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612th TANK DESTROYER Battalion	Initials: <i>[initials]</i>
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SUBJECT: Battalion History of the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the Calendar Year 1944.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

a. Original Unit.

- (1) Designation. 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
- (2) Date of Organization. 25 June 1942.
- (3) Place of Organization. Camp Swift, Texas.
- (4) Authority for Organization. Letter War Department, The Adjutant General's Office dated 12 April 1942, file A.G. 320.2 (4-4-42) WO-H-24, subject, Organization of Tank Destroyer Units in June 1942, with 1st Indorsement Headquarters 3rd United States Army dated 21 April 1942, and paragraph 3, General Order No. 46, Headquarters 3rd United States Army dated 23 April 1942.
- (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained. Cadre of 2 officers and 73 enlisted men was received from the 61st Tank Destroyer Battalion. 325 fillers were later received from various replacement training centers.

b. Changes in Organization.

- (1) Changes in T/O. The battalion was converted from a Towed Tank Destroyer Battalion to a Self-Propelled Tank Destroyer Battalion on 28 December 1944 pursuant to authority contained in WD Letter, AD 322 (30 Nov 44) OD-I-GNGCT-4, subject: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Battalions", 2 December 1944, and letter Headquarters, First United States Army, 320 (O) subject: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Battalion", 28 December 1944, in accordance with T/O and 2 18-25 15 March 1944, and changes thereto, with an authorized strength of thirty-five (35) officers, two (2) warrant officers, and six hundred seven (607) enlisted men.

(2) Changes in Assignment, etc.

On 6 April 1944 battalion assigned to First United States Army on arrival on the Continent by Troop Assignment #46, WFOUSA, dated 6 April 1944. On 11 April 1944 battalion attached to V Corps on arrival on the Continent by Troop Assignment #38, First United States Army, dated 11 April 1944.

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On 16 June 1944 Company "A" attached 2d Infantry Division per Field Order #7, Headquarters V Corps, dated 16 June 1944.

On 18 June 1944 battalion less Company "A" attached 2d Infantry Division per Field Order #8, Headquarters V Corps, dated 18 June 1944.

On 18 August 1944 battalion assigned to First United States Army and attached to 3rd United States Army per Troop Assignment #22, Headquarters Twelfth Army Group, dated 17 August 1944.

On 19 August 1944 battalion having been assigned to First United States Army and attached to 3rd United States Army relieved from attachment to V Corps effective 18 August 1944 per Troop Assignment #102, First United States Army, dated 19 August 1944. On 21 August 1944 battalion attached to VIII Corps effective 18 August 1944 per Troop Assignment #A-20, 3rd United States Army, dated 21 August 1944.

On 5 September 1944 battalion relieved from assignment to First United States Army and attachment to 3rd United States Army and assigned to Ninth United States Army effective 5 September 1944 per Troop Assignment #42, Headquarters Twelfth Army Group, dated 5 September 1944.

On 9 September 1944 battalion further attached to VIII Corps per Troop Assignment #31, Ninth United States Army, dated 9 September 1944.

On 22 October 1944 battalion relieved from assignment to Ninth United States Army and assigned First United States Army effective 22 October 1944 per Troop Assignment #37, Headquarters Twelfth Army Group, dated 20 October 1944.

On 22 October 1944 battalion further attached to VIII Corps per Troop Assignment #121, First United States Army, dated 22 October 1944.

On 14 December 1944 battalion relieved from attachment VIII Corps effective 11 December 1944 per Troop Assignment #33, Headquarters VIII Corps, dated 12 December 1944.

On 13 December 1944 battalion attached to V Corps effective 11 December 1944 per Troop Assignment #147, First United States Army, dated 13 December 1944.

On 15 December 1944 battalion attached 3rd Tank Destroyer Group per Troop Assignment Headquarters V Corps, dated 15 December 1944.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.



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- (1) At beginning of period.  
 Officers = 54 Warrant Officers = 1 Enlisted Men = 693  
 (2) At end of period.  
 Officers = 31 Warrant Officers = 2 Enlisted Men = 570  
 Net change.  
 Decrease = Officers = 23 Enlisted Men = 123  
 Increase = Warrant Officers = 1  
 (4) Net Increase and/or Decrease each Month.



	Strength Current Month			Strength Last Month			Monthly Increase			Monthly Decrease		
	O	WO	ME	O	WO	ME	O	WO	ME	O	WO	ME
January	55	1	699	54	1	693	1	0	6	0	0	0
February	55	1	692	55	1	699	0	0	0	0	0	7
March	32	2	745	55	1	692	0	1	53	23	0	0
April	32	2	809	32	2	745	0	10	64	0	0	0
May	33	2	807	32	2	809	1	0	0	0	0	2
June	35	2	794	33	2	807	2	0	0	0	0	13
July	36	2	773	35	2	794	1	0	0	0	0	21
August	34	2	726	36	2	773	0	0	0	0	0	45
September	33	2	723	34	2	728	0	0	0	1	0	5
October	31	2	694	33	2	723	0	0	0	2	0	29
November	32	2	732	31	2	694	1	0	38	2	0	0
December	31	2	570	32	2	732	0	0	0	1	0	162

## d. Stations (Permanent or Temporary) of unit.

- 26 March 1944 - Battalion moved from Camp Swift, Texas on two trains departing at 0930 hours and 1330 hours en route to Staging Area at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, arriving on 29 March 1944 at 0900 hours and 2100 hours.
- 5 April 1944 - Battalion moved from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey at 0725 hours en route to the New York Port of Embarkation, embarking on His Majesty's Troop ship "Ile de France" at 1030 hours.
- 7 April 1944 - Battalion sailed from New York harbor at 0530 hours and dropped anchor at Greenock, Scotland on 15 April 1944 at 1330 hours.
- 16 April 1944 - Battalion disembarked at 1100 hours and boarded train at 2245 hours.
- 17 April 1944 - Battalion arrived at Failand Gunter Tented Camp near Bristol, England at 1430 hours after proceeding by rail from Greenock, Scotland.
- 27 May 1944 - The forward echelon moved from Camp Failand, departing at 1400 hours, to its concentration area at Barton Stacey, coordinates US764, arriving at 2000 hours. The rear echelon moved from Camp Failand on 30 May 1944 to join the forward echelon at Barton Stacey.

