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# MEDAL OF HONOR TANK DESTROYERS



## DEDICATION

THIS EDITION IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHOSE DEEDS ARE RECORDED BY NAME HEREIN; TO THOSE WHOSE DEEDS OF VALOR WERE RECOGNIZED BY ONE OF THE HONORS LISTED; AND TO THOSE WHOSE DEEDS HAVE NEITHER RECORD NOR RECOGNITION, BUT WHO MET THE CALL OF DUTY WHEN DUTY ITSELF WAS ABOVE AND BEYOND

## IN REFLECTION

IT IS SAID THAT AN AMERICAN FIGHTS FOR THREE THINGS:  
HIS BROTHERS IN ARMS, WHO SHARE HIS DARKEST HOURS,  
HIS HOME  
AND HIS COUNTRY, REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICS OF THE MOMENT. HE  
ALWAYS FIGHTS AS A FREE MAN,  
AND HE WILL LAY HIS LIFE ON THE LINE.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military Award for bravery that can be given to any individual in the United States of America. Conceived in the early 1860's and first presented in 1863, the medal has a colorful and inspiring history which has culminated in the standards applied today for awarding this respected honor.

In their provisions for judging whether a man is entitled to the Medal of Honor, each of the armed services has set up regulations which permit no margin of error. The deed of the person must be proved by incontestable evidence of at least two eyewitnesses; it must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes his galantry beyond the call of duty from lesser forms of bravery; it must involve the risk of his life; and it must be the type of deed which, if he had not done it, would not subject him to any justified criticism.

ARTHUR O. BEYER  
CORPORAL, UNITED STATES ARMY  
COMPANY C, 603d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

PLACE AND DATE: Near Arloncourt, Belgium, 15 January 1945. ENTERED SERVICE AT: St. Ansgar, Iowa.  
BORN: 20 May 1909, Rock Township, Mitchell County, Iowa.

GENERAL ORDER No.: 73, 30 August 1945. CITATION: He displayed conspicuous gallantry in action. His platoon, in which he was a tank-destroyer gunner, was held up by antitank, machinegun, and rifle fire from enemy troops dug in along a ridge about 200 yards to the front. Noting a machinegun position in this defense line, he fired upon it with his 76-mm. gun killing one man and silencing the weapon. He dismounted from his vehicle and, under direct enemy observation, crossed open ground to capture the 2 remaining members of the crew. Another machinegun, about 250 yards to the left, continued to fire on him. Through withering fire, he advanced on the position. Throwing a grenade into the emplacement, he killed 1 crewmember and again captured the 2 survivors. He was subjected to concentrated small arms fire but, with great bravery, he worked his way a quarter mile along the ridge, attacking hostile soldiers in their foxholes with his carbine and grenades. When he had completed his self-imposed mission against powerful German forces, he had destroyed 2 machinegun positions, killed 8 of the enemy and captured 18 prisoners, including 2 bazooka teams. Cpl. Beyer's intrepid action and unflinching determination to close with and destroy the enemy eliminated the German defense line and enabled his task force to gain its objective.

HERSCHEL F. BRILES  
STAFF SERGEANT, UNITED STATES ARMY  
COMPANY C, 899th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

PLACE AND DATE: Near Scherpenweel, Germany, 20 November 1944. ENTERED SERVICE AT: Fort Des Moines, Iowa.  
BIRTH: Colfax, Iowa.

GENERAL ORDER No.: 77, 10 September 1945. CITATION: He was leading a platoon of destroyers across an exposed slope near Scherenseel, Germany, on 20 November 1944, when they came under heavy enemy artillery fire. A direct hit was scored on 1 of the vehicles, killing one man, seriously wounding 2 others, and setting the destroyer afire. With a comrade, S/Sgt. Briles left the cover of his own armor and raced across ground raked by artillery and small-arms fire to the rescue of the men in the shattered destroyer. Without hesitation, he lowered himself into the burning turret, removed the wounded and then extinguished the fire. From a position he assumed the next morning, he observed hostile infantrymen advancing. With his machinegun, he poured such deadly fire into the enemy ranks that an entire pocket of 55 Germans surrendered, clearing the way for a junction between American units which had been held up for 2 days. Later that day, when another of his destroyers was hit by a concealed enemy tank, he again left protection to give assistance. With the help of another soldier, he evacuated two wounded under heavy fire and, returning to the burning vehicle, braved death from exploding ammunition to put out the flames. By his heroic initiative and complete disregard for personal safety, S/Sgt. Briles was largely responsible for causing heavy enemy casualties, forcing the surrender of 55 Germans, making possible the salvage of our vehicles, and saving the lives of wounded comrades.

