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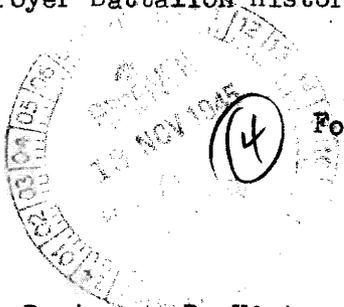
HEADQUARTERS
643d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
CAMP SA N LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

6 November 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of 643d Tank Destroyer Battalion History.

TO : Historical Section, Army War College, Washington, 25, D.C.
(thru: channels)

In compliance with paragraph d(4), Section II, Memorandum Number 5, Headquarters, VII Corps, Fort Ord, California dated 27 September 1945, the 643d Tank Destroyer Battalion History is transmitted herewith.



For the Battalion Commanding Officer:

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Personnel Officer.

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643D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION HISTORY

a. Original Unit.

- (1). 43rd Infantry Division Anti-Tank Battalion (Prov) designated the 643d TD Bn (LT) per letter from AGO, file AG 320.2 (11-17-41) dated 3 December 1941
- (2). 643d TD Bn activated on 15 December 1941.
- (3). 643d TD Bn activated at Camp Blanding, Florida.
- (4). Authority for organization WD letter, date unknown.
- (5). Personnel was obtained from units of the 68th Field Artillery Brigade and additional surplus personnel of the Division Artillery upon triangularization of the 43rd Division.
- (6) 643d TD Bn Inactivated on 7 November 1945 per Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, Fort Ord, California dated 20 October 1945 file 326 GANCT, subject: Inactivation of Surplus Units.

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b. Changes in Organization (Reorganization and T/O)

- (1). 11 February 1942, Pioneer Company activated. T/O 18-18, per GO #3, Hq 643d TD Bn dated 11 February 1942.
- (2). 28 July 1942, Pioneer Company redesignated Reconnaissance Company. T/O 18-18, per GO # 9, Hq 643d TD Bn, dated 28 July 1942.
- (3). 29 July 1942, 643d TD Bn redesignated Heavy TD Bn by VCCG, 43rd Infantry Division, confirmed by GO # 25, 43rd Inf Div, dated 6 August 1942.
- (4). 14 August 1942, 643d TD Bn redesignated Heavy SP TD Bn, per GO # 89, Hq 3rd Army, dated 14 August 1942.
- (5). 19 May 1943 643d TD Bn reorganized in accordance with T/O 18-35 per GO # 28, Hq 8th Inf Div, dated 5 May 1943.
- (6). 13 December 1943 643d TD Bn reorganized as Towed Tank Destroyer Bn per letter: AGF 321/24 dated 5 December 1943, in accordance with T/O 18-35.
- (7). 20 December 1943, Reconnaissance Company, 643d TD Bn, disbanded, PAC Letter 3rd Army, dated 14 December 1943, AG 320.2.
- (8). 26 May 1944, Medical Detachment, 643d TD Bn, changed to comply with Changes # 1 to T/O 18-35.
- (9). 22 February 1945, 643d TD Bn redesignated Self-Propelled TD Bn, per Organization Order #95, Hq ETO, APO 887, U. S. Army, file AG 322 OpGC dated 13 December 1944. Reorganized in accordance with T/O & E 18-25, dated 15 March 1944. Authorized strength 35 Off, 2 WO, 607 EM.
- (10). 22 February 1945, Reconnaissance Company, 643d TD Bn activated under T/O & E 18-28, dated 15 March 1944 per GO #2, Hq 643d TD Bn dated 22 February 1945.
- (11) 7 November 1945, 643d Tank Destroyer Battalion, inactivated per Letter, Headquarters, VII Corps, Ford Ord, California, dated 20 October 1945, file 326 GMMCT, subject: "Inactivation of Surplus Units".

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b. Attachments.

