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HEADQUARTERS 829TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Camp Bowie, Texas
April 5, 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 7)

*** ADDENDA ***

6. Officers quarters will be inspected daily by the police Officer. Reports will be made by company and company commanders will take the action necessary to keep these quarters in top shape at all times.

By order of Major DICKIEY

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HEADQUARTERS 829TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Camp Hood, Texas,
 April 21, 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER . . . 10)

1. General Orders No. 8, this headquarters, dated March 30, 1943, is hereby revoked.
2. The following calls will become effective April 22, 1943.

<u>CALLS</u>	<u>DAILY</u>	<u>SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS</u>
Reveille, First Call	0615	0700
March	0620	0705
Reveille and Assembly	0630	0715
Mess Call	0700	0800
First Call for Drill	0750	
Assembly	0800	
Fatigue Call	0800	
Sick Call	1100	1100
Inspections	As announced from time to time	
Church Call	(Sundays)	1030
Recall from Drill	1145	
Mess Call	1215	1215
First Call for Drill	1300	
Assembly	1315	
Fatigue Call	1315	
Recall from Drill & Fatigue	1700	
First Call for Retreat	1700	1645
Assembly	1710	1650
Retreat	1715	1655
Mess Call	1730	1700
Guard Mount	1800	1800
Assembly	1815	1815
Tattoo	2100	2100
Call to Quarters	2245	2245
Taps	2300	2300

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HEADQUARTERS 829TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Camp Hood, Texas
April 24, 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 11)

FIRE ORDERS

1. Camp Regulations.--All officers and enlisted men of first three grades will be familiar with the provisions of Sec. XII of Camp Hood, Regulations dated August 12, 1942.

2. Battalion Fire Marshall and Assistant Fire Marshal.

a. The Battalion Executive Officer is hereby appointed the Battalion Fire Marshal. He will make regular inspections of the entire area for hazards. He will direct all fire fighting operations until the arrival of the Post Fire Chief.

b. The Officer of the Day is hereby appointed Assistant Fire Marshal during his tour of duty.

3. Location of Fire Alarm Boxes.-- All personnel will be familiar with the location of fire alarm boxes in or near the battalion area which are located as follows:

- a. Park Ave. and 68th St. - Dispatchers Office
- b. North Ave. and 68th St. - Rear Gate of Motor Park.
- c. Battalion Ave. and 69th St.

4. Battalion and Company Fire Alarms.-- The battalion fire alarm will consist of fire Call sounded by the Bugler of the Guard, and the ringing of the alarm by all companies. After sounding Fire Call, the Bugler of the Guard will report to the Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal at the scene of the fire.

5. Action by Person Discovering Fire.-- In case of fire, the person discovering the fire will immediately:

- a. Give the alarm by calling and repeating "Fire" as loudly as possible.
- b. Make sure that all occupants of the building are awake and aware of the fire.

c. Go to the nearest fire alarm box or, if closer, to the nearest telephone and call 100 or the Fire Department by name.

- d. Report the fire, saying slowly and distinctly:
"This is Private John Jones, Co. "A" 829th TD Bn.
reporting a fire at Building Number _____,
Street, Block _____

e. Remain nearby, and upon arrival of the Fire Department apparatus direct it to the scene of the fire.

6. General Instructions.-- Immediately on the alarm being given, whether a fire occurs or for fire drill:

a. The Fire Marshal, Assistant Fire Marshal or, in the absence of any Fire Marshal, the senior officer present will take charge.

b. All battalion headquarters personnel will report to battalion headquarters and remain there until recall is sounded.

c. All medical personnel will report to the dispensary.

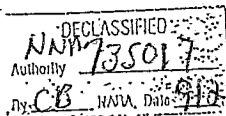
d. Battalion Surgeon will report to the Fire Marshal at the scene of the fire with three medical aid men and the ambulance, to render first aid.

e. Battalion Commander will be notified immediately by the Battalion Duty Officer or Battalion Sergeant Major.

7. Special Instructions to Companies.

a. Each company will furnish a board with special instructions typed and pasted thereon for the information of the Charge of Quarters. (See annexes attached). The Charge of Quarters will be required to read these instructions daily.

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b. Special details are assigned to companies as listed below, and detailed instructions will be found on the "Company Instruction Board", furnished by the Battalion Fire Marshal.

- (1) Fire Fighting Detail - Co. A 2 NCO'S & 20 men.
- (2) Traffic Control Detail - Co. B 2 NCO'S & 20 men.
- (3) Salvage Detail - Co. C 2 NCO'S & 20 men.

c. The Charge of Quarters, upon hearing the Fire Alarm sounded, will:

- (1) Have his company fire alarm sounded.
- (2) Turn out all men in the hutments and have them form on the usual company parade ground under command of the senior NCO present.
- (3) Dispatch special details which his company is required to

furnish, under an NCO to the Fire Marshal at the scene of the fire--ON THE DOUBLE.

8. Fire Drill

a. At least one fire drill per month will be held.

b. Arrangements with the Post Fire Marshall be made at least six hours in advance of time desired to hold the fire drill.

9. Fire Hazards.

a. All personnel will be instructed at once by company commanders as to the manner of turning in an alarm, location of telephones, and fire alarm boxes, location and use of fire ladders, extinguishers and other fire fighting equipment.

b. All extinguishers will be filled or changed at once if required and checked weekly.

