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HEADQUARTERS
612th TANK DESTROYER
Battalion

APO 403, U.S. Army
2 September 1945

SUBJECT: History of 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion for Month
of August 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XXII Corps, APO 250, U.S. Army.
(THRU Channels)

- a. Original Unit.
Completed.
- b. Changes in Organization.
None.
- c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
 - (1) At beginning of period - 26 officers, 1 warrant officer, and 518 enlisted men.
 - (2) At end of Period - 11 Officers, 1 warrant officer, and 380 enlisted men.
 - (3) Net change - Decrease of 16 officers and 138 enlisted men.
- d. Stations (parmanent or temporary) of unit.
No change.
- e. Marches.
None.
- f. Campaigns.
None.
- g. Battles.
None.
- h. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.
Lt Col Jos. M. Deeley, O 267 563, was reld fr asgmt and asgd to reception station No. 7 Fort Sheridan, Ill. on 20 August 1945, at which time Major James B. Kemp, O 397 820, assumed command.
Capt Joe I. Elliott, O1 822 253, Hq Co Comdr reld fr asgmt and asgd to 6th Armd Div on 6 Aug 45 and was placed on DS with the 8th Armd Div and atchmt to this orgn. On 18 Aug 45 he was reld fr atdmt to Hq Co and atchd to Bn Hq, at which time 1st Lt Lowell E. Sturupp, O1 822 646, assumed command of Hq Co. Lt Lowell E. Sturupp, O1 822 646, was trfd to the 146th Engr Bn on 31 Aug 45, at which time 2nd Lt Leonard H. Trimpe, O2 008 564, assumed command of Hq Co.



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Capt Sanford A. Johnson, OI 821 873, Rcn Co Comdr was trfd to the 6th Armd Div on 6 Aug 45 and was placed on DS with the 8th Armd Div and atchd to this orgn. He was rel'd of command of Rcn Co on 15 Aug 45 and asgd to Bn Hq. On this same date 1st Lt Kenneth P. Bragdon, O 382 868, assumed command of Rcn Co.

Capt William S. Groff, OI 821 857, Co "A" Comdr was rel'd fr asgmt and atchd to Bn Hq on 18 Aug 45, at which time 1st Lt William H. Brannon, OI 998 453, assumed command of Co "A".

Capt John J. Kennedy, O 388 294, Co "B" Comdr was rel'd fr asgmt and asgd to 6th Armd Div, was placed on DS with the 8th Armd Div and atchd to this orgn on 6 Aug 45. Capt John J. Kennedy, O 388 294, was rel'd fr atchmt to Co "B" and atchd to Bn Hq on 18 Aug 45, at which time 1st Lt Edward W. Deddens, OI 822 118, assumed command of Co "B". Capt Dick H. King, OI 821 878, Co "C" Comdr was rel'd fr asgmt and asgd to 6th Armd Div, was placed on DS with the 8th Armd Div and atchd to this orgn on 6 Aug 45. Capt Dick H. King, OI 821 878, was rel'd fr atchmt to Co "C" and atchd to Bn Hq on 18 Aug 45, at which time 1st Lt Russell A. Dotson, OI 017 004, assumed command of Co "C".

i. Losses in Action: Officers and Men.
None.

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

(1) Bronze Star (Heroic Achievement)

Sgt William T. Camper, 20 451 516, GO 95, Hq 8th Armd Div, 7 Sept 45.
Sgt John J. Gesell, 32 300 927, GO 95, Hq 8th Armd Div, 7 Sept 45.
Tec 5 Bennie L. Fisher, 34 587 526, GO 95, Hq 8th Armd Div, 7 Sept 45.
Pfc Ernest J. Letourneau, 31 081 195, GO 95, Hq 8th Armd Div, 7 Sept 45.

(2) Bronze Star (Meritorious Service)

1st Lt Russel A. Dotson, OI 017 004, GO 91, Hq 8th Armd Div, 22 Aug 45.

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

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