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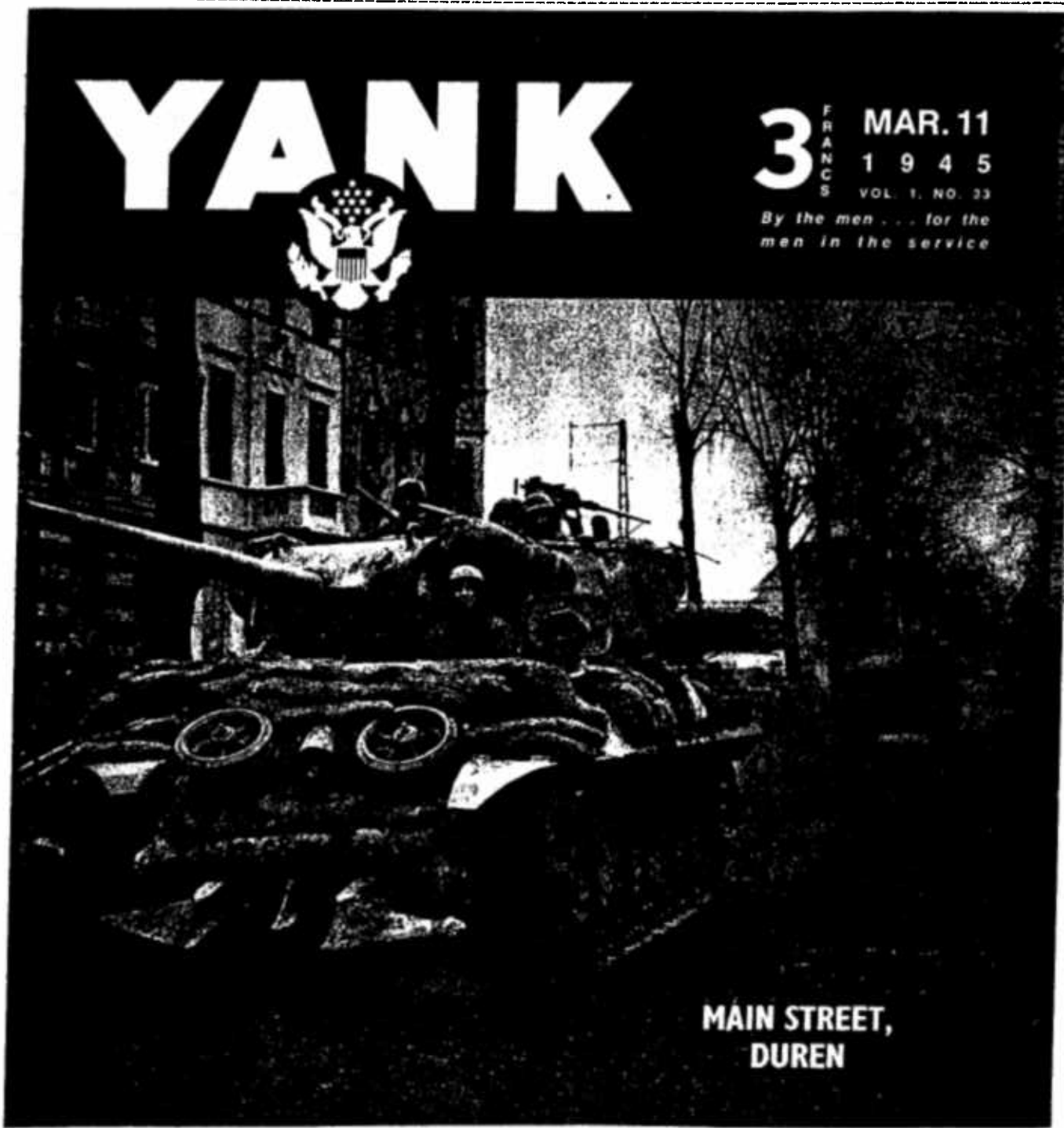
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*By the men . . . for the  
men in the service*



**MAIN STREET,  
DUREN**

OUR COVER FEATURES M-10'S OF THE 644th TD Bn "ON THE MOVE" TO CROSS THE ROER RIVER AT DUREN.  
SEE PAGE TWO FOR A GREAT LETTER AND PICTURE BY GERALD "JERRY" L. HOFFER OF THE 644th TD Bn.



