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Established 1985 John V. Valluzzo, Administrator
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John Valluzzo and your editor had a great talk several weeks ago and John asks each of our readers to please attend a four-day field display of Military Vehicles (Tracked and Wheel) August 9-12, 1990 at the Museum. It will be a great four days! We also talked of his taking a large group of Historians to Normandy for the forty-fifth anniversary of D-Day. The Museum has rebuilt a M-10 in Britain and it will be running on the beaches - and, the only tank there. The M-10 will be shipped home to the Museum following its adventures visiting Normandy's invasion areas. AND! John has an open date during Ft. Knox TDA REUNION Oct. 4-6, 1988 and we are asking he consider bringing the museum's M-18 to Knoxville! What a treat that would be for us! Thanks John for thinking of us!

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE (edited by TDA) WAS SUBMITTED BY FORMER T-4 HARRY E. TRAYNOR, "B" Co., 704TH TD Bn.

First printed in the Newsletter of the 704th TD Bn. and also appeared in "Military Vehicle Pipeline" a Newsletter published by the Military Museum of Southern New England.

I drove the M-18 in Europe during WWII and had my tour of duty interrupted by German Tiger Tank 43 years ago! You can imagine how I felt to be invited by the Museum to drive the same vehicle at Aberdeen Proving Grounds during the week of May 11, 1988. The invitation was given at the April Mini-reunion of the 704th and I followed up by visiting the M-18 at the Museum. I was spellbound to find the M-18 in mint condition - original in every detail! I crawled over every inch of her - like I was 18 again!

I arrived at APG Wednesday the 11th, got my security clearance, and went to the M-18. It was sitting in a large garage outshining all of the Army's modern day machinery. I put on my WWII fatigues and helmet and climbed up and into the hatch. The TD was numbered and named after Dennis Ambruso's deceased uncle Sals TD - 643rd TD A-15, "Amaz'n Grace". I started out as co-driver with Dennis driving out to the curved test track. My turn to drive, clammy hands pulling down the sticks, I stepped on the throttle, heard the familiar sound of the 9 cylinder, 400 horsepower engine screaming with speeds up to 55 MPH in nothing flat! We then went to the range and did the usual dry run with the rest of the Army's monstrous tanks and self-propelled field pieces.

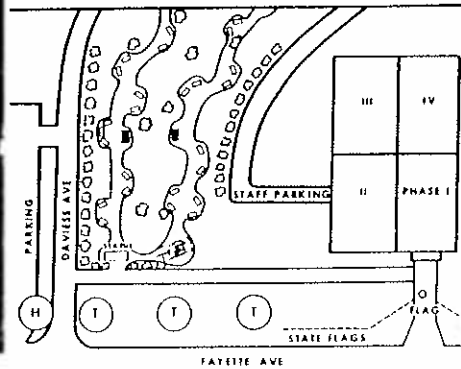
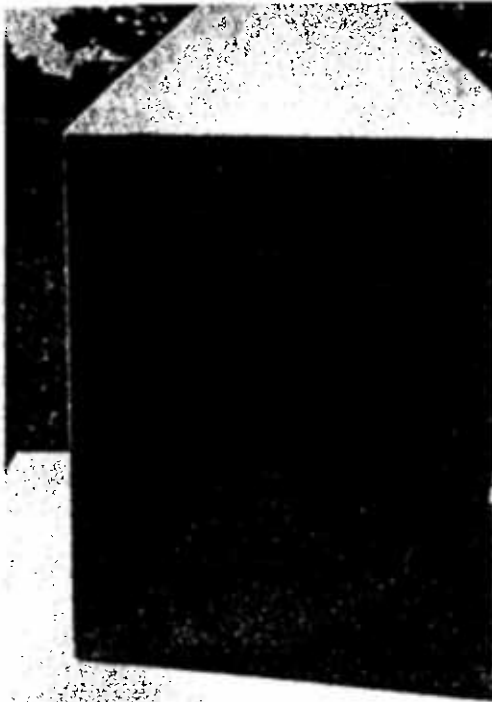
Friday was our big day! Dennis and John told me we would put on a show for V.I.P.'s, the press, and APG personnel and that I was on my own, start to finish. After "Amaz'g Grace" had her hungry appetite filled with AVGAS, my fumbling hands found the ignition switch, pumped the primer, hit the magnetos - and to my delight she responded. After a careful warm-up we wound our way through the restricted area to the main track and grandstands. We waited while the Abrams M-1 and the Bradley went through their paces. Then, the signal was given for us to run down the track. My pulse beat rapidly: and dry-mouthed, I revved up the mighty engine and released the sticks. With a thunderous roar we raced down the track at a speed over 50 MPH; then braked to a stop in front of the V.I.P. stand, which included the base commander, General Aiken.

