

GENERAL OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION N

a. Original Unit: 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

January, 1942

- (1) Designation - December 15, 1941.
- (2) Date of organization: December 15, 1941
- (3) Place of organization: Fort Lewis, Washington.
- (4) Authority for organization: WD AGO, file AG 320.2 (11-17-41) MR-M-C, Subject: "Organization of Tank Destroyer Battalions", dated December 3, 1941, and Paragraph 15, Special Orders No. 243, Hq 3rd Inf. Div, dated December 15, 1941.

(5) Source from which personnel was obtained: All enlisted men from Anti-Tank platoons from Field Artillery Battalions, 3rd Inf Division were transferred to the 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. The 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was activated as a light (towed) battalion with 36 each 37mm guns, consisting of five (5) companies, A, B, C, Pioneer, and Headquarters Company.

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: January, 1942

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 16. Enlisted Men 274.
- (2) Net increase each month. January, 1942
Officers -- 10 (trfd fr 7th Inf; 15 Inf; 30th Inf. Jan 9/42)
Enlisted Men - 119 trfd fr 3rd Inf Div Jan 27/42.
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers - 6 (2 trfd to 9th FABn; 2trfd to 10th FA Bn; 2 trfd to 39th FA Bn, Jan 9/42)
Enlisted Men - 2 Disch per CDD
- (4) At end of period.
Officers----- 20
Enlisted Men---- 391

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS: Commanding Officers - Major G. E. Mitchell Jr. Dec 15/41 to Jan 5/42
Lt Col Lewis C. Barkes assumed command Jan 6/42.

a. Original Unit:

February, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

(5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: February, 1942

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 20. Enlisted Men 391.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers --- 1
Enlisted Men - 19 trfd fr 3rd Inf Div.
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers --- 1 1st Lt (Over age) 1 Capt trfd to AGD
Enlisted Men - 1 trfd CASC Init 1909, Ft Lewis, Wash.
1 Disch per CDD; 2 TD Center; 1 30th Inf; 1 7th Inf;
1 Dropped in Desertion; 1 OCS (Inf)
- (4) At end of period.
Officers-----~~20~~ 19
Enlisted Men---402

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

a. Original Unit:

March, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

- (5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: March, 1942

(1) At beginning of period. Officers 20 19. Enlisted Men 402

(2) Net increase each month.

Officers ----- 15 (Asgd fr 7th; 15th; and 30th Inf)
 Enlisted Men — 29 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Cal. Mar 19/42 8 Miscellaneous
 40 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Cal. Mar 28/42 3rd Inf Div.

(3) Net decrease each month.

Officers ----- 1 (trfd Air Corps, Santa Ana, Calif.)
 Enlisted Men — 2 trfd MP Bn . 2 trfd CASC Units
 2 trfd Air Corps 1 trfd 87th Inf (Mt) Regt.
 1 OCS (Inf)

(4) At end of period.

Officers----- ~~20~~ 33
 Enlisted Men---- 471

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

GENERS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATT^N

a. Original Unit:

April, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

- (5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: April, 1942.

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 33 ~~34~~ . Enlisted Men 471 .
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers ----- 0
Enlisted Men — 103 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Calif
4 3rd Inf Div
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers ----- 2 Lt Col Barks trfd to 80th Div; Lt Duffin trfd 204th
FA Bn.
Enlisted Men — 1 OCS (FA)
1 Disch per CDD; 1 trfd CASC Unit 1907.
- (4) At end of period.
Officers----- ~~32~~ 31
Enlisted Men---- 575

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

Lt Col Barks trfd April 25, 1942.
Major R. J. Rutte assumed command April 26, 1942.

GENERAL OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTAL

a. Original Unit:

May, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

(5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: May, 1942.

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 32 ~~31~~. Enlisted Men 575
- (2) Net increase each month.
 Officers ----- 7 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Calif.
 Enlisted Men --- 35 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Calif May 9/42; 22 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Calif. May 27/42; 12 Miscellaneous 3rd Div.
- (3) Net decrease each month.
 Officers ----- 0
 Enlisted Men --- 1 Disch Convn of Govmnt to accept Commission
 2 trfd OCS (Inf) 1 trfd CWS 3rd Inf Div.
- (4) At end of period.
 Officers----- ~~32~~ 38
 Enlisted Men---- 640

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at each station: May 4, 1942.

(2) Date of departure from each station: May 1, 1942.

(3) Authority: Ltr WD AGO, Feb 22, 1942, Subject: "Transfer of the 3rd Inf Division and 603rd TD Bn from Fort Lewis, Washington, file AG 370.5 & 1st Ind, Hq 3rd Inf Div dated March 9, 1942, the 603rd TD Bn will proceed on April 30, 1942 from Fort Lewis, Washington to Fort Ord, California on permanent change of station.

REMARKS:

GENESIS OF CO3RD TANK DESTROYER BATTAL

a. Original Unit:

June, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

(5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: June, 1942

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 32 38. Enlisted Men 640.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers ----- 1 (Dental Officer)
Enlisted Men --- 36 fr 627 TD Bn
75 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Calif. June 10/42.
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers ----- 1 trfd to 10th Engr Bn.
Enlisted Men --- 2 trfd Air Corps; 8 trfd OCS (FA); 1 Disch Convn of
Govmnt to accept commission; 11 trfd 627th TD Bn;
6 trfd OCS (Inf)
- (4) At end of period.
Officers-----~~32~~ 38
Enlisted Men----723

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

a. Original Unit:

July, 1942.