Michael Dean Arndt of Torrence, CA (644th TD Bn.)  
Photo submitted by Helen & Gerald Hoffer

TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION

Dear Warren:

Your last newsletter sure brought great news of the future TANK DESTROYER MUSEUM in the PATTON MUSEUM! I wish I could tell you that I had a M-10 in my back yard to give! On tour, we saw a M-36 in front of the Bastogne Museum in 1984, and I enclose a picture of a mint condition M-10 at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. I have never located any other Tank Destroyer vehicle.

My twin, Harold, and I were Company Commanding Officers in the 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion. We have yearly reunions and they are well attended. I think the guys will be excited about a Battalion Memorial at the Patton Museum. The enclosed copy of the YANK cover for March 11th, 1945 was reproduced and all 644 men attending our 1985 reunion at French Lick Springs Resort, Indiana received a copy. Of course this means much to me as the men in the YANK picture are my 3rd platoon as we were about to cross the Roer River bridge at Duren. I was walking to the left of the picture. I have the names and complete records of the men shown - two of them didn't make it and all suffered wounds. This picture isn't just the 644th on the move, I think it shows Tank Destroyers in action. I folded this copy just to get your comment as to it's being an item in the TD Museum. If you wish a flat copy, fit for framing, it will be sent to you post-haste. I have an original copy of this YANK which might be of value to the Museum. Other items we have available:

Adjutant Generals History of the 644 TD Bn.  
dated: 1 January 1944 to May 1945 (160 Pages)  
Guidons of B Co. & Rcn. Co. of the 644 TD Bn.  
Harold has a complete combat suit used in the  
Bulge.

I understand that the TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION has a copy of our Battalion history.

Well, Warren. enough for now. Harold and I are really excited about the new Museum.

Best regards,

s/Jerry

Gerald L. Hoffer (644) 702 Locke Court, Napanee, Indiana 46550

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to add a few remarks about our third edition of the 1987 Tank Destroyer Newsletter. Each edition is a pleasure to assemble and we really utilize all of the great contributions which you and your fellow TDers send to us here in Redwood City. We appreciate and value each and every comment which each of you feel is something that you wish to share with your fellow TDers. And, how we struggle to fit those many ideas into what we seem to think is limited space for each edition.

Our cover feature for this edition is a case point where we felt the members and former Commanding Office of a Tank Destroyer Company just had to receive the recognition for their day in the limelight that we all shared with the readers of the YANK MAGAZINE whether we were in the Pacific, Africa, Italy, or even in Europe! I know we've had other front pages in YANK but this seemed special that we were able to share a unit's enthusiasm for their days work and realize that they too faced the common foe that we trained so hard to overcome.

And, did you read in "Jerry's" letter that his brother Harold still has his combat suit from the days of the Bulge! And, would it be good for the Museum? You bet it would! What better place for to share those bygone days than to view those items of our wear which would be carefully maintained and used in the DIORAMA DISPLAYS which the PATTON MUSEUM is proposing for our exhibit spaces in the Museum. We like to feel that there are so many items of our active duty days of WW II still hiding in our footlockers or our "B" bags that we ask you to do an inventory listing and send it to us here at the TDA office. You will recall TDA Vice-President Marvin Ravely's column in our last years Fort Knox Edition where he pointed out the many-many items of our gear that would be suitable for the Museum; especially when those items were described by us as we used them during training or combat. Let's get the list started - we'll do the screening and get back to you.

HERE'S A BIG QUESTION FROM US TO YOU!

WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A THREE DAY REUNION IN OCTOBER OF 1988 AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY? SUCH A REUNION WOULD BE CENTERED AROUND THE AREA OF FORT KNOX AND THE PATTON MUSEUM. WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PACKAGE HOUSING, EVENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO MAKE THE TIME AS BENEFICIAL TO ALL OF US AS IS POSSIBLE.

