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HEADQUARTERS 610TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

A. P. O. 403, U. S. Army
3 November 1944

SUBJECT: History of Organization. (After Battle Report)

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.
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In compliance with AR 345 - 105, par 13, dated 18 November 1929 and changes thereto, the following report for the month of October is submitted:

1. Original Unit
 - (a) Designation: 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
 - (b) Date of Organization: 10 April 1942.
 - (c) Place of Organization: Camp Berkeley, Texas.
 - (d) Authority for Organization: Special Order #88, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, dated 10 April 1942.
 - (e) Source from which personnel was obtained: Cadre of 5 Officers and 77 Enlisted men from 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Infantry Replacement Center, Camp Walters, Texas; Replacement Reception Center, Ft. Devens, Massachusetts; Replacement Reception Center, Ft. Dix, New Jersey.
2. Changes in organization due to changes in Tables of Organization: Battalion under T/O 18-35, 36, 37 dated 7 May 1943 (Towed Tank Destroyer Battalion) was reorganized under T/O 18-25, 26, 27, 28, (self propelled) dated 15 March 1944 on 11 October 1944. Authority: Verbal orders, Commanding General, 3rd Army. Basic privates were reduced from 15% of total strength to 5% total strength per Ltr. Hq. 3rd Army, subject as above, dated 7 July 1944.
3. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.
 - (a) At beginning of period of October 1944; 33 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 727 Enlisted men.
 - (b) Net decrease for the month of October, 1944; 1 Officer, 1 Warrant Officer, 29 Enlisted men.
 - (c) Net increase for the month of October, 1944; 3 Officers, 16 Enlisted men.
 - (d) At the end of month of October, 1944; 35 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, 714 Enlisted men.
4. Stations, (Permanent and temporary). of unit or parts thereof. Unit stationed in France.
5. Marches; Battalion made administrative move from bivouac 4 miles east of Teul to position south of LEHR. Date; 25 October 1944.
6. Campaigns.
 - (a) Name of: Western Europe
 - (b) Not completed
 - (c) Purpose: Liberation of France
 - (d) Authority: War Department

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7. Battles.

The greater part of the month was spent in reorganizing personnel and vehicles of the battalion and drawing the new M-36 (90mm) destroyers. On 21st of October a test fire was conducted against an old fort just north of TOUL. Results are tabulated in appended report.


The Battalion came under control of 9th Tank Destroyer Group on the 24th October. On the 28th of October the Battalion was given the mission of supporting the fires of the 775th F. A. Battalion, with one (1) Tank Destroyer platoon in the vicinity of BELLEAU and the fires of the 738th F.A. Battalion with two T.D. platoons in the vicinity of MAZEUILLAS. Platoons of the Battalion retated on the above missions for the remainder of the month.

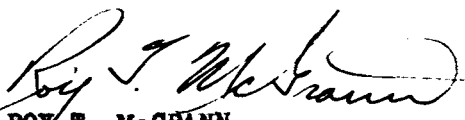
8. Commanding Officer in Engagement.

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9. Losses in action: (Officers and Enlisted men) None

10. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.


ARTHUR B. JEFFREY
Lt. Col. 610th TD Bn
Commanding


ROY T. McGRANN
Capt. 610th TD Bn
Historian