Dennis Connors swung the turret through several 120 degree turns. The applause could be heard above the roar of the engine. I shoved the throttle down and raced to the finish line. It was over, Dennis reached across the transmission to shake my hand; I knew I didn't let anyone down. Thus I have finished my tour of duty.

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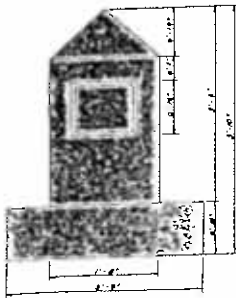
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I am enclosing a picture of one of our M-10 TD's; it was the first armor across the Roer River into Duren, Germany. The picture was on the cover of YANK MAGAZINE, the issue of March 1945.

I want to tell you that our M-10's were unique in that they were modified by our battalion in many ways as a result of our experiences using that type equipment. I was the Battalion welder and modified the 50 cal. gun mounts so as to allow 360 degree traverse plus to allow the machine gun to fire directly in front of the Destroyer; something not possible before. Please note the M-10's front hull has standards for two bogie wheels and brackets for one track roller, this was also done by me. And, the hedgerow cutter on the front of the M-10; this allowed a Destroyer to cut a path through the hedgerows in France which otherwise would not have been possible to break through to pursue the enemy.

I thought this would be interesting to all Tank Destroyer people.

I also want to say that the 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion was considered one of the best units in the European Theatre of Operations! And, I am proud to have served in it.

Samuel Higginbotham (644) 308 W. Beecher St., Adrian, MI 49221

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633 Oct. 2, 1988 Macomb, Ill. Holiday Inn CONTACT: Kenneth L. Hirth, Lakeview Apts. 12C, Morton, Ill. 61550
 692-Co. A May 1989 Lexington, KY CONTACT: Chester Garrison, 507 Dobbin Dr., Parris, KY 40361

TANK DESTROYER OCS #54 (ALL GRADS-10 March 1944) Reunion Proposed CONTACT: Frank R. McCain 536 Lee Ct., W. Melbourne, FL 32904 (305)729-8121

634-A and Hq Cos. June 23-25, 1989 All other companies welcome! Kansas City, MO. CONTACT: D. L. Sullivan, Chm., 3132 NW 16, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 DLS/GG/DAV
 692 July 28-30, '89 Tarpon Springs, FL CONTACT: Ollie & Peggy Horst, 474 Lora Lane, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 (813)937-3858 /Don Crawford, Rt.2, Box 108, Millville, PA 17846 (717) 458-5343 O&PH/GG/ALM/DAV

605 Sept. 2-4, 1989. Riverside Park, Findley, Ohio CONTACT: Lawrence N. Montgomery, Pres., 1st Ave., Plainwell, Mich. 49080 LNM

635 Sept. 1989 Seattle, WA CONTACT: Harold Pellegrino, 1630 W. 28th Terr. Topeka, KS 66611 (913) 235-0110 GG/ALM
 638 July 22-23, 1989 Indianapolis, IN CONTACT: Art Paulin, 3610 E. 75th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 849-2064 ARP/GG/ALM

