

A CHRONICLE OF THE

802ND TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

1941

1945

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*Normandy*

*Northern France*



*Ardennes*

*Rhineland*

*Central Europe*

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802ND TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

VETERANS ASSOCIATION

1946

2000 PLUS

## Preface

Time goes by, and our memories of our buddies, the places we've been and the experiences we shared together slowly fade away.

This brief history of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion and its Veterans Association will help refresh our memories and rekindle the spirit and comradeship that always made the 802nd such a grand outfit.

### Here's The Big Picture

The memorial plaque dedicated to our comrades who lost their lives in the service of our country is as complete as possible. We know there should be some additional names included but we have not been able to secure those names. The Association is constantly seeking to procure our comrades names and in 1977 two names were added to the plaque.

Throughout our military service the grades of our officers and enlisted men changed dramatically from year to year. Officers went up the ranks from Second Lieutenants to four known Brigadier Generals. Enlisted men went up the ranks from Privates to Master Sergeants. It would be impossible to present an accurate Battalion roster listing all officers and enlisted men and their highest held grade. Therefore our Battalion roster is published in alphabetical order.

Representing all the officers and enlisted men of the Battalion we list our combat Battalion Commander, our Company Commanders, our Battalion Sergeant Major and our Company First Sergeants.

Battalion Commander  
Lieutenant Colonel John H. Montgomery

#### Company Commanders

Headquarters Company  
Captain Charles G. Wagner

A Company  
Captain Jean M. Varda

B Company  
Captain William R. Kessler

Reconnaissance Company  
Captain Daniel C. Moon  
C Company  
Captain James J. Boyle

Battalion Sergeant Major  
Master Sergeant Leo E. Krayeski

#### Company First Sergeants

Headquarters Company  
First Sergeant  
George M. Wood

A Company  
First Sergeant  
George W. Romer

B Company  
First Sergeant  
Frank Locurto

Reconnaissance Company  
First Sergeant  
Thomas W. McCutchan  
C Company  
First Sergeant  
John J. Rajkovich

The 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion is an old and proud military unit whose lineage goes far back in the history of our country. We have researched our ancestry from conception to federalization into the armed forces, through our service while stationed in the United States, through our combat service in the European Theater of Operation, and our organizing as a veterans association.

## Chronicle Of The 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion

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In The Beginning; In the year 1839, a Captain Charles A. Hamilton raised a company of Home Guards from Flushing, New York and called them the Hamilton Rifles. They were the first uniformed and organized military troops in the community. As formed, they were a Light Infantry Company. This they remained until 1845 when they were reorganized as a Light Horse Artillery Battery.

On November 29, 1861, this unit left for Washington, D. C., in answer to a call from President Lincoln for service with the Union Army in the Civil War. Under the command of Captain Thomas L. Robinson and later Captain Jacob Roomer, they fought at Cedar Mountain, Second Battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Haynes Bluff, Vicksburg, Tennessee Campaign, The Siege of Knoxville, Battle of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and the Siege of Petersburg. The Flushing Battery was mustered out of Federal Service June 21, 1865.

July 1, 1867, some veterans of the old Flushing Battery reorganized as the 17th Separate Company of the New York National Guard. Although this company was not called into Federal Service during the Spanish-American War, some 40 men of the company, under Captain John Klien, volunteered their services.

In November 1915 the Hempstead Unit was formed as Machine Gun Company, 10th Infantry, New York National Guard.

In June 1916 the 17th Separate Company was called out and saw service on the Mexican Border until August of that year.

On February 4, 1917, just prior to the Declaration of War, the Hempstead and Flushing Units were sent to guard the New York City Water Supply on Long Island, believed to be in danger from enemy agents.

In August of that year they were called to Fort Meade, Maryland, for training and later to Camp Sutton, North Carolina. Both Units became part of the 51st Pioneer Infantry and sailed for France on July 26, 1918. Docking at Brest 12 days later, they took part in the St. Mihiel Drive and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Then on November 12, the day after the Armistice, the 51st Pioneer Infantry marched across the German Border as part of the Army of Occupation. They remained in Germany until June 1, 1919. They were returned home and mustered out of Federal Service on July 15, 1919.

