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HEADQUARTERS
823RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

APO 403, U.S. Army

SUBJECT: Battle Casualties

TO : Commanding Officers, All Companies, 823rd TD Battalion.

1. Published for your information is the latest tally of Battle Casualties of the 823rd TD Battalion occurring during the period from 24 June 1944 to 8 May 1945:

Killed in Action	39	
Died of Wounds	14	
Died of Injuries	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL DECEASED		53
Missing in Action	1	
Missing not in action	<u>2</u>	
TOTAL MISSING		3
Prisoners of War		9
Slightly wounded in action	30	
Slightly injured in action	3	
Seriously wounded action	2	
Seriously injured action	<u>1</u>	
TOTAL WOUND OR INJ	36	36
Returned to Mil control		35
Entered United States		64
Returned to Duty		160
TOTAL BATTLE CASUALS		<u>360</u>

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BATTALION RECORD

Battalion holds the First and Ninth Army records for the number of tanks knocked out in one day. Also the record for the number of enemy vehicles destroyed in one day.

Of the 68 Tank Destroyer Battalions in the ETO the 823rd leads them all in number of tanks destroyed.

Companies "A", "B" and the 2nd and 3rd Ren Platoons received the Presidential Citation for their work at the Battle at Mortain, France.

Second Platoon of "A" company received their second Presidential Citation for their work at Stoumont in the Belgium Bulge. The 1st Ren Platoon received a Presidential Citation for the same action.

Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was awarded to Headquarters Company and Medical Detachment for Superior performance of duty in the execution of exceptionally difficult tasks from 24th June 1944 to 26th August 1944 in France.

The Battalion destroyed 33 tanks in the Belgium Bulge, was the 1st TD Bn to enter Belgium and also the 1st Armor to cross the Roer River.

Unit fired 4,193 rounds of 3" ammunition direct fire and 33,486 rounds of 3" ammunition indirect.

ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED

T A N K S

§ Mark IV's	-----	66
Mark V's	-----	27
Mark VI's	-----	18
	Total	<u>111</u>

Armored Cars	13
Self Propelled Guns	13
Half-Tracks	16
Anti-Tank Guns	18
Motorcycles	8
Artillery Pieces	14
Cargo Trucks	10
Observation Posts	51
Pill Boxes	25
Machine Gun Nests	42
Staff Cars	2
Other Vehicles	15
Aeroplanes (ME-109)	1
Barge, River	1

ENEMY PERSONNEL CAPTURED ----- 1342

§ Does not include 2 radio controlled Mark IV tanks loaded with explosives.

BREAKDOWN OF ENEMY MATERIEL DESTROYED BY COMPANY

	"A"	"B"	"C"	"RCN"
TANKS	37	43	30	1
HALF-TRACKS	7	4	5	
M/CYCLES	4	2	2	
ARM'D CARS	6	6	1	
1/4 TONS	8	3	2	
AT GUNS	9	4	5	
STAFF CARS	1	0	0	
MG NESTS	15	22	5	
SP GUNS	5	4	4	
CARGO TRUCKS	5	3	2	
OP'S	18	22	10	
PILL BOXES	12	6	7	
OTHER VEHICLES	2	2	2	
ARTILLERY PIECES	3	1	4	

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DAMAGED AND RETURNED TO SERVICE -----

M-10's -----	31
Half-Tracks -----	53
3" Guns -----	32
1/4 Tons -----	116
1 1/2 Tons -----	13
2 1/2 Tons -----	10
3/4 Tons -----	6

DESTROYED -----

M-10's -----	5
Half-Tracks -----	20
3" Guns -----	18
1/4 Tons -----	7
1 1/2 Tons -----	2
2 1/2 Tons -----	1

AWARDS

"SILVER STAR AWARDS" -----	64
"BRONZE STARS" -----	178
"PURPLE HEARDS" -----	410