CLYDE L. CHOATE  
STAFF SERGEANT, UNITED STATES ARMY  
COMPANY C, 601st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

PLACE AND DATE: Near Bruyeres, France, 25 October 1944. ENTERED SERVICE AT: Anna, Illinois.  
BORN: 28 June 1920, West Frankfort, Illinois.

GENERAL ORDER NO.: 75, 5 September 1945. CITATION: He commanded a tank destroyer near Bruynes, France, on 25 October 1944. Our infantry occupied a position on a wooded hill when, at dusk, an enemy Mark IV tank and a company of infantry attacked, threatening to overrun the American position and capture a command post 400 yards to the rear. S/Sgt. Choate's tank destroyer, the only weapon available to oppose the German armor, was set afire by 2 hits. Ordering his men to abandon the destroyer, S/Sgt. Choate reached comparative safety. He returned to the burning destroyer to search for comrades possibly trapped in the vehicle risking instant death in an explosion which was imminent and braving enemy fire which ripped his jacket and tore the helmet from his head. Completing the search and seeing the tank and its supporting infantry over running our infantry in their shallow foxholes, he secured a bazooka and ran after the tank, dodging from tree to tree and passing through the enemy's loose skirmish line. He fired a rocket from a distance of 20 yards, immobilizing the tank but leaving it able to spray the area with cannon and machinegun fire. Running back to our infantry through visious fire, he secured another rocket, and, advancing against a hail of machinegun and small arms fire reached a position 10 yards from the tank. His second shot shattered the turret. With his pistol he killed 2 of the crew as they emerged from the tank; and then running to the crippled Mark IV while the enemy sniped at him, he dropped a grenade inside the tank and completed its destruction. With their armor gone, the enemy infantry became disorganized and was driven back. S/Sgt. Choate's great daring in assaulting an enemy tank singlehanded, his determination to follow the vehicle after it had passed his position, and his skill and crushing thoroughness in the attack prevented the enemy from capturing a battalion command post and turned a probable defeat into a tactical success.

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**TURNEY W. LEONARD**  
**FIRST LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES ARMY**  
**COMPANY C, 893d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**  
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PLACE AND DATE: Kommerscheidt, Germany, 4-6 November 1944. ENTERED SERVICE AT: Dallas, Texas.  
 BIRTH: Dallas, Texas.

GENERAL ORDER No.: 74, 1 September 1945. CITATION: He displayed extraordinary heroism while commanding a platoon of mobile weapons at Kommerscheidt, Germany, on 4, 5, And 6 November 1944. During the fierce 3-day engagement, he repeatedly braved overwhelming enemy fire in advance of his platoon to direct the fire of his tank destroyer from exposed dismounted positions. He went on lone reconnaissance missions to discover what opposition his men faced, and on 1 occasion, when fired upon by a hostile machinegun, advanced alone and eliminated the enemy emplacement with a hand grenade. When a strong German attack threatened to overrun friendly positions, he moved through withering artillery, mortar, and small-arms fire, reorganized confused infantry units whose leaders had become casualties, and exhorted them to hold firm. Although wounded early in battle, he continued to direct fire from his advance position until he was disabled by a high-explosive shell which shattered his arm, forcing him to withdraw. He was last seen at a medical aid station which was subsequently captured by the enemy. By his superb courage, inspiring leadership, and indomitable fighting spirit, 1st Lt. Leonard enabled our forces to hold off the enemy attack which destroyed 6 German tanks.

