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AG 320.2 (11-17-41)  
MR-M-C

December 3, 1941.

SUBJECT: Organization of Tank Destroyer Battalions.

TO: Commanding Generals,  
All Armies and Corps, Areas,  
Chief of Armored Force.



1. Reference is made to letter, this office, AG 320.2 (11-5-41) MR-M-C, November 27, 1941, subject, "Organization of Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center."

2. The instructions contained herein will govern the organization of tank destroyer battalions. These battalions are GHQ units of three types, namely, (1) light battalions with towed weapons designed for attachment to foot Infantry divisions, (2) light battalions with self-propelled weapons designed for attachment to Cavalry and motorized divisions, and (3) heavy battalions with self-propelled weapons for attachment to Armored divisions, Army Corps and Armies.

3. Effective December 15, 1941:

a. The following antitank units, unless specifically excepted in later paragraphs, will be inactivated:

- (1) Antitank troops, 1st and 2d Cavalry Divisions.
- (2) All antiaircraft, antitank platoons in Field Artillery battalions and regiments in the continental United States.
- (3) All Field Artillery 75-mm antitank batteries included in 155-mm howitzer battalions or regiments in the continental United States.

b. The tank destroyer battalions listed in inclosure 1 are constituted and allotted to the GHQ Reserve and will be activated. Each battalion will be attached to the Army to which its major source unit is now attached or assigned.

c. The Army commanders concerned and the Chief of the Armored Force will activate and organize the new tank destroyer battalions and attach them to Army Corps and divisions at their discretion.



4. In the reorganization the following will govern:
- a. The status of antitank companies in Infantry regiments will not be changed.
  - b. All "Antitank" battalions will be designated as "Tank Destroyer" battalions.
  - c. Present Infantry antitank battalions will be reorganized and redesignated as indicated in paragraph 12 a.
  - d. The extent to which each tank destroyer unit will be activated initially will be controlled by existing housing and available personnel.
5. No additional construction is authorized incident to those instructions.
6. Officers will be furnished by Army commanders and by the Chief of the Armored Force within current allotments.
7. Unless otherwise specified, equipment assigned the antitank elements of Field Artillery and the divisional antitank units of Cavalry will be transferred to the new tank destroyer units formed from these elements.
8. Where movement of personnel or equipment is necessary, Corps area commanders will, upon request of Army commanders and Chief of the Armored Force, issue the necessary orders, obligating the procurement authorities cited below to the extent necessary:

Travel of the Army

FD 1437 P 1-06, 2-06, 3-06, 15-06, 16-06, 17-06 A 0410-2

(For travel of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men; and for travel of dependents of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the first three grades.)

Army Transportation--Motor

QM 1620 P 32-02, 35-12 A 0525-2 "C"

(For gasoline and oil, and repairs to motor vehicles en route.)

Army Transportation--Commercial

QM 1620 P 54-01, 54-02, 54-13, 54-06 A 0525-2 "D"

(For packing, crating, and shipping equipment, impedimenta, and authorized household goods allowances of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the first four grades; and for tolls and ferriages en route.)

Barracks and Quarters



QM 1620 P 102-02, 6-10, 9-10, 11-11, A 0635-2

(For fuel, light, and water service, and rental of camp sites on route when impracticable to camp overnight at regular Army reservation.)

9. a. Instructions concerning the organization of the majority of the new units are contained in attached inclosures. Instructions for the organization of units not included in inclosure 1 are contained in succeeding paragraphs.

b. Personnel transferred in compliance with this letter will be transferred in their present grades and ratings and source units reduced accordingly. In order to obtain proper technicians (cooks, mechanics, etc.) for the new units, enlisted men may be transferred from any elements of source units, and enlisted men of inactivated antitank elements may be transferred to new tank destroyer units or to elements of source units.

10. Allotments of grades and ratings to tank destroyer units and revised allotments of grades and ratings to source units will be published in a separate communications.

11. Tables of Organization and Tables of Basic Allowances for tank destroyer units will be distributed at an early date. Pending their receipt, tank destroyer units will be organized in accordance with inclosures 2, 3, and 4 and with present available equipment.