Annex 1 to GO #9, FIRE ORDERS, 829th TD BN, 4-5-43

FIRE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPANY "A"

Company "A" will furnish the FIRE FIGHTING DETAIL.

1. Charge of Quarters will direct some one to sound company fire alarm vigorously.

2. Charge of Quarters will turn out the entire company on the usual company parade ground. He will direct the senior noncommissioned officer present to fall the company in quickly in company formation, and stand by for orders.

3. Charge of quarters will then issue the following orders:

a. "You two NCO's fall out (Selecting two)

b. "Select ten men each, quickly!" (NCO's select men)

c. "Send your details on the double for their gas masks and leather working gloves and then take them on the double to the scene of the fire and report as FIRE FIGHTING DETAIL TO THE FIRE MARSHAL."

d. "Move out - quickly!"

4. NOTE: If there are not enough men in the company for these details, send what is available and then send a runner to Hq. Co. (if not available then to (Rcn Co.) with the following instructions: "Go on the double to Hq. Co., have them send (No.) men with gas masks and working gloves on the double to the scene of the fire reporting to the Fire Marshal as FIGHTING DETAIL".

"MOVE OUT!"

FIRE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPANY "B"

Company "B" will furnish the TRAFFIC CONTROL DETAIL.

1. Charge of quarters will direct some one to sound company fire alarm vigorously.

2. Charge of Quarters will turn out the entire company on the usual parade ground. He will direct the senior noncommissioned officer present to fall the company in quickly in company formation, and stand by for orders.

a. "You two NCO's fall out, "(selecting two)

b. "Select ten men each, quickly!" (NCO's select men)

c. "Take your details on the Double to the block in which the fire is located. Post two men at each intersection to control the traffic going in the direction of the fire and turn all unauthorized vehicles back. Cooperate with the fire department in protecting their hose. Cooperate with Military Police upon their arrival in the control of traffic. Dispatch two runners to the scene of the fire reporting to the Fire Marshal that the Traffic Control Detail is at their post. The runners will remain with the Fire Marshal at his disposal."

d. Move Out - Quick !"

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Annex 3 to GO #9, FIRE ORDERS, 829th TD Bn, 4-5-43

FIRE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEADQUARTERS CO.

1. Charge of Quarters will direct some one to sound company fire alarm vigorously.
2. Charge of Quarters will turn out the entire company on the usual company parade ground. He will direct the senior noncommissioned officer present to fall the company in quickly in company formation and stand by for orders
3. Charge of Quarters will then send three (3) runners to the scene of the fire to report to the Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal that the company is standing by for orders. The runners will remain with the Fire Marshal at his disposal.

FIRE INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECONNAISSANCE CO.

1. Charge of Quarters will direct some one to sound company fire alarm vigorously.
2. Charge of Quarters will turn out the entire company on the usual parade ground. He will direct the senior noncommissioned officer to fall the company in quickly in company formation, and stand by for Orders.
3. Charge of Quarters will then send three (3) runners to the scene of the fire to report to the Fire Marshal of Assistant Fire Marshal that the company is standing by for orders. The runners will remain with the Fire Marshal at his disposal.

FIRE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPANY "C"

Company "C" will furnish the SAVAGE DETAIL.

1. Charge of Quarters will direct some one to sound company fire alarm vigorously.
2. Charge of Quarters will turn out the entire company on the usual Company parade ground. He will direct the senior noncommissioned officer to form the company quickly in company formation, and stand by for orders.
3. Charge of Quarters will then issue following orders:
 - a. "You two NGO's fall out. (selecting two)
 - b. "Select ten men each, quickly!" (NCO's select men)
 - c. "Send your details on the double for their gas masks and leather working gloves and then take them on the double to the scene of the fire and report as SAVAGE DETAIL to the Fire Marshal.
 - d. "Move quickly!"
4. "NOTE: If there are not enough men in the company for these details, send what is available and then send a runner to Reconnaissance Company (If not available then to Hq. Co.) with the following instructions: "Go on the double to Recon. Co., have them send (No). men with gas masks and working gloves on the double to the scene of the fire reporting to the Fire Marshal as SALVAGE DETAIL.
"Move Out!"

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Camp Hood, Texas,
 June 12, 1948.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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 NUMBER 13)

INTERIOR GUARD

1. The guard posts Number 3 and 4 (Bn Motor Park) outlined in diagram attached to General Orders No. 12, this Eq., dated May 5, 1948, are changed as follows:

a. Guard Post #5 is the main gate on park avenue. The guard will act in the capacity of a "watchman", and will not be required to carry arms. His duties are to remain in the immediate vicinity of the dispatcher's office and check vehicles going in and out for authorized usage.

b. During the hours 0600 to 1800 the guard, at the gate on North avenue will remain in the immediate vicinity of the gate to check for authorized usage vehicles. From 1800 to 0600 the Guard on Post # four will make a complete round of the En. Mtr. Park, keeping the area to his left. During this period he will be armed.

2. In addition to the four posts assigned, Post No. 5 in 829th TD Bn. Officers Quarters will be instigated over each week-end. The Guard will be posted each Saturday at 1800 hours and be relieved at 0600 hours the following Monday. The purpose of this guard is to be present at all times to answer the phone and keep unauthorized persons out of the barracks. The Company furnishing the Guards for the week-end, will include in their guard detail six (6) additional privates to man this post.

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HEADQUARTERS 829TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Camp Hood, Texas
20 June, 1943.

GENERAL ORDER)

NO. 14)

The standing operation procedure issued herewith will be considered as standing orders and will govern in all cases unless specifically ordered otherwise.