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- 12 June 1944 - Battalion departed at 0600 hours from Barton Stacey and proceeded to its marshalling area near Brockinghurst, England, arriving at Camp B-7 at 1016 hours.
- 12 June 1944 - The first elements of the battalion, consisting of 2 platoons of Company "B", departed from the marshalling area and proceeded to the harbors for embarkation and landed on the continent on 14 June 1944.
- 15 June 1944 - Remainder of battalion departed from the marshalling area at 0106 hours and landed on LST at 0900 hours.
- 15 June 1944 - Departed from harbor at 2400 hours en route for France and unloaded on 16 June 1944 at 1740 hours, proceeding to Transit Area No. 2.
- 15 June 1944 - Battalion moved from Transit Area No. 2, a distance of 14.6 miles, to new bivouac one mile north of Cerisy La Foret.
- 16 June 1944 - Battalion moved at 1403 hours, a distance of 3 miles, to new bivouac in Forest of Cerisy, closing at 1430 hours.
- 7 July 1944 - Battalion arrived at 1405 hours, a distance of 4.6 miles, to new bivouac 2½ miles southwest of Cerisy La Foret, arriving at 1430 hours.
- 23 July 1944 - Battalion moved at 1400 hours, a distance of 2.2 miles to new bivouac ½ mile northwest of St. Georges d'Elle, closing at 1550 hours.
- 29 July 1944 - Battalion moved at 1840 hours, a distance of 4 miles to new location 300 yards west of Notre Dame d'Elle, closing at 2210 hours.
- 1 Aug 1944 - Battalion moved at 1045 hours, a distance of 6.8 miles, to new area 1½ miles southeast of Torigny, closing at 1230 hours.
- 2 Aug 1944 - Battalion moved at 1545 hours, a distance of 7 miles, to new location ½ mile west of La Cabotiere, closing at 1730 hours.
- 3 Aug 1944 - Battalion moved at 1545 hours, a distance of 4.2 miles, to new location ½ mile west of Bourdeval, closing at 1710 hours.
- 10 Aug 1944 - Battalion moved at 1220 hours, a distance of 6.2 miles, to new area 1 mile southwest of Contances, closing at 1320 hours.
- 13 Aug 1944 - Battalion moved at 1210 hours, a distance of 6.1 miles, to new area 2 miles southwest of Vire, closing at 1440 hours.
- 19 Aug 1944 - Battalion moved from old bivouac area at 0610 hours, travelling 2½ miles, to new location ½ mile west of Floudaniel, closing at 0721 hours on 20 August 1944.
- 22 Aug 1944 - Battalion moved at 1235 hours, a distance of 9½ miles, to new location 1 mile north of Kersaint Plabennec, closing at 1300 hours.



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- 18 Sept 1944 - Battalion moved at 1635 hours, a distance of 6.5 miles to new location 1½ miles west of Landernau, closing at 1800 hours.
- 27 Sept 1944 - Battalion moved at 1240 hours en route to Belgium, a distance of 692 miles, to new location in vicinity Steinebrück, Germany, closing at 2323 hours on 30 September 1944.
- 4 Oct 1944 - Battalion moved at 1015 hours, a distance of 16 miles, to new location at Mandfeld, Belgium, closing at 1145 hours.
- 22 Oct 1944 - Battalion moved at 1330 hours, a distance of 4.1 miles, to new location at Kinschkeid, Belgium, closing at 1500 hours.
- 12 Dec 1944 - Battalion moved at 1145 hours, a distance of 27 miles, to new location in vicinity of Sourbrodt, Belgium, closing at 1445 hours.
- 15 Dec 1944 - Battalion moved at 1025 hours, a distance of 11 miles, to new location at Wirtzfeld, Belgium, closing at 1125 hours.
- 17 Dec 1944 - Battalion moved at 1250 hours, a distance of 11 miles, to new location in vicinity of Sourbrodt, Belgium, closing at 1420 hours.
- 29 Dec 1944 - Battalion moved at 0905 hours, a distance of 13 miles, to new location 2-3/4 miles east of Verviers, closing at 1115 hours.

**e. Marches.**

- (1) On 19 August 1944 the battalion departed from the vicinity of Tinchebray, France on a motor march en route to the vicinity of Ploudaniel, France, arriving on 20 August 1944, for the purpose of participating in the assault on Brest, France. Distance travelled 231 miles.
- (2) On 27 September 1944 the battalion departed from the vicinity of Landernau, France on a motor march en route to the vicinity of St. Vith, Belgium, arriving on 30 September 1944, for the purpose of participating in the campaign of Germany. Distance travelled 692 miles.

**f. Campaigns.**

- (1) Name of - Normandy.  
 (2) Duration - 6 June 1944 to 24 July 1944.  
 (3) Purpose - To defeat Germany.  
 (4) Authority ordering - SHAEF.
- (1) Name of - Northern France.  
 (2) Duration - 25 July 1944 to 14 September 1944.  
 (3) Purpose - To defeat Germany.  
 (4) Authority ordering - SHAEF.
- (1) Name of - Germany.  
 (2) Duration - 15 September 1944 to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (3) Purpose - To defeat Germany.  
 (4) Authority ordering - SHAEF.