606 Oct. 1989. Dury Lodge of the Ozarks, Springfield, MO CONTACT: Arthur V. Hicks, PO BOX 313, Ava, MO 65608 (417) 683-4476 AVH

643 Oct. 7 & 8, 1988 Ramada Inn, Seekonk, Mass. CONTACT: Walter Reynolds, 98 John St., Providence, RI 02906 RJL

608 Sept. 1989. Lancaster, PA CONTACT: Harry Rapp, 317 King St., Lancaster, PA 17603 (717) 394-7942 GRG/ALM

644 June, 1989 Las Vegas, NV CONTACT: Frank Arieta, 129 E. Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning, PA 18240 (717) 669-9341 GRG/ALM

612 Aug. 3-6, 1989 Days Inn, Tarpon Springs, Fl. CONTACT: Jack Flanagan, Sec., 139 St. Andrews Rd., Sevrna Park, MD 21146 JF

645 & 189thFA April 20-23, 1989, Embassy Suites Hotel, Tulsa, OK. CONTACT: Art Corley, Chm., Rt. 1, Box 336, Big Cabin, OK 74332 TJH

626 Sept. 15, 1989 Fri. 11a.m. NCO Club, Hanscom AF Base, Bedford, MA. AND Sept. 16, 1989...New England Clambake in Weston, MA. CONTACT: Edmund A. Sgroi, 74 Lexington St. Weston, MA 02193 EAS

648 Aug. 3-6, 1989 San Francisco, CA. Embassy Suites Hotel, San Francisco International Airport CONTACT: Bill Adamo, 16 Del Rio Ct., St. Helena, CA 94574 (707) 863-5788 BA/GG/ALM/ROM

627 May 6, 1989 Lodge on the Green, Painted Post, NY CONTACT: Harry "Tiny" Sturdevant, 65-414 Estates, Beaver Dam, NY 14812 *GPL/GRG/AL/VFW/DAV

654 Being planned-Interested? Vicinity of Cp. Gordan, GA. CONTACT: E. A. Taylor, 941 Atlantic, Milford, Mich., 48042 EAT

631 Aug. 1989. York, PA CONTACT: Charles Slenker 12 S. Clinton St., West York, PA 17404 (717) 854-7256 GRG/ALM

656 Feb. 17-19, 1989 Cocoa Beach, FL CONTACT: J. W. Moorehead, 108 Holiday Lane, Cocoa Beach, FL RWC

632-CO. A CAPE MAY, NJ CONTACT: Anthony Kubiak, 215 Grant St., Cape May, NJ 08204 GRG/DAV

661 April 28-30, 1989 Harrisonburg, VA CONTACT: Charles Yannul, 927 W. Browning Rd., Bellmawr, NJ 08031 (609)931-2125 CY

632-CO. C Aug. 18-20, 1989. Fond-du-Lac, Wisc. CONTACT: Michael J. Fojik, Jr, 711 Crabtree Lane, Racine, Wisc. 53406 MJF

661 August, 1989. Denver, CO CONTACT: William Beswick, Box 576, West Point, VA 23181 (703) 843-2696 GRG/ALM

632-RCN Holiday Inn, Uniontown, PA. CONTACT: A.A. Wolf, 8441 Greenbelt Rd., #102, Greenbelt, MD. 20770 GG/DAV

691 Oct. 7-8, 1988 Fayetteville, pc. CONTACT: Robert Guirin, 616 16th St., New Cumberland, PA 17070 EAS
 801 Oct. 7-9, 1988 Utica, NY CONTACT: Arthur Langdon, 9 Lyon Pl., Utica, NY 13502 AJL

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804-Co. A Please contact: John Ruiz, 765 N. Columbia Ave., Reedley, CA 93654 GG/ALM

