



TANK DESTROYER NEWSLETTER

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FORT KNOX MUSEUM



EDITION!



TANK DESTROYER'S JOIN PATTON MUSEUM!

Tank Destroyer Association President Warren J. Mitchell shares PATTON MUSEUM Director John Purdy enthusiasm following a successful series of talks regarding the Tank Destroyer Forces becoming a part of the PATTON MUSEUM OF CAVALRY AND ARMOR. The two days of meetings followed the earlier visit by TDA V-P Joe Goepfner who thereafter led his detailed recommendation to join the Museum. General Funk is joined in this photo (left to right) by TDA Joe Goepfner, TDA Alex Woodside, TDA Warren Mitchell, TDA Quint Atkinson, PATTON MUSEUM Director John Purdy, and TDA Marv. Ravary.

Pictures on this page were taken by the most Photographer Mr. Charles "Chuck" Croton. And would you believe that Chuck is from the 804TD Bn! (We are everywhere!)

THANK YOU GENERAL FUNK

Brigadier General Funk and Mrs. Funk joined PATTON MUSEUM Director Mr. John Purdy and the Tank Destroyer Association Officers and Wives at the Fort Knox Officers Club October 6, 1986. General Funk is the Assistant Post Commander and Commandant of the Armored School.

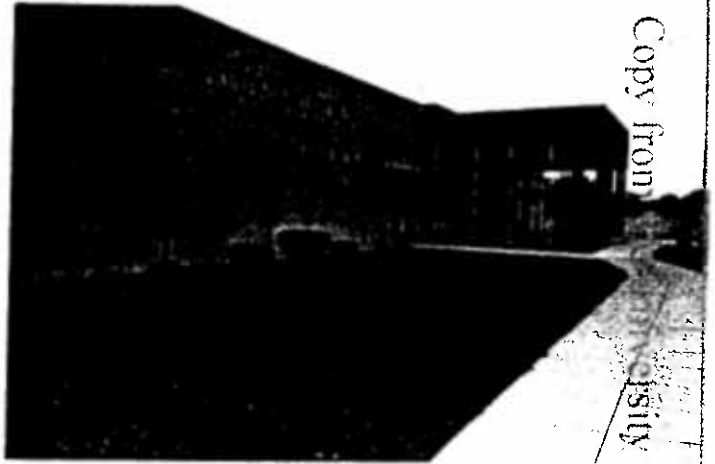
The meeting included luncheon and introductory remarks by General Funk, Mr. Purdy and the Tank Destroyer Association Officers. General Funk's tours have included Armored Division assignments at Fort Hood. General Funk is familiar with Tank Destroyer doctrine which continues to be used in today's Army! Following the luncheon meeting the Tank Destroyer Association Officers presented General Funk with a set of our TDA pen and ink sketches of Tank Destroyer Units which will be placed in the reception area of the Armored School.



OUTDOORS LOOKING FROM THE NORTHWEST

Our visit to Fort Knox, Kentucky was the revelation of a world class museum with a professional staff ranking high and above any others of our experience. Certainly not a static collection of donated items but a vivid series of display's of the many items and places that tell and recall the story of our United States Cavalry and Armor with vivid recollections of the men and women who made the history worth telling!

We found a strong story told of the Cavalry from its days as Dragoons during the Revolution to today's 1st Cavalry Divison mission in the use and mobility of armor, helicopter, and personnel.



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The Armor story is timely and covers the past seventy years with great displays of wheeled and tracked equipment of experimental and combat proven series. And, included equally important INFANTRY ANTI-TANK (ours and theirs) and TANK DESTROYER EQUIPMENT both towed and tracked that was assembled and still used for training the personnel of the Armored School and Center.

Outdoor displays of experimental and adopted equipment are well maintained and identified with weather resistant reader boards for the history of the individual piece of equipment.

Slightly to the east (left) of this area of PATTON MUSEUM is the very large area set aside for the recognition of Armored Units: the ARMORED MEMORIAL PARK described on another page of this Newsletter.



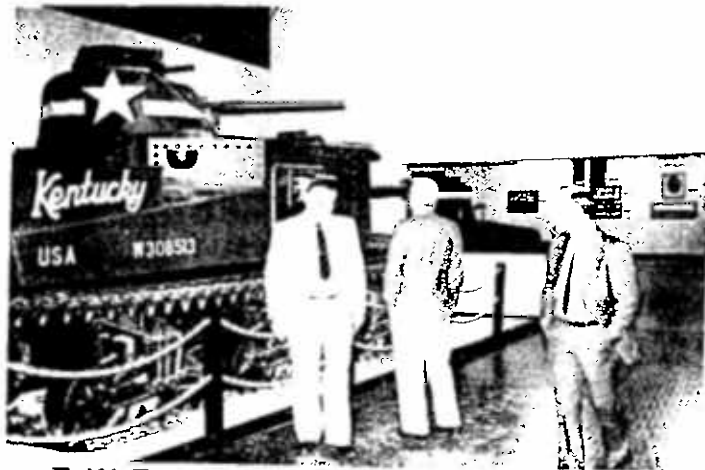
ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY AREAS

