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809TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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HISTORY 809TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

1. Under provisions of par 13 AR 345-105, dated 18 November 1929, History of the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion is as follows:

a. Original Unit

- (1) Designation -  
809th Tank Destroyer Battalion
- (2) Date of Organization -  
18 March 1942
- (3) Place of Organization -  
Camp Forrest, Tennessee

(4) Authority for Organization -  
Section II, General Order No. 10, Headquarters Second Army, dated 14 March 1942 and War Department letter, The Adjutant General's Office, 3 March 1942, subject: "Organization of Ground Force Units."

(5) Source from which Personnel was Obtained -  
Five (5) officers and seventy-seven (77) enlisted men were drawn from the 633rd Tank Destroyer Battalion which had been drawn essentially from the 123rd and 124th Field Artillery Battalions of the 33rd Division National Guard.

b. Change in Organization

- (1) Designation - None *[Handwritten scribble]*
- (2) Transfer of Unit - *[Handwritten scribble]*

The organization was attached to the 2d Army Training Program for Tank Destroyer Battalions, 20 June 1942 and 33rd Division and 14th Field Artillery Brigade for administration and training. On 29 June 1942 the organization was transferred to Tank Destroyer Command, Camp Hood, Texas, where it was attached to the Training Brigade for the purpose of conducting demonstrations before Officer Candidates. On 1 March 1943 the unit was transferred to the 2d Training Group, AUTC, Camp Hood, Texas, for the purpose of receiving training in weapons. On 17 April 1943 the unit was assigned to the 1st Training Group, AUTC, Camp Hood, Texas, for the purpose of receiving tactical training. On 7 July 1943 the battalion was attached to the X Corps for administrative purposes. On 11 July 1943 the unit was attached to the 95th Division for the maneuver period. On 23 July 1943 the organization was attached to the 31st Division for the remainder of the maneuver period. On 23 August 1943 the organization was assigned to the 10th Tank Destroyer Group, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. On 20 November 1943 the unit was attached to the Desert Training Center, Yuma, Arizona. On 29 February 1944 the battalion was assigned to 13th Headquarters, Special Troops, Fourth Army, Camp Robinson, Arkansas. On 3 April 1944 the organization was assigned to the 18th Tank Destroyer Group, Camp Howze, Texas. On 20 May 1944 the battalion was assigned to The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, as School Troops.

(3) Changes in Table of Organization -

- T/O 18-25, December 1941 superseded by T/O 18-25, 8 June 1942
- T/O 18-25, 8 June 1942 superseded by T/O 18-25, 27 January 1943
- T/O 18-25, 27 January 1943 superseded by T/O 18-25, 15 March 1944

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c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted

- (1) Beginning of period -  
 Five (5) officers Seventy-seven (77) enlisted .en.
- (2) Net increase and decrease each month.

	<u>INCREASE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
Mar 1942	9	-	-	-
Apr 1942	11	220	-	-
May 1942	-	134	1	-
June 1942	1	20	-	-
July 1942	-	43	-	-
Aug 1942	11	-	-	10
Sept 1942	-	7	-	-
Oct 1942	-	-	-	-
Nov 1942	1	42	-	-
Dec 1942	-	498	1	-
Jan 1943	-	-	1	9
Feb 1943	9	-	-	16
Mar 1943	-	-	5	13
Apr 1943	4	-	-	129
May 1943	-	-	3	18
June 1943	-	-	5	165
July 1943	-	-	3	7
Aug 1943	6-1 WOJG	-	-	2
Sept 1943	7	-	-	4
Oct 1943	-	-	-	14
Nov 1943	-	-	1	14
Dec 1943	5	-	-	5
Jan 1944	-	-	1	2
Feb 1944	-	-	1	21
Mar 1944	-	11	17	-
Apr 1944	15	-	-	2
May 1944	-	-	-	1
June 1944	-	-	-	9
July 1944	1 WOJG	-	1	10
Aug 1944	-	41	-	4
Sept 1944	-	-	2	8
Oct 1944	-	1	1	-
Nov 1944	-	-	13	5

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Arrival Date</u>
(a) Camp Forrest, Tenn	18 March 1942
(b) Camp Hood, Texas	29 June 1942
(1) Many, La. (Louisiana Maneuvers)	27 June 1943
(c) Camp Gruber, Oklahoma	27 August 1943
(d) Pilot Knob, California (C-AMA)	22 November 1943
(e) Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas	29 February 1944
(1) Indianola Firing Range, Magnolia Beach, 7 Off - 192 EM	10 April 1944
(f) Camp Howze, Texas	9 April 1944
(g) Ft Benning, Georgia	20 May 1944

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Departure Date</u>
(a) Camp Forrest, Tenn	27 June 1942
(b) Camp Hood, Texas	26 June 1943
(1) Merryville, La.	25 August 1943
(c) Camp Gruber, Oklahoma	20 November 1943
(d) Pilot Knob, California (C-AMA)	26 February 1944
(e) Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas	8 April 1944
(1) Magnolia Beach - 7 Off & 192 EM	7 April 1944
(2) Magnolia Beach - 7 Off & 192 EM	15 April 1944
(f) Camp Howze, Texas	18 May 1944
(g) Ft Benning, Georgia	

e. Marches

(1) Purpose

(a) Permanent change of station (School Troops) from Camp Forrest, Tennessee to Camp Hood, Texas.