- (1). 15 December 1941, 643d TD Bn attached to 43rd Infantry Division.
- (2). 1 September 1942, 643d TD Bn relieved from attachment to the 43rd Infantry Division and attached to IV Corps for administration and training, per GO # 98, Hq, 3rd Army, dated 1 September 1942.
- (3). 11 November 1942, 643d TD Bn attached 1st Hq & Hq Detachment Special Troops, 3rd Army for administration and training, per GO # 120, dated 12 November 1942.
- (4). 13 December 1943, 643d TD Bn attached to AUTC, Camp Hood, Texas for administration and training

Under jurisdiction of Desert Training Center

- (5). 13 April, 1943, 643d TD Bn attached to 5th TD Gp for training and tactical control, per SO # 90, Hq, Desert Training Center, dated 13 April 1943.
- (6). 17 April 1943, 643d TD Bn attached to 8th Motorized Division, per SO # 94, Hq Desert Training Center, dated 17 April 1943.
- (7). 29 May 1943, 643d TD Bn attached to 5th TD GP, for training and tactical control, per GO #31, Hq 8th Motorized Division, dated 29 May 1943.
- (8). 7 June 1943, 643d TD Bn, relieved of attachment to 8th Motorized Division and attached to 4th Hq Special Troops, Desert Training Center, per SO #134, Hq, Desert Training Center, dated 3 June 1943.
- (9). 21 August 1943, 643d TD Bn, relieved from attachment 4th Hq, and Hq Detachment Special Troops, Desert Training Center, and attached 5th TD Gp, per SO # 202, Hq, Desert Training Center, dated August 21, 1943

Left Desert Training Center 24 November 1943

- (10). 26 November 1943, 643d TD Bn, assigned to X Corps, per SO # 135, Hq, 3rd Army, dated 22 November 1943.
- (11). 30 December 1943, 643d TD Bn attached Hq & Hq Co, 11th TD Gp, per GO # 24, Hq XVIII Corps, dated 30 December 1943.
- (12). 7 January 1944, 643d TD Bn relieved of assignment to X Corps and assignment 3rd Army and attachment XVIII Corps, per letter: Hq, 3rd Army, dated 2 January 1944, file AG 320.2.

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b. Attachments (Cont.)

- (13). 12 February 643d TD Bn, assigned to XVI Corps, 2nd Army, per letter: Hq 3rd Army dated, 20 January 1944, AG 320,2.
- (14). 12 February 1944, 643d TD Bn, attached to 11th TD Gp, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.(no order issued).
- (15). 23 March 1944, 643d TD Bn, attached to 15th TD Gp, Cp Gruber, Oklahoma, per SO # 56, Hq XVI Corps, dated 23 March 1944.
- (16). 16 July 1944, 643d TD Bn, attached to XXXVI Corps.
- (17). 15 September 1944, 643d TD Bn, assigned to Ninth Army, APO 339, per Ltr, Hq, ETO, file AG 322. Op GC, dtd 18 August 1944
- (18). 26 September 1944, 643d TD Bn, relieved from assignment Ninth Army per Secret TWX III Corps, APO #303, dated 10 Oct 1944.
- (19). 26 September 1944, 643d TD Bn, assigned to European Theater of Operations per par 30, Troops Assignment Order #127, ETO, APO 887, dated 26 Sept 44.
- (20) 27 November 1944, 643d TD Bn, less 2 platoons Co A, and 2 Rcn platoons, Hq Co, assigned Advance Section, Communications Zone, atchd to Hq, Ground Force Replacement System, further atchd to 9th Repl Depot. Auth:par 38, Troop Asgmt Order #155, Hq ETO, dtd 4 Dec 44, per par 3 Troops Asgmt Order #32, dtd 11 Dec 44, Hq GFRS, APO 887, dtd 11 Dec 44.
- (21) 8 December,1944, Company A, less 2 platoons and 2 Rcn Platoons Hq Co, atchd to Det Hq, 6th Engr Special Brigade per Troop Assignment Order #54, Hq, Normandy Base Section, APO 562, dtd 8 Dec 44.
- (22) 643d TD Bn, 11 December 1944, less 2 Platoons Company A, and 2 Rcn Platoons Hq Co, atchd to Ground Force Replacement System, and further atchd to 9th Replacement Depot, eff 27 Nov 44, per par 38, Troop Assignment Order #155, Hq, ETO, dtd 4 Dec 44.
- (23) 20 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less 2 platoons A Co and 2 Rcn Platoons Hq Co, atchd to XVIII Corps per Par 6, Troop Assignment Order #150 dtd 21 Dec 1944, Hq First U.S. Army
- (24) 20 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less 2 Platoons Co A, and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, relvd from atachment to GFRS, per par 4, Troop Asgmt Order #152 Hq, ETOUSA, dtd 23 Dec 44, is relvd from further asgmt to 9th Repl Depot, eff 20 Dec 44, per par 1, Troops Asgmt Orders #37, Hq GFRS, APO #887, dtd 27 Dec 1944.
- (25) ^(23 Dec 44) 2 Platoons Company A and 2 Rcn Platoons, Hq Co, 643d TD Bn rlvd fr atachment to 6th Engr Special Brigade, are atchd to 156th Inf Reg for Operations, Administration and Supply per par 1, Troop Asgmt Order #58, dtd and eff 22 Dec 44, Hq Normandy Base Section, CZ, ETO, APO 562
- (26) ^{643d TD Bn} 25 December 1944, less 2 Platoons Co A, and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, atchd to VII Corps and further atchd III Armored Div per par 12, Troop Asgmt