Our discussions with PATTON MUSEUM DIRECTOR MR. JOHN PURDY, when held indoors, included the conference area adjoining the well equipped reference library and historians office. In this photo Mr. Purdy was responding to questions from TDA Officers on his left ALEX WOODSIDE, MARV. RAVELY, AND JOE GOEPFNER. While QUINT ATKINSON took the photo he clipped the TDA MUSEUM CHAIRMAN off at the wrists (across the table). The Museum office is a very active administrative area that saw the staff coming and going along with many incoming telephone calls seeking library and records references from many researchers both in this country and overseas. The Museum Library and Archives are supported by an equally strong Library and research facility at the Armor School.



TRACKED VEHICLES DISPLAY AREAS

Our photo does not begin to do justice to the enormous space afforded by the buildings design encompassing a two story interior height with the use of theme space partitions and wide balconies for the display of smaller size exhibits. Vehicles, towed equipment, wall panels and standing displays are professionally maintained and very effectively tell their story in relating the history of our nations and our foes uses of Cavalry and Armor. The Diorama displays are designed to show all of the surroundings, personnel and equipment as if you had photographed an action of time gone by. TDA VP's Joe Goepfner and Alex Woodside join Museum Director John Purdy in discussing our 1941 model MEDIUM TANK M-3, hull welded and riveted, a counterweight on the 75 mm gun in the right sponson plus a 37 mm gun in the turret.



WHAT DOES THE PATTON MUSEUM
NEED FOR OUR TANK DESTROYER
DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS?

Marvin Ravelly, Tank Destroyer Association Vice-President and Treasurer, prepared this very important article for all of us to start our assembly of thoughts and items for the Tank Destroyer section of the Patton Museum.

The PATTON MUSEUM has requested that our Tank Destroyer displays and exhibits reflect a theme of "TELLING A STORY", or as a "DIORAMA" of an event, and to utilize life size models and equipment. The displays will be indoors and utilize donated items from the museum and our TANK DESTROYER VETERANS AND FAMILIES. Donations are required to be listed, described, and the information SENT TO THE TDA OFFICE FOR SCREENING BY A TDA AND PATON MUSEUM COMMITTEE. Arrangements will follow for the donations to be permanently recorded for the donors records and history of the items displayed.

The most important and basic items to be received by the PATTON MUSEUM are the TD Vehicles and the 3"-inch Towed Gun. We are asking that if anyone has knowledge of the locations of any of our TD Vehicles: M-3 Halftrack & 3"-Gun, M-10, M-18, or M-36, to get in touch with the TDA office! **NOTE:** The later remarks of the PATTON MUSEUM request. **ALSO NOTE:** The letter & picture article by "TED" FERRANT of the 801st TD Bn. which really details how to set up a TD item for its description, contacts, and follow-up details such as transportation! A great piece of work TED!

The years since March of 1981's first TDA Newsletter has seen our TDers send word that they were aware of items of TD Equipment. We ask they please verify their earlier information; we do promise prompt follow-up!

As items of TD equipment or Vehicles are located we will proceed with paper work for acquisition or donation; followed by setting up removal & transportation to the PATTON MUSEUM. TRANSPORTATION IS A "BIG-TICKET" ITEM! WE HUMBLLY ASK FOR ASSISTANCE IN MONEY OR ARRANGED FOR TRANSPORTATION! So, if any of our readers are heavy transport operators or know of a heavy transportation company that might help move the equipment to Fort Knox please let hear from you!

NOW, FOR INDIVIDUAL ITEMS!!!! Reach for your "A" and "B" bags-look into your footlockers-can you donate your: fatigue sets, coveralls, caps, field jackets, mackinaws, tank clothing sets, sweaters, web belts, webbing & belts, gas masks, knit gloves and shell covers...in other words, anything issued that you wore or used in combat.

We have to be careful with your war trophies! The PATTON MUSEUM needs your documented story to go with the donation; otherwise it is just a luger pistol, favorite P-38, SS dress knife, or sword! The museum stresses the point of the history of the items being very important in displaying the items while recognizing the donor and TD Bn.

And, please do not send any items until you get the word from the TDA Office! Rather, drop us a line following the above format and details!