807 July 2-4, 1989 Lincoln, NE Villager Motor Inn & Convention Center. CONTACT: E. Howard Goin or Richard C. Thoene, 512 South 14th St., Lincoln, NE EHG

808 Oct 4 - 7, 1989 Howard Johnson Motel, 6401 Veterans Blvd., Meltaire, LA 70003 CONTACT: Leland & Sadie Durbin, Rt. 2-Box 83B, Amite, LA 704722 (504) 748-5694 after 5:30 p.m. DAE

812-Co.A Please contact: Henry Kartner, Langley Road, Route 2, Amsterdam, NY 12010 GG/ALM

814 June, 1989 Savannah, MO. CONTACT: J. D. Conner, 2713 Duncan St., St. Joseph, MO 64507 (816) 278-9634 GRG/ALM

817 June 2-4, 1989 Best Western Motel Parkway Center Inn, Pittsburgh, PA CONTACT: Raaymond Banks, 116 Laurel Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202 GRG/DAV

818 Aug. 17-19, 1989 Fabulous Inn, San Diego, CA CONTACT: Wallace D. Wilken, 24815 Normandie - #90 Harbor City, CA 90710 (213) 325-3535 WDW

819 Oct. 6 & 7, 1989 Royce Airport Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA CONTACT: Dan J. Trevarrow (Host), 6 Elm Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15225 (412) 264-1839 GRG/ALM & DJT/MVK

820 Oct. 7-8, 1988 Charlotte, NC CONTACT: George J. Verbeke, 16085 Veronica, East Detroit, MI 48021 (313) 779-8046 GG/ALM

822 Sept. 14-16, 1989 Omaha, NE CONTACT: Joseph A. Tricomi, 119 Mill Creek Road, Niles, OH 44446 (216) 652-1179 JAT

825 Oct. 26-30, 1988 Myrtle Beach, SC CONTACT: Walter R. Wise, 950 W. Noble Ave., Williston, FL. 32696 (904) 528-2061 VD

893 Sept. 2-4, 1989 Glen Burnie Elks Club, Severn, MD CONTACT: Harry Sinclair, 684 MD Rte. 3 N, Gambrills, MD 21054 GRG/ALM/ROM

899 Sept. 15-17, 1989 St. Louis, MO CONTACT: Stan Horton, 218 Wooster Drive, St. Louis, MO 63135 (314) 522-9426 GRG/ALM..SNH

A TD'er 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 telephone call and if successful please notify us at TDA Hqs. Thanks for your help; we have been successful in locating quite a few friends and fellow TD'ers!.....

THIS LISTING IS DEVELOPED FROM YOUR INQUIRIES TO US BY LETTERS OR FROM YOUR NAMESEARCH REQUESTS.

The following TDers of the 2nd TD GROUP (Europe) returned to the USA on points late in 1945; Stanley S. Kwiatkowski (AKA Ken Montana) of 91 Seymour St., Worcester, MA 01610 asks your help.

- WALOGA, Victor D. (Burt, NY)
BEALMEAR, Otis H. (Oklahoma City, OK)
BENET, Adolph (Martinsburg, WV)
BLOCK, Walter E. (Buffalo, NY)
BORNBOEFT, REV. Theodore R. (Morris Plains, NJ)
BRODERSEN, Charles C. (Herman, NE)
CONGER, W. B. (Paris, TN)
CLARY, E. F. (Kinston, NC)
HERBERT, David (Elmira, NY)
FELL, REV. Henry R. (Elizabeth, NJ)
FORSYTH, John Coleman (Lake Charles, LA)
VOEN, E. Fowler (Oklahoma City, OK)
KELLEY, David (Independence, IA)
LEBOVITZ, DR. Herbert (Tarrytown, NY)
MARSH, Kenneth (Lincoln, NE)
MEARS, Fosque (Accomac, VA)
SCHWARTZ, Arthur M. (New York, NY)
SNOW, Louie (Iona, SD)
PHILLIPPAY, R. B. (Seattle, WA)
WARD, David (Los Animos, CO)
THIEL, Joseph (Bronx, NY)
WHARTON, Charley (Columbus, OH)
WRIGHT, Mike (Charlotte, NC)

* HANSON, Norman (Recon-629th)
**TD-OCS (30th Class-05/21/43)

*GOOD NEWS! Norman contacted TDA and updated his address: R.D. 1, Cayuga, NY 13034. A big thanks to his fellow 629th buddy who sent him the word we miss him!