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SECTION I - GENERAL

1. In order to facilitate control and obviate the issuance of unnecessarily long orders, the operating procedure herein, setting forth a normal operating routine for the various elements in the field, will be followed by all units in the battalion.
2. A similar procedure will be developed by each company conforming to the principles laid down herein.

SECTION II - COMMAND AND STAFF

1. In order to insure coordination, cooperation, and control on the part of all elements to include the individual soldier, commanders will through command channels, keep all unit personnel informed of the general and special situation, mission of the unit, and any important change in the situation that occur. With this in view, each member of the organization will be required to give the following information without further questioning upon receiving the order "Report" from proper authority.-

1. Name, rank and unit.
2. Mission of this unit.
3. His job.
4. Mission and general dispositions of next higher units.
5. Location of enemy, as known.
6. CP of his immediate commander.

b. The immediate superior will be held responsible for failure of any individual to make a correct and full report.

2. One command post vehicle of each headquarters will carry a flag 1'X 1' as follows:

Battalion Command Post	Yellow with a black center
Medical Detachment	White
Headquarters Company	Yellow
Company "A"	Red
Company "B"	Green
Company "C"	Blue

These flags or guidons will be displayed from the vehicle when in bivouac, a position of readiness, rallying position or alternate rallying position, when they cannot be observed by hostile air and ground observation.

3. Staff Officers duties in combat areas are prescribed in FM 101-5 and FM 18-5. In addition to the above duties, staff Officers will perform certain duties as follows:

a. Battalion Executive.

1. Exercise general supervision over command post.
2. He makes a check to insure the adequacy of security measures taken by units of the battalion when in bivouac, position of readiness, or rallying position.
3. When the battalion is on march, he normally marches at the head of the command post group and conducts the march of the main body when directed by battalion commander.
4. He supervises the preparation of the battalion for any march or movement issues the necessary warning order, and arranges for its execution.
5. During combat, he normally remains in the vicinity of the battalion command post and keeps the commander of higher headquarters informed of the situation.
6. In the event the battalion commander becomes a casualty the executive officer designates the next senior officer at the CP to take his place. He then proceeds to the location of the battalion commanders party and assumes command.

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b. The Adjutant (S - 1)

1. When not engaged in routine duties, assist the battalion executive in such manner as may be required.
2. Arranges for reliefs of command post personnel.
3. Maintain contact with the rear echelon when the command post is separated from the rear echelon.
4. He normally takes the place of the battalion executive when the executive is absent from the command post.

c. The Intelligence Officer S - 2

1. Submits reports of prisoners captured.
2. Keep file of intelligence and observers reports.
3. Transmit information of armored, air and gas attacks.
4. Keep close contact with reconnaissance platoons.

d. The plans and training Officer S - 3

1. In combat accompanies and advises the commanding officer.
2. Directs the battalion in case the battalion commander becomes a casualty until the arrival of the battalion executive.

e. The Supply officer S - 4

1. Provides sketch of supply installations and location of higher echelons supply on map in battalion CP.
2. Keep all supply at full quota at all times.
3. In cooperation with the battalion surgeon, checks for water supply point for adequate water supply for battalion unit.
4. Work in conjunction with battalion transportation officer in the moving of supplies.
5. Work with S-1 to prepare strength reports of battalion
6. Has a complete picture of battalion supply situation at all times for the information of the battalion commander.

f. Personnel Officer

Prepares casualty reports

2. Assist the commanding officer, headquarters Company in the functioning and the security of the rear echelon when the combat echelon is separated from the rear echelon.

g. Communication Officer

1. Operates the NCS of command and liaison nets and responsible for maintenance of air-ground contact.
2. Imposes and lifts radio silence as directed.
3. Report indication of enemy activity.
4. Strictly monitor radio nets to make certain of security of information.
5. Supervises radio maintenance and repair.
6. He is responsible for salvage of radio sets from the disabled vehicles that are to be destroyed.

h. Transportation officer.

1. Work in close contact with S-4
2. Keeps constant check on all vehicles within his platoon.

i. Maintenance officer

1. Keeps S - 4 constantly informed in the status of vehicles within the battalion
2. Contacts and maintains liaison with 3rd echelon repair shop.
3. Supervises the operation of the recovery team and provides for their security.

j. Battalion Surgeon.

1. Maintain an aid station with rear echelon and CP.
2. Medical personnel is allotted to companies at all times during combat, and remains with the battalion command post.
3. In cooperation with executive officer keeps all personnel informed of the location of battalion aid stations.
4. Checks water DPs with S-4.

4. At night one battalion staff officer remains awake and on duty at battalion CP. He knows where each member of the battalion staff is sleeping. Similarly, one member of each battalion headquarters section remains on duty. Battalion staff officers, on leaving the CP report their destination and expected time of return to the message center.