DROP US A SHORT NOTE IN THE NEXT MONTH (OR SOONER) IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT WE MIGHT EXPECT IN THE FORM OF HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.

WOULD YOU LET US KNOW?...MANY THANKS!

As a reminder - our next edition will be the annual mailing to our big TDA roster; this is our policy to attempt to keep current our TDA roster by requesting the POSTAL SERVICE to advise us of changes in our mailing lists. Another service of your TDA!

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 I bring your attention to a booklet called "Attack" which was printed a long time ago by the 35th Infantry Division of which I am a member. I was with the 654th TD Bn. and we were attached to them most of the time in Europe. If you want to read a good short story read this as the 35th walked more than 1,300 miles across Europe. This was at one time called the wagon wheel division but changed to the Santa Fe division. The 35th really gives credit to the TD's and I have been to their reunions and they welcome the TD's with open arms. Now on another subject I notice that you do not have a history of the 654th TD Bn. Well I have some sheets on part of the action but not nearly enough to do any good. I was in contact a couple of years ago and the Modern Military Field Branch, Military Archiver Division, 4205 Suitland Rd., Suitland MD 20409 has about 1,000 pages of the 654th TD. If one lived in Washington one could make copies of the information. You have to call or write to them and make an appointment to give them time to get it out of the files. All for now, keep me posted, I was also on the TD School Board and help make firing tables for the TD. I was with a different TD Bn. then and we were School Troops for a year. BERNARD J. KNEER (654) PO Box 426B, Evansville, IN 47711  
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## We Get LETTERS

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 The 702nd TD Bn. was constituted in the Army of the United States on Dec. 3, 1941 and activated on Dec. 15 at Fort Benning, GA. During WWII the 702nd participated in the following campaigns: Normandy, No. France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe. The Battalion was inactivated on Oct. 3, 1945 at Camp Nyles Standish, MA. The 702nd was converted and redesignated as the 328th Mecz Cav Rcn Sq, AR unit and activated Sept. 24, 1947 as a class 'C', AR Unit at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. GEORGE R. STONE (702) 3510 12th Place SW, Des Moines, IA 50315  
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 I was in the 602nd TD Bn. We went through England to Omaha Beach, through the Normandy hills to Metz where I was wounded. 602nd was in the Battle of the Bulge. We crossed the Rhine river at Bopart through Frankfurt, through Germany to the Czech border. FRANK BRNOVAK (602) Rt. 3 Box 131, Merkel, TX 79536  
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 I enjoy reading the TD bulletins especially when I see fellow members of the 644th TD Bn. I was inducted Oct. 8, 1941 and discharged Oct. 9, 1945. I joined the 644th in Louisiana in Feb. 1942 and proudly served with it until the end of the war in Europe. The 644th had great officers and mentored by the wonderful Lt. Col. Graham (now ret. Brig. Gen.) We have been meeting since 1981 and it is wonderful to meet all of your old buddies. SAL IZZO 734 E. 2nd St., Brooklyn, NY 11218  
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 Saw your appeal for help in the last newsletter. I don't know what I can do to help as Lawrenceburg, KY is a long way from California but I will do what I can to help if you will let me know. I was never in a TD numbered battalion. I went to TDOCS class #37 in April 1943 then to TD Replacement Training Center in July 1943. April 1944 went to Btry. Ex Course at Fort Sill and then to an FA assignment. I was FA ROTC for 4 years at Eastern Ky, University. It has always been of great interest to see the 3" towed guns used for salutes by the 3rd Inf. in Wash. DC on ceremonial occasions. Let me know if there is anything I can do. ROBERT E. YEAGER (141) Macland St., Lawrenceburg, KY 40342  
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### TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION SERVICE AND SUPPLIES...CONTRIBUTION AND ORDER INFORMATION FORM

**SKETCHES:** 11" x 14" pen and ink sketches of our Tank Destroyer Vehicles and Towed 3" gun; suitable for framing! They are identified and marked with our TD Logo and reproduced since we started the TDA. We offer them as a set of five (5) with a sixth sketch of a M-10 with the tube in travel position as a bonus! Shipping in a good container at a cost of \$2.50-you will enjoy them either individually or as a set!