MILITARY MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

P.O. Box 2342
Danbury, Connecticut 06610

ESTABLISHED MAY 1985

JOHN V. VALLUZZO, ADMINISTRATOR
RECREATING "A" COMPANY OF THE 643rd TD Bn.
DENNIS A. AMBRUSO, COMMANDING
1987 SCHEDULE: Call (203) 334-3041



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THEODORE F. FERRANT
DIRECTOR

November 9, 1986

Mr Warren J. Mitchell
President
Tank Destroyer Association
3050 Harcross Road
Redwood City, California 94062

Dear Warren:
The Association records will indicate my previous interest in locating a 3inch Towed Gun for the Tank Destroyer Museum. At that time I forwarded several photos of two guns located on the campus of my Prep School, LA SALLE MILITARY ACADEMY in Oakdale, Long Island, N.Y. Recently I attended a reunion there and enclosed, three photos of one of the pieces, will give you some idea of the over all condition of the gun. At that time I discussed the possibility of the Academy donating one of the guns to the Tank Destroyer Museum. My conversations with Lt. Col. Edward Brown (Ret.) the PMS&T as well as with Rev. Brother David Detje, FSC Headmaster, led me to believe that they would consider the matter and advise me at a later date.

If The Association is at all interested in pursuing this question I suggest that you forward copies of your original correspondence with Director, of the Patton Museum, Mr John M. Purdy. You might also consider sending copies of the related Donor Form ATZK-DPT638 along with any other documentation you deem essential in negotiating this subject.

There is a good possibility that the piece could be transported via long-haul trucking to the Fort Knox site. My son is in the business and if the donation becomes a reality, he might be in a position to handle the shipment. In any event I advised both Brother Detje and Brown, that there would be no expenses incurred in the event that they agreed to make the donation.

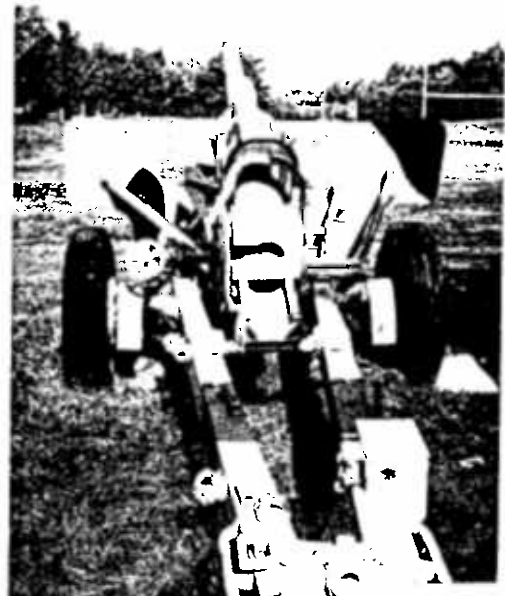
During my conversation with Col. Brown, he indicated that although The Academy is the owner of this property, the necessary and final authority to release the gun must come from the appropriate Dept. of The Army. In this regard if you could forward any additional documentation or information that would simplify and expedite the matter, I am sure it would be appreciated.

My battalion, The 801 TD Bn., recently celebrated its 45th in Albany, NY. It was well attended and everyone had glowing praise for the work done by the Association. Our battalion developed the capabilities of the 3 inch gun at Camp Hood and used it affectively from Normandy to the Roer Offensive.

Many thanks for your assistance and Best Regards;

Ted Ferrant

cc: Rev. Brother David Detje, FSC
Lt. Col. Edward Brown (Ret.) PMS&T



PATTON MUSEUM OF CAVALRY AND ARMOR



COLLECTION POLICY STATEMENT

31 MAY 1985

1. Acquisitions. The Patton Museum serves as installation property account for all historically significant items owned by Department of the Army at the U.S. Army Armor Center and School. All such items will be considered part of the museum collection. The Patton Museum seeks historically significant items that help fulfill the museum mission. There are three means whereby the museum acquires objects:

a. Transfers. Transfers from other museums and federal agencies. These items are already property of the federal government. They are transferred to the museum for preservation and to fulfill the museum mission.

b. Purchases. The museum only purchases items that cannot be acquired through transfer or donation.

c. Donations. The primary source for new acquisitions is donations from private individuals and groups. Donations to the museum are unconditional and irrevocable. The museum reserves the right to use donated objects at its discretion to accomplish the mission. Since the museum and the museum staff are "interested parties" to any donation, the museum will not provide appraisals for objects donated to the museum. (Donors requiring appraisals for tax purposes must obtain these at their own expense from a qualified appraiser.)

2. Type of Objects Collected. a. Specialized Armor and Mechanized Cavalry Equipment of all nations from World War I to present. One example of each item that was developed for Armor or Mechanized Cavalry will be collected, maintained, and preserved as the U.S. Army's example of that item. Additional examples will be collected for demonstration or exhibit purposes as specific needs develop.

b. General Military Equipment of all nations from World War I to present. Only such items of military equipment which were used with Armor and Mechanized Cavalry equipment will be collected. The quantity of each item will be limited to the number necessary to complete the specialized equipment in the collection. Only objects that had the widest use will be collected. Special variants will not be collected.

c. United States Horse Cavalry from 1775 to 1941. As an introduction to Cavalry and Armor of the 20th Century, the museum exhibits items that provide a background. Only such items as required to provide a historical introduction to Mechanized Cavalry will be collected. Generally, these items will be

collected for a specific exhibit or instructional class. Items collected will be those that had the widest use. Special purpose items or those associated with a personality will not be collected.

d. Association Items. Items that have a special association to one of the following will be collected regardless of the designed use. Each item must be identifiable as having a strong association to:

- (1) Fort Knox area from 1918 to present.
(2) General George S. Patton, Jr.

