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NEWSLETTER NO. 11

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you haven't already sent in your request to be kept on our mailing list, get with it and do it today!
What's new?

1. We have participated on an individual basis in contributing to the stained glass window that will adorn the new 2AD Hqs Bldg. at Ft. Hood. The glass windows will memorialize the Division and its WW II units, including the 702nd TD Bn.
2. At the request of the Armored Monument Committee, our Association has informally endorsed erection of a monument memorializing the GI's who fought in armored vehicles, including TD's. Proposed site is on Memorial Drive in Arlington, VA, between Memorial Bridge and Arlington Cemetery entrance.
3. We're happy to report that definite progress is being made on our Museum Project. (See article on Pg 2) In response to an invitation to participate in the long range study of museums at Ft. Hood, along with our acceptance, we have submitted our requirements and they are now in the hands of the appropriate authorities.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU! If you haven't already done so **FILL OUT THE TANK DESTROYER NEWSLETTER FORM** on this page so that we can keep you on the mailing list.
Happy 1985!

WARREN J. MITCHELL (661)
President

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all color postcards of the Tank Destroyer Memorial Monument on dedication

NEWSLETTER DECISION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLARIFIED!!!!!!!!!!!!

The article appearing on page 1 of TD Newsletter NO. 11 (AUGUST 1984) announcing the Board of Directors decision regarding distribution of all future issues of the Newsletter apparently has been misunderstood by many readers.

It was not the Board's intent to limit distribution to those making a contribution of \$10.00, or any amount. Rather the intent was to limit distribution to those who were interested in and wanted to receive the Newsletter, irrespective of whether they did, or did not, make a contribution, and so indicated by completing and returning the form on page 1.

To date we have received back only about 1,700 forms out of 13,000+ copies of the Newsletter distributed.

As a result of this rather disappointing response, obviously resulting from the aforesaid misunderstanding, this issue of the Newsletter is being distributed to all 13,000+ TDers on the National TD Roster in order to give those who want to receive future issues of the Newsletter another opportunity to respond.

Remember, making of a contribution in any amount is entirely voluntary!

So, if you want to continue receiving the Newsletter and have not already done so, fill out and return the form below right away!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you wish to continue receiving the Tank Destroyer Newsletter, you **MUST** complete the form below and mail it without delay. Your contribution (in any amount) is **NOT** required. All contributions are entirely voluntary.

ception.

In the beginning there were at least 2 separate TD Companies. The 780th and 781st. Please acknowledge these 2 separate companies.

OPIE R. LITTLE, JR. (780/644/633), Indianola, MS

EDITOR'S NOTE: These 2 separate companies were noted in NL#2, dated July 1981.

Enjoyed the letters in the last Newsletter, especially the one from Roy T. McBrann (610). I had the distinct honor of being his radio operator thru most of the European experience.

Keep up the good work. You are all a great credit to a great but almost forgotten fighting force.

ERNEST M. GLAZNER (610), Ft. Worth, TX

Just became a member of TDA and am enjoying the Newsletter. I'm general chairman of Co. B, 813th TD Bn, and for the last 14 years contacted as many men in my outfit as I could and had successful re-

ally contribute to your support. In answer to Peter Dylstra (601) I can see and be proud of your unit, but never the "Best TD unit in WWII." I just want to say: all were."

Here's hoping, Peter that some of you'll have your happy reunion.

LOM LFG15TA (774), Lyndbrook, NY

I have been receiving the Newsletter and enjoy each of them from cover to cover.

I agree the fee is fair and necessary for the Newsletter to stay alive and well.

I have a 3" AP projectile fired from the M-10 on the old horse range at Ft. Hood. After firing practice I walked down the range and retrieved it. I would be pleased to send it to our Museum when you're ready to receive it.

ROBERT A. JOHNSON (650/655), San Antonio, TX

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hang on to it, Bob, until you get further word in this Newsletter.

day, 21 Oct. 1983, at Ft. Hood. Tables available for framing or mailing will soon be available. Look for announcement and details in next Newsletter.