12. The following instructions concern units not listed in inclosure 1:

Effective December 15, 1941:-

a. The Infantry antitank battalions listed below are redesignated as indicated and will be organized as heavy tank destroyer battalions in accordance with Table of Organization 18-25. The reconnaissance companies of the Tank Destroyer Battalions, except the 893d, will be inactive. All elements of the 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion will be active. These battalions will be assigned to the Infantry arm.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Redesignated</u>	<u>Station</u>
93d Inf AT Bn	893d TD Bn	Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md.
94th Inf AT Bn	894th TD Bn	Ft. Benning, Ga.
99th Inf AT Bn	899th TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.
101st Inf AT Bn	801st TD Bn	Ft. Benning, Ga.
102d Inf AT Bn	802d TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.
→ 103d Inf AT Bn	803d TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.
104th Inf AT Bn	804th TD Bn	Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
105th Inf AT Bn	805th TD Bn	Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md.



b. The antitank elements of the 112th, 128th and 178th Field Artillery Regiments will be inactivated and their equipment transferred to units as follows. The personnel of these antitank elements will be absorbed in their present regiments:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Station</u>
112th FA	813th TD Bn	Ft. Bragg, N. C.
128th FA	630th TD Bn	Ft. Jackson, S. C.
178th FA	609th TD Bn	Ft. Bragg, N. C.

c. The 780th and 781st Tank Destroyer Companies are constituted and will be activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, by the Commanding General, Third Army, from personnel now assigned to the 142d Field Artillery. These companies will be organized as separate heavy tank destroyer companies (Table of Organization 18-27) with an initial strength of 5 officers and 133 enlisted men for each company. These companies will be allotted to the Field Artillery arm. The antitank equipment now issued to the antitank elements of the 142d Field Artillery will be transferred to these companies.

13. Direct correspondence between those concerned is authorized on matters pertaining to this reorganization.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ E. S. ADAMS

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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Copies furnished:

- Commanding Generals,
- All Armies, Army Corps, Corps Areas,
- Divisions and Departments.
- Chief of Staff, GHQ.
- Commanding Officers of Exempted Stations concerned.
- Chiefs of Arms and Services, and the
- Divisions of the War Department
- General Staff.
- Fiscal Section, Misc. Div., A. G. O.
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AG 320.2 (1-24-42)

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SUBJECT: Organization of Tank Destroyer Battalions.

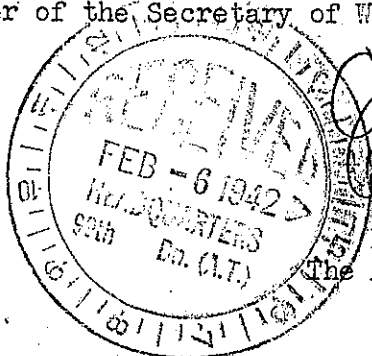
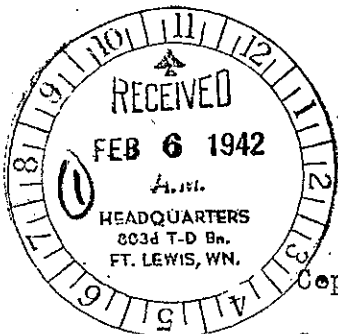
TO: Commanding Generals,  
All Armies and Corps Areas.  
Chief of Armored Force.



The Tank Destroyer Battalions and Companies listed in paragraphs 12 a and 12 c of letter, this office, AG 320.2 (11-17-41) MR-M-C, December 3, 1941, subject as above, are assigned or attached as indicated:

- 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion assigned to the Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center as School Troops.
- 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Third Army
- 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Fourth Army
- 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Third Army
- 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Third Army
- 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Fourth Army
- 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to Third Army
- 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to First Army
- 780th Tank Destroyer Company attached to Third Army
- 781st Tank Destroyer Company attached to Third Army

By order of the Secretary of War:



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Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

Copies furnished:

Commanding Generals,  
Field Forces, All Army Corps,  
Divisions and Departments.

Commanding Officers of Exempted Stations  
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Chiefs of Arms and Services and the  
Divisions of the War Department  
General Staff

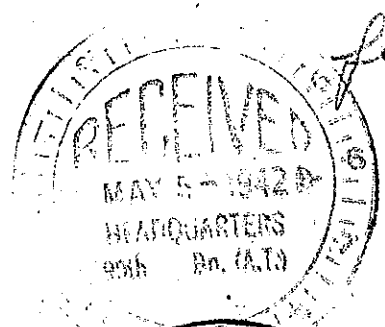
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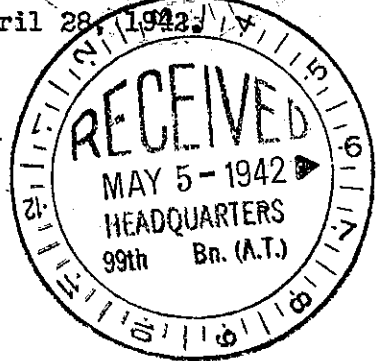
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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY GROUND FORCES  
Army War College  
Washington, D.C.