After the war, the Hempstead and Flushing Units were reorganized in the New York National Guard as Company M of the 47th Infantry and then in succession redesignated as Company M of the 14th Infantry, then as Company K of the 14th Infantry and then as the 27th Division Air Service.

On January 3, 1923, their Aerial Adventure over, the Units were reorganized as 3rd Battalion Headquarters; Company G, Company K and Company L of the 14th Infantry, New York National Guard stationed at Hempstead and Flushing, New York. That remained the status quo until 1939 when 3rd Battalion Headquarters was transferred to Hempstead and on September 1, 1940, the 102nd Anti-Tank Battalion was formed.

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The 102nd Anti-Tank Battalion was the first Anti-Tank Unit formed from a National Guard Organization. Headquarters and a Medical Detachment were formed; Company K became Company A, Company L became Company B, and Company I became Company C.

On January 13, 1941, the 102nd Anti-Tank Battalion was inducted into the Federal Service according to Presidential Order No. 8618, dated December 23, 1940.

The 102nd Anti-Tank Battalion left Hempstead and Flushing, New York by rail on January 20, 1941, and moved to Camp Shelby, Mississippi for training; numbering 25 Officers and 382 Enlisted Men. They were joined there on May 2, 1941, by 229 Men selected by a Board composed of their friends and neighbors for service in the Armed Forces.

With the coming of June came the first Maneuvers. The men got a first-hand knowledge of the Chiggers and Ticks of Louisiana.

Back to Camp Shelby in July for more training until August, and then more Louisiana Maneuvers. The bugs were still biting.

On October 1, 1941, they moved to Camp Claibourne, Louisiana, for training with the 2nd Provisional Anti-Tank Group. Then in late October they had more Maneuvers, in North Carolina for a change.

In December they went back to Camp Shelby and stayed there until May 2, 1942. This was a longer stay in one spot than usual and some of the men were beginning to feel like born Dixielanders. While there, they underwent a change. 102nd ceased to be, and on December 15 they became the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

The 802nd moved to Camp Sutton, North Carolina, on May 2, 1942. Thus, they were in the same camp that their World War I Forebearer trained in. They trained at Camp Sutton until June 15, 1942, then went over to Camp Burt (Fort Bragg) to fire. There they blazed away with machine guns, rifles, and their 75mm. cannon until June 23, when they returned to Camp Sutton.

July came and Maneuvers again in North Carolina, under the Second Army. They played war as part of the 1st Tank Destroyer Group with the 29th and 36th Infantry Divisions. After the Mock War they returned to Camp Sutton to study the lessons maneuvers had taught them; and continued with their regular Garrison Life, Police-ups, Inspections and so forth. In August, they sent a Cadre of 6 Officers and 95 Enlisted Men to the 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

On September 9, 1942, they left Camp Sutton and headed for Camp Hood, Texas. They were going to the very center of Tank Destroyer "Know-How". They were going to garner learning at the "Horse's Mouth". Later, in Normandy, they were to wonder if the "Horse" might not have rather long ears.

They became very proficient at Camp Hood and did very well on all their Army Ground Forces Tests. On October 8, 1942, they gathered to their bosom 404 nice fresh Recruits.

In January 1943, 802nd moved to Camp Polk, Louisiana, for more training. While there they were successively attached to the III Armored Corps, the 3rd Army, the XIX Corps and the XXI Corps. They also went on one more Maneuver. This Louisiana Maneuver under the 3rd Army featured the 11th Armored Division, the 31st, 88th and 95th Infantry Divisions, and the 10th and 11th Tank Destroyer Groups.

In December 1943 they moved to Camp Claibourne, Louisiana and remained there until the end of March 1944. Then they moved by rail to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and started on the Great Adventure.

Europe here we come - to the tune of Marsey Doats and Dosey Doats and Little Lambie Divey, and Red Cross Ladies passing out coffee and doughnuts. We boarded the Troopship "Gle De France" at Pier 46, Hudson River, New York City.