Capt. Bob McEntire is the new CO of our adopted unit, Echo Co. (Anti-Tank), 2nd AD at Ft. Hood, TX. He succeeds Capt. Nacl Stevens.Page One...

**SPECIAL THANKS TO !!!!!!!
CONTRIBUTORS TO IDA !!!!!!!**

Due to the limited space available, we are unable to publish the names of the 1,700 or so loyal supporters who have contributed to the Newsletter Fund. To them we extend our sincerest thanks. Following is the list of readers who have made an extra contribution, over and above that to the Newsletter Fund. To them we say: "Thank you for supporting IDA:

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- Hawks, Robert A. (601)
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- Wilken, Wallace (813)
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**MUSEUM PROJECT !!!!!!!
REPORT !!!!!!!**

The Museum Project is holding definite progress made. We have been officially advised by HQ III Corps that a range study of Museums at TX has been initiated and A has been invited to participate in said study. Needless to say, we have accepted the invitation. So, we remind you once again please hold on to all of your WW II memorabilia until arrangements have been made for proper storage and notification is given in the Newsletter when and where to send same.

**ID COMBAT RECORD IN WWII.....
ENEMY AFV'S DESTROYED.....
TOP TWENTY BATTALIONS.....**

"Tank Destroyers were the most versatile weapon on the battlefield." This accolade, noted in a postwar Army study commissioned to evaluate TDs in the ETO, was earned by the TDers willingness to tackle new missions. They acted as artillery, beach defense, reconnaissance patrols, direct fire assault guns, engineers, FOW escort and even infantry! Throughout, however, the Tank Destroyers primary mission remained destruction of enemy armor. Many TD battalions with long, distinguished combat records seldom had a chance to engage a tank. Others however, found themselves in the path of Nazi armor and showed what Tank Destroyers could do. Here are the twenty TD battalions with the highest scores of Armored Fighting Vehicles (AFV) destroyed:

Battalion	AFV Score
601	155
773	138
823	124
702	116
603	115
811	105
610	96
899	93
704	90
893	85
607	84
703	80
701	77+
654	74
634	67
628	60
629	58
817	55+
602	54
814	50+

Since memories fade, all scores have been taken from official documents and unit histories. Armored Fighting Vehicles (AFV) include both tanks and self-propelled guns. Armored cars and AA guns mounted on halftracks have been omitted for clarity. A "+" after the score indicates records are incomplete and the score may be understated. Unfortunately, no scores are available for the 626, 645, and 776 TD Bns, which frequently clashed with Nazi armor. Please send any corrections to TDA Historian Lonnie Gill, 1422 Greenhaven, Anaheim, CA 92801, along with a copy of data supporting your claim.

BATTALION HISTORIES

TDA Historian Lonnie Gill needs the following Battalion histories:
629 637 654 808 844
636 640 701 814
He has only partial histories of:
609 703 805 821
632 803 813

Lonnie also needs data and personal accounts from Tunisian vets of the 601st, 701st, 776th 805th, 813th, 894th and 899th TD Bns.

If you have historical info pertaining to any of the above please send it to:
Lonnie Gill, TDA Historian
1422 Greenhaven
Anaheim, CA 92801.

COPIES OF BATTALION HISTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of Battalion histories (except as noted above) are now available. CAVEAT: In some cases the quality is very poor or marginal, so be prepared. Allow 30-60 days for delivery.
Send check or money order payable to Lonnie Gill for \$10.00 (whether the copy is only 1 page or 100 pages) to:
Lonnie Gill
1422 Greenhaven
Anaheim, CA 92801

NEW TD ITEMS FOR SALE
ID DECALS
PRINTS OF 3 IN TOWED GUN
REVISED PRINTS OF M10

TD decals are now available Price: \$2.50 ea. postpaid.
Prints of the 3 inch towed Gun by our very own TD artist Eddie Kocher (894), who so graciously donated his services and to whom we all owe a deep debt of gratitude, are now also available. Price: \$10.00 ea. plus packaging and mailing.
Prints of the M10 heretofore available depict the tube of the 3 inch gun pointing toward the rear in the travelling position. As a result of several criticisms, we have commissioned the artist to make a revised rendering showing the tube pointing forward in the firing position. This revised print is now available. Price: \$10.00 plus packaging and mailing. If you have already purchased the original print, you may order the revised print for only \$3.00 postpaid.
Please use the form provided for all orders.