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SECTION III - LIAISON

1. Liaison by communication or personal contact with units to which attached and with units whose zones sectors tank destroyer units are operating, will maintained at all times.
2. Liaison with supported units will be directed by the Battalion Commander.
3. a. Liaison officer habitually remain at the CP of the unit to which sent. He re-joins the battalion to make important reports, or transmit information or orders, but return to his post without delay.
 b. If available at the time a motorcycle messenger will accompany the liaison officer, before his departure, he verifies the fact that radio communication with the battalion is assured. He will keep his radio set on the battalion command net unless otherwise directed.
 c. Liaison officers continually furnish the battalion with information of the enemy and our troops, and available, information of the terrain. They immediately report important developments, including any contemplated or ordered movement of the CP to which are assigned. Upon completion of such movement, they insure that the battalion knows the new location of CP in question.
4. Within the Battalion.
 a. All units commanders will keep their command post personnel informed of their whereabouts as all times. Company officers report to their whereabouts to their company CP.
 b. A representative of a unit Commander will be on duty at the command post of the next higher unit during active operations. In the case of platoons and companies, this representative may be a qualified enlisted man.
 c. Company Commanders, each accompanied by proper security and when practicable, a radio, will report to the battalion CP immediately after their arrival in a bivouacs or rallying position. Company executive will establish company in area.
 d. Each company or separate platoon will always report to higher headquarters.
 (1) When it starts on a mission.
 (2) When the mission has been accomplished.
 (3) When unforeseen conditions delays, alter, or prevent, the unit from accomplishing its mission.
 e. When the battalion is alerted for movement or change of position, company commanders report to battalion CP, and platoon leaders to company CP. Tent will be struck, equipment loaded on vehicles, and men remain in vicinity of their vehicles, ready to move out.

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SECTION IV - RECONNAISSANCE AND SECURITY

1. Reconnaissance:
 - a. The reconnaissance platoons are charged with reconnoitering and at times, with the selection of routes along which the battalion is to move. In addition, the reconnaissance platoons may be directed to select bivouacs areas and rallying positions for the battalion. Preliminary reconnaissance will be made by the S-2 when the situation permits.
 - b. One platoon of reconnaissance is kept in reserve when the battalion is in bivouacs or intermediate position, prepared to guide the battalion into position, in case of a sudden move.
 - c. When the battalion moves from one position to another the reconnaissance platoon commander will mark routes by posting guides equipped with battalion sign, up to the point where companies branch off to their company area. From this point company guides will direct companies.
 - d. Upon arrival at the destination the reconnaissance commander causes a reconnaissance to be made with a view to recommending to the battalion Commander, on his arrival, the necessary measure local security. His march outposts are established by leading element of his platoon. He also causes such other reconnaissance to be continued or executed as indicated by the tactical situation.
 - e. S-1 with site guides of various company as quartering party, precedes the battalion to a new bivouac, in the rear of advanced reconnaissance elements. He is particularly charged with selecting areas in which various companies are to be located and with the detailed disposition of the various elements of the battalion CP.
 - f. Destroyers Company Commanders causes reconnaissance to be instituted immediately for antiaircraft gun positions for defense of company area, as soon as they arrive in position where units are to be halted for an appreciable time.
 - g. Far flung combat reconnaissance is performed by elements of division or other higher units.

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When the Company Commander reports to the battalion CP upon arrival at bivouac or position of readiness he will be accompanied by his reconnaissance sergeant driver and another enlisted man as his security in a 1/4 ton vehicle. At all times he will dismount at least one hundred feet from the battalion CP Cause his vehicle and security vehicle to take cover and move on foot to the battalion commanders position.

If the battalion commander decides to move forward to reconnoiter gun positions the company commanders will be accompanied by their security and after definite areas have been assigned to the companies by the battalion CO the reconnaissance sergeant will return to company position and bring forward to a position directed by his company commander the following detail if available:

- Reconnaissance Sergeant
- Three platoon Commanders
- Six Sections Sergeants
- Three Platoon Security Sergeant
- Six 1/4 ton vehicles

1. Immediately upon arrival in bivouac or intermediate position, company, platoon and vehicle commanders reconnoiter position. When necessary these are marked. Routes for movement forward, to the flanks, or to the rear are sought.

Security

As soon as occupied, bivouac positions will be organized for all around defense. Destroyer Companies will normally be on the perimeter of the area with supply and administration installations in the center. The reconnaissance platoon is located conveniently with respect to the principle exit from the position. Reconnaissance will cause listening posts to be installed before the battalion moves into the area. The relief of these posts will be the responsibility of the Reconnaissance Officer however he must have one platoon ready for forward movement at a moments notice. Combat companies post security for the defense of their segment of the position, covering routes of access both with tank destroyer guns and designated security groups. Antiaircraft security is likewise posted. The battalion executive coordinates these dispositions at the earliest practicable moment.

The following apply to all combat positions and tactical bivouacs:

- (1) Concealment from air and ground observations fundamental. Vehicles located near main roads must be particularly well concealed. It is preferred to have no vehicles within 100 yards of main roads.
- (2) Security from ground attack the exploiting of other obstacles. Trip wires and other devices for detecting infiltration of hostile elements will be utilized to supplement the action of outguards and patrols. Particular attention will be given to the protection of the command post, both day and night.
- (3) Preparation to move out of the area with minimum notice, without lights and without assembly on or near the routes of egress.
- (4) During hours of darkness, ~~some~~ the use of lights will be held to a minimum and will be screened when utilized.
- (5) Gas and air alarm sentries will be posted by each company.
- (6) Tentage will not be pitched or left standing during the hours of daylight.
- (7) On the march, all vehicles equipped with weapons for antiaircraft fire will keep at least one antiaircraft observer on the alert.
- (8) In bivouac, crews of antiaircraft weapons will be given specific instructions concerning the conditions under which fire may be opened.
- (9) In situations where combat is likely, one man in each destroyer company and each destroyer squad and one man in each platoon and company headquarters will be awake and on the alert at all times.
- (10) When such weapons are available and the situation warrants, the battalion commanders party and the battalion CP are protected by a security section and a destroyer section. The rear echelon is similarly protected when units and weapons are available.
- (11) The Commanding officer, Headquarters company, is charged with the security of the rear echelon.