(b) Temporary change of station (training) Louisiana

Maneuvers -

1. From Camp Hood, Texas to Many, Louisiana.
2. From Many, Louisiana to Merryville, Louisiana
3. From Merryville, Louisiana to Shreveport, Louisiana
4. From Shreveport, Louisiana to Mena, Arkansas
5. From Mena, Arkansas to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, permanent change

of station.

(c) Permanent change of station (training) from Camp Gruber, Oklahoma to C-AMA, Pilot Knob, California.

(d) Permanent change of station (unit training) from C-AMA, Pilot Knob, California to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas.

(e) Permanent change of station (unit training) from Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas to Camp Howze, Texas.

(f) Permanent change of station (school troops) from Camp Howze, Texas to Ft Benning, Georgia.

(2) Length of march

(a) Camp Forrest, Tenn - Camp Hood, Texas - miles - 1000  
rail.

(b) Camp Hood, Texas - Many, La - miles 300, rail.

1. Merryville, La - Shreveport, La - miles 181, motor.
2. Shreveport, La - Mena, Arkansas - miles 181, motor.
3. Mena, Arkansas - Camp Gruber, Oklahoma - miles 143, (motor).

(c) Camp Gruber, Oklahoma to Pilot Knob, California -  
miles 1250, rail.

(d) Pilot Knob, California to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, -ARK. -  
miles 1350, rail.

(e) Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas to Tex-Arkansas, Texas -  
miles 155, motor. Texarkana, Texas to Camp Howze, Texas - miles 182, motor.

(f) Camp Howze, Texas to Ft Benning, Georgia - miles 950  
rail.

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

(a) Camp Forrest, Tennessee - Camp Hood, Texas, dates -  
27, 28, 29 June 1942.

(b) Camp Hood, Texas - Many, Louisiana - dates - 26, 27  
June 1943. Louisiana Maneuvers. Dates - 27 June 1943 to 25 August 1943.

1. Merryville, La - Shreveport, La - dates 25 Aug 1943.
2. Shreveport, La - Mena, Ark - date 26 Aug 1943.
3. Mena, Ark - Camp Gruber, Okla - date 27 Aug 1943.

(c) Camp Gruber, Okla - C-AMA, Pilot Knob, California  
dates - 20, 21, 22 November 1943.

(d) Pilot Knob, C-AMA, California - Camp Joseph T. Robinson,  
Arkansas - dates - 26, 27, 28, 29 February 1944.

(e) Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas - Texarkana, Texas  
date - 8 April 1944.

1. Texarkana, Texas - Camp Howze, Texas - date - 9  
April 1944.

(f) Camp Howze, Texas - Ft Benning, Ga. - dates - 18, 19,  
20 May 1944.

(4) Condition of roads and weather.

- (a) Weather fair, cool - Roads excellent (rail movement)
- (b) Weather fair, hot - Roads excellent (rail movement)
  - (1) Weather fair, hot, dry. Roads - good (motor movement)
  - (2) Weather fair, warm. Roads - good (motor movement)
  - (3) Weather fair, hot. Roads - good (motor movement)
- (c) Weather fair - Roads excellent (rail movement)
- (d) Weather rainy - Roads wet, slippery (rail movement)
- (e) Weather rain - Roads wet, slippery (motor movement)
- (f) Weather fair, hot. Roads excellent (rail movement)

(5) Remarks

- (a) Movements that were made by motor included only wheeled vehicles as all track vehicles were shipped by rail.
- (b) All marches both rail and motor were completed without serious mechanical breakdown or personnel injury.



HISTORY 809TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION - ANNEX NO. 1

This Annex to the History of the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion is for the period 20 November 1944 to 15 January 1945.

1. b. (2) Transfer of Unit - On 8 December 1944 the battalion was assigned to UK Base, and attached to XXI Corps, and further attached to 16th TD Group. On 23 December 1944, the battalion was attached to XVIII Corps.

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1. c. (2) Net increase and decrease each month.

Nov 1944 amended to Nov 1944 Dec 1944	<u>INCREASE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
	-	12	13	11
	-	-	-	5

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Arrival Date</u>
(h) Camp Kilmer, New Jersey (NIPE)	20 November 1944
(i) Macclesfield, Cheshire, England	9 December 1944

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Departure Date</u>
(h) Camp Kilmer, New Jersey (NIPE)	29 November 1944

e. Marches.

(1) Purpose.

(g) Permanent change of station from Fort Benning, Georgia to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey (NIPE).

(h) Overseas movement from N.Y. 660 to Liverpool, England.

(i) Move to temporary station from Liverpool, England to Macclesfield, Cheshire, England.

(2) Length of march.

(g) Fort Benning, Georgia to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey - 950 miles, rail.

(h) NY 660 to Liverpool, England - 4000 miles (approx) by ship.

(i) Liverpool, England to Macclesfield, England - 46 miles, by rail.

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

(g) Fort Benning, Georgia to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey - 18, 19, 20 November 1944.

(h) N.Y. 660 to Liverpool, England - 30 November, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 December 1944.

(i) Liverpool, England to Macclesfield, England - 9 December 1944.

(4) Condition of roads and weather.