The journey across the Atlantic Ocean to the Firth of Clyde, Scotland was made without benefit of convoy. Unloading from the "Gle De France" to ferries then to rail transportation, the Battalion embarked for Altringham, England, to a camp known as Dunham Newpark, Cheshire. At this camp the Battalion was completely combat equipped. We then moved to the Invasion Staging Area at Stonehenge, England. Then to the Final Embarkation Area at Southampton, England to join all the other troops, preparing for the Invasion of France. We landed on Utah Beach, France on D-Day plus 3, June 9, 1944.

The Battalion engaged in combat in all Five European Theater Campaigns

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| I Normandy   | II Northern France |
| III Ardennes | IV Rhineland       |

#### V Central Europe

Normandy Campaign - (Battle of the Hedgerows) At this point we are attached to the 83rd Infantry Division First Army and underwent our Baptism by Fire at Ste. Mere Eglise - - - Edging slowly forward thru the frustrating hedgerows, the Battalion advanced on and thru Carentan, ~~St. Malo, Dinard, Dinan~~ until finally the break-thru at St. Lo with the 3rd Army and onto the plains of France. ~~St. Malo, Dinard~~

Northern France - During this campaign the German Army was in headlong retreat, back to their Homeland. Combat in this campaign was mostly spearheading, isolating and mopping up pockets of German resistance.

Ardennes - (Battle of the Bulge) Here we are in Luxembourg, for a well earned Rest and Recuperation. Attached to the 4th Infantry Division, refitting, reequipping and training replacement personnel. The Battalion was ordered to St. Vith, Belgium, to replace an untried Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to the untried 106th Infantry Division. Quarters Parties were on the road to St. Vith - - Whiz! Bang! Boom! - Here we go again. The Germans started their last Big Engagement (The Battle of the Bulge) and overran the very positions that the Battalion was to occupy. Good thing they didn't start one day later. The Battalion remained with the 4th Infantry Division, whose orders were to protect the Southern Flank of Bastogne. The German bid for breakthru and victory was defeated. We are on the move again at night under heavy enemy artillery fire, thru St. Vith, Houffalize thru the Maginot and impregnable Siegfried Lines, on our way to the Rhine.

Rhineland - On the move to the Rhine River the Battalion fought our way thru Aachen - Julich - Wellsdorf - on to Muncheun-Gladbach on the Banks of the Rhine River. The Battalion is now attached to the 95th Infantry Division 9th Army and preparing to cross the Rhine River into the Ruhr Valley. The crossing was accomplished in darkness under heavy enemy bombardment over Pontoon Bridges into the heart of Germany. The 95th Infantry Division with the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion eliminated all German resistance in the Industrial Ruhr Valley.

1st ARMY

9th ARMY

Central Europe - At long last the Final Campaign. The Battalion fought a courageous battle across Germany, on into Falkenov, Czechoslovakia, where at this point the German Army suffered their most humiliating defeat and surrendered unconditionally to the Allied Forces.

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The 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion sustained one of the longest continuous combat records of all units that were in the European Theater of Operations.

The War is Over - The Battalion is now engaged in Military Government and Occupation. Our Combat Days were far behind us. We had made the full Circle: from Barracks and Garrison Life in Army Camps in the States, through England, and then the Days of Battle. Now, once again, to Barracks and Garrison Life. The Cycle was Complete.

In the days that followed, the Battalion reorganized. Men with high numbers of points transferred out, new men, low in points, came in from other outfits. The 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, went on training for whatever the future holds in store: But the Men that began the Adventure, The Men that made the 802nd, were parting. It was time to say Farewell to Friends and Comrades: The Great Adventure Was Ended.