**Fellow Grads please contact: Col. (Ret.) Edmund T. Negrilli, 56 Castle Heights Deep River, CT 06417

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DUNLOP, Edwin (Capt. 685th)
FIEDLAR (C-801st)
GLIMPSE, Bill (C-801st)
HANSON, Norman (Recon-629th)
HAUSER, Martin (Sgt. C-825th)
HOOT, William (Recon-629th)
McDONALD, George (Hqs-803rd)
MARTIN, O. D. (Hqs-803rd)
NICHOLSON (Lt-894th)
PEDAN, Harvey (PFC-Recon-629th)
RENDINA, RICHARD (Lt-806th)
RICHOUT (Recon-629th)
TD-OCS (51st class-12/31/43)
TALLEY, Robert (660th)
TRUITT, Randy (660th)
WING, Alexindra (603rd)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to TDA NEWSLETTER No. 25! Thank you for your letters asking why we have not published four editions each year as we had planned; we had local problems we want to catch up-I'll bend you ear at the reunion in Louisville.

TANK DESTROYER MONUMENTS Start checking-has your Battalion or Group completed the ordering of your UNIT MEMORIAL AT THE ARMOR MEMORIAL GROVE (see Page 2) can you have it ready by October TDA is planning the main monument for the TANK DESTROYER FORCES to be dedicated in October!

TDA REUNION PLANS Please use the information shown in this newsletter to advise us if you are wanting to attend the October NATIONAL TANK DESTROYER REUNION. WE WILL HAVE FOLLOWUP MAILINGS OF THE TDERS REGISTRATION # HOUSING! AND, we are negotiating to have the M-18 brought down from the Military Museum of Southern N England for the Reunion! Please plan to attend with your family!

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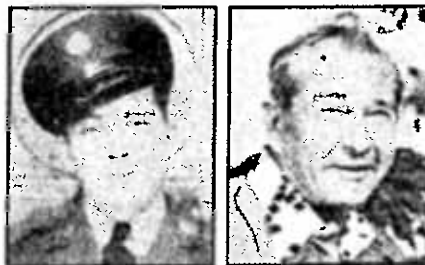


ERNEST A. CORRADO, born April 15, 1922, Auburn, N.Y., was inducted at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. Completed basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, in tank destroyers as gunner.

Shipped to Cardiff, England, as replacement gunner. Made the Invasion in Normandy with 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached to the U.S. 1st Army. Also was attached to the 82nd Airborne, 29th Infantry Division, 28th Infantry Division. Fought at St. Lo. Then reattached to the 3rd Army. 3rd Army broke through St. Lo. We spearheaded all the way to Hasslett, Belgium (ran out of gasoline); after getting gas, rerouted back to city of Luxembourg, then transferred to 811 T.D. Bn., which was overrun by the Germans at Bastogne. Got new TDM18, regrouped and stopped German tanks, pushing them back through Bastogne with the

80th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne, 17th Airborne, 28th Infantry Division, 4th Armored Division. Also our platoon made night attack on Siegfried Line near Wallendorf. Received Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Presidential Citation with 101st Airborne Division at Battle of Bastogne. Also have five Bronze Campaign Stars.

Married to Norma J. Anderson; three sons, two daughters. Retired steel contractor.