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B. Attachments (Cont.)

- (26) (Cont'd) Order #53, dated 28 Dec 44, Hq VII Corps, APO #307, U.S. Army
- (27) 25 December 1944, 643d Tank Destroyer Bn, less 2 Platoons A Co and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, relvd of atchmt XVIII Corps, asgd to VII Corps per par 15, Troop Asgmt Order #152, dated and eff 25 Dec 44. Hq First U. S. Army, APO 230.
- (28) 31 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less 2 platoons A Co and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, asgd to Advance Section Communications Zone, atchd First U.S. Army, APO 230, per Par 1, Troop Assignment Order #144, dated 31 December 1944, eff 25 Dec 1944, Hq 12th Army Group, APO 655.
- (29) 643d TD Bn, less 2 Platoons Co A and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, asgd to Advance Section, Communications Zone, relvd of atchmt to VII Corps and atchd to XVIII Corps per par 11, Troop asgmt order # 1, dtd and eff 1 Jan 45, Hq, First U. S. Army, APO 230.
- (30) 643d TD Bn, (T), less 2 Rcn Platoons and Company A, less 2 Gun Plts. asgd to ETO. Relieved fr attachment Advance Section. Attached Twelfth Army Gp for Operations and Oise Section for Supply and Administration. 2 Rcn Platoons and Company A less 2 Gun platoons remain attached to Normandy Base Section, per par 3, Troop Assignment #164, Hq, ETO, dtd 25 Dec 44.
- (31) Detachment, 643d TD Bn (T), consisting of 2 Rcn Plts, ~~EM~~ Hq Co, and Company A less 2 Gun platoons, asgd to ETO, is relieved from attachment Normandy Base Section, attached to 12th Army Group, per par 3 Troop Assignment #3, Hq, ETO, dtd 5 Jan 1945.
- (32) 643d TD Bn (T) 2 Rcn Platoons Hq Co, Company A, less 2 Gun platoons, atchd to First U. S. Army (formerly atchd to Normandy Base Section) remains asgd to ETOUSA, per par 4, Troop Assgmrnt #8, Hq 12 Army Group, dated 9 Jan 1945.
- (33) 643d TD Bn (T) relieved fr attachment VII Corps, eff 0010800 A, January 1945, per Par 7, Troop Assignment #1, Hq VII Corps. dated 4 January 1945.
- (34) 643d TD Bn, further attached to 82nd Airborne Division for operations only, eff 3 Jan 1945 per VOCC, XVIII Corps.
- (35) 643d TD Bn, 11 January 1945, relieved from attached to 82nd Airborne Division for operations, reverted to XVIII Corps Reserve per VOCC XVIII Corps.
- (36) Company A, attached to 106th Inf Div, on 11 Jan 45 ~~for~~ operations, per VOCC XVIII Corps.
- (37) Company A, relieved from attached to 106th Inf Div, 19 Jan 45, per VOCC XVIII Corps. One gun platoon, remained attached to 30 Inf Div. (Relieved 20 January 1945).
- (38) 24 Jan 1945, Co B, atchd to 30 Inf Div for operations per VOCC XVIII Corps.

