**Singling Research Module**

***Definition****:* An American armored task force attacks a well defended village on 6 DEC 1944 in the European Theater of Operations.

**NOTE**: The references below provide information re the fighting at Singling. Use these references and supplement with your own research. Be sure to address the nature of the terrain, weapons, and impact on the battle.

***Electronic References listed by file name****:*

804 AD 414

* Combat history of the 4th Armored Division in Europe; organized chronologically and drawn from formation logs and diaries with context for Singling (PDF pp. 78-79 and a tally of personnel and equipment losses for the month of DEC 1944 (PDF pp. 99-101)

837 TB 106

* 37th Tank Battalion war diary from JUL 1944- MAY 1945 with entries covering operations prior to and during the Singling engagement; also includes a narrative of the fight at Singling (PDF pp. 176-208)

837 TB 107

* 37th Tank Battalion unit journal for DEC 1944 that includes message log addressing movements to Singling

851 AIB 131

* 51st Armored Infantry Battalion AAR, covering period AUG 1944-MAY 1945

BG Albin Irzyk Interview

* Commander of the 8th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, discusses his experience in the Lorraine campaign, including the command confusion that surrounded the US attack upon Singling.

Ganz Return to Singling ARMOR 1985

* Article focused on reflections of a tank company commander and a platoon leader who revisited site of battle in which they participated in 1978

Small Unit Actions—Singling 1946

* Battle description based on interviews of American participants with photos and maps

***Suggested secondary sources:***

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D.C.: United States Army Center of Military History, 1997), pp. 530-533.

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***Further research subjects:***

LTC Creighton Abrams

37th Tank Battalion

111th Panzer Grenadier Regiment

11th Panzer Division

Panzerkampfwagen V Panther

M4A3 Sherman tank