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Battles.

(1) Name.

(a) Cerisy Offensive - 11 June to 19 June 1944.

Enemy - During this period the enemy's capabilities are such as to enable him to make local attacks up to battalion strength at any time, particularly in the St Georges d'Elle area and in the vicinity of Hill 192. Against our present front the axis St Lo - Berigny, the axis Torigni Sur Vire - Mouffet - Litteau, and the axis Torigni - Sur Vire - Mouffet - Rauxeville - Hill 192 are the most favorable for armored attack. A defensive strongpoint exists in the vicinity of St Georges d'Elle, consisting of concealed dug-in fire positions, some covered with logs. One concrete position has been reported. Heavy defensive fire, machine gun and mortars, are covering the line St Georges d'Elle - Lanougerie (606661). Automatic weapons and mortars, located on the nose and along the slopes of the thin north south finger ridges cover Berigny, St Germaine d'Elle and the approaches into the enemy area. No tanks were encountered during this period. Air activity during the period was negligible, and artillery fire consisted of light interdiction fire being placed at critical road junctions. The terrain in the right side of our sector is rolling with heavy woods, sunken roads and numerous hedge rows. The left side of the sector is practically the same as the right except that there is very little woods.

Action - The first elements of the forward echelon of the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion, consisting of two platoons of Company "B", landed in France on 14 June 1944 and immediately moved into position in the 2d Infantry Division sector. The 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to the 2d Infantry Division upon the battalion's arrival in France, with the mission of providing anti-mechanized protection for the division's front and flanks. The entire forward echelon composed of 25 officers and 575 enlisted men were in France by 16 June 1944. The 3rd platoon of Company "B" took AT positions in Hte Litteau protecting the division left front. 1st and 2nd platoons of Company "B" went into indirect fire positions near La Hove and engaged in harassing and interdiction fires. The 1st and 3rd platoons of Company "A" went into AT positions and the 2nd platoon went into indirect fire position and engaged in

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harassing and interdiction fires. Company "C" was in battalion reserve and reconnoitered the division front and flanks for positions in depth.

- (b) St Germain d'Elle - St Georges d'Elle - Le Parc Defensive - 20 June to 10 July 1944.
- Enemy - Enemy capabilities during this period are as follows: (1) To continue organization of present defensive positions. (2) To make local attacks in company strength anywhere along our front. (3) To be reinforced by elements of armored divisions from the British sector on our left. (4) The approaches for an armored attack remain the same as those given for the preceding period. The defensive organization of the enemy basically remains the same. Reports, however, of intrenching indicates that the enemy is continuing to improve his defensive positions. On 4 July 1944 an increasing use of anti-personnel mines was noted. On 6 July 1944 aerial photos indicate increasing the depth of defenses in rear (south) of Hill 192 (575652). Toward the end of the period the enemy continues to improve defenses with increasing use of wire. Air activity increased considerably over the previous battle. A total of eight (8) tanks were reported on our front during the present battle. None of these, however, were encountered by our battalion. The nature of the terrain is the same as that given for the preceding battle.
- Action - During the period 20 - 27 June, the 1st and 3rd platoons of Company "A" were in prepared anti-tank positions to protect the division right front from mechanized attack. The 2nd platoon of Company "A" was in indirect fire position, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire. The 3rd platoon of Company "B" was in prepared anti-tank positions to protect the division left front from mechanized attack. The 1st and 2nd platoons of Company "B" were in indirect fire positions, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fires. Company "C" was in battalion reserve. During the period 28 June to 3 July the 2nd and 3rd platoons of Company "A" were in indirect fire positions, firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fire, the 1st platoon was held in battalion reserve. Company "B" was in prepared anti-tank positions to protect the division right front from mechanized attack, and Company "C" was in prepared anti-tank positions to protect the division left front from mechanized



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attack. From 4 to 6 July Company "A" was in anti-tank positions to protect division left front and Company "B" was in anti-tank positions to protect division right front from mechanized attack. Company "C" was in indirect fire position firing unobserved harassing and interdiction fires. From 6 to 10 July Company "A" was in anti-tank positions protecting division left front. Company "B" was in anti-tank position protecting division center and Company "C" in anti-tank position protecting division right front from mechanized attack.

## (c) Hill 192 Offensive - 11 July to 12 July 1944.

Enemy - The enemy capabilities remain the same as those for the previous battles. Enemy defensive organization remains the same in the left part of our sector. In the right part of the center air photos show indications of hedgehog defenses south of the St Lo - Berlingy highway in the area of La Croix Salte (5760,6), 6 to 7 tanks were observed on our front, but none were encountered.

Action - Company "A" was in anti-tank position protecting division left front. Company "B" was in anti-tank position protecting division center from mechanized attack. Company "C" furnished close support and anti-mechanized protection in the attack of the 38th Infantry Regiment. 2nd platoon of Company "C" took up anti-tank position on Hill 192 on 12 July.

## (d) St Cernin d'Elle, La Croix Rogie - Le Soulaire Defensive - 13 July to 25 July 1944.

Enemy - Enemy capabilities are the same as those given for the preceding battle. The enemy continues to strengthen his defensive organization and is increasing the use of mines. Two tanks and five RP guns were reported during the present battle. None of these, however, were encountered by this battalion.

Action - The 1st and 2nd platoons of Company "A" were in dug-in anti-tank positions protecting division left front from mechanized attack. 3rd platoon was in battalion reserve. Company "B" had all three platoons in dug-in anti-tank positions protecting division center from mechanized attack. Company "C" had all three platoons in dug-in anti-tank positions protecting the division right front from mechanized attack.

