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HEADQUARTERS  
SECOND TANK DESTROYER GROUP  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Organizational History.

TO : THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.

A. Original Unit:

(1) Designation: Headquarters & Headquarters Company,  
2nd Tank Destroyer Group.

(2) Date of Organization: 15 March 1942.

(3) Place of Organization: Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

(4) Authority for Organization: War Department Letter, AG

320.2(2-18-42) MR-M-C, "Organization of Ground Force Units", dated  
3 March 1942. General Order Number 26, Headquarters Third Army,  
San Antonio, Texas, dtd 12 March 1942 attached unit to VIII Army Corps  
for administration and supervision of training as of the 15 March 1942.  
See Annex Number 1.

(5) Source from which Personnel was obtained: 1 Officer  
and 18 Enlisted Men were transferred from the 602nd Tank Destroyer  
Battalion per Special Orders Number 65, Headquarters 2nd Infantry  
Division, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, dtd 15 March 1942.

B. Changes in Organization:

Per Letter AG 320.2 TD GNRCC 5, Headquarters Third Army,  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas, dtd 29 June 43, subject: Reorganization of  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Tank Destroyer Groups, unit  
reorganized in accordance with T/O & E 18-10-1, 26 May 1943, with an  
authorized strength of 12 Officers and 47 Enlisted Men.

Reorganized under T/O 18-10-1 dtd 30 Dec 43 with Change 1  
15 March 44, Change 2, 26 April 44 and Change 3, 8 Aug 44.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

- (1) At beginning of period: 1 Officer and 18 Enlisted Men.
- (2) Net increases each month:

	Officers	Enlisted Men
April 1942	8	5
June 1942		31
August 1942	7	
September 1942	5	
October 1942	1	1
November 1942	5	
January 1943	1	83
February 1943	3	2
March 1943	3	10
July 1943	2	5
August 1943	1	
September 1943	1	
October 1943	2	
November 1943	1	

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(3) Net decreases for each month:

	Officers	Enlisted Men
July 1942	3	
August 1942		4
September 1942		2
October 1942		2
November 1942	1	1
January 1943	2	
February 1943	11	61
March 1943	7	47
April 1943	1	
May 1943	1	1
September 1943		1
October 1943	1	
November 1943	1	1
December 1943	1	1

(4) At end of period:

48 Officers and 174 Enlisted Men Increased  
 34 Officers and 134 Enlisted Men Decreased

D. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit:

(1) Date of arrival at each station: Organized at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. 15 Mar 42

- Arrived Camp Hood, Texas o/a 31 June 42.
- Arrived Camp Claiborne, Louisiana o/a 6 April 43
- Arrived Louisiana Maneuver Area o/a 16 April 43
- Arrived Camp Claiborne, Louisiana o/a 7 June 43
- Arrived Louisiana Maneuver Area o/a 11 July 43
- Arrived Camp Claiborne, Louisiana 21 July 43
- Arrived Camp Kilmer, N.J. 151145 2 December 43
- Arrived on board British Ship H.M.T. "Samaria" 28 Dec 43.

(2) Date of departure from each station:

- Left Fort Sam Houston, Texas o/a 31 June 42
- Left Camp Hood, Texas o/a 6 April 43
- Left Camp Claiborne, Louisiana 16 April 43
- Left Louisiana Maneuver Area o/a 7 June 43
- Left Camp Claiborne, Louisiana o/a 11 July 43
- Left Louisiana Maneuver Area o/a 21 July 43
- Left Camp Claiborne, Louisiana 12 December 1943
- Left Camp Kilmer, N.J. 28 December 1943

E. Marches:

1. Motor convoy from Fort Sam Houston, Texas to Camp Hood, Texas. 30 June 42.  
 Temporary change of station  
 174 miles  
 Weather hot, condition of roads was excellent.
2. Motor convoy from Camp Hood, Texas to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. 6 April 1943.  
 Permanent change of station  
 Approximately 425 miles  
 Weather raining, good roads.

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3. Motor convoy from Camp Claiborne, Louisiana to Louisiana Maneuver Area. 16 April 1943.  
 Maneuvers  
 Approximately 100 miles  
 Weather raining  
 Took Highway 165 to Alexandria then Highway 20 to Natchitoches - Highway 1 to vicinity of Fort Jessup.
4. Motor convoy from Louisiana Maneuver Area to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. 7 June 1943.  
 Permanent change of station  
 1 day march  
 Weather raining
5. Motor convoy from Camp Claiborne, Louisiana to Louisiana Maneuver Area.  
 Temporary change of station  
 1 day march  
 Weather raining  
 Took highway 85 to Hineston- Highway 21 to Slagle, Louisiana.  
 Returned to home station at completion of exercise.
6. Boarded train at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana for Camp Kilmer, N.J. 12 December 1943.  
 Enroute to overseas destination  
 Entrained the 12th, 13th, 14th and arrived at Camp Kilmer, N.J. 15/145 Dec 1943.  
 Weather snowing and cold at Camp Kilmer, N.J.
7. Boarded British Ship R.M.T. "Samarra" 28 December 1943  
 Overseas movement  
 On board ship from 29 December 1943 to 9 January 1944.



For the Commanding Officer:

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 Major, Infantry,  
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