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AG 320.2 (11-17-41)
MR-M-C

December 3, 1941.

SUBJECT: Organization of Tank Destroyer Battalions.

TO: Commanding Generals,
All Armies and Corps, Areas,
Chief of Armored Force.



1. Reference is made to letter, this office, AG 320.2 (11-5-41) MR-M-C, November 27, 1941, subject, "Organization of Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center."

2. The instructions contained herein will govern the organization of tank destroyer battalions. These battalions are GHQ units of three types, namely, (1) light battalions with towed weapons designed for attachment to foot Infantry divisions, (2) light battalions with self-propelled weapons designed for attachment to Cavalry and motorized divisions, and (3) heavy battalions with self-propelled weapons for attachment to Armored divisions, Army Corps and Armies.

3. Effective December 15, 1941:

a. The following antitank units, unless specifically excepted in later paragraphs, will be inactivated:

- (1) Antitank troops, 1st and 2d Cavalry Divisions.
- (2) All antiaircraft, antitank platoons in Field Artillery battalions and regiments in the continental United States.
- (3) All Field Artillery 75-mm antitank batteries included in 155-mm howitzer battalions or regiments in the continental United States.

b. The tank destroyer battalions listed in inclosure 1 are constituted and allotted to the GHQ Reserve and will be activated. Each battalion will be attached to the Army to which its major source unit is now attached or assigned.

c. The Army commanders concerned and the Chief of the Armored Force will activate and organize the new tank destroyer battalions and attach them to Army Corps and divisions at their discretion.



4. In the reorganization the following will govern:
 - a. The status of antitank companies in Infantry regiments will not be changed.
 - b. All "Antitank" battalions will be designated as "Tank Destroyer" battalions.
 - c. Present Infantry antitank battalions will be reorganized and redesignated as indicated in paragraph 12 a.
 - d. The extent to which each tank destroyer unit will be activated initially will be controlled by existing housing and available personnel.
5. No additional construction is authorized incident to those instructions.
6. Officers will be furnished by Army commanders and by the Chief of the Armored Force within current allotments.
7. Unless otherwise specified, equipment assigned the antitank elements of Field Artillery and the divisional antitank units of Cavalry will be transferred to the new tank destroyer units formed from these elements.
8. Where movement of personnel or equipment is necessary, Corps area commanders will, upon request of Army commanders and Chief of the Armored Force, issue the necessary orders, obligating the procurement authorities cited below to the extent necessary:

Travel of the Army

FD 1437 P 1-06, 2-06, 3-06, 15-06, 16-06, 17-06 A 0410-2

(For travel of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men; and for travel of dependents of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the first three grades.)

Army Transportation--Motor

QM 1620 P 32-02, 35-12 A 0525-2 "C"

(For gasoline and oil, and repairs to motor vehicles en route.)

Army Transportation--Commercial

QM 1620 P 54-01, 54-02, 54-13, 54-06 A 0525-2 "D"

(For packing, crating, and shipping equipment, impedimenta, and authorized household goods allowances of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the first four grades; and for tolls and ferriages en route.)

Barracks and Quarters



QM 1620 P 102-02, 6-10, 9-10, 11-11, A 0635-2

(For fuel, light, and water service, and rental of camp sites on route when impracticable to camp overnight at regular Army reservation.)

9. a. Instructions concerning the organization of the majority of the new units are contained in attached inclosures. Instructions for the organization of units not included in inclosure 1 are contained in succeeding paragraphs.

b. Personnel transferred in compliance with this letter will be transferred in their present grades and ratings and source units reduced accordingly. In order to obtain proper technicians (cooks, mechanics, etc.) for the new units, enlisted men may be transferred from any elements of source units, and enlisted men of inactivated antitank elements may be transferred to new tank destroyer units or to elements of source units.

10. Allotments of grades and ratings to tank destroyer units and revised allotments of grades and ratings to source units will be published in a separate communications.

11. Tables of Organization and Tables of Basic Allowances for tank destroyer units will be distributed at an early date. Pending their receipt, tank destroyer units will be organized in accordance with inclosures 2, 3, and 4 and with present available equipment.