WANT A ROSIER OF YOUR TD UNIT.....

You can obtain a computer print-out of all the men in your TD unit on our National TD Roster. Price only \$10.00, whether only 1 name or 500. Order now!

WEAR A HALE-TRACK TIE IAC OR BAR! IT TELLS THEM WHO YOU ARE.....

A great conversation piece! Order your TD Tie Tac or Tie Bar now! Only \$5.50 each postpaid.

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All orders must be made on the Order Form below. If you do not wish to cut up your Newsletter you may type or copy the form in your own hand writing.

NO.	DESIGNER	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
.....	75mm GMC M3	\$10.00	TD TIE BAR	\$ 5.50
.....	3in GMC M10	\$10.00	TD TIE TAC	\$ 5.50
.....	3in GMC M10	\$ 2.00*	TD UNIT ROSTER	\$10.00
.....	75mm GMC M18	\$10.00	TD DECAL	\$ 2.50
.....	90mm GMC M36	\$10.00	INDIVIDUAL SEARCH
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.....	Set of all 5	\$45.00	(Name)	\$ 1.00

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HOW TO ORDER: Please print and fill out this order form completely. Mail with your personal check or money order to: TDA, 235 Casteneda Dr., Millbrae, CA 94020.

SEARCHING FOR A TD BUDDY?.....

For only \$1.00 we can give you his address, provided he's on our National TD Roster.

*For purchasers of original print only. \$3.00 price includes packaging & shipping.

LATEST ON BATTALION REUNIONS!!!!!!

602: Fall 1986 - Denver, CO - Contact John F. DeKenipp, 12 Russell Ave., Nutley, NJ 07110 (201) 667-1394.

603: Jun 1985 - Pocatello, ID - Contact Glen Ankrom, RR 2. Box 92-E, Pocatello, ID 83201

607: July 1985 (date not fixed) Contact Francis J. Maloney, 2308 NE 149th Ave., Portland, OR 97230.

608: Sept 13-14, 1985 - Lancaster, PA - Contact Harry S. Rapp, 317 West King St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

610: 1986 - Cleveland, OH - Contact Carl J. Maurana, 611 Euclid Ave., Saegertown, PA 16433.

627: May, 1985 - Corning, NY Contact George P. Lucas, 151 Zittel St., Buffalo, NY 14210.

632, Co "C": Aug 1985 - Milwaukee, WI - Contact John J. Tebo, 1905 N. 85th St., Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

635: Oct 4-6 - Topeka, KS, Toppeka West Holiday Inn - Contact Harold Pellegrino, 1630 W. 28th St Topeka, KS 66611 (913) 235-0110.

640: Aug, 1986 - Los Angeles, CA - Contact James H. Pittinger, 500 Secret Town Ln., Colfax, CA 95713.

644: Jul 9-12, 1985 - French Lick IN, French Lick Springs Resort - Contact Gerald Hoffer, 752 Locke Ct., Nappanee, IN 46550 (219) 773-3301.

648: Sept 26-29, 1985 - Fond du Lac, WI, Holiday Inn - Contact

Max M. Magyar, Route 5, Fond du Lac, WI (414) 921-46

Aug 1986 - PA - Contact Don & Anne Rische, 1021 Market St Bloomsburg, PA 17815 (712) 474 5531.

Aug 1987 - Contact Melvin & Lois Colby, PO Box 209, Excelsior, MN 55331 (612) 479-5293.

