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HEADQUARTERS 827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Essex, California
31 December, 1943.

HISTORY OF THE 827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION FOR 1943

1. Original Unit

- a. Designation: 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
- b. Date of organization: 20 April, 1942.
- c. Place of organization: Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
- d. Authority for organization: (a) Ltr, Hq AGF, 15 March, Subject: Activation of Certain TD Units. (b) GO #17, Hq Camp Forrest, Tenn., 20 April, 1942.
- e. Sources from which personnel was obtained: Cadre from 4th Cavalry Brigade, of 2d Cavalry Division, filler replacements received from various reception centers (4th SC) and from IRTC's at Camp Croft, S.C. and Camp Wolters, Texas.

2. Changes in organization: On 10 June, 1943, the Battalion was reorganized per Letter, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 4 June, 1943, Subject: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Battalions", reference 321/14 (TD Units) (R) GNGCT (6-4-43) as a towed battalion under T/O 18035, 7 May, 1943. This Change caused the inactivation of Reconnaissance Company. On 20 July, 1943, the Battalion was reorganized per Letter, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, 13 July, 1943, Subject: "Reorganization of 662d and 827th Tank Destroyer Battalions", reference 321/18 (TD Units) (R) 13 July, 1943) GNGCT as a self-propelled battalion under T/O 18-25, dated 27 January, 1943. Reconnaissance Company was reactivated.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

- a. At beginning of 1 January, 1943: 33-0 O-WO 1004-EM
- b. Net increase:

January	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM
February	- 0-0	O-WO	1-EM
March	- 8-0	O-WO	O-EM
April	- 0-0	O-WO	144-EM
May	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM
June	- 15-0	1-WO	184-EM
July	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM
August	- 6-0	O-WO	O-EM
September	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM
October	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM
November	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM
December	- 5-0	O-WO	O-EM
- c. Net decrease:

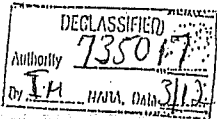
January	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM
February	- 2-0	O-WO	O-EM
March	- 0-0	O-WO	144-EM
April	- 6-0	O-WO	88-EM
May	- 5-0	O-WO	16-EM
June	- 0-0	O-WO	O-EM

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July	-	4-0	1-WO	137-EM
August	-	0-0	0-WO	43-EM
September	-	3-0	0-WO	7-EM
October	-	1-0	0-WO	4-EM
November		0-0	0-WO	3-EM
December		0-0	1-WO	6-EM

d. End of December 31, 1943 49 - 0 0-WO 718-EM

4. Stations (permanent or temporary):

- a. Arrived at Camp Hood, Texas from Camp Forest, Tennessee on September 2, 1942 on a temporary change of station.
- b. Departed Camp Hood, Texas on 2 October 1943 enroute to Desert Training Center, California for a permanent change of station per Letter, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, dated 18 September 1943, reference 370.5/42 (TD) (R) 18 Sept 43) GNGCT.

- 5. Marches: None
- 6. Campaigns: None
- 7. Battles: None
- 8. Commanding Officers in important engagements: None
- 9. Losses in action; officers and men: None
- 10. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None
- 11. Photographs of personnel, important scenes and events: None.

By order of the Battalion Commander:

GEORGE W. HARTUNG,
 Captain, F.A.,
 Adjutant.

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