

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

a. Original Unit:

January, 1943

- (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: January, 1943

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 38 Enlisted Men 971.
- (2) Net increase each month. 1 fr 644th TD Bn, 1 fr 816 TD Bn, 1 Hq AUTC,
Officers ----- 11 (4 fr TDTG #1, 3 fr TDTG #2 AUTC, 1 fr 773 TD Bn,
Enlisted Men --- 6 (4 FARTC Ft Bragg, N.C. 2 TDC Cp Hood, Tex.)
Cp Bowie)
- (3) Net decrease each month 1 to 2nd TD Group, 1 to TDC Cp Hood, Tex, 1 BUTC
Officers ----- 11 (6 trfd TDRTC Cp Hood, 1 to 2nd Army Hq, 1 TDTG #1,
Enlisted Men --- 39 (6 trfd 1318 SU Cp Pickett, Va., 14 to 147 QM,
5 OCS TD, 2 dropped desertion, 1 Discharge per DD,
1 discharge CDD, 1 to 49th Ord, 9 Miscellaneous)
- (4) At end of period.
Officers ----- 38
Enlisted Men --- 938

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

- (1) Date of arrival at each station: January 12, 1943
- (2) Date of departure from each station: January 8, 1943
- (3) Authority: Ltr AGF file 370.5/87 (TDO) (R)-GNGCT (12-23-42) Subject:
Transfer of 603rd, 609th, and 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalions to Camp Hood,
Texas, and Movement Orders No. 4, Hq Camp Pickett, Va.

REMARKS:

Major Arthur Park reld from command January 29, 1943
Major John G. Minniece Jr. assumed command January 29, 1943.

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

a. Original Unit.

February 1943

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

- (5) Source from which personnel was obtained: February 1943

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

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted: February 1943.

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 38 Enlisted Men 938.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers: 1 1st Lt fr 5th TD GR; 1 2nd Lt 702nd TD Bn; 8 2nd Lts
Enlisted Men: fr TD RTC; 1 1st Lt (DC) fr 744 Tk Bn...
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers: 9 (1st & 2nd Lts trfd to TD RTC & TDTG #1; 650th TD Bn;)
Enlisted Men: 3 Disch per CDD; 1 Disch Not Hon; 3 Trfd limited serv.
4 Disch to accept essential war industries. (over 38 years)
- (4) At end of period.
Officers: 39
Enlisted Men: 927

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: Captain Davisson aptd Major Feb 21, 1943. Bn Executive Officer.

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

March, 1943.

a. Original Unit:

- (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, 1943.

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 39 Enlisted Men 927.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers 3 - 1 fr 609 TD Bn; 2 fr TDS Cp Hood.
Enlisted Men 93 fr TD Units.
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers 0
Enlisted Men 60 trfd LS; 3 trfd AC; 16 disch over age; 5 OCS; 7 FA Sch, Ft. Sill Okla; 5 to 610 TD Bn; 2 disch C of G; 1 MRU; 1 disch CDD.
- (4) At end of period.
Officers 41
Enlisted Men 920

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 John G. Minniece, Jr. appointed Lieutenant Colonel March 18, 1943.

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION April 1943.

a. Original Unit:

- (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:

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 37 Enlisted Men 888.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers ----- 0
Enlisted Men --- 1 fr OCSR, TDC; 33 fr 705th TD Bn.
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers ----- 1 trfd to 825th TD Bn., Cp Hood, Texas.
Enlisted Men --- 15 trfd to BUTC, Cp Bowie; 6 trfd to other TD Bn's;
1 to 12th Armd Div; 3 to 1848SU., & 1 trfd to Hq., TDC.
- (4) At end of period.
Officers ----- 36
Enlisted Men --- 896

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

- (1) Date of arrival at each station: April 8th, 1943.
- (2) Date of departure from each station: April 6th, 1943.
- (3) Authority: AGF Ltr (370.5/15)(TD Units)(R)-GNGCT-(4-4-43).
Transfer of 603rd & 609th TD Bn's to Cp Shelby, Miss., " to station in Louisiana Maneuver area as indicated: 603rd TD Bn to Converse, Louisiana., and report on arrival to CG, 93rd Inf. Div."