April 28, 1942



320.2/20 (R)-GNOPN  
(4-28-42)

SUBJECT: Assignment of Ground Force Units.

TO: Commanding Generals,  
Second and Third Armies,  
VII and IX Army Corps,  
Chief of the Armored Force.

Effective midnight April 30 - May 1, units as listed in the attached inclosure are relieved from assignment or attachment to Western Defense Command and Fourth Army and assigned or attached as shown. Second and Third Army units included in this list which have been temporarily under the control of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army are relieved from their assignment or attachment to the Second and Third Armies and assigned or attached as shown. Units assigned or attached Armored Force are relieved from all previous assignments or attachments.

By command of LT. GEN. McNAIR:



Sgd/ Clyde L. Hyssong,  
Typed/ CLYDE L. HYSSONG,  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

Inclosure A

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INCLOSURE A

IX Army Corps

Assigned

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Temporary Station</u>	<u>Proposed Permanent Station</u>
Hq & Hq Co		Ft Lewis, Wash.
40th Div		Ft Lewis, Wash.
115th Cav		Ft Lewis, Wash.
*133d Engr Regt (C)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
69th Engr Co (Top)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
76th FA Brig:		
Hq & Hq Btry		Ft Lewis, Wash.
144th FA (155mm Gun, Mtz)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
183d FA (155mm How, TD)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
188th FA (155mm How, TD)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
56th Med Bn (Corps)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
209th MP Co (Corps)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
9th Ord Bn (Maint):		
Hq & Hq Det		Ft Lewis, Wash.
*3d Ord Co (MM)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
48th Ord Co (MM)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
*116th Ord Co (MM)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
*Co E, 26th QM Regt (Trk)	Cp Haan, Calif.	Ft Lewis, Wash.
*140th QM Co (Trk)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
*Co D, 69th QM Bn (LM)	Cp Haan, Calif.	Ft Lewis, Wash.
*Co B, 204th QM Bn (Gas Sup)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
*Co A, 243d QM Bn (Serv)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
60th Sig Bn		Ft Lewis, Wash.



\* Army Units to be assigned to IX Corps.  
a Negro enlisted personnel.  
b Assignment to be determined.

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INCLOSURE AUNITS TO BE ATTACHED TO IX ARMY CORPS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Temporary Station</u>	<u>Proposed Permanent Station</u>
29th Engr Bn (Top) (Army) (less Cos A & D)		Portland, Ore.
90th Engr Bn (Hv Pon)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
198th Eng Co (Dp Trk)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
204th FA (155mm How)	Ft Lewis, Wash.	Cp Forrest, Tenn. (To be assigned III Army Corps)
98th FA Bn (75mm How, Pk)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
1st Bn, 87th Inf (Mt)		Ft Lewis, Wash. (To be ex- panded to regt & strength increased to 2,500.)
a 720th San Co		Ft Lewis, Wash.
68th Evac Hosp		Ft Lewis, Wash.
203d Gen Hosp		Ft Lewis, Wash.
36th MP Co		Ft Lewis, Wash.
Hq & Hq Det, 61st Ord Bn (Am)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
Hq & Hq Det, 2d Bn & Cos E & F, 55th QM Regt, (Hv Maint)	Ft Lewis, Wash.	Ft Sill, Okla. b
Co D, 57th QM Regt (Hv Maint)	Ft Lewis, Wash.	Cp Forrest, Tenn.
Co F, 57th QM Regt (Hv Maint)	Ft Lewis, Wash.	Cp Livingston, La. b
1st Bn (Less Co C), 58th QM Regt (Hv Maint)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
a Co A, 62d QM Bn (Ldry)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
Co A, 98th QM Bn (Bkry)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
a 243d QM Bn (Serv) (Less Cos A, C, & D)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
a 244th QM Bn (Serv) (less Cos A, C, & D)	Pasco, Wash.	Ft Lewis, Wash.
2d Plat, 21st QM Co (Car)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
87th QM Co (Rhd)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
186th QM Co (Dep Sup)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
218th QM Co (Mob Shoe & Tex Rep)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
640th TD Bn (L)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
644th TD Bn (L)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
776th TD Bn (Hv)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
→ 803d TD Bn (Hv)		Ft Lewis, Wash.
899th TD Bn (Hv)		Ft Lewis, Wash.

a Negro onlisted personnel.

b Assignment to be determined.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY GROUND FORCES  
Army War College  
Washington, D.C.

