

**SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM**  
**(16 Sept, 1944, WWII...memories)**

*“First in Belgium, we wanted to be first in Holland, my memory reminds”. We were the 113<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Group and our unit history informs ‘on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September the Group moved out and in spectacular cavalry mode, we covered in 3 days(128 miles)and fought, eliminated or bypassed and fought a series of small fire fights - against German infantry and tanks....for which we received the Belgium Fourragere cited by Prince Charles of Belgium.....then aided in the capture of Liege, we crossed the Meuse River and headed towards Vise en-route to Maastricht....as part of C Troop we joined in the fight at Vise(our 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, Fox Company of which I was a part, a bow-gunner in a light tank)... ..try and look through a periscope while moving it, simultaneously firing the 30mm MG....we learned we were taking on a German Battalion. It was then 13 September, and we prevailed, taking many prisoners. On 16 September we joined our First Platoon in the sweep to Maarland.....Little did we know the great battle called Market Garden would kick off on the 17<sup>th</sup> ...remembered in the movie, ‘A bridge too far’ ...the great airborne turning operation that failed.*

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