(3) Other Armor personalities that are both deceased and recorded in U.S. Army Center of Military History historical publications for notable Armor or Mechanized Cavalry actions.

e. Library Material. The museum seeks books, manuals, papers, other documents, photographs, slides, film, and other audiovisual materials that provide information on the above categories whether historically significant or not. Personal papers will be limited to those subjects that provide background information in the above categories. Historically significant items will be accessioned as part of the museum collection. Those items that are not historically significant will be accessioned as part of the library. If they are part of the library, accountability will be in accordance with library regulations.

f. Art. Objects created for aesthetic purposes whether paintings, sculpture or other media that are one of a kind or one of a limited series, under the direct control of the artist, are sought. The museum seeks only those objects that depict the role of Armor or Mechanized Cavalry from World War I to present. Athletic trophies, awards, prizes and unit awards are of transitional significance. They will not be accepted into the museum collection.

3. Donor Recognition. In recognition of the contribution of the donors of objects, the museum will provide letters and certificates of donation. Records of donor information will be retained in the donor file. Donor labels will not be placed on items on exhibit.

4. Loans to the Museum. Loans will be accepted only for specific exhibits or instructional classes. They will be retained by the museum only for the duration of the exhibit or class. The period of the loan will be for one year or less and may be renewed for an aggregate of two years. Loans for a greater period will be submitted, through channels, to the Secretary of the Army in accordance with AR 1-100 for approval.

5. Loans from the Museum. The museum will make loans of objects in the collection to agencies for projects that are consistent with the general goals and

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purpose of the museum. Consideration of the individual objects will be determined by the nature of use, security and environmental controls provided by the agency. The museum reserves the right to cancel the loan and recall the objects.

6. Deaccessions. All items in the museum's collection are the property of the U.S. Army. None will be sold or traded or given to any agency outside the control of the Chief of Military History without his approval. Historical properties in the collection that, for reason of duplication or unsuitability to the museum's mission, are considered excess to the museum's needs will be offered to the following agencies in order of priority:

- a. Other U.S. Army Museums.
b. Other Department of Defense or Federal Museums.
c. Museums or other nonprofit institutions in accordance with Chapter I, DoD 4160.21-M.
d. Department of Defense Property Disposal Agency.

Documentation of all deaccessioned objects will be retained in the museum's property records.

Signature of John B. Getgood, Colonel, GS, Director of Plans and Training

Enclosure Sample of ATZK-DPT Form 638, "Unconditional Donation to the United States Army"

Fort Knox, Kentucky America's Museum of Armored Fighting Vehicles



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UNCONDITIONAL DONATION TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

I own the items described below, and have full legal authority to dispose of them. I desire to give unconditionally the described property to the United States Army. I understand that... Curator of the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor, located at Fort Knox, County of Hardin, State of Kentucky will accept the unconditional gift on behalf of the United States Army. To carry out my purpose, I do hereby give and deliver to the United States Army, the property described as follows:

Item No. Description

SAMPLE

It is distinctly understood that it is my purpose and intention to vest all the incidents of absolute ownership of the property in the United States Army from this time forward.

Dated: 19 Signature of Donor

The above items have been accepted as an unconditional donation to the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor.

Dated: 19 CURATOR

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The great news of this issue of the TANK DESTROYER NEWSLETTER speaks to the official visit of the TDA OFFICERS and their ladies to FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY, October 6th and 7th, 1986. The generous Kentucky hospitality of Louisville and Fort Knox made our visit very fulfilling and comfortable! Our travel from East and West was by commercial airlines and I'm pleased to compliment the State for its wide range of full service terminals, highways and great hotels in Louisville!

The hospitality evidenced by MR JOHN FURDY, DIRECTOR OF THE PATTON MUSEUM, and his professional staff, was very genuine and outgoing. We were very proud to represent the Tank Destroyer Association during the Official Visit to become familiar with all of the facets of the FATTON MUSEUM OF CAVALRY AND ARMOR. Indeed, every visitor must be impressed when visiting the museum. The museum and surrounding grounds are breath taking in site location and in the permanence of construction of the building spaces both present and scheduled for the next several years!