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Section V - Marches

Non tactical Marches.

Instructions on non-tactical marches will be found in FM 24-10 paras 50 to 71

Tactical Marches

So far as practicable, the provisions of the preceding paragraph are complied with.

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- b. General instructions and normal march formations in tactical marches are specified in FM 18-5.
- c. S - 1 with one NCO and 1/4 ton vehicle and driver and two basics constitute the normal quartering party from each company. This party precedes the main column by one hour at least, when practicable, and is prepared to guide units to their own areas when they arrive at release point.
- d. The battalion is divided into march units normally as follows: (In order of March)
 1. Reconnaissance platoons;
 2. Quartering party, battalion com and post plus headquarters Company less service echelon;
 3. Company "A" less service echelons;
 4. Company "B" less service echelons
 5. Company "C" less one platoon and less service echelon
 6. Kitchens, fuel, ammunition, supply trucks and one platoon of Co. "C"
- e. The battalion transportation officer commands the rear security elements, he acts as battalion accident investigating officer. He carries the necessary forms for investigating accidents. The duties of the rear security are:
 1. Prevent the doubling of column.
 2. Investigating accidents
 3. picking up guides and signs.
- f. When an accident occurs, the nearest officer makes a hasty preliminary investigation. He assists the injured until the arrival of the medical officer. Posts guards at both ends of the stoppage to warn traffic. Obtains a list of witness, allocates uninjured men with their equipment to nearby vehicles, leave a guard over damaged vehicles and sees that the column resumes its movement. He remains at the scene of the accident until investigating officer arrives. The latter conducts a complete investigation and makes a formal complete written report to the battalion commander as soon as possible after the conclusion of the march.
- g. Unless otherwise prescribed, the distance between destroyer companies is two minutes. When considerable traffic is anticipated and interference by other units is expected, no distance is allowed initially between march units; the battalion, moreover, follows without distance the unit it has been directed to follow. After the battalion has cleared the congested area, distance will be gained.
- h. March locations will be reported in terms of the distance that the head of the unit is from the initial point expressed in miles. Example: Head of Roger 24.8 at 0805" to indicate that the head of Company "A" at 0805 was 24.8 miles beyond the initial point.
- i. Distance between march units during blackout marches are reduced.
- j. The leading vehicle of each unit in a blackout will be a 1/2 ton truck.
- k. At all halts, in combat zone during clear night marches, all vehicles will take cover off the road whenever practicable.
 1. In halting, vehicles do not close up unless ordered to do so. When cover is available, subordinate units may be signaled to close up.
- m. In marches during daylight or at night with lights, when infiltration by individual vehicles is not being used, drivers will never lose distance to the point where the vehicle ahead is unrecognizable.
- n. When the combat echelon moves out of bivouac area, leaving the rear echelon there, the supply sergeants reports at once to the commanding officer, headquarters company for orders.
- o. Kitchens, ammunition, and fuel trucks to accompany the combat echelon only when expressly ordered.
- p. On entering any combat position or bivouac area, all vehicles will immediately clear the route of march in order that succeeding or march units may continue to their position without delay.
- q. On movement likely to end in combat, the reconnaissance officer advances along the route of the battalion. He causes the route to be marked, principally by signs. At points where there is considerable danger of the battalion going astray, he posts a guide.
- r. While in any assembly position or bivouac area, each lettered company will designate as alternate route guides, five men other than the regular reconnaissance personnel. These new men, together with one vehicle, will be held in readiness in case the battalion is required to move without the usual route reconnaissance agencies.

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SECTION VI

1. a. General

- (1) During combat, the capabilities of all element of the battalion are employed as directed by the battalion Commander depending on the situation, mission and terrain.
- (2) When the time and situation permits, the battalion commander will indicate plans well in advance of the action, for employment of the battalion. These include contingent plans. He will assign areas to companies, and indicate the priority of the plans of action. In accordance with these priorities, company and platoon Commanders will formulate their own plans and reconnoiter throughly as possible.

b. Reconnaissance.-

- (1) Reconnaissance is vigorously maintained before, during and after engagement with the enemy. Contact is gained and kept. The Reconnaissance platoon and detachment from the security sections are employed.
- (2) Destroyer units also assist the battalion Commander to picture the action by reporting important enemy moves.

c. March Security

- (1) The forward security element will normally consist of reconnaissance platoons
- (2) Flank security elements when used will be drawn from the center destroyer company, unless the situation dictates otherwise.

(3) The battalion Commander's party will usually march well to the front.

d. Combat Security

- (1) Companies and platoons will habitually employed their security sections to protect the destroyers from enemy foot-troops. The security screen must be sufficiently distant from the positions to prevent enemy surprise fire.
- (2) In position the security screen is maintained covering the front and flanks and so disposed as to be able to give timely warning. Radio locouts will operate well to the front.
- (3) The security system of the battalion will include numerous machine guns sited to provided interlocking bands of fire.
- (4) Antiaircraft defense will be conducted by all units. The antiaircraft machine guns on the prime movers will be manned and ready at all times during combat. Where the prime movers have uncoupled, they will be place so that their anti-aircraft field of fire are not impaired and drivers will remain on the alert manning the machine guns.
- (5) When the battalion is subjected to air attack every man in the battalion will fire at the planes with what ever weapon is available to him. The first man to identify the attacking enemy will give the alarm and open fire. The psychological effect of such massed fire on the enemy as well as our troops will be indoctrinated.