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| <p>*****<br/>         Thanks to one and all for your individual effort advising us of the following listings of our Tank Destroyer Battalion reunions!<br/>         *****</p> <p>605 Sept 5-7, 1967, Diversey Park, Findley, OH CONTACT: Lawrence H. Montgomery 120 E 1st Ave. Plainville, Ohio 43084 (516) 685-8709</p> <p>608 Sept 11-12, 1977, Hark Hotel, Lancaster, PA CONTACT: Harry Rapp, 317 W. Elm St. Lancaster, PA 17604</p> | <p>609 Sept 12-15, 1987, Liverpool, NY CONTACT: George O. Font's 3200 Bedford Rd. Liverpool, NY 13017</p> <p>610-"A" Co. Co. C, 1988, Louisville, KY CONTACT: Elmer R. Stant, 241 East In. Av. Louisville, KY 40114</p> <p>612 July 30-Aug 2, 1987, Air Force Hilton, Nashville, TN CONTACT: Jack Flanagan, 139 St. Andrews Rd. Beverly Hills, CA 91114</p> <p>626 Sept 11-12, 1969, Anderson, IN CONTACT: Robert F. Foster, 1972 Bever St. Anderson, IN 46011</p> | <p>631 Aug. 1987, Racine, Wis. CONTACT: Robert Thoms, 7130 Cushing Dr. Racine, Wis. 53499 (262) 867-4859</p> <p>634-Co. B Sept. 5-7, 1987, Ames, Iowa CONTACT: Myron W. Taylor, 1123 Country Club Pl., Gratiotville, Iowa 50540</p> <p>635 Sept. 11-13, 1987, Denver, CO Writers Honor Hotel, Denver, CO CONTACT: Harold Bellorino, 1620 W. 28th Terr., Lakota, 86611</p> <p>636 Aug 5-10, 1987, Auburn, NE CONTACT: G. Collins, P.O. Auburn, NE 68705</p> <p>638 July 29-30, 1987, Anderson, IN CONTACT: Robert Foster, 1972 Bever St. Anderson, IN 46011</p> |
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TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION SERVICE AND SUPPLIES...CONTRIBUTION AND ORDER INFORMATION FORM

**SKETCHES:** 1" x 1 1/2" color or black and white photo of your tank destroyer and towed 3" gun on table for identification and use in the newsletter. The photo should be of a unit you started the TDD. We will then make a set of 10 copies of the photo and distribute them to the 100 members of the association. Each member will receive one copy and will enjoy their own individual photo as well.

**SEARCHES:** Feeling nostalgic? Let us help you find your tank destroyer unit and crew. If we do not have that information we will search the records of the 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion.

**DECALS:** Two color decals for your "3" diameter TD PATCH. One for the top and the bottom of the top line. High light letter "TANK DESTROYERS WW II". The decals are 3 1/2" x 1 1/2" and will be placed in the window of your auto; you will be pleased how many of your fellow DDDs will smile.

All orders must be placed on the Order Form below. If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please include your name and address.

NO.	DESTROYER	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	HOW TO ORDER: Please print name and address to: 3050 HARCROSS ROAD, Redwood City, California 94062-2321		
___	75mm GMC M5	\$10.00		(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Unit)
___	3in GMC M10	\$10.00		(Street Address or PO Box)	(City)	(State & Zip)
___	76mm GMC M10	\$10.00		Yes, I want to continue receiving the Tank Destroyer Newsletter.		
___	90mm GMC M10	\$10.00		Here is my VOLUNTARY tax-deductible contribution of \$_____		
___	3in Towed	\$10.00		Have you included your UNIT number?		
___	Set of all 6	\$45.00				
Packaging & shipping (on prints only) \$ 2.50						
INDIVIDUAL SEARCH (Name-Rank-Unit) \$ 1.00						
TD Decals (Name-Rank-Unit) \$ 1.00						
UNIT # _____ ROSTER \$ 10.00				GRAND TOTAL OF ORDER \$ _____		