(g) Weather rainy - Roads satisfactory (rail movement)

(h) Weather fair - Sea rough to moderate (sea voyage)

(i) Weather foggy - Roads excellent (Rail movement)

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HISTORY 809TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION - ANNEX No. 2

This Annex to the History of the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion is for the period 15 January to 31 January 1945.

1. d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

	<u>Arrival Date</u>
(j) Auffay, France (Block G - Assembly Area)	22 January 1945
(k) Maucombe, France (Block C - Assembly Area)	29 January 1945

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Departure Date</u>
(i) Macclesfield, Cheshire, England	20 January 1945
(j) Auffay, France	29 January 1945

e. Marches.

(1) Purpose.

(j) Permanent change of station from Macclesfield, England to Weymouth, England (Marshalling Area).

(k) Movement by water from Portland, England to Le Havre, France.

(l) Movement from Le Havre, France to Auffay, France.

(m) Move from temporary station Auffay, France to Maucombe, France.

(2) Length of March.

(j) Macclesfield, England to Weymouth, England - Approx 235 miles, Mtr convoy.

(k) Weymouth, England to Le Havre, France - Approx 50 miles - by water

(l) Le Havre, France to Auffay, France - Approx 60 miles - Mtr convoy

(m) Auffay, France to Maucombe, France - Approx 19 miles - Mtr convoy

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

(j) Macclesfield, England to Weymouth, England - 20, 21 Jan 45

(k) Weymouth, England to Le Havre, France - 24-25 Jan 45

(l) Le Havre, France to Auffay, France - 25, 26 Jan 45

(m) Auffay, France to Maucombe, France - 29 Jan 45

(4) Condition of roads and weather.

(j) Weather snowy and cloudy - Roads slippery and wet (Mtr convoy)

(k) Weather clear and cold - Sea moderate (sea voyage)

(l) Weather clear and cold - Roads frozen with ice and snow (Mtr convoy)

(m) Weather snowy, sleet and cold - Roads frozen with ice and snow (Mtr  
convoy)

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REGIMENT 809TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION - CHECK NO. 5

1. Bn Hq & Hq Co, R n Co (less 1st, 2d, 3rd Platoon)

2. In Accordance to the History of the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion is  
for the month of February 1945.

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c. Strength, Com Missions and Enlisted.  
(1) Not increase and decrease.

INCREASE		DECREASE	
OFF	EN	OFF	EN
0	1	0	0

d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.  
(1) Date of arrival at each station.

Stations	Arrival Date
a. Simpelveld, Holland	20 Feb 45
b. Berkelaar, Holland	29 Feb 45
c. Huckelhoven, Germany	23 Feb 45

(2) Date of departure from each station.

Stations	Departure Date
a. Maucombe, France	Feb 45
b. Simpelveld, Holland	9 Feb 45
c. Berkelaar, Holland	7 Feb 45

e. Marches.

(1) Purpose.

- Temporary change of station from Maucombe, France to Simpelveld, Holland.
- Temporary change of station from Simpelveld, Holland to Berkelaar, Holland.
- Temporary change of station from Berkelaar, Holland to Huckelhoven, Germany.

(2) Length of March.

- Maucombe, France to Simpelveld, Holland - Approx 275 miles (str convoy)
- Simpelveld, Holland to Berkelaar, Holland - Approx 25 miles (str convoy)
- Berkelaar, Holland to Huckelhoven, Germany - Approx 34 miles (str convoy)

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

- Maucombe, France to Charlaroi, Belgium - 9 Feb 45.  
Charlaroi, Belgium to Simpelveld, Holland - 10 Feb 45.
- Simpelveld, Holland to Berkelaar, Holland - 1 Feb 45.
- Berkelaar, Holland to Huckelhoven, Germany - 23 Feb 45.

(4) Conditions of roads and weather.

- Weather rainy and cloudy, dirt and macadam roads wet and muddy.
- Weather clear and cold, dirt and macadam roads dry.
- Weather clear and cold, dirt and macadam roads muddy and slippery.

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i. Losses in action; officers and EMs

Officers  
0

EMs  
S/Sgt William C. Bland (Wounded in Action)

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II. Company A.

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c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Net increase and decrease.

INCREASE		DECREASE		NET INCREASE	
OFF	EN	OFF	EN	OFF	EN
0	0	0	1	5	100

d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at each station.

Stations	Arrival Date
a. Montrollier, France	30 Jan 45
b. Simpelveld, Holland	10 Feb 45
c. Berkelaar, Holland	21 Feb 45
d. En Route at Gulkraath, Germany	28 Feb 45.

(2) Date of departure from each station.

Stations	Departure Date
Montrollier, France	9 Jan 45
Simpelveld, Holland	21 Feb 45
Berkelaar, Holland	27 Feb 45.

e. Marches.

(1) Purpose.

- a. Temporary change of station from Montrollier, France to Simpelveld, Holland.
- b. Temporary change of station from Simpelveld, Holland to Berkelaar, Holland.
- c. Temporary change of station from Berkelaar, Holland to Gulkraath, Germany.

(2) Length of March.

- a. Montrollier, France to Simpelveld, Holland - Approx 55 Miles (str)
- b. Simpelveld, Holland to Berkelaar, Holland - Approx 25 Miles (str)
- c. Berkelaar, Holland to Gulkraath, Germany - Approx 35 Miles (mt)

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

- a. Montrollier, France to Simpelveld, Holland - 9, 10 Feb 45.
- b. Simpelveld, Holland to Berkelaar, Holland - 21 Feb 45.
- c. Berkelaar, Holland to Gulkraath, Germany - 27, 28 Feb 45.