656/771: Aug. 9-11 - Avon Lake, OH, Aqua Marine (Ramada) Resort. Contact Raymond A. Wolter, 2674 Aron-Wadsworth Rd., Barberton, OH 44203. (Note: Joint reunion: 771st cadred 656th)

792: Jun 19-23 - Minneapolis, MN - Normandy Motor Hotel - Contact Russell & Minerva Blixt, 5816 36th Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55422 1-612-532-1400.

802: Sept 13-15, 1985 - Virginia Beach, VA - Cavalier Hotel - Contact Thomas W. McCutchan, 428 White Rd., Mineola, NY 11501, (516) 747-4599.

803: May 21-23, 1985 - Reno, NV - Contact Louis D. Frinchi, 5315 104th St. SW, Tacoma, WA 98499, (206) 584-1169.

806: May 3-4, 1985 - Pittsburgh, PA - Parkway Center Inn - Contact Richard A. Allen, 208 W. Hillside Ave., Barrington, IL 60010.

807: Jul 2-4, 1985 - Jantzen Beach OR, Red Lion Inn - Contact Harold Trenkel, Rt 1, Box 262, Ontario, OR 97914.

808: 1985 (date not fixed) - Kansas City, KS - Contact Pat Donovan, S W. Shawnee, Paola, KS 66071.

809: 1985 (date not fixed) - Burlington, NC - Contact Mrs. Willard Walker, RR 5, Mebane, NC 27302.

811: Aug 2-4 - Ft. Wayne, IN - Contact Robert D. Morgan, 5405 Scepter Ct., Ft. Wayne, IN 46815.

817: Jun 7-9, 1985 - Rochester, NY - Contact Frank Hartwig, 236 East St., Pittsford, NY 14534.

818: Aug 15-18, 1985 - Clarksburg, WV - Contact William J. Annett, 1308 Van Buren St., Clarksburg, WV 26301.

823: Oct. 2-4, 1985 - Lake Providence, LA - Contact Jessie Surles, Rt 1, Box 74, Lake Providence, LA 71254 (318) 559-2637.

825: Oct 4-6, 1985 - Orlando, FL - Contact Elbert R. Henderson, 4350 Carney Dr., Maumee, OH 43537.

894: Apr 11-14 - Orlando, FL, International Inn - Contact Verne L. Clark, 4408 Stilwell Ct., New Port Richey, FL 33552 (813) 376-3975.

SWAP SHOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ID Caps
I have a few Tank Destroyer caps left. Will sell on first letter basis. Price: \$6.50 per cap. Limit 2 caps per order. On all orders not filled, checks will be returned.

Make checks payable to:
Bill McGuire (800)
4981 Tyler St.
Sacramento, CA 95841

ID OCS Ring
I recently lost my ID OCS ring, which I had since 1943 and would like to secure a replacement. Could you mention this in the Newsletter, as someone might have one they would be willing to sell.

Coston C. Ordway (650-7609)
472 Seneca Rd.
North Burrell, NY 14843

A.W.O.L.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A TDer is looking for a long-lost buddy. Won't you help him in his search? Look through your local telephone directory. If you find a potential subject, verify it by a phone call and if successful please notify us at TDA HQs. Thanks to your help, we have been successful in locating quite a few long lost sheep.

BARINARD, PEARLEY (803) LKA

BLASINGAME, ELBA D. (632), Firebaugh, CA.

EHRENBIETH, LEONARD (629) LKA Butler, PA.

FISHER, ERWIN (605) LKA So. Rd, Northfield, MA.

GUTIERREZ, CIREACO (632) LKA Los Angeles, CA.

HOOD, JOHN V. (632) LKA Los Angeles, CA.

HUXEY, WALTER (824) LKA New York, NY.

JAMES, GEORGE E. (899)

JOLLEY, WALTER R. (632) LKA and, CA.

LA FRANO, CARMELO J. (632) LKA De land, CA.

LARMEN, MELFORD L. (632) LKA Martinez, CA.

LITTLEFIELD, FOREST "JOHN" (635) LKA Hampton Falls, NH.

MATTEUCI, DOMINIC L. (632) LKA San Francisco, CA.