REMARKS:

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION May 1943.

a. Original Unit:

- (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:

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 37 Enlisted Men 897.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers 0
Enlisted Men 0
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers 1 trfd to 634th TD Bn., Cp Claiborne, La.
Enlisted Men 1 trfd to Adj Sta complement; 2 trfd to 1848 S.U.
- (4) At end of period.
Officers 36
Enlisted Men 894

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 D avisson trfd to 1st TD Brigade, C p Claiborne, La., 26th May, 1943.

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

June 1943.

a. Original Unit:

- (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. General Orders No 12, 603rd TD Bn., June 1943.

The 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion is reorganized this date in accordance with T/O 18-25, 27 January, 1943. Tables of Equipment Nos. 18-25M, 18-26, 18-27, and 18-28, all 27 January, 1943 will govern. (Auth: Ltr Hq., AGF, 321/15 (TD Units)(R)-GNCC T, dated 13 June 1943.)

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 36 Enlisted Men 894.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers ----- 1 Maj asgd fr 1st Tng Brigade, Cp Claiborne, La.
Enlisted Men --- 1 asgd fr Hq., TDS, Cp Hood.
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers ----- 1 trfd to Shenango, Penn.
Enlisted Men --- 2 disch; 1 trfd to TD Unit.
- (4) At end of period.
Officers ----- 36
Enlisted Men --- 892

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

- (1) Date of arrival at each station: Boyce, La., 8 June 1943.
- (2) Date of departure from each station: Cp Shelby, Miss., 9 June 1943.
- (3) Authority: Movement Orders, 370.5 GNMFW, Provisional Hq., 3rd Army Troops, Leesville, La., and ltr., AG 370.5 Gen GNMCC-5, Third Army, 27 May, 1943, and VOGC Director Headquarters.

REMARKS: Maj McCurry joined organization as XO 6 June 1943.

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

July 1943

a. Original Unit:

- (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:

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 38 Enlisted Men 915.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers ----- Eight, (8) from the TD RTC, N Cp Hood, Texas
Enlisted Men --- 0
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers ----- 0
Enlisted Men --- 2 trfd to Sta Comp Cp Shelby, Miss. 1 to SpTr 3rd A.
1 disch., 1 Prcht Sch., 1 trfd to 213 Sig Dep Co., 1 trfd to Infantry.
- (4) At end of period. Stoneham, Calif., 3 trfd to AUTC.
Officers 46
Enlisted Men 905

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

- (1) Date of arrival at each station: Arrived Cp Hood, 16th July 1943.
- (2) Date of departure from each station: Departed fr Cp Shelby, 15 July '43.
- (3) Authority: Ltr: Hq., AGF 370.5/36 (TD)(R)(1 July 1943) GNGCT Subject: "Transfer of 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion to Cp Hood, Texas." Also, "Movement Orders," 1st Hq., SpTr 3rd Army, AG 370.5 GNMCLA.

REMARKS:

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

August 1943

a. Original Unit:

- (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 1943

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 46 Enlisted Men 905

- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers 1 2nd Lt. assigned from TDRTC.
Enlisted Men 0

- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers 1 1st Lt., Chaplain Hall trfd to 22nd TD Group.
Enlisted Men 176 176 trfd to 18th Cav Ren Sq., Ft Lewis, Wash.
3 trfd to UTC. 1 disch D.D., 2 AAF, 1 to 1848 SU, DEMIL, 1 to 18 Vet. Evac.
(4) At end of period. Hosp., Ft Bliss, 1 disch C. of G., 3 trfd to Cp Shelby,
Officers 46 Miss., 3 disch-farm labor.
Enlisted Men 46 Officers- W.O., 1.
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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:

September 1943

- (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 1943

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 46 - 1 WO Enlisted Men 714.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers 2 - 1 1st Lt trfd fr TD RTC N Cp Hood, Texas
Enlisted Men 0 1 - 2nd Lt trfd fr TD RTC.
- (3) Net decrease each month. 1 - 2nd Lt trfd to FAS Ft Sill Okla
Officers 2 - 1 Capt trfd to 67th Evac Hosp, AP Hill Mil Res, Va.
Enlisted Men 26 - 7 trfd AG; 1 trfd Lagrade Gen Hosp; 4 Disch C of G;
10 trfd to Paratroops; 3 trfd 1848 U SSC; 1 Disch CDD.
- (4) At end of period.
Officers 46 - 1 WO
Enlisted Men 688