**SEARCHES:** Looking for a long-lost buddy or fellow TDer? Send \$1.00 for a current address. If we do not have that reference we will ask for information in our AWOL column! Let's hear from you!

**DECALS:** Two decals form this set: a big 3" diameter TD PATCH in four colors and the second as a two line 1" high block letters "TANK DESTROYERS WW II". They look great! Put them on the rear window of your auto; you will be pleased how many of your fellow TDers will find you!

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

NO.	DESTROYER	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL	HOW TO ORDER:
75mm	GMC M3		\$10.00		Please print. Mail with check or money order to: 3050 Barcross Road, Redwood City, California 94062-2321
3in	GMC M10		\$10.00		
75mm	GMC M18		\$10.00		
90mm	GMC M3A		\$10.00		
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	Set of all 6		\$40.00		
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TD Decals \$ 2.50					
UNIT # _____ FOSTER \$ 10.00					
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## REUNIONS

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**605** Sept 5-7, 1987 Riverside Park Findley, OH CONTACT: Lawrence N. Montgomery 120 E. 1st Ave. Plainwell, Mich 49080 (616)685-8729  
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**608** Sept. 11-12, 1987. Host Hotel, Lancaster, PA. CONTACT: Harry Rapp, 317 W. King St. Lancaster, PA 17603  
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**609** Sept 17-19, 1987 Brunswick Motor Inn Lancaster, PA CONTACT: George D. Funke 3260 Oakford Rd Trevese, PA 19047  
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**610** Oct. 7-8, 1988, Louisville, KY. CONTACT: Elmer R. Staib 1434 Haskin Ave. Louisville, KY 40215  
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**626** Sept. 11th, 1987 Non Com's Club Hanscom A F Base, Bedford, MA 01731 @ 7:00 p.m. CONTACT: Fred D. White 18 Spring Park Ave. Jamaica Plain MA 02130. (617)522-9048  
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**630th Co. C.** Oct. 16-18, 1987 El Bereta Motel, Wilmington, NC CONTACT: David Hilburn, 214 Oakcrest Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403  
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**631** Aug. 1987 Tacoma, WA. CONTACT: Robert Thoren, 7120 Citrine Ln. Tacoma, WA 98498 (206) 588-0875  
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**634-Co. B** Sept. 5-6, 1987 Boone, Iowa. CONTACT: Myron W. Piper, 1718 Country Club Pl., Marshalltown, Iowa 50158  
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**635** Sept. 11-13, 1987 Denver, CO Writers Manor Hotel, Denver, CO CONTACT: Harold Felligrino, 1630 W. 28th Terr., Topeka, 66611  
**636** Aug 9-10, 1987, Auburn, NE CONTACT: C. Collins, Rt.1, Auburn, NE 68305  
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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 Somerset Ave., Tauton, Mass. 02780  
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**644** May 3-6, 1988 Kissimmee, FL Ramada Resort Maingate East CONTACT: Frank Arieta, 114 West Catawissa St., Nesquehoning, PA 18240 (717) 669-9341  
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**648** Aug. 1987 Minneapolis, MN CONTACT: Melvin Colby, Box 209, Excelsior, MN 55331 (612)474-5393  
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 Thanks to one and all for your individual effort advising us of the following listings of our Tank Destroyer Battalion reunions!  
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**648** Sept. 1988 Lake George, NY CONTACT: Jack Sonntag, 3 Kettle Rd. Norwalk, CT 06850 (203) 847-0825  
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**648** Aug. 1989 Claremont Hotel, Oakland, CA. CONTACT: Bill Adams, 16 Del Rio Ct., St. Helena, CA 94574 (707) 963-5788  
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**656 & 771** Aug 7-9, 1987 Pittsburgh, PA CONTACT: R A Wolter 267A Akron Wadsworth Rd. Barberton, Ohio 44203  
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**661** Sept. 1987 Niagara Falls, NY CONTACT: William Beswick, Box 576 West Point, VA 23181 (804) 843-2696  
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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. C** Aug 13-15, 1987 Meadow Court Motel, Ithaca, NY CONTACT: Dick & Betty Sage 306 Chestnut St. Ithaca, NY 14850 Res (607) 272-8748/Bus (607) 272-3143  
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**704** Sept. 1987 Pittsburgh, PA CONTACT: Rod Torbich 166 Linmar, Aliquippa, PA 15001 (412) 375-5234  