(4) Conditions of roads and weather.

- a. Weather cloudy, moderate, dirt and macadam roads fair to good.
- b. Weather cloudy, moderate, dirt and macadam roads fair.
- c. Weather cloudy, moderate, dirt and macadam roads fair.

Remarks - Vehicular condition excellent. Minor repairs and adjustments only. One M32 recovery vehicle left at Ordnance, Yvetot, France before departure, rejoined Co at Berkelaar, Holland 21 Feb 45.

f. Campaigns - Battle for Germany.

g. Battles - Roer Valley.

h. Commanding officers in important engagements - Lt Col Goodrich, CO, U.S.G. Task Force Commander.

i. Losses in action - None.



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- b. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.  
 (1) Net increase and decrease.

INCREASE		DECREASE		END OF PERIOD	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
0	0	0	1	5	122

- d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.  
 (1) Date of arrival at each station.

Stations	Arrival Date
a. Bradiencourt, France	29 Jan 45
b. Margraten, Holland	10 Feb 45
c. Diergaarde, Holland	22 Feb 45

- (2) Date of departure from each station.

Station	Departure Date
a. Bradiencourt, France	8 Feb 45
b. Margraten, Holland	21 Feb 45
c. Diergaarde, Holland	23 Feb 45

- e. Marches.

- (1) Purpose.

- a. Temporary change of station from Bradiencourt, France to Margraten, Holland.
- b. Temporary change of station from Margraten, Holland to Diergaarde, Holland.

- (2) Length of March.

- a. Bradiencourt, France to Margraten, Holland - Approx 335 Miles (mtr)
- b. Margraten, Holland to Diergaarde, Holland - Approx 35 miles (mtr)

- (3) Points between which marched with dates.

- a. Bradiencourt, France to Margraten, Holland - 9, 10 Feb 45
- b. Margraten, Holland to Diergaarde, Holland - 21 Feb 45.

- (4) Conditions of roads and weather.

- a. Weather cloudy, dirt and macadam roads fair.
- b. Weather fair, dirt and macadam roads good.

- f. Campaigns - Battle for Germany.

- g. Battles - Roer Valley.

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- i. Losses in Action - None.

IV. Company C.

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- c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.  
 (1) Net increase and decrease.

INCREASE		DECREASE		NET OF INCREASE	
CCC	EM	CCC	EM	CCC	EM
0	3	0	0	5	115

- d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.  
 (1) Date of arrival at each station.

Stations	Arrival Date
a. St Martin, France	30 Jan 45
b. Margraten, Holland	10 Feb 45
c. Hingen, Holland	20 Feb 45

- (2) Date of departure from each station.

Station	Departure Date
a. St Martin, France	9 Feb 45
b. Margraten, Holland	20 Feb 45
c. Hingen, Holland	28 Feb 45

e. Marches.

- (1) Purpose.

- Temporary change of station from St Martin, France to Margraten, Holland.
- Temporary change of station from Margraten, Holland to Hingen, Holland.

- (2) Length of March.

- St Martin, France to Margraten, Holland - Approx 25 miles (mtr)
- Margraten, Holland to Hingen, Holland - Approx 20 miles (mtr)

- (3) Points between which marched with dates.

- St Martin, France to Margraten, Holland - 9, 10 Feb 45.
- Margraten, Holland to Hingen, Holland - 20 Feb 45.

- (4) Conditions of Roads and Weather.

- Weather cloudy, dirt and macadam roads fair.
- Weather fair, dirt and macadam roads good.

f. Campaigns - Battles of Germany.

- g. Battles - "Roermond - St Odillensburg - Linc Triangle" attack - 23 - 27 Feb

h. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

- Major Artson, CO 58 AIB
- Lt Col Wallace, CO CCR.

i. Lessons in Action.

- Engagement - Roermond-St Odillensburg-Linc Triangle.
  - 1st Lt Raymond C. Stakey
  - S/Sgt William C. Bland - wounded.

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I. Bn. Troop & Hq Co, Recon Co (less 1st, 2d, 3rd Platoon)

This account to the History of the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion is for the month of April 1945.

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c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted (Bn)

(1) Net increase or decrease.

INCREASE		DECREASE		NET OF THE TWO		
OFF	EN	OFF	EN	OFF	EN	EA
0	0	0	19	33	2	589

d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at each station.

STATIONS	ARRIVAL DATE
a. Hinsbeck, Germany	3 March 45
b. Grefrath, Germany	6 March 45
c. Lohmühle, Germany	26 March 45
d. "Vic" Bruckhausen, Germany	27 March 45
e. (A 361348) Germany	28 March 45
f. Kirchhellen, Germany	30 March 45
g. Zwackel, Germany	30 March 45

(2) Date of departure from each station.

STATIONS	DEPARTURE DATE
a. Huckelhoven, Germany	3 March 45
b. Hinsbeck, Germany	6 March 45
c. Grefrath, Germany	26 March 45
d. Lohmühle, Germany	27 March 45
e. "Vic" Bruckhausen, Germany	28 March 45
f. (A 361348) Germany	29 March 45
g. Kirchhellen, Germany	30 March 45

e. Marches.