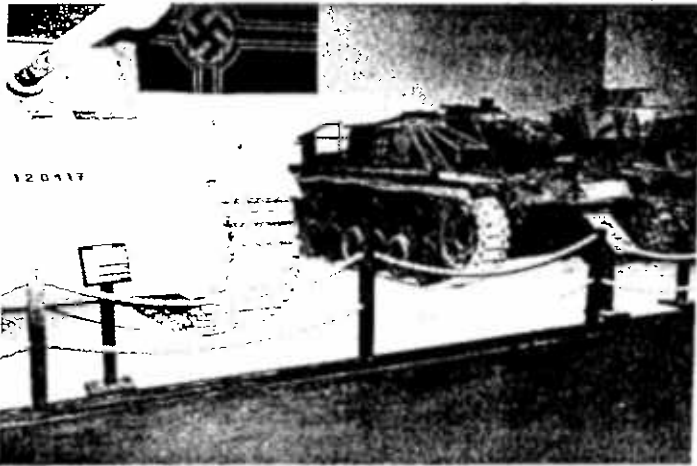
What a compliment to the TANK DESTROYER FORCES to be invited to participate in a modern day facility that can compliment those who were part of the fighting forces of World War II and their families.

Our invitation to participate will now allow us to direct our newsletter readers to the mater of becoming contributors to the museum. Please look for VICE-PRESIDENT AND TREASURER MARV. RAVELY'S article regarding our establishing a procedure for handling contributions to the museum. In fact, our next newsletter will be more specific to the identifying and handling of your contributions and memorabilia.

Please, also, take pride in the actions of the ARMORED FORCES MEMORIAL COMMITTEE in seeing the authorization for construction of the memorial at Arlington Cemetary. Every action of the Senate and the House of Representatives specifically included the TANK DESTROYER FORCES in full identification of their part in the 70 year history of the United States use of Armor. Yes, another place for the efforts of the TANK DESTROYER FORCES to be memorialized for their part in the ARMED FORCES of the United States!

Certainly, none of this could have been accomplished without all of your encouragement and participation!

GERMAN ARMOR DISPLAYED INDOORS



ARMORED FORCE

MONUMENT COMMITTEE • P.O. BOX 1146 • FORT MYER, VA. 22204

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 43
PASSED BY CONGRESS!**

We are pleased to inform the TDA Newsletter readers that CONGRESS passed SJR 43 on October 17, 1986 following approval in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES on October 16, 1986!

The long awaited approval will see the efforts of the ARMORED FORCE MONUMENT COMMITTEE come to pass in which the SJR would authorize the establishment of a memorial to honor the American Armored Force.

The Armored Force Memorial will give credit to 3 MILLION AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND MARINES who have served in hundreds of units for the past 70 years. The Armored Force embodies a unique concept of cohesion and teamwork. The combat capabilities of these men contributed greatly to the success of the AMERICAN ARMED FORCES in the wars of this country and continuing today to deter aggression around the world.

To consider the efforts of the members of CONGRESS in authorizing erection of the memorial we have to place a high degree of thanks in the efforts of the AFM COMMITTEE'S CONGRESSIONAL LIASON JAMES H. LEACH! You may recall JIM served as a TANK DESTROYER OFFICER and today is a retired Colonel and showing the same energy and enthusiasm as during his TD days!

The Armored Force Monument shall not receive any funds from the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; however, the memorial will be located in the NATION'S CAPITOL on UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPERTY in ARLINGTON, VA. The Secretary of the Interior shall select, with the approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capitol Planning Commission, a suitable site upon which to erect the memorial. If practicable and appropriate, a site between the ARLINGTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE and the entrance to the ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY and besides MEMORIAL DRIVE.

SJR 43 stipulates that the authority conferred shall lapse unless (1) the erection is commenced within 5 years, and (2) prior to its commencement, the Secretary of the Interior has received an appropriate certification that funds are available in the amount sufficient, in the judgement of the Secretary, to insure the completion of the memorial!

It is appropriate to note subsequent policy for Memorial Legislation will not consider other Military Units wishing to establish monuments in Washington, DC. Those groups should be encouraged to honor their own in the areas where they were based.

A TIP OF OUR HAT TO OUR WAC IDERS!

Early in May 1983 TDA Founder and Secretary MARSH HANKS received a partial list of WOMEN ARMY CORPS VETERANS, who served with the Tank Destroyer Forces at then Camp Hood, Texas, from Brigadier General Elizabeth F. Hersington (USA Retired).

Marsh invited the fourteen veterans to become a part of the National Tank Destroyer Association Roster; of course, their response was unanimous!

Today, our Roster continues to keep all of us together and, indeed, we have added to our Roster as our IDers spread the news of our Association.

So, keep your hats ready to tip to our WAC IDers: from East to West—from North to South—and out to fair Hawaii, too!