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- (e) Vire Offensive - 26 July to 7 August 1944.  
Enemy - As yet there is no evidence of a prepared defensive position south of St Jean Desaisants. The enemy front line runs along the north slope of the ridge and along the south edge of the stream paralleling the Terigni Caumont Highway. On the 28th of July 1944 the 2nd Panzer Division, recently relieved by the 326th Infantry Division in the sector immediately to the east of the 3rd Paratroop Division, moved west and is now believed to be in the valley of the Vire river about 15 miles south of St Lo. The Recon battalion of the division has been identified west of the Vire. Elements of the division can be used to reinforce the 3rd Paratroop Division which would create a serious tank threat on our immediate front. On 27 July an undetermined number of vehicles and tanks were seen at 577537. On 28 July eight (8) tanks were reported in the vicinity of 575550. On 29 July eleven (11) tanks were reported moving NE from Feasny Sur Vire. Another twelve (12) heavy tanks were reported at T6141. On 30 July 30-40 tanks were reported at T5646. On 31 July an estimated 50 tanks were reported in vicinity of 6845. On 2 August six (6) tanks were seen moving south from 610385. On 3 August small groups of tanks were reported at the following locations; 6637, 670350, 675335, 652368. On 4 August the enemy employed a number of dug-in tanks at 614342 to impede the advance of our armor. On 6 August six (6) tanks were reported at 661318.  
Action - During this battle the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion (towed) and the 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) both had the mission of protecting the front and flanks of the 2nd Infantry Division. Company "A", 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion and Company "A", 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion supported the 9th Infantry Regiment in the attack. Company "B", 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion and Company "B", 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion supported the 23rd Infantry Regiment in their attack, and Company "C", 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion and Company "C", 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion supported the 38th Infantry Regiment. The plan of battle for the TDs was to have the self-propelled TDs follow the assault infantry battalions and protect the regimental front from armored penetration. The 612th guns (towed) were to maintain close liaison with the SPs and to take over the positions of the SPs and protect the flanks.

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Upon the reaching of the regiment's objective, the towed platoons would move forward and dig in and relieve the SPs who would then fall back to refuel and resupply. This scheme worked well and was successful until the Vire river was crossed. The 693rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was relieved from the 2d Infantry Division. 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion companies continued in close support of the infantry regiments, company "A" with the 9th Infantry, Company "B" with the 23rd Infantry, and Company "C" with the 38th Infantry Regiment. The 3rd platoon of Company "C" fired 24 rounds at an enemy OP and scored 20 hits. When examined later two (2) enemy dead were found in the ruins and a knocked out enemy SP gun was at the base of the OP. Upon the capture of Vire, company "C" took anti-tank positions protecting Vire from mechanized attack. Company "A" continued to furnish close support to the 9th Infantry in their attack south of Vire. Company "B" continued to furnish close support to the 23rd Infantry in their attack.

(f) Tinchebray Offensive - 8 August to 16 August 1944.

Enemy - The main defensive organization of the Tinchebray battle seemed to center along the Vire-Tinchebray road to the NE and SW of coords 658300. The enemy has based his defense primarily upon salient terrain features, and upon groups of buildings, which he defended stubbornly, until surrounded and overpowered. On 9 August numerous reports of tank movements were received, the majority originating in the area S and SE of Vire. One large convoy of 50 vehicles, containing some armored elements, was reported moving W from Vassy (7932). On August 11th two (2) tanks were reported at 658240. From 12 August to 16 August only two (2) armored vehicles were reported on our front.

Action - During this battle Company "A" gave close support to the 9th Infantry Regiment in their attack and provided anti-tank protection to the regiment against mechanized attack. Company "B" gave close support to the 23rd Infantry Regiment in their attack and provided anti-tank protection to the regiment from mechanized attack. Company "C" gave close support to the 38th Infantry Regiment in the attack and provided anti-tank protection to the regiment from mechanized attack.



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- (g) Brest offensive - 21 August to 18 September 1944
- Enemy - The enemy capabilities at the beginning of the Brest offensive are as follows: (1) To effect a stubborn defense of Brest. (2) To harass forward elements with strong patrols and raiding parties. (3) Withdraw to Crozon Peninsula and attempt movement to SW in hope of linking up with Lorient garrison, after all hope of holding Brest is gone. (4) An employment of armor is not considered probable due to the fact that no tanks can be gotten in to their garrison, and all FFI reports indicate the lack of armor within the city. No tanks were reported during the battle for Brest. The terrain is slightly rolling country with numerous hedge rows and very few woods.
- Action - Due to the absence of armor in the Brest area, this battalion furnished close-in direct fire support to the 2d Infantry Division in their assault on the Fortress of Brest. During the period 28 August to 4 September, Company "A" had three platoons in close support of the 9th Infantry Regiment, firing with direct fire at targets of opportunity. Companies "B" and "C" (minus 3rd platoon) delivered direct fire support to the 23rd Infantry Regiment and fired a total of one thousand two hundred and nine (1209) rounds 3" APC and HE at targets on call from the Infantry Commanders. The following targets were engaged and destroyed:
- |                              |                                     |                             |                                    |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Concrete emplacements - 9;   | Buildings containing troops - 29;   | Dugouts - 4;                | Machine guns - 12 plus 6 possible; |
| Mortars - 5 plus 1 possible; | SP guns - 2 plus 1 possible;        | Trucks - 2 plus 1 possible; | Motorcycles - 3;                   |
| G.P. vehicles - 7;           | Personnel (killed & wounded) - 311. |                             |                                    |
- 3rd platoon of Company "C" engaged in indirect fire supporting the 2d Infantry Division, firing three thousand two hundred and fifty (3250) rounds HE in harassing fires. During period 5 to 10 September Company "A" supported 9th Infantry Regiment, Company "B" supported 23rd Infantry Regiment, and Company "C" supported Ivory "X", a Tank Force that operated on the Plogastel Peninsula. Companies "A" and "C" each had a platoon in indirect fire position. They fired three thousand eight hundred and eighty three (3883) rounds 3" HE while in indirect fire position. From 11 - 18 September Company "A" supported the 36th Infantry Regiment, Company "B" supported the 23rd Infantry Regiment and Company "C" supported the 9th Infantry Regiment in the attack with close direct fire. Companies fired a total