12. The following instructions concern units not listed in inclosure 1:

Effective December 15, 1941:-

a. The Infantry antitank battalions listed below are redesignated as indicated and will be organized as heavy tank destroyer battalions in accordance with Table of Organization 18-25. The reconnaissance companies of the Tank Destroyer Battalions, except the 893d, will be inactive. All elements of the 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion will be active. These battalions will be assigned to the Infantry arm.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Redesignated</u>	<u>Station</u>
93d Inf AT Bn	893d TD Bn	Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md.
94th Inf AT Bn	894th TD Bn	Ft. Benning, Ga.
99th Inf AT Bn	899th TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.
101st Inf AT Bn	801st TD Bn	Ft. Benning, Ga.
102d Inf AT Bn	802d TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.
103d Inf AT Bn	803d TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.
104th Inf AT Bn	804th TD Bn	Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
105th Inf AT Bn	805th TD Bn	Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md.



b. The antitank elements of the 112th, 128th and 178th Field Artillery Regiments will be inactivated and their equipment transferred to units as follows. The personnel of these antitank elements will be absorbed in their present regiments:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Station</u>
112th FA	813th TD Bn	Ft. Bragg, N. C.
128th FA	630th TD Bn	Ft. Jackson, S. C.
178th FA	609th TD Bn	Ft. Bragg, N. C.

c. The 780th and 781st Tank Destroyer Companies are constituted and will be activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, by the Commanding General, Third Army, from personnel now assigned to the 142d Field Artillery. These companies will be organized as separate heavy tank destroyer companies (Table of Organization 18-27) with an initial strength of 5 officers and 133 enlisted men for each company. These companies will be allotted to the Field Artillery arm. The antitank equipment now issued to the antitank elements of the 142d Field Artillery will be transferred to these companies.

13. Direct correspondence between those concerned is authorized on matters pertaining to this reorganization.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ E. S. ADAMS

Major General,
The Adjutant General.

4 Incls.

Copies furnished:

Commanding Generals,

All Armies, Army Corps, Corps Areas,
Divisions and Departments.

Chief of Staff, GHQ.

Commanding Officers of Exempted Stations concerned.

Chiefs of Arms and Services, and the
Divisions of the War Department
General Staff.

Fiscal Section, Misc. Div., A. G. O.

Reproduced Headquarters Third Army

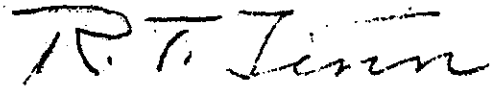
HEADQUARTERS 609TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

December 17, 1941.

GENERAL ORDERS)
Number..... 1)

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Having been assigned to this Battalion by paragraph 1, S. O. #285, Headquarters 9th Infantry Division, Dated December 17, 1941. The undersigned assumes command.



R. T. FINN,
Major, 609th T. D. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 AG Wash DC
- 1 CG First Army
- 1 CG I Army Corps
- 1 CG 4th Corps Area
- 1 CG Ft. Bragg
- 1 CG 9th Div.
- 1 Arty Condr.
- 1 AG & File
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- 1 CG Hq. AF Tact. & Firing Center, Ft. Meade Md.
- 1 Pers Sec - Piv Arty
- 1 CO 26th FA Bn.
- 1 CO 34th FA Bn.
- 1 CO 60th FA Bn.
- 1 CO 84th FA Bn.
- 1 CO 47th Inf.
- 1 CO 60th Inf.
- 1 CO 39th Inf.
- 1 Major Finn

HEADQUARTERS, 609TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

January 5, 1943.

SUBJECT: Movement by Rail to Camp Hood, Texas.

TO : Transportation Officer, Fort Bragg, N. C.