## More REUNIONS

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**643 Oct. 9-10, 1987 Providence, RI**  
 CONTACT: Royal J. Little 132  
 Mishnock Rd W. Greenwich, RI 02816  
 (401) 397-9873 OR Russel J.  
 Littlefield, 377 Somers Ave.,  
 Tauton, Mass. 02780

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**648 Aug. 1987 Minneapolis, MN**  
 CONTACT: Melvin Coiby, Box 209,  
 Excelsior, MN 55331 (612) 474-5393

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**648 Sept. 1988 Lake George, NY**  
 CONTACT: Jack Sonntag, 3 Lettle St.  
 Norwalk, CN 06850

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**648 Aug. 1989 Claremont Hotel,**  
 Oakland, CA. CONTACT: Bill Adams,  
 16 Del Rio Ct., St. Helena, CA  
 9457

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**656 & 771 Aug 7-9, 1987**  
 Pittsburgh, PA CONTACT: R A Walter  
 267A Akron Wadsworth Rd.  
 Barberton, Ohio 44203

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**661 Sept. 1987 Niagara Falls,**  
 NY CONTACT: William Berwick,  
 Box 576 West Point, VA 23181  
 (804) 843-2896

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**691 Sept 18-19, 1987 Holiday Inn**  
 Airport, Roanoke, VA CONTACT: Glen  
 J Linton, Route #1-PO Box 6  
 Paint Bank, VA 24131

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**702-Co. B June 1987 Cave City,**  
 KY. CONTACT: James Kidenhour, Box  
 422 Coolesee, NC 27014  
 (704) 284-2244

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**702-Co. C Aug 13-15, 1987**  
 Meadow Court Motel, Ithaca, NY  
 CONTACT: Dick & Betty Sage  
 306 Chestnut St. Ithaca, NY 14851  
 Res. (607) 272-6748 / Bus (607) 272-7143

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**704 Sept. 1987 Pittsburgh, PA**  
 CONTACT: Rod Tarbich 165 Limes,  
 Aliquippa, PA 15001 (412) 775-5237

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**705 June 1987 Louisville, Ky**  
 CONTACT: Paul Yeomans, 1674  
 University Parkway, S. Raleigh,  
 FL 34242

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**749 June 1987 Kingston, NY**  
 CONTACT: James Lee Hill Box 44B  
 Kingston, NY 12401

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**749 Sept 1987 Lincoln**  
 City, OR. CONTACT: John Carliss  
 E. 749 Wabash, Spokane, WA  
 99207

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**756 June 1987 Kingston, NY**  
 CONTACT: Charles Harris  
 628 S. Schodack, Schodack Idg.  
 NY 12156

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**756 Sept 1987 Lincoln**  
 City, OR. CONTACT: Walter  
 Venema POBox 23179 Seattle, WA  
 98133

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 Please note we received  
 two listings for the  
 756th's 1987 dates!

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 771 See listing with 556th;  
 a joint reunion! If you miss  
 that reunion then see below!

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**771 Sept 18-20, 1987 Brown's**  
 Hotel, Loch Sneldrake, NY  
 CONTACT: Joseph Klein 5 Cres-  
 cent View, Rock Hill, NY 12775  
 (914) 796-3508

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**773 Sept. 26-28, 1988 Reno, NV**  
 Holiday Inn. Details to follow.

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**774 Oct 6-8, 1987 Savannah,**  
 GA CONTACT: Bill Hart 932 Mey  
 West Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15239  
 (412) 327-0504

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**776 July 2, 3&4, 1988 Minot, ND**  
 CONTACT: Mel Heere 1816 11th St.  
 Minot, ND 58701

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**801 Oct. 1987, Albany, NY**  
 CONTACT: Albert Weir, 10 Great-  
 haven Ave., Albany, NY, 12205

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**804 Sept. 26-27, 1987 Roswell,**  
 NM CONTACT: John T. Gaddy Rt. 3  
 Box 118 Roswell, NM 88201  
 (505) 622-6274