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e. Readiness.

- (1) Companies and platoons will maintain a continuous alert during movement into combat and engagement with the enemy.
- (2) All vehicles crews will be alert and in proper positions for action during the movement into combat. Men are not permitted to relax their vigilance during lulls in action.
- (3) All gun crews will make a thorough check of their ammunition, weapon, and vehicles to insure their proper functioning and serviceability just prior to entry into combat. During lulls in combat, when additional ammunition is not immediately available, units leaders will redistribute ammunition within their units.

f. Miscellaneous.

- (1) In combat area all vehicles and equipment will always be camouflaged with particular attention to reflecting surfaces.
- (2) All personnel will be ready to destroy all documents, maps, and unit marking to prevent their falling into enemy hands.
- (3) Vehicles or individuals forced to fall out for any reason will rejoin the nearest unit as soon as possible and proceed to their proper unit when situation permits. When disabled vehicles or equipment must be destroyed, the crews will salvage what arms and ammunition they can before abandoning.

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Section VII
 Signal Communication

1. General

- (a) Whenever possible the transmission of information and orders will be by personnel interviews between the persons concerned.
- (b) All messages transmitted by messenger or by radio will be as brief as possible and still contain essential information.

2. Radio

- (a) For diagram of radio nets, call signs, and frequencies, see SOI.
- (b) The name of the place or localities, or the word "Tank" or "Tank Destroyer" will not be used over the radio. Places or localities will be designated by map coordinate code or combat position nomenclature.
- (c) During an attack no messages will be sent by radio that can be deferred or sent by other means, or that are not necessary for the success of the tactical operation.
- (d) Normally, radio nets are opened 30 minutes before the time when radio communication is required.
- (e) When radio silence is in effect, each company will keep all receivers turned to battalion net frequency.
- (f) The battalion communication officer is charged with monitoring traffic, preventing unnecessary transmissions and infractions of procedure, and secrecy precautions.
- (g) Company radio electricians become members of the company vehicle recovering team during combat, making repairs to damaged radio equipment, or salvaging equipment from vehicles that must be destroyed. Electricians of the communication platoon of headquarters company performed similar duties as members of the battalion recovery team.

3. Messengers.

- (a) Upon arrival of battalion in bivouac, each company will send two runners to the battalion command post. One is sent back to the company after ascertaining the location of the CP.
- (b) Priority will be given to motorcycle messengers by drivers and car commanders of all vehicles, especially when passing on narrow, sandy and slippery roads and while driving at night without lights.

Section VIII

1. General.

- (1) All maintenance functions must be based upon the general principles of flexibility, aggressiveness, and priority. Priority will be given to combat vehicles.
- (2) Maintenance personnel will not rest in the field while vehicles, weapons, or radios that can be repaired require attention. They work all night if necessary to repair a vehicle.
- (3) At the end of the march or conclusion of a days operations, each driver inspects his vehicle and makes such repairs as are his responsibility. He reports to motor sergeant and defect t at he is unable to remedy.
- (4) The company maintenance performs all work of which it is capably within the limit of time, trained men, tools and supplies. The battalion section performs work that is beyond the capacity of the company section. The battalion maintenance officer evacuates all vehicles to higher echelons for maintenance that the battalion is unable to perform.
- (5) In both tactical and non-tactical situations, vehicle crew, if situation permits, deliver disabled vehicles to a point designed by the battalion maintenance officer. If a disabled vehicle cannot be moved, the vehicle commander gets its location and indicates the maintenance required to the battalion maintenance section, directly or through platoon or company headquarters.

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Section IX Supply

1. General

(a) Rations.

1. The ration cycle begins with supper unless otherwise prescribed.
2. Rations will be drawn from railhead or distributing point by the battalion supply Officer and delivered to the companies, or issued at the battalion distributing point, as the situation dictates.
3. Each vehicle in the battalion will carry sufficient (normally three days) field ration, C & D and water for the vehicle crew for the contemplated action.

(b) Water

1. The battalion S-4 will locate and designate water supply sources for the battalion.
2. Water will be delivered or companies will haul their own, depending on the situation and available source of supply.
3. The battalion surgeon will inspect all available sources of water supply of the battalion

c. Fuel and lubricants

1. The fuel lubricants will be distributed by the gas and oil section of the transportation platoon.
2. Replacement will be made by an exchange of 5 gal. can to provide for rapid refueling.

d. Class II, III and IV supplies (less ammunition)

1. Requirements for these supplies will be made by units to the S - 4 who will issue same direct to companies in position.

e. Ammunition

1. Combat vehicle will carry their full load at all times.
2. S - 4 will arrange credits at higher headquarters distributing points and distribute ammunition to the companies.

Section X Evacuation

1. General

The battalion medical detachment is not equipped to serve as a collecting agency, and during the evacuation of the sick and wounded is a problem of major concern. The following procedure will be observed in the care of the sick and wounded during combat injured personnel will be given immediate first aid by members of their own vehicle crew using such facilities as are at hand. As soon as the situation permits, wounded will be given additional first aid by the aid men attached to their companies. Men who are able to do so will remain with their vehicle until their unit reaches the rallying position where the battalion surgeon will arrange for their evacuation.