1. The following personnel of this Battalion will move by rail to Camp Hood, Texas, on January 6 & 7, 1943, under the train main numbers shown in the following table:

<u>Train Main Number</u>	<u>Train Commander</u>	<u>Number Officers</u>	<u>Number Enlisted men</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
265	Capt. WILLIAM F. SHOTOLA	12	185	197
266	Capt. ARMISPEAD D. RUST	9	179	188
267	1st Lt. WILLIAM K. MATINA	8	174	182
268	Capt. HUGH P. STUBBS	4	191	195
269	Capt. HENRY M. BYORUM	4	184	188
	BATTALION TOTAL.....	37	913	950

For the Battalion Commander:

Arthur C. O'Meara
ARTHUR C. O'MEARA
Captain, 609th T. D. Bn.,
Adjutant.

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1ST HQS., SPECIAL TROOPS
SECOND ARMY
FORT BRAGG, N. C.

January 5, 1943

L. O.)

No. 1)

E X T R A C T

SUBJECT: Transfer of 609th Tank Destroyer Battalion to Camp Hood, Texas
TO : Commanding Officer, 609th Tank Destroyer Bn., Ft. Bragg, N. C.

1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters, 2nd Army, file AG 370.5-52 (GNMBG) dated January 1, 1943, and in accordance with the provisions of AGF letter, December 23, 1942, file 370.5/87 (TD) (R)-GNGCT (12-23-42), subject: "Transfer of 603rd, 609th, and 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalions to Camp Hood, Texas", the 609th T. L. Bn. will proceed on or about January 6, 1943 from Fort Bragg, N. C. to Camp Hood, Texas for TEMPORARY change of station in accordance with the following details.

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By order of Lt. Col. WRIGHT:

JOSEPH S. DINSMORE
Major, F. A.
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Joseph S. Dinsmore
/t/ JOSEPH S. DINSMORE
Major, F. A.
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

Attest:

Arthur C. O'Neara
ARTHUR C. O'NEARA,
Captain, 609th T. L. Bn.,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, 609TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Camp Hood, Texas



January 10, 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Arrival

TO : Billeting Officer, Advanced Unit Training Center, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas

1. In compliance with memorandum, your Headquarters, dated November 18, 1942, the following report is herewith submitted in triplicate:

- a. Closing time of battalion - 102015
- b. Strength of battalion:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Officers	37	3
Enlisted Men	857	65
Civilian	0	0

- c. No unusual happenings.
- d. The battalion Commander's name is Lt. Col. Roland A. Browne, Cav.
- e. It is requested that the following telegraphic reports, which are required, be sent by Tank Destroyer Center in restricted code:

(1) To the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces and Commanding General, Second Army, Memphis, Tennessee:

Six Hundred Ninth Tank Destroyer Battalion arrived Camp Hood, Texas 102015 End Browne Commanding 609th T D Bn

(2) To the Commanding Officer, 1st Det., Special Troops, 2nd Army, Fort Bragg, N. C.:

Six Hundred Ninth T D Bn arrived Camp Hood, Texas 102015 All other reports required in L O Number One your Headquarters have been made end Browne Commanding 609th T D Bn

- f. All routine reports and those required on departure of this Battalion from its home station or enroute therefrom have been made.
- g. Attached is a copy of the travel order ordering change of station.

For the Commanding Officer:

ARTHUR C. O'MEARA
Captain, 609th T.D. Bn.
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
1 - LO #1 Sp Trs (Trip)

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TANK DESTROYER CENTER
CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 82)

E X T R A C T

April 5, 1943

9. PAC ltr, AGF, 370.5/15 (TD Units)(R)-GNGCT, sub: Transfer of 603d and 609th Tank Destroyer Battalions to Camp Shelby, Miss, dated April 5, 1943, to CG TDC, the 609th TD Bn will proceed from pres temp sta at Camp Hood, Tex to new perm sta at Camp Shelby, Miss, via new temp sta at Hawthorne, La, departing Camp Hood, April 6, 1943 and reporting upon arrival at Hawthorne, La to the CG 85th Inf Div.

This is a TEMPORARY change of sta.

Movement will be by motor and rail. Rail movement will be coordinated with the C of T ASF through the Post QM at Camp Hood. Elements moving by rail will be under the control of the CG ASF to include entrainment and detrainment.

Pers not required to accompany trs are authorized to proceed by privately owned conveyances under the provisions of Par 1 j, AR 35-4820, Sept 19, 1942.