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:

October 1943

- (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. T-70's issued on dates indicated;

19 Oct 12ea	25 Oct 2 ea	
20 Oct 14ea	27 Oct 6 ea	
22 Oct 10ea	29 Oct 2 ea	Total 36 T-70's
2 Utilities car M-20		
Issued 27 October 1943		

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 46 1 WO Enlisted Men ~~649~~ 688
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers --- 1 2nd Lt asgd fr TDORP N Cp Hood, Texas
Enlisted Men ---
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers -- 1 Capt trfd to TDRTC N Cp Hood, Texas
Enlisted Men 39 - 17 trfd to 801st TD Bn; 9 grfd to Paratroops;
9 trfd to Air Corps, 1 disch w/o Hon Sec VIII; 2 disch CDD; 2 trfd Sta Hosp
- (4) At end of period.
Officers ----- 46 & 1 WO
Enlisted Men -- 649

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

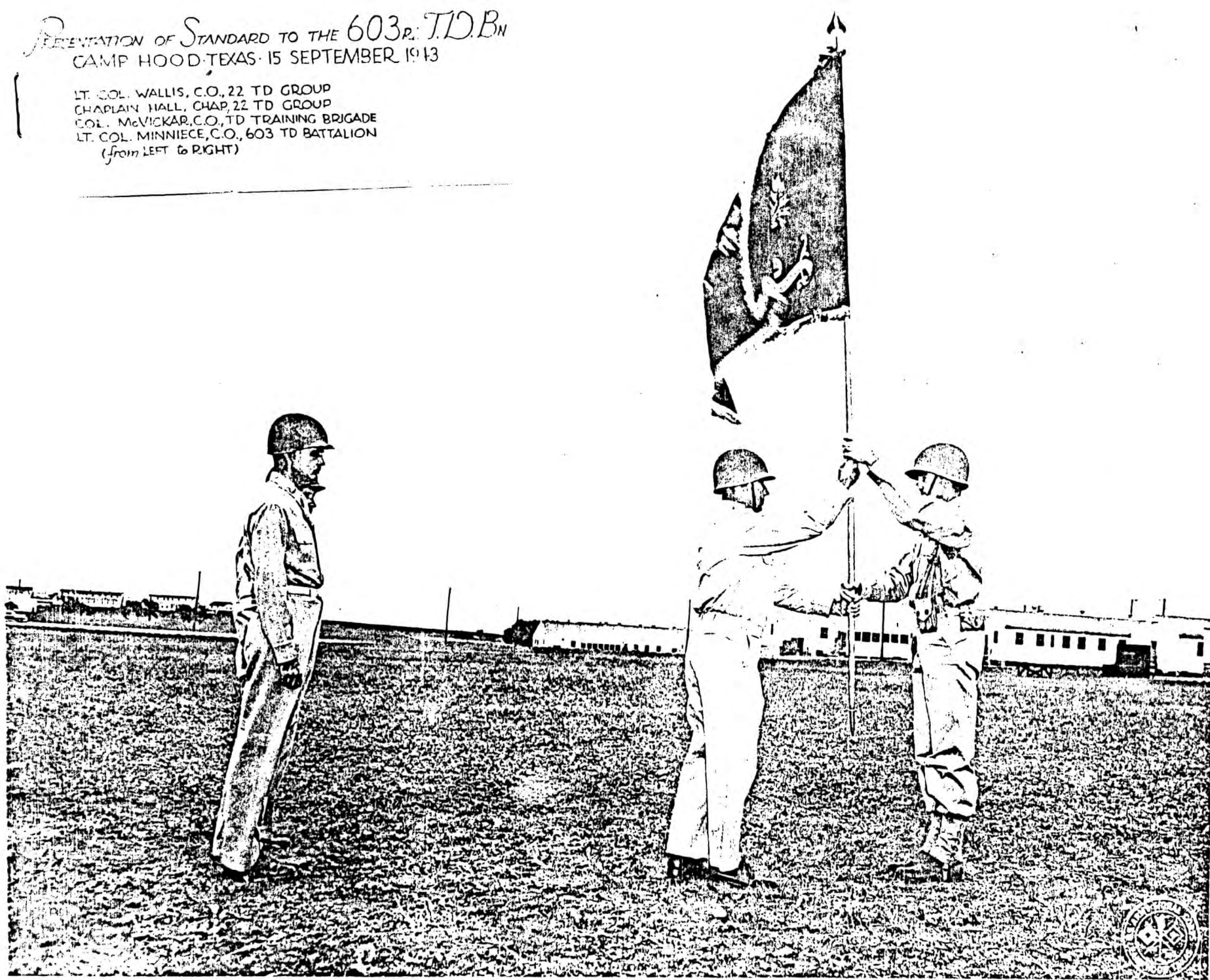
- (1) Date of arrival at each station:
- (2) Date of departure from each station:
- (3) Authority:

REMARKS:

On 15 September 1943, Lt Col JOHN G. MINNIECE, JR, Commanding Officer, 603rd TD Battalion, was presented with the Battalion at a formal ceremony by Colonel LANSING McVICKAR, Commanding Officer, Tng Brig, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas. (Photograph attached)

PRESENTATION OF STANDARD TO THE 603RD T.D. BN
CAMP HOOD, TEXAS · 15 SEPTEMBER 1913

LT. COL. WALLIS, C.O., 22 TD GROUP
CHAPLAIN HALL, CHAP, 22 TD GROUP
COL. McVICKAR, C.O., TD TRAINING BRIGADE
LT. COL. MINNIECE, C.O., 603 TD BATTALION
(from left to right)



GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

a. Original Unit:

November 1945

- (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:

November 1943

- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 46 - 1 WO Enlisted Men 649.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers ----- 1-2d Lt asgd fr TD ORP N Cp Hood, Texas
Enlisted Men --- 14 trfd fr TD RTC N Cp Hood, Texas
- (3) Net decrease each month.
Officers ----- 1-1st Lt trfd to AAF, San Antonio, Tex; 1-2d Lt trfd
Enlisted Men --- to WD Unasgd
2 trfd to Air Corps; 1 trfd to U of Okla; 2 trfd to 1848 SO; ~~27727727~~
- (4) At end of period. 2 trfd to Paratroops.
Officers ----- 43 - 1 WO
Enlisted Men --- 656

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:

None

GENESIS OF 603RD TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

a. Original Unit.

December 1943

- (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 1943

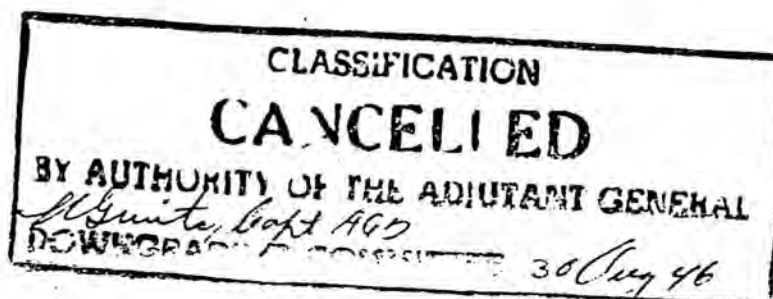
- (1) At beginning of period. Officers 43 - 1 WO Enlisted Men 656.
- (2) Net increase each month.
Officers: 1 Capt; 1 1st Lt; 6 2nd Lts asgd fr TDRTC N Cp Hood, Tex.
Enlisted Men: 1 2d Lt asgd fr FA Sch Ft Sill, Okla
None
- (3) Net decrease each month. 1 1st Lt trfd to Repl Depot #2, Ft Ord Calif;
Officers: 1 2d Lt trfd to Hq UTC, Cp Hood, Texas.
Enlisted Men: 4 trfd Air Corps; 2 trfd Sta Hosp 1848 SU; 1 trfd to Hq
Tng Brig; 1 S Sgt Hargrove killed accidently near Taylor, Tex 7 Dec
- (4) At end of period.
Officers: 53 - 1 WO
Enlisted Men: 648

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:

None



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