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B. Attachments (Contd)

- (39) 643d TD Bn less Co B, attached to 82nd Airborne Division for operations, per VOCC XVIII Corps., 25 January 1945
- (40) Company B, 643d TD Bn, relieved fr attached to 30 Inf Div, 29 Jan 45, attached to 82nd Airborne Div for operations 29 Jan 45, per VOCC XVIII Corps.
- (41) 643d TD Bn relieved from attachment 82nd Airborne Division, attached to XVIII Corps, per VOCC XVIII Corps, 2 February 1945.
- (42) 643d TD Bn, 3 Feb 45, relieved fr attachment XVIII Corps, attached to 83rd Inf Div Artillery, per VOCC XVIII Corps.
- (43) 643d TD Bn, 3 Feb 45, relieved fr attachment First U. S. Army, attached to Ninth U. S. Army per par 1, Troop Assignment 30, Hq 12th Army Group, dtd 5 February 1945.
- (44) Relieved from attachment from XVIII Corps Airborne, attached to XIX Corps, per VOCC U. S. Ninth Army, 3 February 1945.
- (45) 643d TD Bn, 7 Feb 45, relieved fr attachment 83rd Infantry Division Artillery, attached to 83rd Inf Div per VOCC 83rd Inf Div.
- (46a) 3 Feb 45, 643d TD Bn attached Ninth U. S. Army, XIX Corps and 83d Inf Div per VOCC 21st Army Group.
- (47) 9 Feb 45, 643d TD Bn relieved from assigned to European Theater of Operations United States Army, attached to Ninth U. S. Army and assigned to Ninth Army per Troop Assignment Number 34, Hq 12th Army Group, APO 655, U. S. Army, attachment to XIX Corps and 83d Inf Div remain unchanged.
- (48) 8 May, 1945, 643d TD Bn attached 453 AAA Bn by order of 83d Inf Div. and attached to XIII Corps.
- (49) 18 May, 1945, 643d TD Bn relieved from attachment to 453 AAA Bn and remains attached to 83d Infantry Division. VOCC 83d Inf Div.
TD Bn relieved from attachment
- (50) 27 May, 1945, 643d/83d Inf Div and attached to XIX Corps per TWX CG XIII Corps, dated 26 May 45, also relieved from attachment XIII Corps.
- (51) 26 June, 1945, 643d TD Bn relieved from attachment to XIX Corps per VOCC XIX Corps. Bn deaprted for United States.
- (52) 21 August 1945, 643d TD Bn assembled at Camp San Luis Obispo Calif after 30 days Rest Recuperation and Recovery - 619 EM 36 Officers. Assigned to XXXVI Corps per VOCC XXXVI Corps and atchd to 104th Inf Div for training only.
- (53) 1 September 1945, 643d TD Bn relieved from attachment to 104th Inf Div per VOCC XXXVI Corps still assigned to XXXVI Corps.
- (54) 16 September 1945, 643d TD Bn relieved of assignment to XXXVI Corps and assigned to VII Corps per ltr Hq VII Corps dated 16 Sept 1945 sub: Assignment of Units to VII Corps.