Direct com consistent with the RESTRICTED classification of this O is authorized between interested comdrs.

The CO 609th TD Bn will advise the CG of the Eighth Serv Command, the CG of the Third A, and the CG of the 85th Inf Div of the str, dates of departure, mode of travel, and expected dates and hour of arrival of all elements.

The CO 609th TD Bn will rpt dates of departure and arrival to the CG AGF and CG TDC by tg or tp.

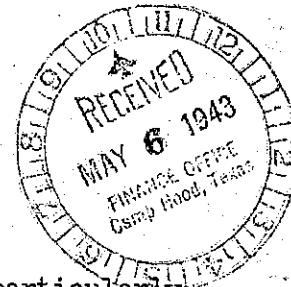
Only T/BA equipment on hand will be taken.

Pertinent provisions of the following will be complied with:

- (a) Sec VIII, AR 380-5, Sept 28, 1942.
- (b) Par 8, AR 55-130, Dec 28, 1942.
- (c) Par 4, AR 55-145, Sept 30, 1942.
- (d) TC No 101, WD 1942.

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(e) AR 345-800 (as amended by C 2, Oct 7, 1942), particularly
Pars 12 and 18.

An advance detail of two officers and six EM is authorized.

Upon arrival at Hawthorne, La the 609th TD Bn is reld fr asgmt to TDC
and is asgd to the Third A.

TDN. The cost of the movement is chargeable to:

Finance Service--Army, 1942-43

FD 34 P 434 -01, -02, -03, -04, -05, -07; -08 A 0425-23

(Cir No 206, WD, 1942)

By command of Major General BRUCE:

CHAS. S. MILLER
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. C. Pishon".

F. C. PISHON
Capt, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

609 JD Br
Fort Sam Houston, Texas,
12 June 1943.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 60

Par 3 6-315
SECTION I - Attachment of units to 5th Hq & Hq Det.
SECTION II - Attachment of units.
SECTION III - Attachment of units.

I. Upon arrival at Camp Swift, Texas, the following units are attached to 5th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Third Army, Camp Swift, Texas:

612th TD Bn
816th TD Bn
*846th TD Bn

II. During the temporary absence of X Corps Headquarters in the Louisiana Maneuver Area, the units listed below are attached as indicated effective 12 June 1943. Upon return of X Corps Headquarters from the Louisiana Maneuver Area, these units revert to their previous attachment or assignment effective 26 August 1943.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>ATTACHED</u>
@537th Ord HM Co (FA)	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
3rd Rcn Sq	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det.
*211th QM Gas Sup Bn	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
Hq & Hq Det, 196th Ord Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
171st Ord Dep Co	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
855th Ord. Hv Auto Maint Co	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
138th Ord MM Co	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
84th Inf Div	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
86th Inf Div	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
102nd Inf Div	Camp Maxey, Texas	VIII Corps
50th Med Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
3442nd Ord Auto Maint Co	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
#*Co B, 249th QM Serv Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
516th Ord HM Co (FA)	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
346th Ord Mtr Trans Co	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
Hq & Hq Det, 590th Ord Bn	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
849th Ord Dep Co	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
882nd Ord Hv Auto Maint Co	%Port Sill, Okla.	VIII Corps
3510th Ord Auto Maint Co	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
137th FA Gp	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
932nd FA Bn (155 mm How)	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
933rd FA Bn (155 mm How)	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
*333rd FA Gp	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
*333rd FA Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
*969th FA Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
* Negro enlisted personnel		
# Upon return from maneuvers		
% Temporary station Cp Howze, Texas.		
@ Upon arrival		

GO NUMBER 60, Hq. Third Army 12 June 1943 (Cont'd).