*History Of The 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion Veterans Association  
1946 - 2000 Plus*

*We are without doubt the most unique and finest Veterans Association in the United States. We out-perform any other Battalion, Regimental, or Divisional Veterans Organization in the country. We have a greater percentage of members attending our monthly meetings. We have closer ties with our members thru our monthly news letters. We enjoy a good deal more yearly social activities. We have more frequent reunions. We maintain an up-to-date historical album, and we still have that same esprit de corps, loyalty and comradeship among the membership that always made the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion great in the past-present-and future.*

*How did we come into being?*

*How do we function?*

*What have we accomplished?*

*What does the future hold for us?*

*Here Is Our Story*

*The great adventure we shared together from 1941 to 1945 is over. We are back in the States once again with families and friends. Some of us are still in contact with one another; so we drop a line once in a while. Some of us get together occasionally, have a few beers and throw the bull until next time. We get married. We raise families. No thought is given to starting an association until one day the idea is broached by Thomas W. McCutchan to Leo E. Krayeski, John J. Orlando, Nicholas L. Rajkovich and Clarence Schwab that an association be started with the purpose of getting together on a regular basis so that the close contacts and comradeships formed during our war years be maintained. It was decided that Tom's proposal was interesting and well worth trying. The project of forming an association was started and the next adventure was on its way.*

*The 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion was activated out of the Flushing and Hempstead Armories. The most potential means for getting started and contacting the greatest number of members involved the five counties of New York City and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester. Telephone books of the above counties were acquired, and the first meeting of the charter members of the Association took place at the home of Tom McCutchan. We poured over those phone books and recorded the phone numbers and addresses of every member we could possibly come up with and wrote, phoned, and visited all that we could.*

*The first meeting of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion Veterans Association took place at the Flushing Armory, Flushing, New York in 1947. That initial meeting was a huge success with over fifty comrades in attendance. We took up a collection, ran out for a half barrel of beer and we had ourselves some bull throwing, beer drinking session. No one remembers when that meeting ended, but it was decided to carry on the meetings on a month to month basis and see what the future held in store for us.*

*From this initial meeting the Association started to expand. Members kept adding names and addresses of 802 buddies they knew and the mailing list kept building and building. Even as of this date, new comrades are constantly being reunited into the Association.*

Thomas W. McCutchan was the Association's First Commander and the other charter members became the other first officers of the organization.

The first early years of the Association consisted mainly of just having the monthly meetings, enjoying the togetherness and having some beer and bull sessions. Good and enjoyable as these early meetings were, the Association decided that if it was to be successful and expand, a program had to be instituted to stimulate interest and participation of the membership and their families.

The Association moved along on a step by step process and put into effect a series of endeavors and social activities that started in 1949 and which is still being maintained as of this date.

First of all the Association decided to expand its contact with the membership to keep them more fully informed as to what was going on. The greatest and most successful project of the 802nd Veterans Association was started...Our Monthly News Letter. This Monthly News Letter is still being sent to the membership regardless of where he lives. Monthly news letters were even sent to members stationed and living over seas. This monthly news letter is the one key factor in keeping us so closely knit together, and it shall be continued into the future so long as the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion Veterans Association is in existence.

In order to govern the Association properly, a constitution and by-laws were drawn up and put into effect. A few years later, the Association received a charter of incorporation from the state of New York.

The Association formed a welfare committee. The committee reports on the sick and needy and visits the sick and hospitalized and presents those comrades a get well gift from the organization.

The Association turns out for a deceased comrade; sends a wreath, and when possible and desired by the member's family, the American flag and Battalion colors are placed appropriately on display. There is also a ceremony and eulogy for our departed comrade.

A departed comrade is still a comrade to be remembered and commemorated, so the Association has now started and maintains in our historical album an honor roll of our departed comrades, dating back to 1946 and kept in rotation up to the present time. The honor roll will be maintained as far into the future as to the time of the last entry and the fading away of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion Veterans Association.

In honor and remembrance of our comrades who gave their lives in the service of our country from 1941 to 1945, the Association had a memorial plaque designed and enshrined in the main foyer of the Flushing Armory, Flushing, New York. There is also a memorial outside the Hempstead Armory set up by the New York National Guard Veterans that includes 802 J.D. names.