JOSEPH WILLIAM BOYER, born February 6, 1920, Cadet, Missouri. Entered U.S. Army November 14, 1941. Began training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, then stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Began overseas duty August 17, 1944, with General Patton in the 609th Tank Destroyer Battalion of the Third Armored

Division. Was a Reconnaissance Tank crewman and truck driver.

Participated in the battles at Argonne, the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. In December 1944, during the Battle of Bastogne, was hit in the leg and foot by a piece of shrapnel. With shells bursting all around us, I had advanced to the front of the line to attempt the rescue of a close companion from the line of fire. I knew nothing more until I awoke in an ambulance bound for the hospital. For this deed, I was awarded the Purple Heart.

Also awarded three bronze stars, Good Conduct Medal, European, African and Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbons, two overseas bars, and American Defense Service Ribbon.

Retired truckdriver, live in Kimmswick, Missouri with wife Margaret. Son, Randall, and daughter, Suzanne Short. Six grandchildren.

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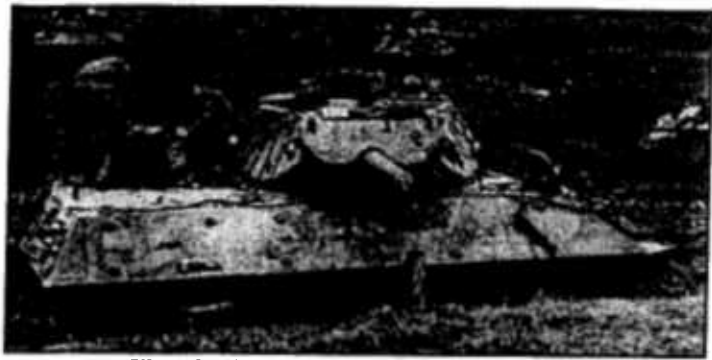
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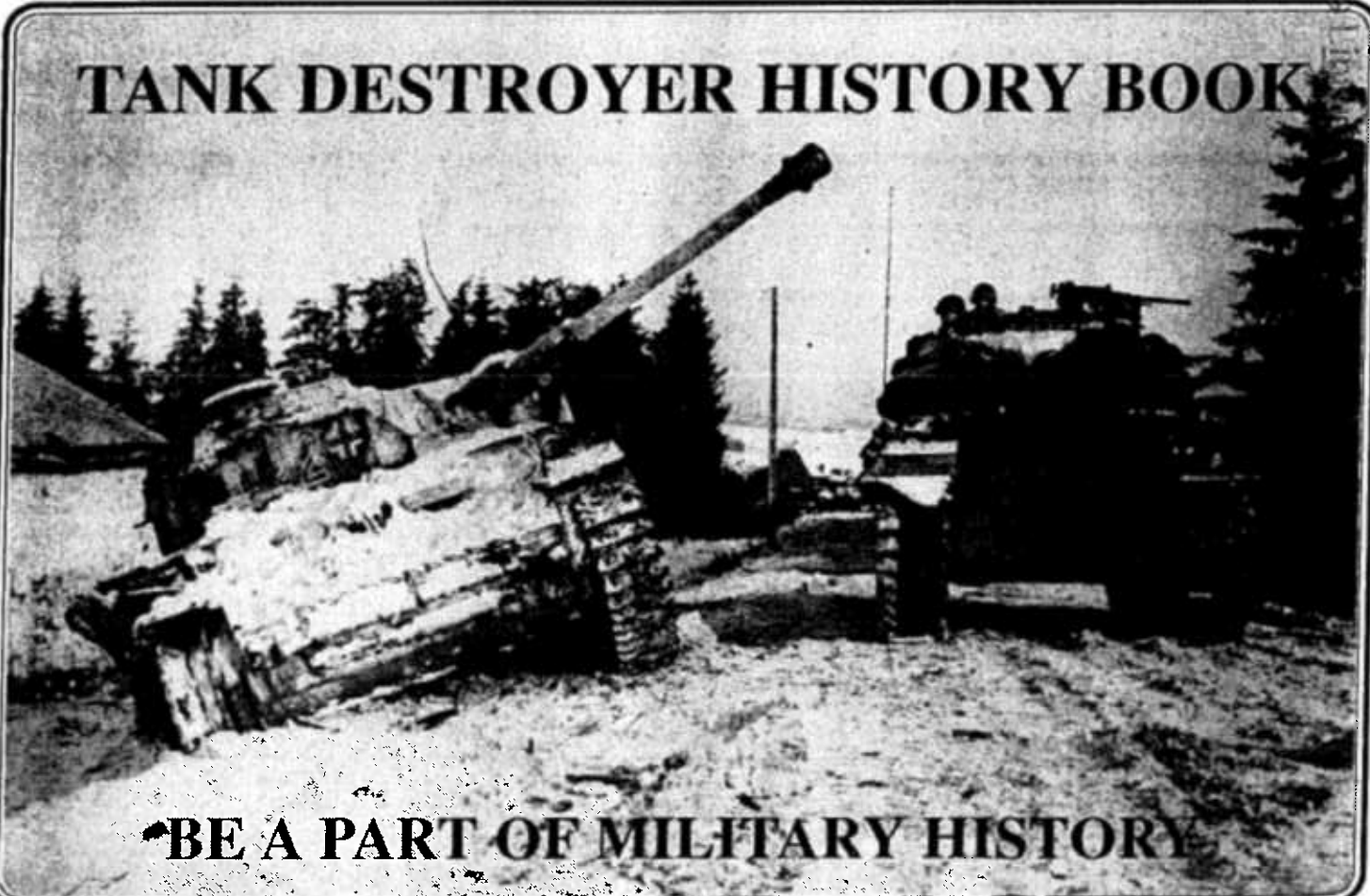
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The Tank Destroyer Association through the many fine efforts and great recommendations of Honorary Historian Lonnie Gill has been compiling Battalion and Tank Destroyer Group Histories, historical facts, many-many pictures, and your personal stateside and war time contributions to the "Mail-Call" and the "We Get Letters" columns of the Tank Destroyer Association Newsletter for the purpose of assembling sufficient information to submit for publication of a Tank destroyer History Book. All of us Tank Destroyer Veterans and family members plus our many friends who served with us will be invited to participate in this important project.