406th FA Gp.	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
250th FA Bn (105mm How)	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
251st FA Bn (105mm How)	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
##42nd Inf Div	Camp Gruber, Okla.	Third Army
#537th Engr L Pon Co	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
@541st Ord HM Co (FA)	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
294th Ord MM Co	Camp Howze, Texas	VIII Corps
173rd FA Gp	**Camp Gruber, Okla.	9th Hq & Hq Det
731st FA Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
733rd FA Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
734th FA Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
557th FA Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det

III. Upon arrival at their respective home stations from the Louisiana Maneuver Area, the units listed below are attached as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>HOME STATION</u>	<u>ATTACHED</u>
16th Cml Maint Co	Camp Bowie, Texas	7th Hq & Hq Det
*32nd Cml Decon Co	Camp Claiborne, La.	2nd Hq & Hq Det
*34th Cml Decon Co	Camp Caliborne, La.	2nd Hq & Hq Det
*212th MP Co	Fort Huachuca, Ariz.	*92nd Inf Div
7th Med Lab	Fort Sam Houston, Tex.	6th Hq & Hq Det
29th Evac Hosp	Camp Livingston, La.	3rd Hq & Hq Det
30th Evac Hosp	Camp Barkeley, Texas	11th Hq & Hq Det
Co C, 34th Med Amb Bn	Camp Barkeley, Texas	11th Hq & Hq Det
66th Medical Regt	Camp Barkeley, Texas	11th Hq & Hq Det
338th Ord MT Co (Q)	Camp Livingston, La.	3rd Hq & Hq Det
896th Ord HM Co (Q)	Camp Shelby, Miss.	XV Corps
3454th Ord MM Co	Camp Bowie, Texas	VIII Corps
Hq & Hq Det, 76th Ord Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
*Hq & Hq Det, 70th Ord Bn	Fort Huachuca, Ariz.	10th Hq & Hq Det
*3417th Ord Auto Maint Co	Fort Huachuca, Ariz.	10th Hq & Hq Det
Co A, 201st QM Gas Sup Bn	Camp Barkeley, Texas	11th Hq & Hq Det
*270th QM Serv Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	9th Hq & Hq Det
Hq & Hq Det, 2d TD Gp	Camp Claiborne, La.	2nd Hq & Hq Det
603rd TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.	1st Hq & Hq Det
609th TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.	1st Hq & Hq Det
Hq & Hq Det, 7th TD Gp	Camp Shelby, Miss.	1st Hq & Hq Det
893rd TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.	1st Hq & Hq Det
Hq & Hq Btry, 142nd FA Gp	Camp Bowie, Texas	18th FA Brig
936th FA Bn	Camp Bowie, Texas	142nd FA Gp
937th FA Bn	Camp Bowie, Texas	142nd FA Gp
Co C, 23rd QM Trk Regt	#Camp Barkeley, Texas	11th Hq & Hq Det

* Negro enlisted personnel.

Permanent station Cp Bowie, Texas

** Temporary station Camp Maxey, Texas

@ Upon arrival


Upon activation

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* * @ #
GO NUMBER 60, Hq. Third Army 12 June 1943 (Cont'd)

By command of Lieutenant General HODGES:

GEORGE A. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


W. W. CARR,
Colonel, AGD,
Adj Gen.

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Camp Claiborne, La.
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Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Camp Livingston, La.
Camp Berkeley, Texas
Camp Shelby, Miss.

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HEADQUARTERS, 609TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Camp Shelby, Miss.

25 June 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 1)

1. Under authority contained in Ltr, AG 320.2-GNMCC-5, Hq, CG, Third Army, Ft Sam Houston, Texas, dtd 17 June 1943, subject: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Units in accordance with new Tables of Organization", and pursuant to instructions Army Ground Forces letter, 321/15 (TD Units) (R)-GNGCT (13 June 43), dtd 13 June 1943, the 609th Tank Destroyer Battalion will be reorganized, effective 26 June 1943, at strength in accordance with Table of Organization No. 18-25, dtd 27 January 1943, plus a temporary overstrength of EM in grade 7 equal to 15% of Table of Organization strength.

2. Headquarters and Headquarters Company will be organized in accordance with Table of Organization No. 18-26, dtd 27 January 1943.

3. Companies "A", "B", and "C" will be organized in accordance with Table of Organization No. 18-27, dtd 27 January 1943.