(1) Purpose.

- a. Temporary change of station from Huckelhoven, Germany to Hinsbeck, Germany.
- b. Temporary change of station from Hinsbeck, Germany to Grefrath, Germany.
- c. Temporary change of station from Grefrath, Germany to Lohmühle, Germany.
- d. Temporary change of station from Lohmühle, Germany to (A361352), Germany.
- e. Temporary change of station from (A361352) Germany to (A361348), Germany.
- f. Temporary change of station from (A361348) Germany to Kirchhellen, Germany.
- g. Temporary change of station from Kirchhellen, Germany to Zwackel, Germany.

(2) Length of March.

- a. Huckelhoven, Germany to Hinsbeck, Germany - Approx 3 1/2 Miles (net)
- b. Hinsbeck, Germany to Grefrath, Germany - Approx 2 Miles (net)
- c. Grefrath, Germany to Lohmühle, Germany - Approx 23 Miles (net)
- d. Lohmühle, Germany to (A361352) Germany - Approx 2 1/2 Miles (net)
- e. (A361352) Germany to (A361348) Germany - Approx 6 Miles (net)
- f. (A361348) Germany to Kirchhellen, Germany - Approx 5 1/2 Miles (net)
- g. Kirchhellen, Germany to Zwackel, Germany - Approx 5 Miles (net)

i. 1st Lt. Co, 2nd Co (less 1st, 2d, 3rd Platoon) (CONT'D)

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

- a. Muckelhoven, Germany to Hinsbeck, Germany - 3 March 45
- b. Hinsbeck, Germany to Grefrath, Germany - 5 March 45
- c. Grefrath, Germany to Lohnhale, Germany - 26 March 45
- d. Lohnhale, Germany to "Vic" Bruckhausen (A321352) - 28 March 45.
- e. (A321352) to (A351343) Germany - 29 March 45.
- f. (A351343) Germany to Kirchhellen, Germany - 30 March 45
- g. Kirchhellen, Germany to Zwickel, Germany - 30 March 45

(4) Conditions of Roads and Weather.

- a. Weather clear and cold, macadam, dirt roads dry.
- b. Weather clear and cold, macadam, dirt roads dry.
- c. Weather clear and cold, macadam, dirt roads dry.
- d. Weather clear and cold, macadam, dirt roads dry.
- e. Weather mist and rain, macadam, dirt roads wet and slippery.
- f. Weather mist and rain, macadam, dirt roads wet and slippery.
- g. Weather clear and cold, macadam roads dry.

f. Campaigns - Battle of Germany.

g. Battles - River Valley, Rhine River Crossing, Battle of Ruhr.

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i. Lessons in Action.

On B1, B2 Co & Non Co (less 3 platoons) None.

ATTACHMENTS

- All Companies under Bn control on 13 Mar 45.
- Attached to 79th Div for operational purposes - 23 March 45.
- Attached to 8th Armd Div 26 March 45.
- Co B Attached to CCB for operations - 26 Mar 45.
- Co A Attached to CCA for operations - 26 Mar 45.
- Co C Attached to CCR for operations - 26 Mar 45.





1. G. 1st Platoon - Battle for Germany. / D

- a. 1st Platoon - Lettbrich, Germany (2d Platoon) - Battle of Saar.
- Glenn, Germany (3rd Platoon) - Between Rhine River and Dorsten, Germany - Battle of the Saar.
- Inch, Germany (1st Platoon) - Battle of the Saar.
- Dorsten, Germany (2d Platoon) - Battle of the Saar.

2. Outstanding Officers in Important Engagements.

- 1st Lt Fred G. - Col Goodrich
- 1st Lt Fred G. - Col Poinier

3. Officers in Action.

- Inch, Germany - Pfc Myron W. Brothers (MIA)
- Tec 5 Glenn E. Rusk (MIA)
- Dorsten, Germany - Pfc Manuel Arguello (MIA)
- Sgt Orby E. Miller (MIA)
- Fulda, Germany - Pfc Bennett B. Wright (MIA)
- Cpl Garland J. Maxwell (MIA)
- Sgt Richard W. Anderson (MIA)
- Tec 4 John P. Summers (MIA)
- Cpl Bernie P. Hybart (MIA)
- Pfc Karl S. Klinge (MIA)
- Pvt Robert L. Hamilton (MIA)

1. (1) (a) Commissioned and Enlisted.  
(b) Increase and decrease.

1944		1945		1946	
1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
0	0	0	7	5	110

2. (1) (a) Status (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.  
(b) Date of Arrival at each station.

Station	Arrival Date
1. Biergaard, Holland	21 Feb 45
2. Alderkerk, Germany	3 Mar 45
3. Rheinberg, Germany	6 Mar 45
4. Grefrath, Germany	11 Mar 45
5. Lohmühle, Germany	22 Mar 45
6. Lohrof, Germany	26 Mar 45
7. Bruckhausen, Germany	28 Mar 45
8. Birckhellen, Germany	29 Mar 45

(c) Date of Departure from each station.

Station	Departure Date
1. Biergaard, Holland	23 Feb 45
2. Alderkerk, Weizsack Germany	4 Mar 45
3. Rheinberg, Germany	11 Mar 45
4. Grefrath, Germany	22 Mar 45
5. Lohmühle, Germany	26 Mar 45
6. Lohrof, Germany	28 Mar 45
7. Bruckhausen, Germany	29 Mar 45
8. Birckhellen, Germany	31 Mar 45

3. Details.

(1) Service.