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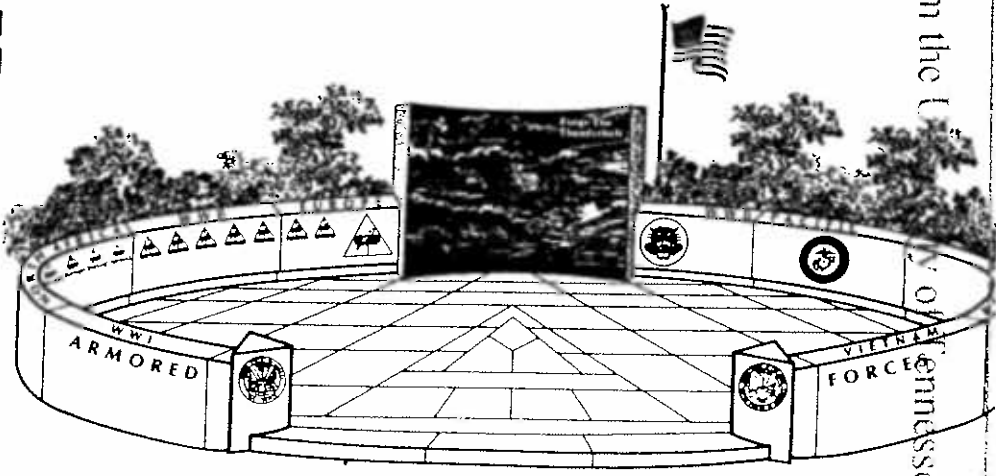
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