Each Memorial Day the Association places floral wreaths in the Flushing and Hempstead Armories commemorating our war dead. The members, their wives, families and friends participate in services at one of the armories, alternating each year. After services, food and refreshments are served.

An election of officers takes place each year. A five man nominating committee is formed each year consisting of the past three commanders and two members from the floor, and the committee's function is to draw up and to present to the membership a slate of officers for election. The slate is published in the Monthly News Letter prior to the election. Nominations for office are also open on the floor at the election of officers meeting.



The installation of the newly elected officers takes place at the next monthly meeting. At this meeting the wives are invited to attend the installation ceremonies. The newly elected officers are given the oath of office. The outgoing commander receives a gift from the Association in appreciation for his year of duty and service to the organization. A brief meeting is held and then a social follows with food and refreshments.

The Association set up a system of permanent committees, so that all of our yearly activities are carried out smoothly and efficiently. Whenever a committee man has to drop out, another member replaces him immediately.

All during our years as an association, members keep sending in various articles of interest pertaining to the 802, such as company rosters, company pictures, mailing lists, photographs, letters, news items and newspaper articles, etc., etc., etc. A historical album of the 802 was started in order to centralize all of these memorabilia of the 802. The historical album is being maintained and constantly brought up to date. The historical album is placed on display at all of the Associations reunions and special occasions for your viewing pleasure.

In the early years the Association had a couple of small dances at our meeting hall and one large annual dance yearly.

We had bowling nights for members and wives.

We started having an annual fishing trip in 1949 for members, families and friends and we are still going strong.

We started having an annual picnic in 1950 for members, families and friends and we are still going strong.

We started having an annual Christmas party in 1951 for the kids, members, families and friends and we are still going strong.

Members brought their wives and little kids to these socials. Then it was members, their wives and big kids coming to the socials. Then it was members, their wives, their married kids and the members grandchildren coming the socials. Now we are waiting to see which member is going to be the first to bring his great grandchild to one of the socials.

In 1973 we started one of our most successful social events of the Association's history. The four mini-socials held each year. The greatest get-to-together you can imagine! Music, Dancing, Singing, Food, Refreshments and with very, very, good company, and we are still going strong.

The Association started having reunions, and the first And most highly attended reunion took place in 1955 at the Flushing Armory, Flushing, New York. Over 300 members and their wives attended from all parts of the country. A truly grand time was had rekindling the good feelings and comradeships of old times. The first reunion was followed by another and another and another and we are still going strong.

2nd Reunion	1960	Henry Hudson Hotel	New York City, New York
3rd Reunion	1964	Henry Hudson Hotel	New York City, New York
4th Reunion	1968	Sheraton Inn Towne Motel	Albany, New York
5th Reunion	1971	City Squire Motel	New York City, New York
6th Reunion	1973	Inn Towne Motor Inn	Herkimer, New York
7th Reunion	1975	Inn Towne Motor Inn	Herkimer, New York
8th Reunion	1977	Penn Stroud Hilton Inn	Stroudsburg, Penn.
9th Reunion	????	? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?	

The 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion Veterans Association is the finest Veterans Association of all because of you. Your interest, your support, your dedication, and your comradeship has made us the most unique Association in the Entire United States of America.

*We glory in our past. Live, enjoy and participate in the present.  
Look forward with exuberance and great expectations toward the future.*

*The next great adventure starts tomorrow. Come along with us!!!!*

*\* When Day Is Done Soldiers Rest \**

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IN MEMORY OF  
OUR DEPARTED COMRADES  
802 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
WORLD WAR II 1941-1945

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WHEN DAY IS DONE SOLDIERS REST

802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion

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1941 - 1945

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Roster

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Leonard J. Autera  
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Edward J. Andracki  
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Jose G. Alarcon  
Lowman L. Abbott  
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James F. Allison  
Ramon S. Alarid  
Mike S. Anevalo  
Roy Anderson  
Morris Amos  
Harry Anderson  
William E. Ascue  
Robert A. Anderson