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REUNIONS

MAIL CALL

601 1987, May, Pittsburgh
 CONTACT: John Spear, 360 Utah Ave.
 West Milfin, PA 15122
 608 May 1, 1987, Fremont, OH
 CONTACT: Bernard Haas, 729 Nickel
 St. Fremont, OH. 43420
 608 Sept. 11-12, 1987, Host
 Hotel, Lancaster, PA. CONTACT: Harry
 Rapp, 317 W. King St., Lancaster,
 PA. 17603
 610-"A" Co. Oct. 1987, Columbus,
 OH CONTACT: Paul Simon, 3601 Elm
 St. Toledo, OH 43608
 627 May 23, 1987, Lodge on Green
 Painted Post, NY CONTACT: George
 Lucas, 151 Zettel St., Buffalo, NY
 14210
 636 Aug 9-10, 1987, Auburn, NE
 CONTACT: C. Collins, Rt. 1, Auburn,
 NE 68305
 643 Oct. 1987 Westbury, NY
 CONTACT: John Fox, 100 6th St.,
 Garden City, Long Island, NY 11040
 645 May 8-9, 1987 Marriot Hotel,
 Oklahoma City, OK CONTACT: Zane
 Ambrose, 4325 Curzon, Ft. Worth,
 TX 76107
 648 Aug. 1987 Minneapolis, MN
 CONTACT: William Colby, Box 209,
 Excelsior, MN 55331 (612)474-5393
 691 Sept. 1987 CONTACT: Andy
 Ferketich, 1214 8th St. New
 Brighton, PA 15066
 705 June 1987 Louisville, Ky
 CONTACT: Paul Yeomans, 1674
 University Parkway, Sarasota,
 FL 34243
 771 January or February, 1987
 CONTACT: Joe Klein, So. Oriole Bl.
 Delray Beach, FL. 33446
 801 Oct. 1987, Albany, NY
 CONTACT: Albert Weir, 10 Crest-
 haven Ave., Albany, NY. 12205
 802 May 1-3, 1987, Virginia
 Beach, VA CONTACT: Tom McCutchen
 428 White Rd. Mineola, NY. 11501
 803 "Recon" May 11-12, 1987
 Red Coach Inn, I-35 & W. Crawford
 Salena, KA. 67401 CONTACT: Walter
 George, 3671 So. Osage, Independ-
 ence, MO 64055
 803 Mary 19-21, 1987, Riverside
 Motel, Reno, NV CONTACT: Louis
 Frenchie, 5315 - 104th St. SW
 Tacoma, WA 98499
 808 Sept. 23-26, 1987 Best
 Western, New Towers, 78th & Dodge
 St., Omaha, NE
 813 "C Co." Labor Day, 1987
 CONTACT: Frank Reese, 4201 Crest-
 field Rd., Knoxville, TN 37421
 814 June 27-28, 1987, Savannah,
 MO.
 817 June 1987 Buffalo, NY
 CONTACT: William Sobocly, 623
 Park Ave., Dunbar, NY 14048
 (716) 366-8198
 818 Aug. 13-15, 1987, Lubbock, TX
 CONTACT: Joe Kaycroft, PO Box 1622,
 Lubbock, TX 79408 (806) 332-4304
 820 Oct. 1987, Flint, MI CONTACT:
 George Verbeke, 16085 Veronica Ave.
 J. Detroit, MI 48221

Congratulations on another fine
 TDA Bulletin. It is really good
 to read all the mail calls and see
 that so many of the guys express
 their happiness at the names of
 old pals and at new names from
 their old outfits. I was a member
 of the 601st TD and always think
 that it was one of the best if not
 the best. We served with many
 Divisions and Corps. during our
 tour of duty both at home and
 overseas. I joined the 601st in
 March of '42 and served with them
 until the end of the European
 operation. Our unit took part in
 the African invasion, Sicily, NOT
 Anglo So. France through to
 Salsburg, Austria. I noticed
 several copies back, the units who
 received the Croix de Guerre that
 the 601st was not listed.. I don't
 know the date on which it was
 awarded by it was for action in
 the Colman operation. Would
 appreciate it if any light could
 be shed on this. BERNARD E. SMALL
 (601) 2100 Barkeley Ln. SE Apt. 21
 Carleton House, Fort Myers, FL
 33907

I notice in the newsletter write-
 in section, #14, and others, there
 is some confusion as to which
 units were the "first formed". I
 have some information that might
 help. In July 1942, during
 Carolina maneuvers, the first
 provisional Tank Destroyer Group
 was formed (the first of its kind)
 consisting of 801 Camp Sutton,
 802, 813 shipped overseas soon
 after, and 894. 801 was the first
 TD Bn. to move into Camp Hood. C.
 D. COBB (801) 3123 Pearl Ave.,
 Tampa, FL 33611

I was with the 671st and I don't
 see much written in your news-
 letter about that battalion. Any-
 thing you can find to print about
 this battalion would be much
 appreciated. Since my retirement
 from the railroad in the end of
 March 1985, with 39 years service,
 I have moved to Florida where I
 bought a home. I was with the
 Tank Destroyers since 1943 at
 North Camp Hood and then to South
 Camp Hood, Ft. Knox, then to
 Seattle where I was shipped to
 Oahu, Hawaii for six months and
 finally to the Phillipines before
 I was shipped back to the US in
 1946. In Oct. or Nov. of 1945 the
 671st was broken up and we were
 each sent to different places, I
 winding up in a Japanese prison
 camp outside of Manila. Hope you
 can list more names of people who
 served in Co. B. in the 671st and
 any other news about the whole
 battalion. JOSEPH GORMAN (671)
 104 Dupont St., Mt. Dora, FL 32757

TANK DESTROYER NEWSLETTER

To: Tank Destroyer Association
 4800 Westchester Drive
 Ft. Belvoir, CA 91680

Attn: The Editor

--- Yes, I want to continue receiving the Tank
 Destroyer Newsletter.