4. Reconnaissance Company will be organized in accordance with Table of Organization No. 18-28, dtd 27 January 1943.

5. Tables of Equipment Nos. 18-25M, 18-26, 18-27 and 18-28, all dtd 27 January 1943, and Table of Basic Allowances No. 21, dtd 7 January 1943 will govern.

a. Surplus non-controlled items of equipment resulting from this reorganization will be turned in to local Post, Camp or Station Supply Officer concerned for transfer to other Units.

b. A report of surplus controlled items of equipment will be forwarded to Headquarters, Commanding General, Third Army, in order that recommendation for redistribution may be made to AGF.

6. No enlisted man will be reduced in grade because of any action taken in accordance with this order.

By order of Lt. Col. BROWNE:

WILLIAM F. SHOTOLA
Captain, 609th T. D. Bn.,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

William F. Shotola
WILLIAM F. SHOTOLA
Captain, 609th T. D. Bn.,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

Fort Sam Houston, Texas,
21 July 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 72)

EXTRACT

SECTION I - Assignment of 532nd Ord Hv Maint Co to Third Army.
SECTION II - Attachment of 655th Ord Am Co to VIII Corps.
SECTION III - Attachment of TD Units.
SECTION IV - Attachment of Units.
SECTION V - Attachment of Units.
SECTION VI - Attachment of Tr A, 252nd QM Remount Sqdn to 8th Hq & Hq Det Sp Trs Third Army.

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III. ATTACHMENT OF TD UNITS. Effective this date, the following Tank Destroyer units are attached as indicated:

UNIT	STATION	ATTACHED	Distribution
Hq & Hq Det, 2nd TD Gp	Camp Claiborne, La.	2nd Hq & Hq Det	Hq. _____
634th TD Bn	Camp Claiborne, La.	2nd TD Group	A. _____
691st TD Bn	Camp Claiborne, La.	2nd TD Group	B. _____
*828th TD Bn	Camp Claiborne, La.	2nd TD Group	C. _____
#823rd TD Bn	Camp Claiborne, La.	2nd TD Group	Reconn. _____
			Paracom. _____
¶Hq & Hq Det, 6th TD Gp	Camp Maxey, Texas	##X Corps	S-2 _____
¶609th TD Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	6th TD Group	S-3 _____
¶704th TD Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	6th TD Group	S-4 _____
¶706th TD Bn	Camp Maxey, Texas	6th TD Group	Med. _____
			Mtr. Cff. _____
			Files. _____

* Negro enlisted personnel.

Upon arrival from Camp Hood, on or about 30 July 1943.

¶ Upon arrival from Desert Training Center, on or about 27 July 1943.

During the temporary absence of X Corps Headquarters in the Louisiana Maneuver Area, this unit is attached to 9th Hq & Hq Det, Special Troops, Third Army, Camp Maxey, Texas, Attachment to X Corps becomes effective 26 August 1943.

UNIT	STATION	ATTACHED
Hq & Hq Det, 7th TD Gp	Camp Shelby, Miss.	VII Corps
609th TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.	7th TD Group
631st TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.	7th TD Group
893rd TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.	7th TD Group

GO Number 72, Hq. Third Army, 21 July 1943.
 Section III (Cont'd).

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>ATTACHED</u>
5Hq & Hq Det, 11th TD Gp	Camp Swift, Texas	VIII Corps
612th TD Bn	Camp Swift, Texas	11th TD Group
816th TD Bn	Camp Swift, Texas	11th TD Group
*846th TD Bn	Camp Swift, Texas	11th TD Group
5Hq & Hq Det, 10th TD Gp	Camp Gruber, Okla.	8th Hq & Hq Det
5702nd TD Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	10th TD Group
807th TD Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	10th TD Group
5809th TD Bn	Camp Gruber, Okla.	10th TD Group
5802nd TD Bn	Camp Polk, La.	III Armored Corps
814th TD Bn	Camp Polk, La.	III Armored Corps
5638th TD Bn	Camp Livingston, La.	3rd Hq & Hq Det
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By command of Lieutenant General HODGES:

GEORGE A. DAVIS,
 Brigadier General, General Staff Corps,
 Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. W. Carr
 W. W. CARR,
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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

Fort Sam Houston, Texas,
10 August 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 81)

SECTION I - Assignment of units to Corps.
SECTION II - Activation of Regt Maint Co's.
SECTION III - Attachment of units to Prov Hq.