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**804 Sept. 26-27, 1987 Sally Port**  
 Inn, Roswell, NM CONTACT: John T.  
 Gaddy, Rte 3, Box 118, Roswell, NM  
 88201

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**805 Sept 18-20, 1987 Lancaster,**  
 PA. CONTACT: Willard C. Huff POBox  
 452, Danville, KY 40422  
 (606) 234-6371

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**807 July 2-4 1987 Ashville, NC**  
 CONTACT: Walter F. Blum 356 E.  
 Box 429 Salisbury NC 28141  
 (707) 635-4651

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**808 Sept. 23-25, 1987 New Covers**  
 Inn, Omaha, Neb. CONTACT: BJ  
 (Swede) Schuster, 3131 S 59th St.  
 Omaha, Neb. 68106

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**809 Sept 4-5, 1987 Galt House,**  
 Louisville, KY CONTACT: George G.  
 Ghart, 5004 Oak Park Dr.  
 Louisville, KY 40208 (502) 405-2025

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**811 Aug. 7-9, 1987 Richmond, Ind.**  
 CONTACT: Virgil M. Murphy 5097  
 Brown Rd. Oxford, OH 45056

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**813 "C Co." Labor Day, 1987**  
 CONTACT: Frank Reese, 4201 Crest-  
 field Rd. Evansville, IN 47621

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**814 June 17-18, 1987, Savannah,**  
 MO. CONTACT: Robert DeKoo, Box 97  
 Springfield, MO 65762 (605) 369-2189

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**817 June 5-7, 1987 Holiday Inn**  
 Niagara Falls Bl., Buffalo, NY  
 CONTACT: William Sobczyk, 625  
 Park Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048  
 (716) 368-8198

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**818 Aug. 13-15, 1987, Lubbock, TX**  
 CONTACT: Joe Raymond, PO Box 1672,  
 Lubbock, TX 79409 (806) 832-4364

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**820 Oct. 1-4, 1987 Portland, OR**  
 CONTACT: Felix Pajas, 6458 Fenton,  
 Dearborn Heights, Mich. 48127

**822 Sept 17-19 1987 Las Vegas,**  
 CONTACT: Joe Tricomi 119 Millcreek  
 ROAD Niles, Ohio 44446

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**823 Sept. 16-20, 1987 Drury Inn**  
 Indianapolis, IN CONTACT: Axel  
 Cunningham, 480 Front St.  
 LaRue, OH 43332

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**825 Oct. 21-24, 1987 Myrtle**  
 Beach, SC CONTACT: Louis  
 Cellentano, 400 Blatchey Ave.  
 New Haven, Conn. 06513  
 (203) 776-1707

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**893 Sept. 5-7, 1987 Hazelton, PA**  
 CONTACT: Michael Swirble, 890  
 N. Wyoming St. Hazelton, PA 16830  
 (717) 458-0297

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**899 Co. A Sept. 1987 Des**  
 Moines, IA. CONTACT: Abel Tard  
 Rt. 1 Jewell, IA 50130  
 (515) 827-5987

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Officers of the Tank Destroyer Association hope that you all get as much pleasure from this issue of the Tank Destroyer Newsletter as we did in preparing it for publication!

Our front page theme should make us want to thank those our Medal of Honor Tank Destroyer for their individual contribution to the greatness of our nation! What wonderful deeds they did perform!

Our Reunion notices! Have you ever seen so many notices from so many Battalions in your whole borned days? Me neither! This is the year of the greatest number of our fellow TDers crossing our country to join in a fellowship that just amazes and astonishes all those who read of our one time exploits during WW II! Your a great bunch of people!

And, sadly, would you believe that we are still receiving address correction notices from our Postal Service people as a result of our annual Newsletter (November 1986). As you suspect, we are unhappy that many of our TDers are not passing the word to us of their moves and their issue comes back to us here in Redwood City. For shame! And, you should see the TDA's bill for returned mail postage! For shame! Enough said-please, let's do better in the future!