- a. Temporary change of station from Biergaard, Holland to Alderkerk, Germany (Operational Move)
- b. Temporary change of station from Alderkerk, Germany to Rheinberg, Germany (Operational Move)
- c. Temporary change of station from Rheinberg, Germany to Grefrath, Germany (Reorganization and Post)
- d. Temporary change of station from Grefrath, Germany to Lohmühle, Germany (Operational Move)
- e. Temporary change of station from Lohmühle, Germany to Lohrof, Germany (Operational Move)
- f. Temporary change of station from Lohrof, Germany to Bruckhausen, Germany (Operational Move)
- g. Temporary change of station from Bruckhausen, Germany to Birckhellen, Germany (Operational Move)

(2) Length of March.

- a. Biergaard, Holland to Alderkerk, Germany - Approx 10 miles. (str)
- b. Alderkerk, Germany to Rheinberg, Germany - Approx 20 miles. (str)
- c. Rheinberg, Germany to Grefrath, Germany - Approx 31 miles. (str)
- d. Grefrath, Germany to Lohmühle, Germany - Approx 15 miles. (str)
- e. Lohmühle, Germany to Lohrof, Germany - Approx 15 miles. (str)
- f. Lohrof, Germany to Bruckhausen, Germany - Approx 14 miles. (str)
- g. Bruckhausen, Germany to Birckhellen, Germany - Approx 13 miles. (str)





c. ... commissioned and ...  
... insurance and ...

<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
1	6	4
3	7	113

d. ... (continent or territory) of ...  
... date of arrival at each station.

<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
a. ... Germany	3 March 45
b. ... Germany	23 March 45
c. ... Germany	27 March 45
d. ... Germany	29 March 45
e. ... Germany	31 March 45

(1) ... date of departure from each station.

<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
a. ... Germany	25 February 45
b. ... Germany	28 March 45
c. ... Germany	27 March 45
d. ... Germany	29 March 45
e. ... Germany	31 March 45

e. ...

(i) ...

- Temporary change of station from ... to ... (Operational Move)
- Temporary change of station from ... to ... (Operational Move)
- Temporary change of station from ... to ... (Operational Move)
- Temporary change of station from ... to ... (Operational Move)

(ii) Length of March.

- ... to ... - approx 20 miles (atr)
- ... to ... - approx ... miles (atr)
- ... to ... - approx ... miles (atr)
- ... to ... - approx ... miles (atr)

(iii) Points between which marched with dates.

- ... to ... - 22 March 45
- ... to ... - 27 March 45
- ... to ... - 29 March 45
- ... to ... - 31 March 45

(iv) Conditions of roads and weather.

- ... rainy and wet, all type roads poor and slippery.
- ... rainy, ... roads poor and ...
- ... clear, ... roads fair.
- ... clear, ... roads fair.

f. ... - Battle for Germany.

g. ... - ...

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HISTORY 809TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION - ANNEX NO. 5

I. Bn Hq & Hq Co, Rcn Co (less 1st, 2d & 3rd Plat) and Red Det.

This Annex to the History of the 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion is for the month of April 1945.

1. \* \* \* \* \*

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted (Bn).

(1) Not increase or decreased.

INCREASE		DECREASE		END OF PERIOD		
CCF	EM	CCF	EM	CCF	NO	EM
0	70	0	0	32	2	639

d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at each station.

STATIONS	ARRIVAL DATE
a. Selm, Germany	2 April 45
b. Delbrück, Germany	3 April 45
c. Ehringshan, Germany	5 April 45
d. Erwitte, Germany	6 April 45
e. Soest, Germany	7 April 45
f. Wolfenbüttel, Germany	14 April 45
g. Halberstadt, Germany	20 April 45
h. Elsenburg, Germany	21 April 45

(2) Date of departure from each station.

STATIONS	DEPARTURE DATE
a. Zweckel, Germany	1 April 45
b. Selm, Germany	2 April 45
c. Delbrück, Germany	5 April 45
d. Ehringshan, Germany	6 April 45
e. Erwitte, Germany	7 April 45
f. Soest, Germany	13 April 45
g. Wolfenbüttel, Germany	20 April 45
h. Halberstadt, Germany	21 April 45

e. Marches.

(1) Purpose.

a. All marches were operational moves against the enemy.

(2) Length of March.

- a. Zweckel, Germany to Selm, Germany - Approx 35 miles (mtr)
- b. Selm, Germany to Delbrück, Germany - Approx 58 miles (mtr)
- c. Delbrück, Germany to Ehringshan, Germany - Approx 9.8 miles (mtr)
- d. Ehringshan, Germany to Erwitte, Germany - Approx 5 miles (mtr)
- e. Erwitte, Germany to Soest, Germany - Approx 15 miles (mtr)
- f. Soest, Germany to Wolfenbüttel, Germany - Approx 170 miles (mtr)
- g. Wolfenbüttel, Germany to Halberstadt, Germany - Approx 12 miles (mtr)
- h. Halberstadt, Germany to Elsenburg, Germany - Approx 25 miles (mtr)

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

- a. Zweckel, Germany to Selm, Germany - 2 Apr 45
- b. Selm, Germany to Delbrück, Germany - 3 Apr 45
- c. Delbrück, Germany to Ehringshan, Germany - 5 Apr 45
- d. Ehringshan, Germany to Erwitte, Germany - 6 Apr 45
- e. Erwitte, Germany to Soest, Germany - 6 Apr 45
- f. Soest, Germany to Wolfenbüttel, Germany - 14-14 Apr 45
- g. Wolfenbüttel, Germany to Halberstadt, Germany - 20 Apr 45
- h. Halberstadt, Germany to Elsenburg, Germany - 21 Apr 45

(2) Condition of Roads and Weather.