- (a) The battalion surgeon will arrange with the nearest collecting agency for the reremoval of seriously injured to the rear. Vehicles and personnel will be made available if possible.
- (b) The battalion medical detachment will establish an aid station at the battalion CP and rear echelon.
- (c) Company aid men in 1/4 ton trucks are assigned to each company. They render first aid and notify the battalion surgeon of the location of wounded or injured men left in sheltered locations.
- (d) Medical personnel will march in the rear of the column attending to sick and wounded or evacuating them.
- (e) Water purification is a responsibility of the medical detachment.
- (f) Sanitary inspection of areas is the responsibility of the medical officer

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HEADQUARTERS 829TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Camp Hood, Texas,
10 July, 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 15)

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in letter, file 320.2/012 - GNTDO (8 July, 1943), Headquarters Tank Destroyer Center, subject: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Battalions", dated 8 July, 1943, and upon receipt of T/O 18-35 dated 7 May, 1943, the 829th Tank Destroyer Battalion is reorganized to 829th Tank Destroyer Battalion Towed, effective this date.
2. Reconnaissance Company is inactivated.
3. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Companies "A", "B", and "C", will be reorganized in accordance with T/O 18-35, dated 7 May, 1943.

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HEADQUARTERS 829TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Camp Hood, Texas,
 29 July 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
 NUMBER 17)

INTERIOR GUARD DUTY

1. All previous orders and instructions pertaining to Interior Guard Duty are rescinded and the following substituted therefor, effective immediately:

a. The only fixed posts maintained will be a double post in the Battalion Motor Park, which will be 24 hour posts. No other fixed posts will be required. Patrols, consisting of one (1) NCO and three (3) privates, will make at least three (3) inspections of the Battalion area, once before midnight and twice between midnight and reveille. These patrols will be conducted the same as would be done in reconnoitering a small town, as in street fighting or a raid on a tank park. These patrols will be relieved by the Officer of the day at reveille.

b. In addition to the reconnaissance patrols, Motor patrols conducted by the Officer of the day and NCOs will operate throughout the Battalion area at odd intervals during the day and night. At least two men will be in each patrolling vehicle and there will be at least two such vehicles. Motor patrols will supplement their actions by foot reconnaissance particularly in the Motor Park areas. These vehicles will be furnished by the company on guard, with the driver considered as a member of the guard.

c. Uniform and equipment: Men detailed for guard duty will be armed with their individual weapon. Equipment consists of web belt, suspenders, Uniform will be khakis, no tie, leggings and helmet liner.

d. Personnel:

- 1 - Officer of the Day
- 1 - Sergeant
- 4 - Corporals
- 11 - Privates (including the drivers)
- 1 - Bugler

e. Informal guard mount will be held daily at 1730 hours in the area east of battalion guard house. The new OD will inspect the guard daily at 1700 hours and any man not passing inspection will be relieved and replaced before guard mount.

f. Old and new OD's will report to the Commanding Officer, Executive or the Adjutant at Bn. Hq., at 1700 hours daily with guard report.

g. Special Orders.

- (1) No vehicle will be allowed to leave the motor park between the hours of 1700 and 0730 hours without written authority of the Battalion Commander, Executive, or Officer of the Day.
- (2) No female visitors will be allowed in the Battalion Area.
- (3) There will be no challenging of individuals on main roads, except for suspicious persons.
- (4) Lights in the Battalion Area will be turned out according to the following schedule:

Barracks	2130 hours
Company Day Rooms	2245 hours
Company orderly room	2245 hours.

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- (5) Lights in the Dispatcher's office will be kept on, and the door left unlocked, for use of sentries in case of emergencies.
- (6) The Battalion OB will be personally responsible for sounding of bells at proper times.
- (7) General Orders will apply to all Battalion guards and they will be required to know and understand them.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 18)

1. Each company will furnish six (6) Privates to guard the Motor Pool of the 15th Tank Destroyer Group at 55th St and Central. It will be a 24 hour Post and the 1/4-ton truck used for patrol will be utilized to post reliefs. The same Special Orders that apply to the 829th Tank Destroyer Battalion Motor Pool will apply to this post.

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North Camp Hood, Texas
23 September 1943.

GO #20

UNIT FIRE REGULATIONS

1. Each company Fire detail is charged with the protection of all tents, equipment and supplies under its immediate supervision. Headquarters Company fire detail will be responsible for the Battalion Motor Park, Battalion Headquarters, Motor Shop and Officers quarters Area. Company "C" fire detail will be responsible for the enlisted men kitchen and kitchen supply tent. Company "B" fire detail will be responsible for Officers Mess and installations pertaining there-to.

2. Each company will organize and train the following fire details.

- 1 Guard detail-----1 NCO - 3 men
- 1 Salvage detail-----1 NCO - 4 men
- 2 Fire - details-----1 NCO - 4 men

One of the above details must be on the alert at all times. In case of fire in zone 5, all companies will fall out in their company area, and will stand by, alerted, until relieved or ordered to the site of the fire by this headquarters. In case of fire in the battalion Area, all companies will follow the same procedure except the company immediately concerned. This company will report to the fire with its alert details and fight the fire until relieved by Fire Chief, Camp Fire Marshal or this headquarters.

3. Fire drills will be held on orders of the Battalion Commander. Weekly inspections will be made for fire hazards and fire fighting equipment

4. Company Commanders will instruct all personnel in their duties, location of fire buckets and fire fighting equipment.

5. The Battalion alarm for fire will be a series of short audible blasts on whistle or horn continued until all personnel are alert.