## Fort Knox, Kentucky

### America's Museum of

### Armored Fighting Vehicles

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 My tenure with the TD's began at Ft. Ord, CA in September 1941 when the 7th Anti-tank Battalion was formed. After Pearl Harbor was bombed we were shuffled around the Monterey Peninsula for several days. Finally we were billeted in the Old Shuckle Cannery cabins in Sunnyvale, Ca. Later after the 7th anti-tank Bn. was redesignated the 607th TD Bn. Captain Harold S. Sundt was the commander. He was shortly promoted to Major and soon thereafter to Lt. Col. after we had moved to Sunnyvale City Park. Captain Breedlove was Hqts. Co. commander and approached me to become the first Sgt. My reply was, "druther not," but his "druthers" won out so I became the first Sgt. Later I was assigned as first Sgt. of Co. 'A'. The 607th arrived at Ft. Hood in October 1942. When the battalion finished advanced training and left Camp Hood, several of us were left behind to form a new TD Bn. The new TD Bn. was the 668th I think. Anyway, most of the original 607 cadre were shipped to the ETO with a rinky dink division which shall remain nameless, 35% casualties in first engagement. During the Battle of the Bulge, the 607th appeared in the area, and we asked if we could rejoin the 607th. The answer was positive so we ended the war with the outfit we helped to organize. My wife, who claims the 607th to be her pet army unit, since we met and married during my 607th days, and I both support the idea of a museum at Ft. Hood and look forward to another national TD reunion at the Fort. Raymond Grubbs has recently had bypass surgery and would welcome any letters from his old Motor Pool buddies. W. M. SPARKMAN (607) 200 Ranch House Rd., Willow Park, TX 76068  
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## We Get LETTERS

I have been with you since Hank (bless him) put an ad in the AARP paper seeking TD'ers. Also my twin joined at the same time. As of this last issue, I have seen only one name from the original 626 TD Bn. F. A. Nichols from Cranston, RI, that is, those of us who formed the unit. Frank is an old dear buddy of course. One other name, my twin brother John, eventually moved to another unit because the service separated all brothers after the tragic 5 Sullivan brothers went down together (USN). F. Nichols and I went to the 8th TD Group at Camp Rucker, Alabama under commander Col. Harry C. Larter. Now this is another outfit I never see in the newsletter. You guys are out there, someone must see this newsletter, so come on and join up. Would love to hear from you, Gennity, McDonald, Phelan, Harris, Townsend etc. a few names from the past. Just remember Zirndorf, Germany, occupation duty, Nick and I radio communications. Let's hear it 8th TD Group. JOSEPH J. POWERS (626) 9 Summer St. Apt. S601, Lawrence, MA 01840  
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 I took basic training in the TD's at North and South Camp Hood and advanced training with the 663rd TD Bn. at South Camp Hood. The 663rd was disbanded and reorganized into an armored field artillery battalion. I ended up overseas with the 86th Division Battery 'C' 332 Field Artillery Battalion. We had a reunion this past October in Dallas, TX. After the reunion I visited Fort Hood to see what it looked like after 42 years. I was very impressed with the Tank Destroyer Memorial Monument and I think that the Association did a great job in getting it erected. WALTER P. SPARKS (663) 5-706 Whitney Way, Lady Lake, FL 32659  
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I was a member of HDQ Co. in the B18 TD Bn. and 820th. I was also at Camp Hood, Swift, and Breckenridge, KY. After returning from overseas, I got separated from my unit and lost all contact. I would like any information you can give me concerning 820 TD, etc., especially of HDQ Co. THOMAS N. BERRY (820) B16 Lynda Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76114  
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I was the Recon Company commander of the 803rd TD Bn. throughout the European campaigns. An interesting historical note is that my company engaged in the last firefight and, I regret to say, sustained the last casualty of any ground combat unit in the Third Army. This was through the fault of no one, but instead, the fate delt us by time and space factors. The Association Officers deserve a great hand for the job they are doing and I urge them to keep up the good work for which we are all so appreciative. WILLIAM A. BURKE (803) 117 Coveridge Lane, Longwood, FL 32750  
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