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HEADQUARTERS, 609TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 403, U. S. Army

HISTORICAL RECORD OF 609TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION FOR PERIOD
1 JANUARY 1944 to 20 SEPTEMBER 1944

(Period 20 September 1944 to 31 December 1944 covered by After
Action Reports submitted through Theater channels)

a. Original Unit: No Change.

b. Changes in organization:

(1) 28 April 1944: Battalion reorganized in accordance with
T/O & E 18-25, dated 15 March 1945.

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

(1) For periods as indicated:

1 January 1944:	Officers	57	EM	750
31 January 1944:	Officers	57	EM	725
29 February 1944:	Officers	56	EM	718
31 March 1944:	Officers	57	EM	710
30 April 1944:	Officers	57	EM	698
31 May 1944:	Officers	55	EM	678
30 June 1944:	Officers	49	EM	666
31 July 1944:	Officers	40	EM	617
31 August 1944:	Officers	37	EM	606

d. Stations (permanent or temporary):

Camp Shelby, Mississippi	1 January 1944	to	1 August 1944
Camp Shanks, New York	3 August 1944	to	10 August 1944
At Sea	11 August 1944	to	25 August 1944
ETO	24 August 1944	to	end of period covered

e. Narrative of events and marches for period covered:

Camp Shelby, Miss.
14 February 1944

Battalion Commander presented 400 members of the Battalion with
Good Conduct Awards at Theater No. 3.

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Camp Shelby, Miss.
8 June 1944

Unit alerted for movement overseas. (Auth: Ltr, AG 353 (TD)
(GNMBF), Hq Second Army, Memphis, Tenn., dated 7 June 1944).

Camp Shelby, Miss.
28 June 1944

Received overseas movement orders. (Auth: Ltr, W-370.5
(27 June 1944) OB-S-E-M, W. D., Washington 25; D. C., subject:
"Movement Orders, Shipment 5694", dated 23 June 1944).

Camp Shelby, Miss.
15 July 1944

Details on Procedure of Advanced Overseas Detachment

Advanced Overseas Detachment of 2 Officers and 1 EM de-
parted 2000. Arrived at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., 1700, 17 July 1944.
Departed Fort Hamilton, N. Y. for NYPE 2200, 21 July 1944. De-
parted NYPE aboard NY-22 0600 22 July 1944. Disembarked at
Gurlock, Scotland, 1100, 29 July 1944. Arrived at Overseas desti-
nation, Breamore, England, 1300, 30 July 1944.

Camp Shelby, Miss.
1 August 1944

Battalion departed for "Permanent" change of station, Camp
Shanks, N. Y. Movement made by rail. Auth: IO, 24th Hq & Hq
Det., Special Troops, Second Army, Camp Shelby, Miss., dated
6 July 1944.

First Train Departed 0950
Second Train Departed 1145

STRENGTH: Officers 33, Warrant Officers 2, EM 606

Camp Shanks, N. Y.
13 August 1944

Battalion arrived at new "Permanent" station.

First Train Arrived 1130
Second Train Arrived 1550
Bn Closed 1530

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Camp Shanks, N. Y.
10 August 1944

Battalion departed for NYPE. Movement made by rail. Auth: Par 12, SO 213, ASF, NYPE, Camp Shanks, N. Y., dated 9 Aug 1944.

STRENGTH: Officers 53, Warrant Officers 2, EM 604

N. Y. P. of E.
11 August 1944

Battalion departed NYPE on board NY-56 for overseas destination 1000.

STRENGTH
ABOARD: Officers 33, Warrant Officers 2, EM 604

At sea aboard NY-56, 17 August 1944, entered zone of ETO.

Liverpool, England
24 August 1944

Disembarked from NY-56, 0400. Entrained for Llanover Park Camp, Monmouthshire, coordinate Vo 7630.

Arrived at Llanover Park Camp 1120.

STRENGTH: Officers 35, Warrant Officers 2, EM 604

Battalion assigned to Third U.S. Army (Auth: Letter, AG 322 Op GC, Subject: Troop assignment (No. 101) Headquarters ETO, APO 887, US Army, dated 29 July 1944.

Llanover Park Camp, Monmouthshire, Vo 7630, England
24 August thru 15 September 1944

Battalion drawing and modifying new equipment.

Llanover Park Camp, Monmouthshire, Vo 7630, England
16 September 1944

Battalion departed Llanover Park 0800, enroute to new overseas destination; movement made by motor convoy. Arrived at Dorchester, England, 2200. Weather cloudy; roads slippery for M-18's; distance traveled: 140 miles. Morale excellent. Strength: 35 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 605 EM.

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DOF ESTER, ENGLAND
18 September 1944
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Battalion departed Manchester, England, enroute for new overseas destination 073. Movement made by motor convoy. Arrived at Portland, England, at 1000. Embarked on US LST's 1100 hours.

PORTLAND, ENGLAND (Aboard US LST's)
19 September 1944

Departed from harbor at Portland, England for France at 0700 hours.

ON BOARD US LST's
20 September 1944

Disembarked at UTAH BEACH, FRANCE, at 0315 hours. Arrived at Transit Area "B", UTAH BEACH, FRANCE, at 0500.

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