

# 817th TD Unit Has Trained At 5 Different Camps

After spending 10 weeks on Second Army Maneuvers in Tennessee, in weather and field conditions that tried to the fullest both personnel and equipment, the 817th Tank Destroyer Battalion has come to rest at their new home at Camp Campbell.

Tank destroyer men noted for their aggressive spirit, lost no time in taking full advantage of their new home. Rated high on the list was the steaming hot water that could be had with the turning of a knob.

The 817th is an outfit, however, that traveling and life in the field is not a new experience. Activated at Camp Chaffee, Ark., on June 1, 1942 the outfit moved from there to Camp Bowie, Tex., and then to Camp Hood, Tex. At Camp Hood, the Battalion underwent rigorous training including a week of combat tactics and conditioning, beginning last May 3.

The 817th TD Bn. was ordered to North Dakota on August 14, 1943, to help in an emergency of harvesting wheat. Upon completion of this assignment the outfit returned to their permanent station at Camp Phillips, Kan.

In mid-November the Battalion moved to the Tennessee Maneuver Area.

On January 16 the Battalion moved from the Tennessee Maneuver Area to Campbell. At the present, under the direction of Maj. William H. Bardes, the men are engaged in the complete overhauling of equipment and in a more than full time training program preparing for whatever future assignments that lie ahead.