- a. Weather rainy, macadam and dirt roads good
- b. Weather rainy, macadam and dirt roads muddy
- c. Weather rainy, macadam and dirt roads muddy
- d. Weather rainy, macadam roads muddy.
- e. Weather clear, All types roads dry.
- f. Weather rainy to clear, All type roads bad.
- g. Weather rainy, all type roads wet.
- h. Weather rainy, all type roads wet.

f., g., h., i. \*

REMARKS - 41 Co - Received orders to guard hospital in Bickelborn - Separated  
 Earningsham at approx 1000 hrs, closed at Bickelborn at 1145 hrs 6 Apr 45.

During period 9 Apr 45 to 11 Apr 45 gun companies were in process of  
 reconversion from M18's to M36 - 90mm guns.

Atchd to CGA for military govt duty.

II. Company A.

1. \*

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Net increase and decrease.

INCREASE		DECREASE		END OF PERIOD	
OFF	EM	OFF	EM	OFF	EM
0	13	0	0	5	131

d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at each station.

STATIONS	ARRIVAL DATE
Dorsten, Germany	31 March 45
Selm, Germany	1 Apr 45
Geeseke, Germany	4 Apr 45
Aarcchte, Germany	5 Apr 45
Warstein, Germany	9 Apr 45
Unna, Germany	11 Apr 45
Soest, Germany	12 Apr 45
Wolfenbittel, Germany	14 Apr 45
Alterbrunnsleben, Germany	17 Apr 45
Wernigerode, Germany	19 Apr 45
Stapleburg, Germany	21 Apr 45
Schierke, Germany	27 Apr 45

(2) Date of departure from each station.

STATIONS	DEPARTURE DATE
Dorsten, Germany	1 Apr 45
Selm, Germany	4 Apr 45
Geeseke, Germany	5 Apr 45
Aarcchte, Germany	7 Apr 45
Warstein, Germany	11 Apr 45
Unna, Germany	12 Apr 45
Soest, Germany	13 Apr 45
Wolfenbittel, Germany	17 Apr 45
Alterbrunnsleben, Germany	19 Apr 45
Wernigerode, Germany	21 Apr 45
Stapleburg, Germany	27 Apr 45

e. Marches.

(1) Burrows.

- a. All marches were operational moves against the enemy.

(2) Length of March.

- a. From Dorsten, Germany to Selm, Germany - Approx 45 miles (atr)
- b. From Selm, Germany to Geseke, Germany - Approx 90 miles (atr)
- c. From Geseke, Germany to Anrochte, Germany - Approx 80 miles (atr)
- d. From Anrochte, Germany to Warstein, Germany - Approx 20 miles (atr)
- e. From Warstein, Germany to Unna, Germany - Approx 40 miles (atr)
- f. From Unna, Germany to Soest, Germany - Approx 25 miles (atr)
- g. From Soest, Germany to Wolfenbittel, Germany - Approx 150 miles (atr)
- h. From Wolfenbittel, Germany to Alterbrandsleben, Germany - Approx 20 miles.
- i. From Alterbrandsleben, Germany to Wernigerode, Germany - Approx 35 miles.
- j. From Wernigerode, Germany to Stapleburg, Germany - Approx 20 miles (atr)
- k. From Stapleburg, Germany to Schierke, Germany - Approx 30 miles (atr)

(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

- a. Dorsten, Germany to Selm, Germany - 31 Mar, 1 Apr 45
- b. Selm, Germany to Geseke, Germany - ~~XXXXXX~~ 4 Apr 45
- c. Geseke, Germany to Anrochte, Germany - 5 Apr 45
- d. Anrochte, Germany to Warstein, Germany - 7, 9 Apr 45
- e. Warstein, Germany to Unna, Germany - 11 Apr 45
- f. Unna, Germany to Soest, Germany - 12 Apr 45
- g. Soest, Germany to Wolfenbittel, Germany - 14, 14 Apr 45
- h. Wolfenbittel, Germany to Alterbrandsleben, Germany - 17 Apr 45
- i. Alterbrandsleben, Germany to Wernigerode, Germany - 19 Apr 45
- j. Wernigerode, Germany to Stapleburg, Germany - 21 Apr 45
- k. Stapleburg, Germany to Schierke, Germany - 27 Apr 45

(4) Conditions of Roads and Weather.