MICULKO, ANTHONY (648)

NESS, ROBERT A. (629) LKA Hampton, NH.

FRYOR, RALPH C. (632) LKA San Francisco, CA.

PATAPOFF, ANDY W. (632) LKA Los Angeles, CA.

RODRIGUEZ, GRACIANO (632) LKA CA.

STRONG, MARLEN J. (632) LKA Sacramento, CA.

TRIANA, FRANK O. (632) LKA Merced CA.

VANDENBURG, ARTHUR C. (894)

WARDLOW, LEE (629) LKA Joplin, MO

WILSON, TODD D. (632) LKA Windsor, LA.

ZARLEY, HOWARD (629) LKA Cincinnati, OH.

ID Field Manuals
I need the following ID Field Manuals as part of my research in compiling the official History and Story of the Tank Destroyers:

FM 18-5 Tactical Employment of ID Units

FM 18-20 The ID Platoon

FM 18-21 The Towed Gun Platoon

FM 18-22 The Recon. Platoon
I will return same if requested.
Louise Gill, TDA Battalion
1422 Greenhaven Lane
Anaheim, CA 92801

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MAILCALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I researched the foreign decorations of the Tank Destroyer Battalions as recorded in Department of the Army General Orders for World War II. Enclosed for your records are copies of citations that were awarded by the French Government and also the Belgian Army.
STEVEN F. KOVACH, President,
AMERICAN ORDER OF THE FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE, INC.

I certainly enjoy reading the Newsletters and hope they will continue to be published..
Would like to hear from any interested persons who served in the 630th about a possible reunion for 1985.
TED INGRAHAM (630) Fayetteville, NC

Due to the Newsletter, I was able to contact many of my army buddies of the 771 TD Bn. You have brought back many fond memories plus valuable information.
LARRY (GAUDIO) MONTE (771) Venice, FL

I want you to know how very much I appreciate with pride the recognition that this association is getting for the TD's.
Keep it coming!
JOS. W. NOOREHEAD (656) Cocoa Bch, FL
Having served as a platoon leader in both a Recon and Gun Co. of the 701st TD Bn in Italy, it is a real source of satisfaction to be part of an organization devoted to perpetuating the history and memory of those who fought in Tank Destroyer units.

It is often difficult to explain to others exactly what the role and function of TD's was in WW II. In fact, there are few who are aware that we even existed.
RAYMOND M. PATT (701) New York, NY

I'm glad someone is keeping us together after all these years.
Nice to see names of my 692nd buddies showing up on the roster.
ROGER SWEENEY (692) N. Smithfield, RI

Can anyone beat this record ???
On June 14, 1943 I was a member of Co. B, 638th TD Bn at Camp Livingston, LA. I met a lady at the Bus Station at Delhi, LA at 11a.m. Prior to that time I had never made a date with a lady in my life. A few minutes later we boarded the Trailways bus, got off the bus at Rayville, LA, and found a preacher who married us at 11:46 a.m.

As a result, I was transferred to another unit at Ft. Hood, TX. I am now retired from the Army.
I am a member of 26 separate Veterans organizations.
"JASPER B. SMITH (638) ANDERSON, IN
I certainly enjoyed your last issue of the Newsletter as well as all previous issues.
I believe that \$10 is a very fair amount.
Keep up the good work.
CHARLES H. HALL (771) Stony Point, NY

I'm surprised not to see more of the activity of the 825th TD Bn in the Newsletter. We had a reunion last Oct in Knoxville, TN and there was nothing about it in your Newsletter.
ELBERT E. HENDERSON (825) Maumee, OH

EDITORS NOTE: Can't print it if you don't send us the info.

