

HEADQUARTERS  
5TH TANK DESTROYER GROUP

Desert Maneuver Area  
APO 184, c/o Postmaster  
Los Angeles, California  
July 21, 1943

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SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 184,  
Camp Laguna, Arizona.

1. It gives me great pleasure to commend the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion's excellent and outstanding performance during the maneuvers of the IX Corps held in the Desert Training Maneuver Area from June 25, 1943 to July 17, 1943.

2. Your basic mission, that of destroying tanks, was effectively accomplished with speed, precision and aggressiveness in throwing back one tank attack after another. The final tabulation of disabled tanks and tank destroyers credited to the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion shows that the battalion was constantly improving in its technique of destroying tanks and tank destroyers. Your unusual record of destruction of major items of enemy equipment and personnel is listed below:

	<u>ENGAGEMENTS</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>PALEN PASS</u>	<u>PARKER DAM HIGHWAY PASS</u>	<u>OLD WOMAN MOUNTAIN AREA</u>	
Tank Destroyers	5	8	25	38
Medium Tanks	27	62	-	89
Light Tanks	-	19	5	24
Total Tanks and TDs	32	89	30	151
37mm	-	4	-	4
Half track Armored Cars	-	27	14	41
Personnel	?	413	106	519

3. The extraordinary and unusual tasks assigned as direct assault support for infantry were equally well performed on the fields of simulated battle.

4. From my personal observation of the high performance of the officers and men of the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion during the past IX Corps maneuvers, I am confident that your battalion will brilliantly "Seek, Strike and Destroy" our real enemies on the fields of actual battle.

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