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The 2d Platoon, Company C, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion, is cited for extraordinary gallantry in action comprising a series of occasions on which they destroyed enemy guns blocking the advance of the 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry, to Cherbourg and Greville. When the 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry, was under artillery fire at Crossroad Le Motel, 22 June 1944, smoke was placed on a 77-mm gun firing directly down the road at 300 yards range, and a tank destroyer moving into the road quickly put the enemy gun out of action. The following day at Hoe de Tot, a well concealed 88-mm gun firing on the battalion was silenced when a tank destroyer mobed around a blind corner, took position at 150 yards range, and, after the enemy gun had fired once and wrecked the tank destroyer's track, ended the duel with fire that destroyed the gun and made casualties of its crew. During street fighting in Cherbourg on 25 June the 2d Platoon helped put five 20-mm guns and one 47-mm gun out of action. On two occasions the only tactics available again required a tank destroyer to sweep suddenly around a corner firing while moving, in full exposure to the enemy gun, which in each instance was hit before it could respond with accurate fire. On 1 July a 77-mm enemy gun was prevented from delaying the 2d Battalion's advance on the Greville fortifications longer than was required by a 2d Platoon tank destroyer to approach a stone wall protecting the gun and demolish the position. In Greville itself another crew subjected themselves to heavy mortar fire to reduce three strong-points, and, after damage from a mine had halted their tank destroyer in an exposed position, remained at the gun and continued to fire throughout ensuing action. In all these engagements the crews of the 2d Platoon, by their unhesitating subordination of personal safety to swift accomplishment of successive dangerous missions, won the admiration of all those to whom they set their inspiring example of gallantry.