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of six thousand five hundred and eighty-four (6584) rounds of 3" APC and HE and destroyed the following targets: Self-propelled guns - 1; Machine guns - 9 plus 3 possible; Guns AT - 2; Guns AA - 7 plus 4 possible; 6" Naval gun - 1; C.A.L. H-3 (captured by Germans) - 1; Mortars - 1; Other guns - 2; Concrete emplacements - 8; Dugouts - 1; Ammunition dump - 1; Horse-drawn vehicle - 1; Buildings (containing enemy) (estimated) - 300; Personnel (killed & wounded) - 136; Prisoners - 11.

- (h) Schnee Eiffel Defensive - 4 October to 12 December 1944.

Enemy - Enemy capabilities are: (1) To maintain a strong defensive position on our front and initiate aggressive patrolling within our sector. The enemy, on our front, is occupying the Siegfried Line which consists of concrete gun emplacements, tank barriers and numerous mine fields. The unit on our front is the 454 Replacement and Training Battalion. Their outpost line is as follows: 029969 - 031967 - 040957 - 044950 - 043941 - 051930 - 043917. Air activity throughout the period was negligible. Sounds of tanks moving at night east of Kobachheld was reported on several occasions, but none were ever encountered. Artillery consisted of sporadic shelling of front line towns with the bulk of it falling in Mandersfeld. The terrain in this area consists of open rolling ground with small patches of woods scattered throughout the sector. The Our River runs from the north to the south through our sector about 1000 yards to the east of Mandersfeld. This stream, in warm weather, is a tank barrier due to the soft marshy ground on both sides of it.

Action - During the period 4 to 22 October 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion (less companies "B" and "C") with Company "K", 9th Infantry, Cannon Company, 9th Infantry, Company "D", 741st Tank Battalion, and Company Namur, Belgian Secret Army attached, constituted Task Force "X" which held defensive positions on a 9000 yard front, vicinity of Mandersfeld, Belgium. Company "P" was attached to G.P. 23 and provided anti-tank protection from dug-in positions. Company "O" (less 2nd platoon) supported the 36th Infantry with direct fire and provided anti-tank protection to the regiment's right flank. Company "O" fired 97 rounds 3" APC and HE and destroyed the



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following targets: Pillboxes - 5 (estimated); Machine guns - 4 (estimated); OPs - 2; Personnel (killed & wounded) 38; Prisoners - 26. 2nd platoon Company "C" attached 9th Infantry Regiment gave close fire support and anti-tank protection to the regiment's left flank. Two guns were in indirect fire position and fired six thousand seven hundred and ninety eight (6798) rounds 3" HE in harassing fires on Prum, Germany. During period 23 October to 12 December 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion (less Company "A" and 1st and 2nd Rec platoons) was attached to 2d Infantry Division Artillery. Company "B" supported 23rd Infantry from AT positions and provided protection from mechanized attack. Company "C" (less 2nd platoon) supported 38th Infantry Regiment and provided AT protection for the regiment's left flank. Company "C" fired 140 pounds HE and 20 rounds APG at pillboxes and machine gun nests in the Siegfried Line. 2nd platoon of Company "C" provided AT protection for the 9th Infantry Regiment's left flank. Company "A" (with 1st and 2nd Rec platoons attached) was attached to Task Force "X" and held defensive sector vicinity of Landrefeld, Belgium in an infantry role and captured 12 prisoners of war.

- (1) Weilerscheid Offensive - 13 to 16 December 1944.  
Enemy - Enemy position around RJ at 001124 consists of at least 3 concrete pillboxes. At least one of these contains an 82mm gun. AT ditch extends from K99851215 to F00101220. On north side of ditch is a belt of barbed wire concertinas, 30 yards in depth, covered by fire from the pillboxes mentioned above. South of the AT ditch numerous AP mines are scattered throughout woods. No tanks were observed during the period. The terrain in this region is characterized by heavily wooded areas, few roads, precipitous valleys with rapid flowing streams and few inhabited localities.

Action - Company "A" was attached to R.C.T. #9 and moved to Hofen, Germany to support the attack of the 9th Infantry Regiment with direct fire on Rohren, Germany. At 0530 hours 16 December the enemy attacked Hofen and succeeded in penetrating our infantry lines and threatened 3rd platoon Company "A". The enemy was driven off by vigorous counterattacks by Company "A" and our lines were restored. Eighteen (18)



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prisoners of war were taken by 3rd platoon Company "A" and three (3) prisoners were captured by 1st platoon Company "A". On 16 December Company "B" was attached to C.T. 23 for a mission outside Corps boundary. Remainder of Battalion was in 2d Division Reserve.

(j) Roorath - Krinkelt - Wirtzfeld Defensive - 17 to 19 December 1944.