Clayton W. Bergnes  
Milton L. Bankhoff  
Albert A. Benesch  
Donald F. Burke  
Gilbert Barrozo  
Norman N. Bjork  
Irwin Burin  
Howard J. Burke  
William Baral  
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George A. Beatty  
August L. Berger

Saul Birken  
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Matthew J. Barnes  
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James Bellamore  
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Philip Bartonowitz  
Ralph R. Bernard  
Leonald J. Bukosky  
John Burkholder  
Calmon Badin  
Achilles Baffa  
David Barrecott  
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Solon Berrick  
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Edward J. Backara  
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William H. Barnes  
Homer J. Benson  
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Charles M. Beyers  
Charles W. Barger  
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Earl P. Bondreaux  
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Curtis M. Beard  
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Donald N. Bentz  
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William F. Berda  
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Homan H. Bird  
Virgil Benson  
Dennis Broyles

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Harley Baker  
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Daniel Breen  
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W. Brumbelow  
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Jay G. Benson

Jerome J. Castiglione  
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Alfred E. Cosgrove  
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Thomas J. Cox  
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Victor H. Chalker  
Paul E. Cooluris  
Charles W. Craft  
Wilbur L. Clark  
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Rocco Condoleo  
Ronald M. Craft

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John A. Clymer  
Charles E. Cornelis  
Dennis J. Cogliati  
Francis P. Coonan  
William B. Curry  
Michael Candela  
Henry Carmen  
Thomas P. Casey  
Edward Chazan  
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Philip Cordey  
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John R. Chiesa  
Charles Creasy  
William H. Crummett  
Robert K. Chandler  
Clarence Clutter  
Neal Chess  
Monzie Clark  
Harry B. Coney  
Thomas Carroll  
Luvir Contreras  
Carvel C. Clayton

Sam Caiola  
Robert D. Campbell  
Edward Carr  
Charles W. Carroll  
Harold Chase  
Thomas L. Cobb  
Lewis E. Collins  
James C. Chandler  
Harold B. Christman  
Allen Carpenter

William P. Degnan  
Robert J. Dellert  
Charles F. Denison  
D. D. DePamphilia  
Peter P. Doyle  
Robert M. Doherty  
Chester Dolega  
James J. Doran  
George C. Daniels  
Anthony Dicce  
John F. DeAngelis  
John Diegnan  
Thomas S. Donnelly  
Richard F. Downes  
Warren Dychman  
Michael Delisa  
Joseph J. Devaney  
Leroy J. Doxey  
Charles W. Dyako  
Arthur J. Day  
Hilaire M. Della Ratta  
Werner Daniel  
William Davidson  
Charles G. Deller  
John F. Devine  
James D. Duncan  
Harry J. Douglas  
Daniel E. Duncan  
Fred H. Dissinger  
George H. Downing  
Charles Drexler  
William A. Douglas  
Harland L. Dodge  
Bernard C. Dobrzykowski  
Ernest A. Dreifus  
Orville Daniels

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 Llewlyn Dietrich  
 Herman E. Duffield  
 Edward A. Daleb  
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While stationed in the states the Battalion operated as a unit. We trained, maneuvered and always functioned as a Battalion. Once we were committed into combat the situation changed completely. The Battalion was assigned to a Division. Companies to Regiments. Platoons to Battalions. Rarely did the Battalion function as a unit. We bring this point up because in the writing of our combat service we attempt to present the big picture of the Battalion in combat. It would take years of research and volumes of books to fully describe all the various combat missions that we took part in. Examples: The Battalion with Army and Divisional combat teams. Companies with Regimental combat teams. Platoons with Battalion combat teams. Direct and indirect fire missions. Platoons and individual squads in close combat, and many other types of combat missions performed. One unit in action here, another there, and another on some other combat team assault, in no way can it all be described in this one historical presentation. We present the big picture, you fill in the pieces as you know them.

In combat many of our comrades were killed, wounded, and decorated for bravery and meritorious service in action. To list everyone who received a decoration would be an impossibility, so representing all of our decorated comrades we salute:

Sergeant Edward L. Stannard

Posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, our Nations second highest award, received for gallantry in action.