**705** June 1987 Louisville, Ky CONTACT: Paul Yeomans, 1674 University Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34243  
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**771** Sept 18-20, 1987 Brown's Hotel, Loch Sneldrake, NY CONTACT: Joseph Klein 5 Crescent View, Rock Hill, NY 12775 (914) 796-3508  
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**772** Sept 1987 Bettendorf, Iowa. CONTACT: Garland Johnson 110 E. 1st St. So. Melrose, MN. (612) 256-3410  
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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 Hwy West Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15239 (412) 327-0504  
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**801** Oct. 1987, Albany, NY CONTACT: Albert Weir, 10 Crest-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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**805** Sept 18-20, 1987 Lancaster, PA. CONTACT: Willard C. Hunt F080 452, Danville, KY 40422 (606) 236-6371  
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**808** Sept. 23-26, 1987 New Towers Inn, Omaha, Neb. CONTACT: Al (Swede) Schlueter, 3137 S 58th St Omaha, Neb. 68106  
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**809** Sept 4-5, 1987 Galt House, Louisville, KY CONTACT: George G. Ahart, 5004 Oak Park Dr. Louisville, KY 40258 (502) 935-2035  
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**811** Aug. 7-9, 1987 Richmond, Ind. CONTACT: Virgil M. Murphy 5697 Brown Rd. Oxford, OH 45056  
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**813** "C Co." Labor Day, 1987 CONTACT: Frank Reese, 4201 Crestfield Rd., Knoxville, TN 37421  
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**818** Aug. 13-15, 1987. Lubbock, TX CONTACT: Joe Raycroft, PO Box 1672 Lubbock, TX 79408 (806) 832-4304  
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**820** Oct. 1-4, 1987 Portland, OR CONTACT: Felix Pajas, 6458 Fenton Dearborn Heights, Mich. 48127  
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**822** Sept 17-19 1987 Las Vegas, NV CONTACT: Joe Tricomi 119 Millcreek ROAD Niles, Ohio 44446  
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**823** Sept. 16-20, 1987 Drury Inn, Inianapolis, IN CONTACT: Axel G. 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) 776-1907  
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**893** Sept. 5-7, 1987 Hazelton, PA CONTACT: Michael Swarble, 590 N. Wyoming St. Hazelton, PA 18201 (717) 455-0297  
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**899** Co. A Sept. 1987 Des Moines, IA. CONTACT: Abel Tesdall Rt. 1 Jewell, IA 50130 (515) 827-5087  
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 Started in TD in August 1942 along with about 200 other artillery lieutenants, and was assigned and helped train first several OCS classes and with individual weapons training. Weapons Dept. commanded by Col. McNair (his father was Lt. Gen. McNair, CO of all ground forces). Later assigned 127th and 131st TD Training Bns. when N. Camp Hood opened, teaching weapons, mainly kept me the full year he was allowed to, and after Officers Advanced Mechanized Course at Fort Riley, KS, joined the 806th TD Bn. at Camp Rucker, AL, a towed 3" outfit. I turned out to be the only qualified artillery officer in the 806th and set up training for officers and men for indirect fire as back up artillery, firing 1000 rounds of 3" HE. Tore up a lot of jack pines at Rucker after convincing the Post Range Officer to let us do indirect fire, since if we raised the tubes to full range, shells would go all over 15,000 yards, and off the post. Believe it was in May when all privates were called for shipment overseas as individual replacements. This caught my brother-in-law Wayne Buffinger who had just been busted from radio specialist sergeant by 2nd Lt. Lynch, Bn. communication officer in Hq. Co. Wayne was killed with 4th Armored Division in Belgium, just before the Battle of the Bulge. 806th received more men, and convoyed to Camp Shelby, MS, June 1944 assigned to 21st TD Group. Decided 806th was likely to end up as occupation troops, so transferred to Corps of Engineers in August where my engineering degree might be used. Went overseas with 1272nd Combat Engineer Bn. to Europe. Lost contact with 806th, but didn't know it had gone overseas as reported in newsletter 16. I have names of many men assigned to the 806th Dec. 1943 when the 610th, 774th, and 806th were reorganized, and 608th, 810th and 626th were inactivated, and also a short history of 806th commemorating the second anniversary of the unit on March 15, 1944. LAWRENCE V. GASIN (806) 18 Wedge Way, Littleton, Co 80123  
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## We Get LETTERS