Enemy - Enemy capabilities are as follows:

(1) Attack to N and NW at Krinkelt, to NW toward Wirtzfeld and to N at Bullingen, to secure uninterrupted use of Murringen-Bullingen road. (2) Continue to exploit breakthrough while holding open the corridor with heavy pressure on the hinge of Krinkelt-Roorath. Large numbers of tanks were reported during the battle, but none were encountered by this battalion. The terrain is open and rolling with heavy woods to the east and north.

Action - On 17 December Company "B" (with 1st Ron platoon attached) was detached from C.T. 23 and attached to 99th Infantry Division, moving to the vicinity of Honsfeld, Belgium, taking up positions of readiness. An attack from the southeast by enemy tanks and armored infantry resulted in two (2) self-propelled anti-tank guns being knocked out by 2nd platoon of Company "B", before both platoons were overrun by enemy infantry. 1st Ron platoon, Headquarters Company, knocked out three (3) enemy scout cars or half-tracks before being surrounded and cut off by the enemy. At 1000 hours this same day Company "C" (with 2nd Ron platoon attached) was placed in direct support of the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, and provided anti-tank protection to the regiment from positions southeast of Butgenbach, Belgium. At 1200 hours 17 December 1944 Company "A" was relieved from attachment to RCT #9 and was attached to the 3rd Battalion, 395th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division to furnish direct fire support and anti-mechanized protection. The maintenance platoon and Headquarters Section, Headquarters Company, and remnants of Company "B" were



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attached to Task Force "Hoke" and took defensive positions south east of Berg, Belgium. On 19 December Company "C" (plus 2d Rec platoon) was relieved from the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division and placed in direct support of the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, and took up anti-tank positions on the ridge just east of Wirtzfeld. On this same date Company "A" on Hofen Ridge was again attacked by a strong enemy force. The enemy was driven off with heavy losses and the 1st platoon of Company "A" captured 11 prisoners of war.

(k) Risenborn Ridge Defensive - 20 to 31 December 1944.

Enemy - A large number of armored vehicles were reported during the period, but none were encountered by this battalion. The terrain in front of Companies "B" and "C" is open and rolling with the lake at Berg on the right flank. The terrain in front of Company "A" is more or less broken with wooded areas to the east.

Action - On 20 December 1944 the maintenance platoon and Headquarters section of Headquarters Company were relieved from Task Force "Hoke". Company "C" and the 3rd platoon of Company "B" were in direct support of the 38th Infantry Regiment. They provided anti-tank protection from positions east of Berg, Belgium. Company "A" on Hofen Ridge, attached to 3rd Battalion, 395th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, killed five (5) paratroopers and captured one (1). On 29 December 1944 Companies "A" and "B" were relieved from attachment and moved to an assembly position 2 miles east of Verviers, Belgium, for conversion to a self-propelled Tank Destroyer Battalion, equipped with M-18s. Company "C" maintained anti-tank positions east of Berg, Belgium. Company "C" was to remain in anti-tank positions until the conversion of Company "A" was completed, at which time Company "C" would be relieved by Company "A" so that Company "C" might be converted.

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- h. Commanding officers in important engagements.
- (1) Battalion Commander - This battalion was under the command of Lt. Col. Joseph M. Doeley, O-267563, during the entire period.
  - (2) Headquarters Company - Headquarters Company was under the command of Captain John B. Myers, O-337357 from 1 January 1944 to 301515 December 1944 at which time Captain George W. Scott, O-1821922 assumed command.
  - (3) Reconnaissance Company - Reconnaissance Company, upon its activation under F/O 18-25 dated 15 March 1944, was commanded by 1st Lt. Sanford A. Johnson, O-1821873, who assumed command at 300001 December 1944.
  - (4) Company "A" - Company "A" was under the command of Captain Charles A. Harding, O-1285749 from 1 January 1944 to 2 August 1944, at which time he was reported as missing in action. On 30001 August 1944 1st Lt William S. Groff, Jr., O-1821857 assumed command, who continued in that capacity for the remainder of the period.
  - (5) Company "B" - Company "B" was under the command of Captain John J. Kennedy, O-386294, during the entire period.
  - (6) Company "C" - Company "C" was under the command of Captain Dick H. King, O-1821878, during the entire period, serving as 1st Lt. from 1 January 1944 to 14 September 1944, and as Captain from 14 September 1944 to 31 December 1944.
  - (7) Medical Detachment - Medical Detachment was under the command of Captain John P. Brennan, O-1684264, during the entire period.

i. Losses in action; officers and men.

- (1) Engagement.
  - (a) Cerisy Offensive - 11 June to 19 June 1944.  
Names - None.  
Killed - None.  
Wounded - None.  
Missing - None.  
Taken Prisoner - None.
  - (b) St. Germain d'Elle - St. Georges d'Elle - Le Parc Defensive, 20 June to 10 July 1944.  
Names - See MNU Roster attached.  
Killed - 1 enlisted man.  
Wounded - 1 enlisted man.  
Missing - None.  
Taken Prisoner - None.
  - (c) Hill 192 Offensive - 11 to 12 July 1944.  
Names - See MNU Roster attached.  
Killed - None.  
Wounded - 1 enlisted man.  
Missing - None.  
Taken Prisoner - None.