--- Here is my VOLUNTARY tax-deductible
 contribution of \$_____ for the next 4 issues
 of the Newsletter.

--- I have already contributed \$_____ for the next
 4 issues of the Newsletter.

(Last Name) (First Name) (TD UNIT)

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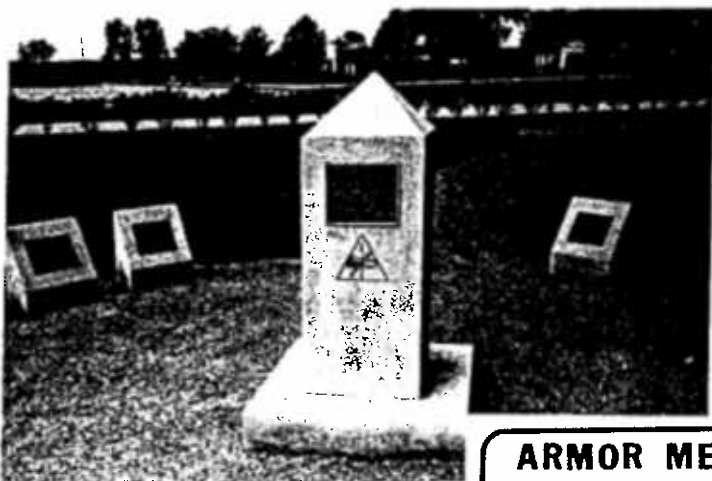
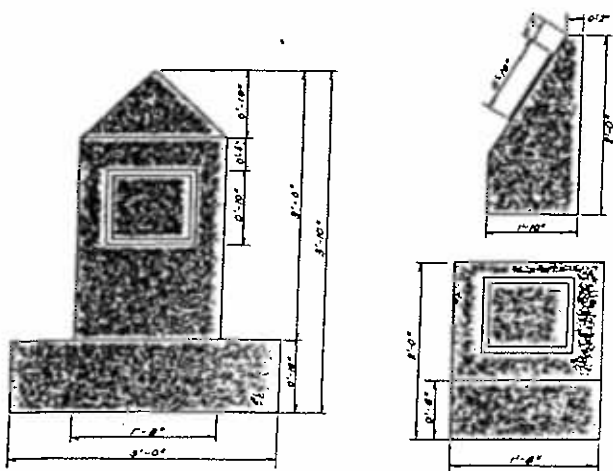
REMEMBER OUR NEWSLETTER No. _____ of
 January 1987
 Our TDA Newsletter of that issue
 advised of our beginning to mit-
 its distribution to those who were
 interested in and wanted to receive
 each issue-WHETHER THEY DID OR DID
 NOT CONTRIBUTE-LET US KNOW BY
 FILLING OUT THE ABOVE FORM.
 (It was printed larger than
 we ask our readers to use the
 LARGE FORM ON PAGE SIX!
 Today, our TDA Newsletters are read
 by more than 3,057 TDers who had
 used the request form. Perhaps you
 missed some great issues of the TDA
 Newsletter by overlooking our
 request procedure!

HERE'S ANOTHER CHANCE!
 This issue of the TDA ewslttr is
 our Annual Issue where we send it
 to all TDers on the NATIONAL ROSTER
 OF THE TDA. We also are asking the
 POSTAL SERVICE to forward the issue
 and verify the address to us for
 our file updating. This procedure
 cost lots of money but we want to
 keep our roster up to date!
 Also, we certainly want you to be a
 contributor to the TANK DESTROYER
 FORCES section of the PATTON Museum
 of Cavalry and Armor...how else will
 you know if you do not become a
 regular reader of the TDA
 Newsletter? Let's hear from you!

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PRICES FOR TANK DESTROYERS' MEMORIALS

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1. Stone	20 x 20 x 36 APEX	\$1,000.00
Base	36 x 36 x 10	689.00
Carving	Optional	100.00
Bronze Plaques	12 x 10 (Each-4/stone maximum)	120.00
Unit Insignia (in Bronze)	Optional	130.00
2. Working Time	Stone	45 to 60 days
	Bronze	60 to 90 days

ARMOR MEMORIAL PARK

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! TD ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SKETCHES: We are offering for sale the 11" x 14" prints. They may be ordered separately or as a set. If you order the set you will receive a 6th print as a bonus. This additional print is the M10 with the tube in the travel position. The prints will be shipped in a cardboard mailing tube so please add an additional charge of \$2.50 for shipping and handling to each order of sketches.