Since I still have the unerring efficacy to make money, may I be privileged to help others. Enclosed is check toward others who may not be in a position to pay. Thanks.
EDWIN DAMRAU (B94) Holtsville, NY

Don't leave anyone out. Here's an extra \$10 for the guy who is opposed or one that cannot contribute. Send him the Newsletter.
RUDY COOPER (805), Tucson, AZ

It would be unfortunate for an ex-member of TDA to no longer receive the Newsletter because he could not afford to send a contribution. Would suggest a "Buddy Fund" be created so that anyone unable to send a contribution would be advised thru the Newsletter that there are others who will pick up the tab, without any embarrassment for them.
GEORGE W. DOWNS (636), Ephrata, PA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Well spoken, George. We already have such a Fund. Anyone who cannot afford a contribution need only complete the form, checking the first box and mailing same to TDA.

I was in the TD's from their conception.
In the beginning there were at least 2 separate TD Companies. The 780th and 781st. Please acknowledge these 2 separate companies.
OPIE R. LITTLE, JR. (780/644/633), Indianola, MS

EDITOR'S NOTE: These 2 separate companies were noted in NL#1, dated July 1981.

Enjoyed the letters in the last Newsletter, especially the one from Roy T. McGrann (610). I had the distinct honor of being his radio operator thru most of the European experience.
Keep up the good work. You are all a great credit to a great but almost forgotten fighting force.
ERNEST M. GLAZNER (610), Ft. Worth, TX

Just became a member of TDA and am enjoying the Newsletter. I'm general chairman of Co. B, 813th TD Bn, and for the last 14 years contacted as many men in my outfit as I could and had successful reunions.
Just picked up another buddy's name in the Newsletter. I am very happy to belong to TDA. Thanks to one of my buddies who told me about it. Keep up the good work.
JOHN A. CAPOZI (813), Jeannette, PA

Enjoyed NL #11 very much. Notice that Peter Dykstra, who only lives a dozen miles from me wrote that the 601 was the best TD of WW II. I don't doubt the sincerity of his statement as I am sure record of their achievements will support him. Naturally, each man loyally upholds his own Bn to be the best.

I'm going to make it a point to visit him in the near future.
EDWIN SAEGER (807), Rock Falls, IL
I was part of the cadre when the 605th TD Bn was formed at Camp in 1942.

Late in 1943 we left Hood for Ca Jackson, SC. A funny incident happened when we stopped at New Orleans. Capt Guerin of Recon Co had us out for a hike at double time and the train left us! By the time the message was received to stop the train, it was 35 miles out, and had to back up to get us.

I would like to hear from any one who shared this experience.
RALPH R. SMITH (605, 779) Terrell Rd. NE, Rockford, MI 49341

Part of the TD history is that a number of Bns were converted to Amphibious Tractor Bns and shipped to the Pacific Theatre and were involved with island invasions and assault forces.
The 672nd TD Bn was converted to the 672nd Amphibious Tractor Bn.
EDWIN J. PINIGIS (672), Lynchburg, VA

I must say again, "You guys are doing a wonderful, dedicated job. Please keep up the good work. I for one will morally and financially contribute to your support. In answer to Peter Dykstra (601). I can see and be proud of your unit, but never the "Best TD unit in WW II." I just want to say: "We all were."

Here's hoping, Peter that some day you'll have your happy reunion.
TON LEGISTA (774), Lynbrook, NY

I have been receiving the Newsletter and enjoy each of them from cover to cover.
I agree the fee is fair and necessary for the Newsletter to stay alive and well.

I have a 3" AP projectile fired from the M-10 on the old horseshoe range at Ft. Hood. After firing practice I walked down the range and retrieved it. I would be pleased to send it to our Museum when you're ready to receive it.

ROBERT A. JOHNSON (650/655), San Antonio, TX

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hang on to it, Bob, till you get further word in this Newsletter.

The 609th TD Bn has just had its Reunion in Greensboro, NC (Sept. 80). The outfit made a donation last year but I did not see it mentioned in any of the Newsletters.
NATHAN BAYLOR JR. (609), Philadelphia, PA

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Have just learned of the TD Assoc. from an old compatriot, Col. Bob Lane. I would like to join the Association.

