

9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding Officer 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion,
APO #230, U. S. Army.

THRU : Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne),
APO #109, U. S. Army.

1. Upon the relief of the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion from support of this Division in the initial stages of its operation on the northern flank of the German penetration, it is my pleasure to commend your organization for its splendid performance during the period 20 December 1944, through 1 January 1945.

2. The officers and men of your command showed a fine spirit of cooperation in the solution of the numerous problems developing from the tactical situations in which we were involved. The skillful and soldierly performance of the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was particularly gratifying and materially helpful. I would like all of them to know of my appreciation for their contribution to the successes of this Division during the period of their attachment.

/s/ James H. Gavin,
/t/ JAMES H. GAVIN,
Major General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.

200.6 (G-1) 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS XVIII CORPS (AIRBORNE), APO 109, U.S. Army, 15 January 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 230, U.S. Army.
(THRU: Commanding General, VII Corps).

It is with pleasure that I add my commendation in recognition of the accomplishments of the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion while serving within my Command

/s/ M. B. Ridgway,
/t/ M. B. RIDGWAY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

201.22 - 2d Ind. A:
(9 January 1945)
HEADQUARTERS VII CORPS, APO 307, U. S. Army, 24 Jan 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 703d Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 230, U.S. Army,
THRU: Commanding General, 3d Armored Division, APO 253, U. S. Army.

I also desire to commend the 703d Tank Destroyer Battalion for its outstanding performance of duty while serving with the 82d Airborne Division during the period 20 December 1944 through 1 January 1945.

/s/ J. Lawton Collins
/t/ J. LAWTON COLLINS
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

201.22

3d Ind.

(9 January 1945)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMORED DIVISION, APO 257, U.S. Army, 25 January 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 703d Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 230.

It is with great pleasure and pride in the service for which you have been commended that I transmit this correspondence which should be brought to the attention of all members of your command.

/s/ Maurice Rose,
/t/ MAURICE ROSE,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

201.22

4th Ind.

(9 January 1945)

HEADQUARTERS 703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION, APO 230, U. S. Army, 30 January 1945.

TO: Officers and Men, this Battalion.

1. I wish to add my commendation to the officers and men of the battalion for another mission successfully accomplished. Especially deserving the above commendation are the officers and men of "B" Company, which, as the only armor present in a very large division sector, functioned so capably even by sections and single guns.

2. This communication will be read to all officers and men.

V. E. Shollter
V. E. SHOLLTER,
Lt. Col., 703d TD Bn.,
Commanding.

This document, not violating censorship regulations, may be sent to friends and relatives through the mail.

HEADQUARTERS
703RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230, U.S. Army

GWB/jgd

1 May 1945

ENEMY EQUIPMENT DESTROYED

1. The following is a compilation of enemy materiel destroyed since this battalion first engaged the enemy on 9 July 1944 to 1 May 1945.

<u>TYPES</u>	<u>No. DESTROYED</u>
<u>A. TANKS AND SP GUNS</u>	
Pz. Kw. VI (Tiger Royal)	2
Pz. Kw. V (Panther)	36
Pz. Kw. IV	20
Pz. Kw. III	3
S.P. Gun on Mk. IV chassis	18
75mm S.P. on half-track	1
20 mm Flak guns, S.P., on half-track	9
<u>B. TRANSPORTS</u>	
Half-tracks	25
General Purpose Vehicle	62
Trucks (Heavy)	22
Wagons (Horse-drawn)	11
<u>C. TOWED GUNS</u>	
A.T. Guns (75mm and 88mm)	22
Artillery pieces (105mm, 150mm, etc)	7
<u>D. AIRCRAFT</u>	
F. ? 190	1
<u>E. ENEMY INSTALLATIONS</u>	
20mm Flak Gun	1
Pill-boxes	5
? C.P.s ??	10
Nebelwerfer Emplacement	1
Mortar Emplacements	2
Machine Gun Nest	6
<u>F. BOATS</u>	
70 Foot Barge	1
<u>G. MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Barracks building	1

For the Commanding Officer:

Merle L. Goodrich
Major, 703rd TD Bn
S-3

(Retyped by Colonel W.E. Showalter, Sept. 17, 1984 from a nearly illegible, dark copy)