

## **Missing in Action : One Movie Projector**

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While in England, the 167th Battalion Supply Section requisitioned a movie projector in order to show training films, but the package didn't catch up with us until several months later when we were in France. The 167th Battalion Supply Section was notified that the projector had finally arrived. The 167th needed to send someone to the rear echelon Supply Depot in Brussels, Belgium.

Lt. John W. Scott and I were assigned the task of retrieving the projector. Belgium had been liberated in 1944 by Allied forces and we figured there were worse duties that we could've pulled. So off we went. When we finally found the Supply Depot in Brussels, the kind folks there informed us that the Army has sent the projector to a supply depot near Paris, France.

Lt. Scott and I headed toward Paris and got lost several times on the 165 mile trip. At last, we reached the supply depot near Paris. The nice people there politely informed us that the Army had sent the projector back to Brussels. Off we went to Brussels again.

In Brussels, the folks at the depot laughed to see us there again so soon. And in a battered cardboard box was the projector, none the worse for the wear. Lt. Scott and I were beginning to worry about our own wear and tear. We had now been gone 7 days on our assignment to get the projector.

When we returned to the 167th ,Captain Donnelly was skeptical to say the least. He was convinced that we had just been "living it up" in Paris.