It was my privilege to command the 637th TD Bn (SP) from near the end of the Luzon Campaign in the early summer of 1945, for the landing in Yokohama in mid-September and thru the early occupation of Japan until its inactivation in April or May 1946 at Kasamigaura Naval Air Base, Tsuchiura, Mito Province, Honshu, Japan.

So far as I know we were the only TD Bn in Japan and certainly the only one to run a prison camp for high ranking Japanese war criminals--the forerunner of Sugamo Prison. Good luck with the Association. NATHANIAL P. WARD III (637), Hampton, VA

All TDers owe you who have undertaken this unsurmountable task of reviving and commemorating the Tank Destroyer contribution to the war effort and American history a debt of gratitude and a very warm "Thank You." FRANK D. HANEY (771), Centereach, NY

Enjoy every tidbit of info in the TD Newsletter. The \$10 annual contribution is more than fair. Hop the response continues. Looking forward to many more issues. Keep up the wonderful job. JOHN C. GILMOUR (771), Richmond Hill, NY

EDITOR'S NOTE: All the credit belongs to our beloved founder, Marsh Hanks. May his sole rest in peace.

My husband, Harold E. Welch, deceased since Dec 1983. I do want to receive the TD Newsletter--it meant so much to Harold. MRS. HAROLD WELCH (801), Temple, TX

I certainly enjoy the Newsletter. Recently learned that American units attached to the French First Army, namely the 3rd, 28th, and 75th Inf. and the 12th Armored Divisions of XXI Corps, are eligible to receive a French medal. More later when I get the details. FRED VAN ANTWERP (772), Sunfield, MI

Since I was the bugler of Co "B", 671 TD Bn, and heard all over Hon in '43 and '44, please consider as honorary National TDA bugler (the guy you love to hate). CHARLES M. POMPA (671), Barnesboro, PA

EDITOR'S NOTE: You're appointed!

Thanks to you and your bulletin I have contacted several old TD buddies from the 644 TD Bn and feel extremely grateful. Keep up the fine job you are doing with the bulletin. I find it very news worthy. HENRY MUTZ (644), Ft. Bragg, CA

You've done a super job with the Newsletter. Keep them coming! Would like to hear from any 605ers JOHN M CALLUM (605), Star Rt 2, Box 79, Newport, NH 03773

Would like to get something going in Iowa. At least a get-together. Maybe a fund raiser. We are racing an '83 Ford Mustang at Road Atlanta 15-21 Oct for Nationals. Watch for TD emblem on 590, Houston, TX. Driver's name is John D'Angelo. I'm crew chief and wear a TD cap. We're 7th in national standing. ROBERT R. BURTON (671), RR #3, Webster City, IA 50595

TANK DESTROYER FACTS

The following factual information should be of interest to all TDers

	Brigades	Groups	Ens
No. of ID units activated during WW II	2	24	106
No. of ID units that saw active overseas service in the			
European-African Theater	1	13	61
Asiatic-Pacific Theater		1	6
Sub-total	1	14	67*
No. of ID units converted to non-ID units that saw active overseas service in Asiatic-Pacific			11
No. of ID units with no overseas service	1	10	28
total	2	24	106

Equipment used by ID Bns overseas

Type	No. of Ens
M3	5
M10	26
M18	24
M36	28
Towed	27
Total	110**

* This total is greater than *67 because 40 of the 67 TD Bns had more than one type of equipment during their course of overseas service

I hope the Newsletter will always be published. As President of the 15th TD Association, it is very helpful to me for many comrades contacted me because of the Newsletter. Thank you very much for the great job you are doing. I hope to see you at the next National convention. LAWRENCE "RABBIT" MONTGOMERY (605), Plainwell, MI

Thanks for all your efforts to get news to the Tank Destroyer people. I saw your listing about our 692 B reunion in Charlotte, NC Aug 10--we had more people than we ever had.

I expect to meet in Paris, NY next August. Will let the Newsletter know when. HENRY H. WEST (692), Hilton Hd Isl,

Here's my contribution of \$10--so an extra \$5 if your computer spell my name correctly. Love the Newsletter. WALTER L. KINSLEY (808) San Antonio,



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