- a. Weather fair, Macadam and dirt roads good.
- b. Weather fair, macadam and dirt roads good.
- c. Weather cloudy, macadam roads excellent.
- d. ~~ENE~~ Weather Cloudy, macadam and dirt roads fair.
- e. Weather Fair, Macadam and dirt roads fair.
- f. Weather fair, macadam and paved roads excellent.
- g. Weather fair to cloudy, macadam and dirt roads varied.
- h. Weather cloudy, macadam and dirt roads fair
- i. Weather Cloudy and cool, macadam and dirt roads fair.
- j. Weather cloudy and rainy, macadam roads good.
- k. Weather cloudy, snow squalls, macadam roads fair.

f. Campaigns - Battle of Germany, Battle of the Ruhr.

g. Battles.

- 1st Platoon - Erwitte, Altenruthen, Suttrop, Hehede - 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 Apr 45  
(Battle of the Ruhr)
- 2d Platoon - Burl (vic Anrochte) - 5 Apr 45 (Battle of the Ruhr)
- 3rd Platoon - Belecke, Uhlde, Unna, Schwerte - 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Apr 45  
(Battle of the Ruhr)
- A Company - Harz Mountains District - 19 Apr to 30 Apr.

h. Losses in Action:

1st Lt Albert Earela - KIA 13 April 45

III. Company B.

1. c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Net increase or decrease.

INCREASE		DECREASE		END OF PERIOD	
OFF	EN	OFF	EN	OFF	EN
0	11	0	0	5	129

d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at each station.

STATIONS	ARRIVAL DATE
a. Harsleben, Germany	14 Apr 45
b. Halberstadt, Germany	14 Apr 45
c. Blankenburg, Germany	21 Apr 45
d. Duerbeck, Germany	22 Apr 45



(1) Date of departure from each station.

<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DEPARTURE DATE</u>
a. Soest, Germany	12 Apr 45
b. Harsleben, Germany	14 Apr 45
c. Halberstadt, Germany	21 Apr 45
d. Blankenburg, Germany	22 Apr 45

e. marches.

(1) Purpose.

a. All marches were operational moves against the enemy.

(2) Length of March.

- a. Soest, Germany to Harsleben, Germany - Approx 202 miles. (atr)
- b. Harsleben, Germany to Halberstadt, Germany - Approx 4 miles. (atr)
- c. Halberstadt, Germany to Blankenburg, Germany - Approx 4 miles. (atr)
- d. Blankenburg, Germany to Darbeck, Germany - Approx 14 miles. (atr)

(3) Points between which marched with dates.

- a. Soest, Germany to Harsleben, Germany - 11, 12, 14 Apr 45.
- b. Harsleben, Germany to Halberstadt, Germany - 14 Apr 45.
- c. Halberstadt, Germany to Blankenburg, Germany - 21 Apr 45.
- d. Blankenburg, Germany to Darbeck, Germany - 22 Apr 45.

(4) Weather and roads good on all marches.

f. Campaigns - Battle of Germany, Battle of the Ruhr.

g. Battles-

h. Losses in Action: None.

IV. Company C.

1. c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Net increase or decrease.

<u>INCREASE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>		<u>END OF PERIOD</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
0	7	1	0	1	125

d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at each station

<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>ARRIVAL DATE</u>
a. Zweckel, Germany	31 Mar 45
b. Scharndorf, Germany	4 Apr 45
c. Lippstadt, Germany	7 Apr 45
d. West Ost-Union, Germany	11 Apr 45
e. Timmerloh, Germany	17 Apr 45
f. Braunschweig, Germany	19 Apr 45
g. Strobeck, Germany	21 Apr 45
h. Ilseberg, Germany	24 Apr 45

(2) Date of departure from each station.

<u>STATIONS</u>	<u>DEPARTURE DATE</u>
a. Zweckel, Germany	4 Apr 45
b. Scharndorf, Germany	6 Apr 45
c. Lippstadt, Germany	10 Apr 45
d. West Ost-Union, Germany	16 Apr 45
e. Timmerloh, Germany	18 Apr 45
f. Braunschweig, Germany	21 Apr 45
g. Strobeck, Germany	24 Apr 45

e. marches

(1) Purpose.

All marches were operational moves against the enemy.

(2) Length of March.

- a. Waeckel, Germany to Scharnade, Germany - Approx miles
- b. Scharnade, Germany to Lippstadt, Germany - Approx miles
- c. Lippstadt, Germany to West Ost-Onnen, Germany - Approx miles
- d. West Ost-Onnen, Germany to Timmerlah, Germany - Approx miles
- e. Timmerlah, Germany to Braunschweig, Germany - Approx miles
- f. Braunschweig, Germany to Strobeck, Germany - Approx miles
- g. Strobeck, Germany to Ilsenberg, Germany - Approx miles

Weather and roads good on all marches.

f. Campaigns - Battle of Germany

g. Battles -

h. Names in Action:

- Capt Cms C. Hanson - LWA 31 March 45/2c Werner E. Sharp - LWA 9 Apr 45
- Sgt Thomas F. Walls - LWA 9 Apr 45
- Pvt Lerace Parks Jr - LWA 9 Apr 45
- 1st Lt Raymond C. Stukey - SNA 10 Apr 45
- Sgt Bruno J. Thomas - LWA 10 Apr 45
- Coc 5 Ralph J. Hardy - LWA 10 Apr 45
- Tec 4 Sherman W. Stout - LWA 12 Apr 45
- Pvt George D. Young - KIA 10 Apr 45

i. Former and Present Members who have distinguished themselves in action:

- 1st Lt Raymond C. Stukey - Awarded Silver Star
- Sgt James Osborne - Awarded Silver Star