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 Received the 776 Tiger Tracks and the TD newsletter almost the same day. I just finished writing to 776 TD so I thought I had better write to you at the same time. As everybody realizes, we have the easy job, all we have to do is read and send money. I am sure that all of us appreciate the time and dedication that goes into making any edition. You can tell from the tone of every letter that everybody was justly proud of their own unit. If you would remove the numbers it could be anyone from any unit. I am sure that everybody is tired of hearing "Tank Destroyer" what kind of a unit is that? Every TD man knows. GURNEY C. CADDY (776) 2715 NE Bryce St., Portland, OR 97212  
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 I would like to continue to receive the newsletter. Could you tell me the foreign decorations awarded the 628th TD Bn 3/7 or 813th TD Bn? DANIEL D. FRENCH (801/813/628) Box 387 Unionville Road, Feura Bush, NY 12067-9787  
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Editor's note:  
 The 628th TD Bn. merited the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered WALLENDORF (Cited for period 14-20 Sept 1944; DA GO 43, 1950).  
 The 813th TD Bn. merited:  
 French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, streamer embroidered FARROY FOREST (Cited for period 21-24 Nov 1944; DA GO 43, 1950).  
 French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered NORMANDY TO PARIS (Cited; DA GO 43, 1950).  
 Fourragere in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre, World War II (Cited; DA GO 43, 1950).  
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 I was with three different TD outfits, six months with the 804th North Africa, eleven months with the 803rd in England and France. I was hit in the shoulder in St. and after I left the hospital I was sent to the 823rd, in August 1945. I was discharged July 15, 1945. I went to a reunion of the 823rd Reno in 1983 and I may attend a reunion of the 823rd in Washington D.C. in September. THOMAS A. DARELLI (804/803/823) 35 Grand St., No. Providence, RI 02912  
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 I may be a little biased but I think the 602nd has a very unique history. The 602nd was originally a part of the 2nd Infantry Division when they were stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX first as the division's anti-tank Bn. and then the 602nd TD Bn (1941-42). To my knowledge we may have been the only TD Bn. to go through "winter warfare training" when we were with the 2nd Inf. Div at Camp McCoy, WI, and then participate in winter maneuvers in upper Michigan. We were one of the first units stationed and trained at the then Camp Hood. We were one of the first units equipped with the M-1 Tank Destroyer. As I recall, because we were field testing the M-1 (which was later designated the M-18) in TN, we did not go overseas with our parent unit, the 2nd Inf. Div. We later went to England, crossed the channel, hit the beach and went to the Czechoslovakian border with General Patton's 3rd Army. In the 3rd Army, the 602nd was used as a separate battalion instead of being assigned to another working with only one unit. We were "attached and detached" to many units. We were one of the first 3rd Army units to participate in the Battle of the Bulge. We left the Saar on Dec. 20, and headed north. I recall the date vividly as I remember saying, "What a way to spend a Birthday." Our orders were to go to Neaufchateau, Belgium and turn east to Bastogne, if we could get there. After an all night road march we got to Neaufchateau and went east and met the Germans at Petit Rusiers, just west of Bastogne. As I indicated above, because our combat record was so fragmented, our participation is not as well documented as is perhaps that of some of the other units. I think too, that another accomplishment of the 602nd was that we were cadred a few times to get other units started. While I'm sure others will rightfully make the same claim, I am convinced that the Men of Co. 'A' made it the best TD unit in the ETO and I consider myself privileged to have served with them. BERT OLIVER (602) 4845 E. Lake Point Circle, Phoenix, AZ 85044  
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 This Newsletter is sent to you by bulk mail. If you move it will NOT be forwarded. Be sure to send us a Change of Address card.  
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# We Get LETTERS