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- (d) St. Germain d'Elle - La Croix Rouge - Le Soulaires Defensive - 13 July to 25 July 1944.  
 Names - See MRU Roster attached.  
 Killed - 1 enlisted man.  
 Wounded - 6 enlisted men.  
 Missing - None.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.
- (e) Vire Offensive - 26 July to 7 August 1944.  
 Names - See MRU Roster attached.  
 Killed - None.  
 Wounded - 7 enlisted men.  
 Missing - 1 officer and 1 enlisted man.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.
- (f) Tinchebray Offensive - 8 August to 16 August 1944.  
 Names - See MRU Roster attached.  
 Killed - 1 enlisted man (died as a result of wounds).  
 Wounded - 5 enlisted men.  
 Missing - None.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.
- (g) Brest Offensive - 21 August to 16 September 1944.  
 Names - See MRU Roster attached.  
 Killed - None.  
 Wounded - 17 enlisted men.  
 Missing - None.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.
- (h) Sormecqiffel Defensive - 4 October to 12 December 1944.  
 Names - See MRU Roster attached.  
 Killed - 3 enlisted men.  
 Wounded - 7 enlisted men.  
 Missing - None.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.
- (i) Weilerscheid Offensive - 13 December to 16 December 1944.  
 Names - See MRU Roster attached.  
 Killed - None.  
 Wounded - 1 enlisted man.  
 Missing - None.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.
- (j) Rocherath - Krinkelt - Wirtzfeld Defensive - 17 December to 19 December 1944.  
 Names - See MRU Roster attached.  
 Killed - 1 enlisted man.  
 Wounded - 1 officer and 2 enlisted men.  
 Missing - 3 officers and 140 enlisted men.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.
- (k) Elsenborn Ridge Defensive - 20 December to 31 December 1944.

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Namos - See MEU Roster Attached.  
 Killed - 2 enlisted men (died as a result  
 of wounds).  
 Wounded - 12 enlisted men.  
 Missing - None.  
 Taken Prisoner - None.



J. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.

Name	Rank	ASN	Cam- paign*	Type Award	Authority	2d Inf Div
Armstrong, Charles E.	Sgt	34260321	(b)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 65 1 Aug 44
Bachorski, George R.	Pvt	16169691	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Barnoski, John	Pfc	23356266	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Barto, David O.	T/S	33416376	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
			(h)	Bronze Star	(Gal)	
Battles, Wofford J.	Sgt	36324735	(b)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 141 9 Dec 44
Bauer, Russell	Sgt	35305885	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Beals, Marcus L., Jr.	Pfc	31223519	(d)	Bronze Star	(Gal)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Beane, Albert B.	S/Sgt	20421256	(c)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Brannon, William H.	S/Sgt	20424309	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Breland, John S.	Sgt	34535636	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Brown, Lee W.	T/4	34536060	(b)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
BRUMER, GEORGE E.	1st Lt	01821819	(c)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Bryant, Morris N.	Pfc	34588508	(d)	Bronze Star	(Gal)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Butler, Edward L.	Pvt	20424628	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Gallery, Travis H.	Cpl	34501636	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
CHANDLER, RICHARD L.	1st Lt	01824135	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Christopher, Albert L.	Pvt	37322174	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Coone, William B.	Pfc	34501115	(c)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Cooper, Warren L.	Cpl	39308950	(b)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Devis, Chester E.	Sgt	35327315	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Dechant, Robert M.	Pfc	33485513	(c)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
DEALEY, JOSEPH M.	Lt Col	0267563	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 93 11 Aug 44
Defino, Joseph	S/Sgt	33170535	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
De Leon, Sam	Pvt	19098198	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Derrick, Cletus B.	Pfc	34389588	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Didlake, Tom W.	M/Sgt	20424437	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Denino, William	Sgt	33153680	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Dreggors, Ansel N.	Pvt	34535560	(c)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Sernest, Claud M.	Pfc	34501574	(c)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Eastham, John	S/Sgt	15114427	(e)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
EDDY, WILLIAM M.	2nd Lt	01825527	(c)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Farley, Robert L.	Pfc	34588571	(d)	Bronze Star	(Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
			(e)	Bronze Star	(Gal)	
HARRINGTON, EDWARD H.	1st Lt	01824296	(e)	Bronze Star	(OLC)	GO 96 16 Aug 44
					(Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44

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Name	Rank	ASN	Camp- aign*	Type Award	Authority
Fausnet, Franklin G.	S/Sgt	14073678	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	2d Inf Div
Fie, Francis T.	Pfc	33485534	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Finnigan, Raymond K.	Pfc	35336198	(b)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 65 1 Aug 44
Finuff, Ocie L.	Cpl	33536122	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Flynn, Leonard P.	Pvt	11047708	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Gallian, Virgil E.	Pvt	35001011	(f)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Gallman, William L.	Pfc	34579101	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Geary, Herman W.	Pvt	39839626	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Gerny, Stephen F.	T/5	33485408	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
GRANDY, LAURENS B.	1st Lt	01824302	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
GRIBBIN, WILLIAM J.	1st Lt	01824304	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
GROFF, WILLIAM S., JR.	1st Lt	01821857	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Gross, Mathias	Pvt	35351319	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Gunter, Farmer R.	Pfc	34248836	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Gustavson, Roy C.	S/Sgt	34535734	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Haggard, Andrew J.	Pfc	34535595	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Hall, John H.	S/Sgt	33172104	(f)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Hall, John W.	Pvt	39156094	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Hambrick, Harris W.	T/4	34019106	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
HARDING, CHARLES A.	Capt	01285749	(d)	Bronze Star (Gal)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
			(e)	Bronze Star (Gal)	(OLC) GO 107 18 Sep 44
Hardy, Ben I.	Sgt	34535324	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Hartwick, Casimir L.	Pvt	35327032	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Hayes, Francis C.	Sgt	34586853	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Hengel, Derek J.	Pfc	33172268	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Hensley, Reevy C.	Pvt	34187110	(h)	Bronze Star (Gal)	GO 141 9 Dec 44
Hinson, Eric S.	Cpl	34535916	(b)	Bronze Star (Gal)	GO 96 16 Aug 44
Hirsch, Lester P.	Pvt	32630245	(f)	Soldiers Medal	GO 111 23 Sep 44
Hubler, Raymond W.	Pvt	34536137	(e)	Bronze Star (Gal)	GO 141 9 Dec 44
Huttoo, Charles O., Jr.	Sgt	34535649	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Ira, Alfred L.	Pfc	37537213	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Johnson, Dessie	Pvt	34578403	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
KENNEDY, JOHN J.	Capt	0388294	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Kennedy, Edmond L.	Pfc	37152781	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Kelsce, John H.	T/Sgt	20421252	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
KING, DICK H.	1st Lt	01821878	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Lewis, Ernest G.	Pvt	16170356	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Mallon, Bernard J.	Pvt	32715031	(c)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
MANN, CHARLES R.	1st Lt	01821890	(f)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Martin, Nelson P., Jr.	T/5	34501944	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Mauritz, Herbert W.	S/Sgt	37270796	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 85 1 Aug 44
Merlo, Pete	Sgt	33018569	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 61 20 Jul 44
Souchette, George B.	Cpl	34588584	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
TYERS, JOHN B.	Capt	0337357	(f)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Island, Rufus H.	Pvt	34021353	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Malley, Robert J.	Pfc	35501336	(f)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
Wesley, Homer	Sgt	35354771	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
Wens, William A.	Pvt	36175092	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
Anik, George M.	Pvt	35336072	(e)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 95 15 Aug 44
arker, Foster	Pvt	34138916	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44
arker, Thomas H.	Pvt	34588819	(b)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 77 25 Jul 44
arrish, John B.	1st Sgt	20421260	(d)	Bronze Star (Mer)	GO 92 8 Aug 44