1. ASSIGNMENT OF UNITS TO CORPS. 1. Pursuant to authority contained in Army Ground Forces Letter, 320.2/300 (C) (5 Aug 43) GNGCI, dated 5 August 1943, subject: "Assignment of Combat Units to Corps", effective midnight 8-9 August 1943, the units listed below are relieved from assignment to Third Army and are reassigned to Corps as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>CORPS ASSIGNMENT</u>
* Hq & Hq Det, 7th TD Gp	* Cp Shelby, Miss.	* IX
* 609th TD Bn	* Cp Shelby, Miss.	* IX
* 631st TD Bn	* Cp Shelby, Miss.	* IX
* 893d TD Bn	* Cp Shelby, Miss.	* IX

By command of Lieutenant General HODGES:

GEORGE A. DIVIS,
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff,

OFFICIAL:

/s/ George A. Hadd,
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HEADQUARTERS IX CORPS
Camp McCain, Mississippi
13 Nov 1943

SPECIAL ORDERS)

- E X T R A C T -

NO..... 175)

1. Following dets WP by rail and motor fr Cp Shelby, Miss. to Indianola Firing Range, Indianola, Texas, for temp dy so as to arrive not later than dates indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>ARRIVAL DATE</u>
7th TD Group Hq & Hq Co	1 Off Instr. 8 Enl Gnrs. Adm Det.	14 Nov 21 Nov 21 Nov
✓ 609th TD Bn	6 Off Instrs. 136 Enl Gnrs.	14 Nov 21 Nov
2d FA Bn	2 Off Instrs. 42 Enl Gnrs.	14 Nov 21 Nov

Off Instrs WP by rail to Victoria, Texas, thence by bus to Port Lavaca, Texas. Return journey w/trs. Dets of EM and Adm Personnel WP by Govt Mtr E direct to Indianola Firing Range.

These are TEMPORARY changes of sta. Upon completion of temp dy dets will return to home sta.

Adm Det to be furnished by 7th TD Gp Hq & Hq Co. All other dets to be atchd to the Det fr the 7th TD Gp Hq & Hq Co for adm, supply, messing, and medical attention for period of TEMPORARY duty. The Det 7th TD Gp Hq & Hq Co is atzd to call on other atchd dets for a proportion of personnel and equipment necessary to make up Adm Det.

Equip as directed by Ltr, Hq Third Army, AG 353 (AA) GNMCL, dtd 21 Aug 43; Subj: "Training of Gunners, Caliber .50 Machine Gun, in Firing at Aerial Targets, Administrative Instructions Relative Thereto".

Rats in accordance with pertinent AR's as modified by current WD Cir; to include one extra day's rations for use during first 24 hrs at AATC, carried by Adm Det; will be provided by QM, Cp Shelby.

QM, Cp Shelby, will provide necessary gasoline, oil, and lubricants for movement.

Movement will be made in accordance with provisions of Cir 102, WD, 1943, as amended by Sec IV, Cir 189, WD, 1943; Ltr, Hq AGF, 370.5/234 (R) (3 Sep 43) GNGCT, 3 Sept 1943, Subj: "Instructions Governing Domestic Troop Movements"; Ltr, Hq Third Army, AG 353 (AA) GNMCL, dtd 21 Aug 43, Subj: "Training of Gunners, Caliber .50 Machine Gun, in Firing at Aerial Targets, Administrative Instructions Relative Thereto".

Report this Eqs by tp at earliest possible date hour and date departure and estimated date and hour of arrival.

TDN: 1-5200 P 433-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 A 0425-24.

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Special Orders No. 175, 11-13-43, cont'd.

Authority: Ltr, Hq Third Army, AG 370.5 GMMCC-5, dated 8 Nov 1943,
Subj: "Movement of Troops to Antiaircraft Training Center for Caliber .50
Antiaircraft Firing".

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By command of Maj Gen WHITE:

JOHN C. WYETH,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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