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HEADQUARTERS, 3D TANK DESTROYER GROUP
 TD - AT SECTION
 APO 403 US ARMY

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SUBJECT: Short Unit History

TO : CG, V Corps, APO 305, U. S. Army
 (Attention: Historical Section)



1. The 3d Tank Destroyer Group was organized at Camp Bowie, Texas, 30 March 1942, with 1st Lieutenant Frank L. Dougherty commanding. On 28 July 1942, Colonel Henry B. Curtis was assigned commander of the Group.
2. The organization trained at Camp Hood, Texas, and worked with various attached battalions from 17 October to 5 December 1942, when it returned to Camp Bowie.
3. The Group moved on 13 June 1943 to Camp Pickett, Virginia, where training for overseas movement was started. The Group moved to Fort Dix, New Jersey, 2 September 1943.
4. At Fort Dix, final preparation for overseas movement was completed and processing was accomplished at Camp Shanks, New York. The Group sailed from Brooklyn Port of Embarkation 21 October 1943, debarked at Gurock, Scotland November 4th, and proceeded to Headquarters V Corps at Norton Manor Camp, Taunton, England, arriving 6 November 1943.
5. The Group performed general supervision, direct and indirect fire training, inspection of TD Battalions in the Corps, participated in three amphibious training exercises, and sent officers and enlisted men to service schools. On 1 May 1944, Lt Colonel Church M. Matthews succeeded Colonel Curtis as Group Commander.
6. The forward echelon of the Group embarked from Cardiff, Wales, 2 June 1944 and began landing at Omaha Beach 8 June 1944. The Group reconnoitered assembly areas, met the TD Battalions on the beach, guided them to assembly areas and oriented the CO and Staff Members in their missions and on the general situation.
7. During the campaign in Normandy, the Group maintained liaison with the TD Battalions and divisions of V Corps and assisted coordination and employment of TD's. This coordination was particularly valuable in the attack on "Hill 192," 11 July 1944, Operation "Cobra," 26 July 1944, and the cleaning up operation of the Falaise pocket at Chambois, France, from 19 to 24 August 1944.
8. Upon reaching the German border, the Group was assigned the duties of Corps Security on 10 September 1944. Colonel Matthews organized the V Corps Provisional Military Government which remained under the control of the 3d Tank Destroyer Group until 1 March 1945.

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9. Colonel Matthews was assigned to the 7th Armored Division on 4 November 1944, and Lt Colonel Warner commanded the Group until 24 November when Lt Colonel Mays assumed command.

10. Corps Rear Area Security was carried out by assigning areas of responsibility to the miscellaneous units in the Corps. Many German soldiers, civilian suspects and violators were apprehended.

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