SEARCHES: Send us \$1.00 and the name for each old buddy you would like a current address for. If he is on our National TD Roster, we will send you his address. If he is not on our Roster, his name will appear in the search column in the next newsletter.

DECALS: A set of decals consists of 2 decals. One is the decal of the TD emblem in 4 colors, and the other decal is "TANK DESTROYERS WW II" in block letters. The price is \$2.50 per set.

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.	DESTROYER	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
-----	75mm GMC M3	\$10.00	-----
-----	3in GMC M10	\$10.00	-----
-----	76mm GMC M18	\$10.00	-----
-----	90mm GMC M36	\$10.00	-----
-----	3in Towed	\$10.00	-----
-----	Set of all 6	\$48.00	-----
Packaging & shipping (on prints only) \$ 2.50			
INDIVIDUAL SEARCH			
-----	(Name)	\$ 1.00	-----
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-----	TD Decals	\$ 2.50	-----
UNIT #	ROSTER	\$ 10.00	-----

HOW TO ORDER: Please print. Mail with check or money order to: 3050 HARCROSS ROAD.....REDWOOD CITY, CA.....94062

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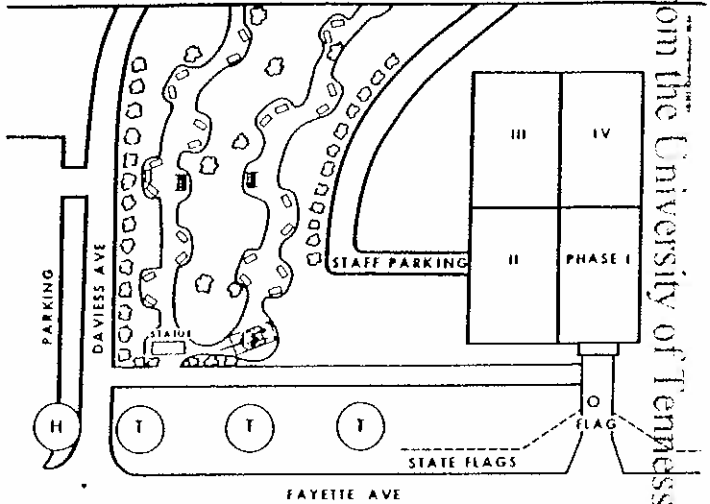
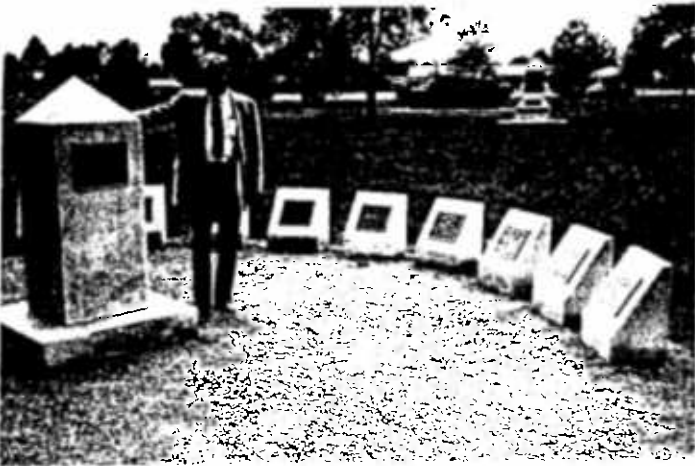
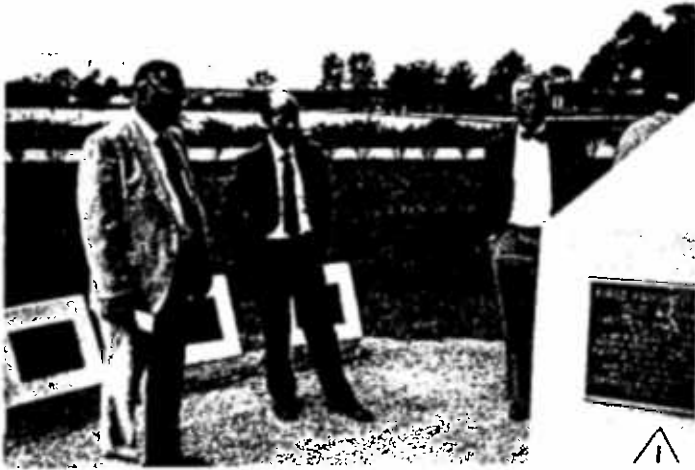
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The park is located in the area between the FATTON MUSEUM building and the museum parking lot. The area encompasses approximately 400,000 square feet.

Plans for the TANK DESTROYER FORCES Battalions and Groups propose that a centralized theme area would be designed for the random placing of the individual monuments around a theme walkway and place of resting for recollections of the past units.

Future issues of the TDA Newsletter will show the plans for the TANK DESTROYER FORCES section of the ARMOR MEMORIAL PARK.

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