

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
Residio of San Francisco, California

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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1. a. Pursuant to authority contained in War Department letter, AG 320.2 (11-17-41) MR-M-C, dated December 3, 1941, the Infantry Anti-tank Battalions listed below are redesignated Tank Destroyer Battalions, effective December 15, 1941, with station and attachment as indicated:

<u>OLD DESIGNATION</u>	<u>NEW DESIGNATION</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>ATTACHMENT</u>
99th Inf AT Bn	899th TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash	IX A.C.
103d Inf AT Bn	803rd TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash	IX A.C.

b. Instructions for the reorganization of these units are covered by separate correspondence.

2. a. Pursuant to authority contained in War Department letter, AG 320.2 (11-17-41) MR-M-C, dated December 3, 1941, the following Tank Destroyer Battalions are activated effective December 15, 1941, with station and attachment as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERMANENT STATION</u>	<u>ATTACHMENT</u>
603rd TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.	3rd Div
607th TD Bn	Ft. Ord, Calif.	7th Div
640th TD Bn	Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.	40th Div
641st TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.	41st Div
776th TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.	IX A.C.
826th TD Bn	Camp Roberts, Calif.	III A.C.

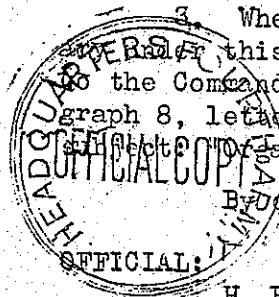
b. Instructions for the organization of these units are covered by separate correspondence.

3. Where movement of personnel or equipment is necessary under this order, request for travel orders will be made to the Commanding General, Ninth Corps Area pursuant to paragraph 8, letter AG 320.2 (11-17-41) MR-M-C, December 3, 1941, subject: "Organization of Tank Destroyer Battalions".

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ORGANIZATION OF TANK DESTROYER BATTALIONS

	<u>Source Unit (s)</u>		
	<u>Item 3</u>	<u>Item 23</u>	<u>Item 36</u>
	<u>3d Div</u>	<u>41st Div</u>	<u>76th FA Brig</u>
New Unit	603d TD Bn	641st TD Bn	776th TD Bn
Assigned to (Arm).....	FA	FA	FA
Organized Per T/O No.....	18-15	18-15	18-25
Initial Strength:			
TD Bn - Off	16	24	28
TD Bn - EM	276	238	567
Attchd Med - Off	1	1	2
Attchd Med - EM	8	8	12
Permanent Station	Ft. Lewis, Wash.	Ft. Lewis, Wash.	Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo.
To be Activated By	CG Fourth Army	CG Fourth Army	CG Fourth Army
Priority for Distribution of Controlled Items of Equipment	A-8; 1 <u>a</u>	A-14, 2 <u>a</u>	B-123, <u>a</u>
Remarks	a, x, q	f, x, s	i, u

REMARKS

a. To be activated less the pioneer company and one tank destroyer company. As a guide, the reduced strength may be apportioned within each battalion as follows: Hq & Hq Co (T/O 18-16): 6 Off, 52 EM; Cos A & B (T/O 18-17), ea: 5 Off, 112 EM.

f. To be activated less pioneer company and one destroyer company, As a guide, reduced strength may be apportioned within the battalion as follows: Hq & Hq Co (T/O 18-16) 6 Off, 36 EM; Cos A & B (T/O 18-17) ea: 5 Off, 102 EM. AT elements of 148th FA (less 1st Battalion) and of the 218th FA (less 2d Battalion) will not be inactivated or transferred at this time.

i. To be activated less one destroyer company.

q. Med det will be formed by transfer from FA Med Dets as follows:

From ea light bn: 1 Pvt 1 cl.

From ea medium bn: 1 Corp.

From Hq Sec: 1 Sgt, 3 Pvts.

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s. Med det will be formed by transfer from FA Med Dets as follows:
From light regt: 1 Sgt, 1 Corp, 1 Pvt 1 cl.
From light regt (less 1 bn): 2 Pvs, 1 cl.
From medium regt (less 1 bn): 3 Pvs.

u. Med det will be formed by transfer from FA Med Dets as follows:
From ea howitzer regt: 1 Corp, 1 Pvt 1 cl, 2 Pvs.
From gun regt: 1 Sgt, 2 Pvs 1 cl, 1 Pvt.

x. The reduced strength makes available a battalion (less pioneer company and one destroyer company) with a Hq Co at reduced strength and with destroyer companies less security sections. For training purposes an engineer company and an infantry rifle company may be attached to the battalion to substitute for missing elements.