370.5/30 (TD) (R)-GNOCT  
(7-17-42)

July 17, 1942

Subject: Transfer of Tank Destroyer Battalions to Camp Hood, Texas, for Training.

To : Commanding Generals,  
Second Army,  
IX Army Corps.

1. It is desired that you issue the necessary instructions to transfer the following tank destroyer battalions from the stations shown (or from present temporary stations) to Camp Hood, Texas. Units will move so as to arrive at Camp Hood, Texas, not earlier than August 1, 1942, and not later than August 2, 1942.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Ordered by</u>
605th TD Bn	Fort Custer, Michigan	CG, Second Army
633rd TD Bn	Camp Forrest, Tennessee	CG, Second Army
776th TD Bn	Fort Lewis, Washington	CG, IX Army Corps
→ 803rd TD Bn	Fort Lewis, Washington	CG, IX Army Corps
*828th TD Bn	Fort Knox, Kentucky	CG, Second Army
899th TD Bn	Fort Lewis, Washington	CG, IX Army Corps



\* Unit with Negro enlisted personnel.

2. These are TEMPORARY changes of station.

3. Movement will be made by rail, and will be via Gatesville, Texas, unless otherwise requested by the Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Command. Coordinate rail movements with the Chief of the Transportation Division, Services of Supply, through the Post Quartermaster at the point or points of origin. Personnel not required to accompany troops may be authorized to proceed by privately owned conveyance under the provisions of paragraph 1 i, AR 35-4820, August 4, 1937.

4. Advise the Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Command, Camp Hood, Texas, of the strength, dates of departure, mode of travel, and expected hour and date of arrival of all elements. Direct communication, consistent with the RESTRICTED classification of this order, is authorized between interested commanders. Commanders concerned will report departures and arrivals to this headquarters by telegraph or telephone.

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5. Elements moving by rail will be under the control of the Commanding General, Services of Supply, for the rail movement, to include entrainment and detrainment.

6. Procurement authority: Obligate ED 34 P 434-99 A 0425-23, inserting appropriate purpose numbers as prescribed in Circular No. 206, WD, June 26, 1942.

7. Attention is invited to Section II, Circular No. 220, WD, 1941, which directs that extract copies of RESTRICTED orders without RESTRICTED markings will be furnished to the unit personnel section or other reporting source in order to permit the preparation of reports of change (WD AGO Form 303) for units or individuals covered by such RESTRICTED orders.

8. The machine records units servicing the present stations and the machine records units servicing the stations of destination will be notified.

9. The provisions of Section IV, Circular No. 122, WD, April 25, 1942, will be complied with where applicable.

10. Attention is invited to paragraph 8, AR 30-930 and paragraph 4, AR 30-945.

By command of LT. GEN. McNAIR:

/s/ L. Duenweg  
L. DUENWEG  
Captain, A. G. D.,  
Ass't Ground Adj. Gen.



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Washington, D.C.

320.2/20 (TD) (R)-GNGCT  
(12-8-42)

December 8, 1942.

SUBJECT: Assignment of Units to Tank Destroyer Center.

TO : Commanding Generals,  
Third Army,  
IX Corps.  
Tank Destroyer Center.

Effective immediately, the following units with present temporary station at Camp Hood, Texas, are relieved from previous attachments as shown below, and are assigned to the Tank Destroyer Center.

Units

Former Attachment

Hq & Hq Co, 2d TD Gp  
776th TD Bn  
→ 803d TD Bn  
899th TD Bn

Third Army  
IX Corps  
IX Corps  
IX Corps



By command of LT. Gen. McNAIR:

/s/ J. R. DRYDEN  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Ass't Ground Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS  
TANK DESTROYER CENTER  
CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

320.2 (GNTDO)  
(12-10-42)

December 10, 1942

Subject: Assignment of Tank Destroyer Units.

To : Commanding General, A. U. T. C.  
Commanding Officers of all organizations concerned

The following Tank Destroyer Units, having been assigned to the Tank Destroyer Center, letter, Army Ground Forces, 320.2/20 (TD) (R)-GNGCT (12-8-42), Subject: "Assignment of Units to Tank Destroyer Center," dated December 8, 1942, are attached to the Advanced Unit Training Center, Tank Destroyer Center:

Hq & Hq Co, 2d TD Gp  
776th TD Bn  
→ 803d TD Bn  
899th TD Bn



By command of Major General BRUCE:

/s/ JAMES C. DAMRON  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

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