23d Armd Engr Bn	9th Div	1 Jul 44-31 Jul 44
Co D 23d Armd Engr Bn	9th Div	11 Jul 44-16 Jul 44

Field Artillery

54th Armd FA Bn	9th Div	1 Jul 44-31 Jul 44
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Infantry

1st Bn 36th Armd Inf	9th Div	13 Oct 44-17 Oct 44
2d Bn 36th Armd Inf	1st Div	1 Dec 44-8 Dec 44

ASSIGNMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS

DATE	CORPS	ARMY		ARMY GROUP	
		Assigned	Attached	Assigned	Attached
20 Nov 43	VII	First		ETOUSA	
8 Feb 44	XIX	First			
15 Jul 44	VII	First			
1 Aug 44	VII	First		12th	
19 Dec 44	XVIII Abn	First		12th	
20 Dec 44	XVIII Abn	First		12th	Br 21st
23 Dec 44	VII	First		12th	Br 21st
18 Jan 45	VII	First		12th	-

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1 May 45	XIX	Ninth		12th	
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(-) Indicated relieved from assignment

COMMAND POSTS

DATE	TOWN	REGION	COUNTRY
1943			
15 Sep	Landed Liverpool	Lancashire	England
17 Sep	Bruton (Redlynch House)	Somerset	England
1944			
25 Jun	Les Oubeaux (¾ mi W; S of Isigny)	Calvados	France
9 Jul	La Fotelaie (½ mi W; vic Ariel)	Manche	France
9 Jul	St-Jean-de-Daye (¾ mi E)	Manche	France
17 Jul	Le Mesnil-Veneron	Manche	France
29 Jul	Carantilly (1 mi S)	Manche	France
31 Jul	Hambye (1 ½ mi N)	Manche	France
4 Aug	Cherencey le Heron	Manche	France
9 Aug	Chatillon-sur-Colmont (1 ½ mi S)	Mayenne	France
13 Aug	Pre-en-Pail	Mayenne	France
15 Aug	Ranes (3 mi S)	Orne	France
17 Aug	Ranes (3 mi N)	Orne	France
22 Aug	Favieres (1 ½ mi E)	Eure-et-Loir	France
25 Aug	Menecy (1 ½ mi W)	Seine-et-Oise	France
26 Aug	Quincy-sous-Senart	Seine-et-Oise	France
27 Aug	Magny-le-Hongre (1 mi SW)	Seine-et-Oise	France
28 Aug	Levignen (1 mi NE)	Oise	France
29 Aug	Soissons (Sermoise)	Aisne	France
30 Aug	Braye-en-Laonnois	Aisne	France
31 Aug	Montcornet (½ mi S)	Aisne	France
1 Sep	La Capelle	Aisne	France
2 Sep	Mons (5 mi S)	Hainaut	Belgium
4 Sep	Charleroi (Chatelineau)	Hainaut	Belgium
5 Sep	Namur	Namur	Belgium
6 Sep	Huy (2 mi W)	Liege	Belgium
7 Sep	Sur Cortil (near Tilff)	Liege	Belgium
9 Sep	Louviegne	Liege	Belgium

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10 Sep	Verviers	Liege	Belgium
11 Sep	Eupen	Liege	Belgium
13 Sep	Raerem	Liege	Belgium
15 Sep	Dorff	Rhineland	Germany
21 Sep	Stolberg	Rhineland	Germany
20 Dec	Hotton	Luxembourg	Belgium
21 Dec	Erezee (½ mi SW)	Luxembourg	Belgium
22 Dec	Manhay	Luxembourg	Belgium
23 Dec	Noiseux	Luxembourg	Belgium
24 Dec	Barvaux	Luxembourg	Belgium
31 Dec	Chateau de Bouillon (vic Havelange)	Liege	Belgium
1945			
2 Jan	Werbomont	Liege	Belgium
3 Jan	La Fourche	Liege	Belgium
6 Jan	Bra	Liege	Belgium
8 Jan	Lierneux	Liege	Belgium
14 Jan	Hebronval	Liege	Belgium
21 Jan	Petite Somme	Liege	Belgium
7 Feb	Stolberg	Rhineland	Germany
25 Feb	Mariaweiler	Rhineland	Germany
26 Feb	Arnoldsweiler	Rhineland	Germany
26 Feb	Morschenich	Rhineland	Germany
27 Feb	Elsdorf (Sittarderhof) (2 ½ mi SE)	Rhineland	Germany
3 Mar	Niederaussem	Rhineland	Germany
5 Mar	Pulheim	Rhineland	Germany
7 Mar	Cologne	Rhineland	Germany
17 Mar	Hermulheim	Rhineland	Germany
22 Mar	Honnef (Mauser Home) (1 ½ mi S)	Rhineland	Germany
25 Mar	Eudenbach	Rhineland	Germany
25 Mar	Griesenbach (Oberscheid) (½ mi S)	Rhineland	Germany
26 Mar	Maulsbach	Rhineland	Germany
27 Mar	Altenkirchen	Rhineland	Germany
27 Mar	Atzelgift	Rhineland	Germany
28 Mar	Schonbach	Nassau	Germany
29 Mar	Ober-Marsberg	Westphalia	Germany
30 Mar	Etteln (1 mi NE)	Westphalia	Germany
31 Mar	Etteln	Westphalia	Germany
2 Apr	Nordborchen	Westphalia	Germany

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6 Apr	Brakel	Westphalia	Germany
9 Apr	Adelebsen	Hannover	Germany
10 Apr	Werningerode	Magdeburg	Germany
12 Apr	Sangerhausen	Halle-Merseburg	Germany
13 Apr	Freist	Halle-Merseburg	Germany
14 Apr	Lingenau	Anhalt-Dessau	Germany
25 Apr	Sangerhausen	Halle-Merseburg	Germany

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