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Name	Rank	ASN	Camp- aign*	Type Award	Authority
Bate, Linuel T.	S/Sgt	34021676	(c)	Bronze Star	2d Inf Div Mer 00 61 20 Jul 44
Patterson, Elmer R.	Pvt	38282054	(b)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 85 1 Aug 44
Penuel, James D.	Sgt	34525049	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 77 25 Jul 44
Potter, Ervin G.	Pvt	34502208	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 61 20 Jul 44
Reed, James B.	Cpl	33485417	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 77 25 Jul 44
Reeves, Lester W.	Pfc	34578780	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
Robertson, Alan G.	S/Sgt	31089328	(e)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
Robincheck, Joseph	Cpl	32454640	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
Sanders, Damon M.	Sgt	35353826	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 61 20 Jul 44
Scarbrough, James H.	Sgt	34502311	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 61 20 Jul 44
SCOTT, GEORGE W.	Capt	01821922	(d)	Air Medal	Mer 00 138 1 Dec 44
Seaman, Levie D.	Pfc	35391892	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 77 25 Jul 44
Sedlak, John	Pvt	36228596	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 95 15 Aug 44
Sheaver, James E.	S/Sgt	35478317	(d)	Bronze Star	Cal 00 85 1 Aug 44
Showalter, Richard H.	Sgt	35355810	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 95 15 Aug 44
Smith, Charles W.	Pvt	35222122	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
Smith, Willis D.	Cpl	34500874	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 77 25 Jul 44
Tallas, Paul	Cpl	38126093	(e)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 95 15 Aug 44
Taylor, Maynard C.	S/Sgt	20451564	(e)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
			(e)	Bronze Star	Cal 00 107 18 Sep 44
Townsend, Charles W.	Sgt	34535885	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 61 20 Jul 44
Tyndall, Roger P.	Pfc	34179157	(e)	Bronze Star	Cal 00 140 7 Dec 44
Vance, Kendall G.	Pvt	34500824	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
Vickers, William	Pfc	32251203	(b)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 85 1 Aug 44
Yosburg, John F.	Pvt	37153212	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 85 1 Aug 44
Webb, Kenneth E.	Pfc	15339054	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
Weisgerber, Alex	Cpl	37152865	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 61 20 Jul 44
Whitaker, Felix K.	T/5	34501210	(e)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 85 1 Aug 44
Williams, Herbert E.	Pfc	34501338	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 85 1 Aug 44
Wilson, Aaron H.	Pfc	34501857	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 77 25 Jul 44
Wilson, John E.	Pfc	19203115	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 61 20 Jul 44
Wilson, Billy F.	S/Sgt	38049477	(e)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 85 1 Aug 44
Woodall, Morris	T/5	34536515	(c)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44
Yaneey, George W., Jr.	S/Sgt	38132438	(d)	Bronze Star	Mer 00 92 3 Aug 44

\*The campaigns indicated refer to those engagements enumerated in paragraph I (1) above. These engagements have not been officially recognized as such by the War Department but have been so named by this organization for the sake of convenience.

k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events.  
None.

## l. Miscellaneous.

On 20 November 1944 Company "D", 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion received a Unit Citation from the Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division, for its outstanding performance of duty during the campaign for Brest, France.

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4 Incls:

- Incl #1 - Letter Headquarters First United States Army, dated 28 December 1944, Subject: "Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Battalion". (Referred to in paragraph b (1)).
- Incl #2 - HKU Roster of Battle Casualties 612th TD Bn. (Referred to in paragraph 1)
- Incl #3 - General Orders, Headquarters 2d Infantry Division, Numbers 61, 77, 85, 92, 93, 95, 96, 107, 111, 138, 140, 141 dated 20 July, 25 July, 1 August, 3 August, 11 August, 15 August, 16 August, 13 September, 23 September, 1 December, 7 December and 9 December, 1944, respectively. (Referred to in paragraph 3).
- Incl #4 - Letter Headquarters 2d Infantry Division, dated 15 November 1944, Subject: "Commendation for Company "B", 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion". (Referred to in paragraph 1).