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

- (5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change

of Table of Organization. The 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was changed from light (towed) to Self Propelled, Carriage Motor, 75mm Guns, M-3, per T/O 18-25, June 8, 1942 and T/BA July 23, 1942 on July 27, 1942. Pioneer Company was re-designated Reconnaissance Company per Ltr WD, AGO, file AF 320.2 (5-29-42) Subject: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Units" dated May 31, 1942. Carriage Motor 75mm Guns, M-3, were received on dates as indicated: 8 Jul 11/42; 6 Jul 12/42

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: July, 1942 10 Jul 23/42.

(1) At beginning of period. Officers ~~37~~ 38 . Enlisted Men 725 .

(2) Net increase each month.

Officers ----- 0
Enlisted Men --- 7 Miscellaneous

(3) Net decrease each month.

Officers ----- 2 (1 Capt trfd Cp Adaire, Oreg; 1 2nd Lt trfd 3rd Inf Div.)
Enlisted Men --- 6 trfd OCS (FA); 2 trfd OCS (Inf); 6 trfd OCS (TD);
1 Disch per CDD.

(4) At end of period.

Officers----- ~~37~~ 36
Enlisted Men---- 715

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

a. Original Unit:

August, 1942.

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

(5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: August, 1942.

(1) At beginning of period. Officers 37 ~~36~~. Enlisted Men 715.

(2) Net increase each month.

Officers ----- 1 (Capt Med Det)
 Enlisted Men --- 24 IRTC, Cp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Aug 4/42.

(3) Net decrease each month.

Officers ----- 0
 Enlisted Men --- 4 trfd Air Corps; 3 OCS (Inf); 1 3rd Inf Div; 2 Died;
 3 trfd 826 TD Bn; 1 trfd Helena, Mont; 1 SU 1962;

(4) At end of period.

Officers----- EE 37
 Enlisted Men----724

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

GENERAL OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTAL N

a. Original Unit:

September, 1942.

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

- (5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: September, 1942.

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 36 37. Enlisted Men 724.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers ——— 2 Medical Officers; 4 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Calif.
Enlisted Men — 19 Cp Stoneman, Calif; 46 FARTC, Cp Roberts, Cal Sept 7/42
48 IRTC, Cp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark Sept 21/42;
- (3) Net decrease each month. 11 Miscellaneous.
Officers ——— 3 (1 Capt trfd WRGH, Washington; 1 1st Lt trfd MP Bn
Cp McPhearson, -Ga; 1 2nd Lt trfd Air Corps, Santa
Ana, Calif)
Enlisted Men — 5 Disch per CDD; 16 trfd SU 1962; 1 Air Corps; 1 OCS (Inf)
- (4) At end of period. 1 Died; 1 Disch per CDD.
Officers----- 40
Enlisted Men---- 823

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station: September 21, 1942.
- (2) Date of departure from each station: September 13, 1942.
- (3) Authority: Ltr Army Ground Force, dated Sept 5, 1942, file AGF 370.5/4- (3rd Div) (C)-GNGCT (9-5-42), Subject: "Transfer of 3rd Inf Div and Attached Units", and Movement Order No. 115(Administrative) Hq VII Corps, file 370 (C) dated Sept 6, 1942, and under the provisions of Memoranda No. 95, No. 100 as changed, and No. 101 units of 3rd Infantry Division and attached troops as stated above will move without delay from Fort Ord, California, to Camp Pickett, Virginia on temporary change of station.

REMARKS:

GENERAL OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTAL W

a. Original Unit:

October, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

(5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: October, 1942

(1) At beginning of period. Officers ~~41~~ 40 . Enlisted Men 823 .

(2) Net increase each month.

Officers 0

Enlisted Men 66 fr 3rd Inf Div Oct 9/42; 16 fr Cp Gordon, Ga Oct 12/42

(3) Net decrease each month.

Officers 0

Enlisted Men 16 trfd VII Corps Repl Depot Ft Ord, Calif; 3 Trfd SU 1318, Cp Pickett, Va; 2 trfd 76th Div; 1 trfd Air Corps

(4) At end of period.

Officers----- ~~41~~ 40

Enlisted Men---- 883

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

a. Original Unit:

November, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

(5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of unit, due to change of Table of Organization. On November 18, 1942 light platoons were reorganized as heavy platoons. Carriage Motors, 75mm guns, M-3 were received on date as indicated: 12-November 18, 1942.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: November, 1942.

(1) At beginning of period. Officers ~~42~~ 40 . Enlisted Men 883 .

(2) Net increase each month.
 Officers ——— 1 (1st Lt ChC)
 Enlisted Men — 0

(3) Net decrease each month.
 Officers ——— 0
 Enlisted Men — 1 trfd 702d Py Bn St Paul, Minn.
 3 trfd SU 1318 Limited Service.

(4) At end of period.
 Officers----- ~~42~~ 41
 Enlisted Men---- 879

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

a. Original Unit:

December, 1942

- (1) Designation -
- (2) Date of organization:
- (3) Place of organization:
- (4) Authority for organization:

- (5) Source from which personnel was obtained:

b. Changes in organization, change in the designation of Unit, due to change of Table of Organization.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: December, 1942

(1) At beginning of period. Officers 41 Enlisted Men 879.

(2) Net increase each month.
Officers ----- 2 (2nd Lts fr T. D. Center) 1 (Maj fr Cav Ft Riely, Kan)
Enlisted Men --- 98 trfd fr 3rd Inf Div. 4 trfd fr FARTC Ft Bragg, N. C.

(3) Net decrease each month.
Officers ----- 2 (1 Capt trfd to A.G.D.; 1 2nd Lt trfd to 81st Div)
Enlisted Men --- 2 trfd Paratroops; 3 trfd AirCorps; 2 Disch per CDD;
2 trfd SU 1318; 1 dropped in desertion.

(4) At end of period.
Officers ----- 42
Enlisted Men --- 971

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

Major Rutte reld from command December 22, 1942.
Major Arthur Park assumed command December 25, 1942.

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