The continuing history of our Association, began in 1946, is also presented to you as a big picture. We function as described in this history. All the Associations activities are known to you through our monthly correspondence and through your participation in the Association.

The historical committee hopes you accept this publication in the spirit of good comradeship and that it will help draw us all a little bit closer and that we may continue to share our togetherness in the future as we have in the past and as we are now doing in the present.

Till we meet again, so long and take care.

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*802d Tank Destroyer Battalion*

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*Civil War*

*Bull Run*

*Manassas*

*Antietam*

*Fredericksburg*

*Chancellorsville*

*Gettysburg*

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*Virginia 1862*

*Virginia 1863*

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*By Order Of The Secretary Of The Army:*

*The Adjutant General*



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
**Lineage and Honors**

*802d Tank Destroyer Battalion*

*Constituted 13 May 1847 in the New York State Militia as the 14th Regiment.  
Organized July 1847 - February 1848 from new existing companies at Brooklyn.  
Mustered into Federal service 23 May 1861 at Washington, D.C..*

*Redesignated 7 December 1861 as the 84th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment.  
(New York State Militia redesignated 23 April 1862 as the New York National Guard)  
Mustered out of Federal service 6 June 1864 at Brooklyn.*

*Reorganized 6 July 1864 in the New York National Guard at Brooklyn as the  
14th Regiment.*

*Mustered into Federal service 13-16 May 1898 at Camp Black, New York, as the  
14th New York Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 27 October 1898  
at Brooklyn.*

*Reorganized 6 December 1898 in the New York National Guard at Brooklyn as the  
14th Infantry Regiment.*

*Called into Federal service 18 June 1916 for service on the Mexican border.  
Mustered into Federal service 1 August 1916 at Mission, Texas; mustered out of  
service 11 October 1916 at Camp Whitman, New York.*

*Mustered into Federal service 18-23 July 1917 at Brooklyn; drafted into Federal  
service 5 August 1917.*

*(14th Infantry organized 3 August 1917 in the New York Guard at Brooklyn to  
replace regiment in Federal service).*

*Reorganized and redesignated 4 January 1918 as the 2d Pioneer Infantry.  
Demobilized 2 November 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey.*

*Consolidated with the 14th Infantry, New York Guard, and consolidated unit  
reorganized in the New York National Guard as the 14th Infantry; Headquarters  
Federally recognized 30 March 1923 Brooklyn.*

*Assigned 26 January 1927 to the 93rd Infantry Brigade.*

## 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion

3d Battalion, 14th Infantry ( less Company M ) reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1940 as the 102d Antitank Battalion with Headquarters at Hempstead; concurrently relieved from assignment to the 93d Infantry Brigade ( remainder of regiment - hereafter separate lineage ).

Inducted into Federal service 13 January 1941 at home stations.

Redesignated 24 July 1941 as the 102d Infantry Battalion, Antitank.

Converted and redesignated 15 December 1941 as the 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Inactivated 1 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Redesignated 27 September 1946 as the 802d Tank Battalion.

Reorganized and Federally recognized 15 December 1947 as the 101st Military Police Battalion with Headquarters at Freeport.

Converted and redesignated 1 January 1950 as the 142d Heavy Tank Battalion and assigned to the 42d Infantry Division.

Redesignated 1 September 1950 as the 142d Tank Battalion.

( Location of Headquarters changed 3 November 1955 to Bayshore; on September 1957 to Freeport ).

Reorganized and redesignated 16 March 1959 as the 142d Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Medium Tank Battalion, an element of the 42d Infantry Division.

Reorganized 15 April 1963 to consist of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, elements of the 42d Infantry Division.

Reorganized 1 February 1968 to consist of the Battalion, an element of the 42d Infantry Division.

( 1st Battalion ordered into Federal service 24 March 1970 at home stations; released 30 March 1970 from active Federal service and reverted to state control ).

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1975 as the 242d Infantry, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental Systems, to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 42d Infantry Division.