I was a member of the 813th TD Bn. Co. 'C' and was all through Europe and Africa. EARL E. NUGENT (813/801) 81 Ormond St., Albany, NY 12203

After attending the 44th reunion of the 771st TD Bn., which was the first one I have ever attended (I am ashamed to say) I must say I am sorry I haven't attended the other 43. It was such a pleasure and a moving experience to see all these friends after forty four years. I am looking forward to the forty fifth reunion to be held at Brown's Inn, located in upstate New York in September. Anyone who has not attended any of the reunions has been missing a swell time. In due respect to William Jacoby, Co. 'C' 771st who served with his two brothers, I also served with my two brothers George and Joe, both of whom passed away of natural causes. All three of us served in the 771st TD Bn. in 'B' Co. I also had a brother who served in the Pacific. Would you also reprint the address of the place where we can purchase TD jackets? I wore mine to the reunion and many of the fellows asked where they could get one. EDWARD PERKOWSKI (771) 51-E-13th St., Huntington Station, Long Island, NY 11746

It's great reading about familiar names and events. Thanks to all who make it possible. I served with the 899th from Camp Hood to the war's conclusion. I have a battalion history book including complete personnel listings. I'll share the information in it if it can be of help. HAROLD DUNMIRE (899) 148 Franklin Ave., Vandergrift, PA 15690

I finally saw a letter from a former member of the 812 TD Bn. in the newsletter and I have sent him the information he asked for. I was a member of the 812th until its breakup in 1945. I was lucky enough to be able to secure a TD hat when you had them on sale and I am quite proud of it. It has brought me a lot of attention. ROBERT KOHLER (812) 70 Fulton St., Massapequa Pk., NY 11762.

I was a member of two different Tank Destroyer outfits, the 608th which was deactivated at Camp Allersbury, IN in 1943, after which I transferred to the 601st and went overseas. When we went over, the 601st TD Bn. was a towed outfit but in Sept. of 1944 the 601st was rearranged into a self-propelled outfit with M36's. They saw a lot of action in the Battle of the Bulge. They drove across the Rhine to Murenburg, Germany and here they stayed, doing Occupation duty long after hassels were over. CARL J. MAURANA (608/610) 611 Euclid Ave., Saegertown, PA 16433

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO TDA**

My deepest appreciation for the guidance and direction for the recognition of our short-lived corps. We take no back seat in the accomplishments of our deeds for our efforts. JAMES M. SCHOFF (609) Normandy Vlg. #11A3, Nanuet NY 10954

I was a member of the 893rd TD Bn during WWII and receive your newsletter which I appreciate very much. Was in 'B' Co. when it was the old 93rd Inf. AT and was organized as the 893rd at Fort Meade MD. Enlisted one year before Pearl Harbor and pulled five years on one year hitch as our discharges were frozen when the war broke out. I served in ETO until the end of the war. We were the "school troops" at Camp Hood, TX until I went overseas. The fine bunch of guys in 'B' Co. were like the rest of the 893rd, real soldiers! I have obtained the addresses of a lot of my old buddies who were in the 893rd with me and I would appreciate it very much if you would send them the newsletter. CHARLE BURGESS was a jeep driver for me in the 2nd platoon of 'B' Co. and he had a leg blown off when his jeep hit mine in Germany in early winter 1944. ROBERT M. BOWEN (893) 125 St. Joseph, Lancaster, PA 17603

Spent April-July 1943 in TDTC class #35 after 4 years of ROTC at Eastern Kentucky University. Jul 1943-April 1944 at TDRTC then at Fort Sill and the Field Artillery. ROBERT YEAGER (TDRTC) 1046 Melanck Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

I served with the 807th TD Bn. in France and Germany with Patter. Some fun. ROBERT DARVILLE (807) 5231-12TH ST., Fort Arthur, TX 77640

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