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North Camp Hood, Texas.
 30 September 1943.

GO #20

INTERIOR GUARD DUTY

1. Par 1, GO #17, Headquarters 829th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 29 July 1943, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

- a. Personnel - To be furnished daily:
 - Hq Co. - One (1) Sgt, three (3) Pvts
 - Co "A" - One (1) Cpl, three (3) Pvts
 - Co "B" - One (1) Cpl, three (3) Pvts
 - Co "C" - One (1) Cpl, three (3) Pvts
- b. Uniform - Khakis, helmet liners, leggins, no tie (Field jackets when authorized by Battalion OD).
- c. Equipment - Rifle, web belt and suspenders. (Rifles to be signed for daily by each EM going on guard from Battalion Armory prior to guard mount. Sgt of Guard will form guard 15 minutes before guard mount at Battalion Armory for purpose of drawing weapons.
- d. Guard Posts.
 - (1) Post #1 - Battalion Motor Shop Area
 - Post #2 - Enlisted Men Area.
 - Post #3 - Battalion Headquarters, Recreation Bldg., Chapel and Mess Hall
 - Post #4 - Post Exchange located at 23rd Street and Hq. Ave.
 - Three (3) Guards will be posted from 1200 to 1330 hours and from 1700 hours to 2100 hours daily.
- e. (1) Guard mount to be held at the following hours:
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1730 hours
 - Wednesday - at 1630 hours
 - Saturday and Sundays 1130 hours
- (2) Place - Battalion Guard House.
- f. Post #1 is a 24 hour post
- Posts # 2 & 3 relieved at 0600 hours daily
- Post #4 relieved at 1330 and 2100 hours daily.

The remainder of the guards relieved will remain on duty at Battalion Guard House for policing details.

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HQ 829TH T. D. BN

North Camp Hood, Texas
 25 October 1943

G. O #22

1. Par 1 GO #21 Headquarters 829th Tank Destroyer Battalion dated 30 September 1943 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.
2. Personnell of the Guard
 - a. 1 - Officer of the Day
 1 - Sergeant of the Guard
 1 - Corporal of the Guard
 8 - Privates of the Guard
 - b. Each company will furnish two (2) privates of the Guard daily. The Sergeant of the Guard and Corporal of the guard will be furnished by companies in accordance with the schedule to be furnished by this Headquarters.
3. The guard consists of two posts.
 - a. Post #1 contains the area bounded by 24th Street, Park Ave. 25th Street and Leon Drive. The sentry will not walk to Leon Drive but will cut behind the North end of Battalion Headquarters and go across the field and go around Recreation Building #8201.
 - b. Post #2 is the area around the Battalion Motor Park.
 - c. The two additional pvts of the guard will be supernumeries or as prisoner guards.
4. Guard mount will be held at 1730 hours Daily except Saturday and Sunday when it will be held at 1130 hours. After Guard Mount the Guard will be marched to the Guard House #1 Bldg #8320.
5. The tour of duty on Post #1 will be from 1800 to 0630 hours. The tour of duty of Post #2 will be from 1800 to whatever time the Battalion Motor Personnel arrive at the Motor Pool. On Saturdays and Sundays all Posts are 24 hours Posts.
6. Uniform of the Guard will be Class B, no tie, leggins, suspenders. Rifles will be drawn from Battalion Armorer at least one half hour prior to Guard Mount. Each Enlisted Man will sign for his own rifle. Weapons will be thoroughly cleaned and oiled before being returned to the Armorer.
7. Additional duties of Battalion Officer of the Day
 - a. He will coordinate his activities with the officer designated as Group OD by 24th Group Headquarters.
 - b. He will relieve Battalion Duty Officer for mess.
 - c. In case of fire he will assemble the Battalion and follow instructions contained in GO #20 this Headquarters dtd 24 September 1943, and he will notify Group Headquarters and the adjacent Battalions.
 - d. He will check the guard at least once before and once after midnight.
 - e. He will check on police of the Area.
 - f. He will inspect the 23rd St Post Exchange at least once during tour of duty.

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1. Par 6 G.O #22, this Headquarters dated 25 October 1943, is rescinded and the following is substituted therefor.

a. Uniform of the guard will be Class B, Leggins, suspenders, and no ties. Field Jackets or overcoats may be prescribed by the Officer of the Day if they are needed. Rifles will be drawn by the new guard not later than 1600 hrs. Each guard will sign for his own rifle and will be personally responsible for it. When not on post the guard will keep his weapon with him at all times. He will not leave the guard house without it. Weapons will be thoroughly cleaned and oiled before they are returned to the Armorer.

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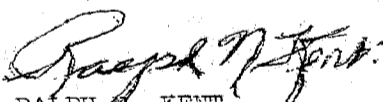
G O #24

1. Par 1 a GO #23 this Headquarters dated 11 November 1943, is rescinded effective this date and the following is substituted therefor:
- a. Uniform of the guard will be Class "C" with helmet liners, suspenders, cartridge belt and rifles. The Sergeant of the guard will not carry a rifle.
 - b. The new guard will be marched to the armorer by the Sergeant of the guard by 1600 hrs daily to draw rifles.
 - c. The Officer of the Day will see that the rifles are returned to the armorer by 0800 hrs daily. The guard will use the period from 0800 to 0830 hrs to clean their weapons.
 - d. Each guard will sign for his own rifle and will keep it with him at all times. He will not leave the guard house without it.

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