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609th Tank Destroyer Bn

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Activated: 15 Dec 1941 at Ft Bragg, N.C.  
Inactivated: 13 Nov 1945, Cp Breckenridge, Ky.

BATTLE CREDITS: Ardennes-Alsace; Rhineland; Central Europe; Northern France

STATIONS

Departed NY PCE	8-11-44	to	8-11-44
England	8-22-44		10-5-44
France	10-5-45		
Germany			
France (Le Havre)			8-30-45
NY PCE	9-7-45		9-7-45
Cp Breckenridge, Ky.	9-10-45		11-13-45

COMBAT HIGHLIGHTS

24 Aug 44 Arrive England. Trained. Assigned to Third Army.  
19 Sep 44

20 Sep 44 Arrive Utah Beach, France.

No report until

1 Oct 44 In ~~XX~~ Corps Reserve in area of Moutiers, France. Firing supporting  
2 Nov 44 missions. *attd 10 A. Dur 16 Oct until end of War.*

3 Nov 44 Attached to 10th Armd Div in advance across France to Luxembourg.  
21 Dec 44

1-18 Jan 45 Supported defense of Luxembourg City during Ardennes Campaign (Co C)  
in Bastogne Pocket.

19-29 Jan 45 Move to Bechy, France. Patrols, firing missions.

30 Jan 45 Move to Metz, France. Continued artillery support.  
18 Feb 45

20-25 Feb 45 Move through Sierck, Wincheringen to Nittel, Germany. Assault Saar-  
Moselle triangle.

27 Feb 45 Cross Saar River to Ecurig. Supporting infantry assault.  
2 Mar 45

3-17 Mar 45 Move to Trier, Germany, for support of 10th Armd Div in area of  
Ehrange.

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- 18-20 Mar 45 Battalion CP moved to Waldraach, Thalfang, Wirschweiler. Attached 16th Cavalry Group. Supporting missions.
- 21-31 Mar 45 Move to vic of Mannheim at Sandhofen.
- 1-29 Apr 45 Move to Garmish - Parlenkirchen. Maintain road blocks and interior guard.
- 30 Apr 45 Move to Köchel. Mopping up operations.  
14 May 45

No further information.

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(Supplementary Report)

- 1-30 Oct 44 XX Corps Reserve vic Moutiers, France. Co C supported XX Corps Arty fire 8 Oct. Co B reinforced 90th Div Arty fire vic Metz 12 Oct. Co C supported XX Corps Arty fire vic Batilly 21-28 Oct. Attached 10th Armd Div 16 Oct 44-8 May 45.
- Nov 44 No report available. 10th Armd Div report states Co A supported CCB vic Metz 2 Nov.
- 1 Dec 44 CP at Rustruff, Germany. Bn attached 10th Armd Div. Co A to CCA; Co B to CCR, Co C to CCB.
- 1-11 Dec 44 Supported 10th Armd Div, Lettingen 2 Dec.
- 11-17 Dec 44 Bn less (Co B) trained.
- 18 Dec 44 Vic Garnich. Co C moved with CCB to support 10th A/B Div at Bastogne, Belgium. Bn (Co C) in defense 18 Dec., Luxembourg City; vic Beringen, Belgium 21 Dec. Cos A & B under Bn control 26 Dec. Attached XII Corps 27 Dec. Attached 10th Armd Div under tactical control XII Corps at Beringen, Belgium 1 Jan. Attached 10th Armd Div 11 Jan, patrolling. Vic Dieuze, Belgium 17 Jan.
- 25 Jan 45 Trained. Vic Pechy 29 Jan. Reconnaissance vic St Avoild, France; Metz, France 10 Feb.
- 19 Feb 4 Mar 45 Supported Div attack in Saar-Moselle Triangle. Crossed Saar River at Beurig, Germany 27 Feb. Arrived Trier, Germany 3 Mar.
- 4-16 Mar 45 Prepared for attack, patrolled.
- 17-23 Mar 45 Attached 16th Cav Gp; moved to Waldrach 18 Mar. Closed in Saarlautern 23 Mar.
- 24-28 Mar 45 Rehabilitation. Attached 10th Armd Div 24 Mar. Assembled vic Mannheim 28 Mar.
- 30 Mar 1 May 45 Supported attack S&SE toward Hellbronn, Rohrbach 1 Apr; Diebach 12 Apr; Mezmingen 26 Apr; Garmish 30 Apr.
- 1-8 May 45 Rehabilitation, security.

609th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
December 1941 - September 1944

- 17 December 1941 - Major Russell T. Finn assumed command.
- 22 January 1942 - Pioneer Company and Company C activated.
- 26 April 1942 - Major Gordon V. Holcomb assumed command.
- 3 August 1942 - Battalion reorganized under new Tables of Organization. Pioneer Company redesignated Reconnaissance Company.
- 20 September 1942 - Lieutenant Roland A. Browne assumed command.
- 6 - 10 January 1943 - Battalion training at Fort Hood, Texas.
- 9 June 1943 - Battalion closed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, new permanent station.
- 1 August 1944 - Battalion moved from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for Camp Shanks, New York
- 11 August 1944 - Battalion left Camp Shanks enroute overseas.
- 24 August 1944 - Battalion arrived Liverpool, England. Trained in England until 19 September 1944.
- 20 September 1944 - Battalion arrived Utah Beach 0315 hours. Attached to XX Corps vicinity St. Mars, France.
- 22 September 1944 - Moved to one mile south of Langey, France.
- 23 September 1944 - Moved to five miles south of Sens, France.
- 24 September 1944 - Assigned to 4th Tank Destroyer Group.
- 30 September 1944 - Defensive position east of Moutiers, France, reinforcing defenses south of Vionville.