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c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

- (1). 395 EM assigned 643d TD Bn, 21 March 1942, per SO #68, Ft Devens, Mass, dated 21 March 1942.
- (2). 188 Enlisted Men assigned 643d TD Bn, 4 December 1942.
- (3). 13 Enlisted Men assigned 643d TD Bn from 706th TD Bn, per SO # 117, Hq 8th Inf Div, dated 2 June 1943.
- (4). 43 Enlisted Men assigned 643d TD Bn from 706th TD Bn, per SO #82 706th TD Bn, dated 26 June 1943.
- (5). 5 Enlisted Men transferred to 5th TD Gp from 643d TD Bn per SO # 72, 5th TD Gp, dated 26 November 1943. For overseas replacements
- (6). 165 Enlisted Men assigned 643d TD Bn from FARTC, Ft Bragg, NC, per SO # 294, dated 7 December 1943.
- (7). 155 Enlisted Men assigned 643d TD Bn from 609th TD Bn per SO # 102, 608th TD Bn, dated 18 December 1943.
- (8). 22 Enlisted Men transferred to 823rd TD Bn, from 643d TD Bn, per SO # 20, 11th TD GP, dated 7 February 1944. Enlisted Men for overseas replacements.
- (9). Monthly Strength Report starting 1 January 1944.

	<u>Officers</u>				<u>Enlisted Men</u>			
	First of Month	Joined	Trans.	End of Month	First of Month	Joined	Trans.	End of Month
Jan	43	2	2	43	815	18	6	827
Feb	43	1	11	33	827	4	33	798
Mar	33	1	0	34	798	20	8	810
Apr	34	3	3	34	810	2	29	781
May	34	3	4	33	781	12	8	785
Jun	33	0	0	33	785	2	27	760
Jul	33	4	4	33	760	0	2	758
Aug	33	0	2	31 & 2 WO	757	0	29	728
Sep	31	0	0	31 & 2 WO	728	0	6	722
Oct	31	0	0	31 & 2 WO	722	0	0	722
Nov	31	0	0	31 & 2 WO	722	0	0	720
Dec	31	1	0	32 & 2 WO	722	0	50	672

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c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(9) Monthly Strength Report starting 1 January 1945

	<u>Officers</u>			<u>Enlisted Men</u>			End of Month	
	First of Month	Joined	Trans	End of Month	First of Month	Joined		Trans
Jan	32	2	2	32 & 2 WO	718	1	81	638
Feb	32	4	2	34 & 2 WO	636	89	41	702
Mar	36	2	0	36 & 2 WO	702	1	66	632
Apr	36	0	2	34 & 2 WO	632	50	58	614
May	34	5	1	38 & 2 WO	614	32	5	651
June	40	0	3	37 & 1 WO	651	0	31	620
July	37	0	0	37 & 1 WO	620	0	0	620
Aug	37	1	0	38 & 1 WO	620	0	5	615
Sep	36	0	12	24 & 1 WO	614	0	124	490
Oct	11	0	6	5 & 1 WO	467	0	300	167
Nov	5	0	5	0 0	167	0	167	0

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c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted (cont.)

- (10) 643d TD Bn furnished a cadre consisting of 1 Officer and 18 Enlisted men for a new Tank Destroyer Battalion per SO 103, Par 3, Hq 85th Infantry Division, dated 17 September 1942.
- (11) 643d TD Bn furnished cadre consisting of 6 officers and 78 Enlisted men for the 672nd TD Bn to be activated o/a 19 June 1943, per par 5, So 85, Hq Tank Destroyer Center, dated 8 April 1943.
- (12) Thirteen (13) enlisted men transferred to 606th TD Bn, 12 Aug 1944, per par 5, Special Orders 159, 25th Hq Specail Troops, 2nd Army, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, dated 10 August 1944.
- (13) Six (6) enlisted men dropped from records as AWOL, prior to leaving for overseas destination. Auth: AR 615-300.
- (14) Two (2) enlisted men dropped from records to Detachment of Patients 167th General Hospital, November 1944
- (15) Fifty men dropped from records to hospitals in ETO. Three men killed in action, December 1944.
- (16) Sixty one men dropped from records to hospitals in ETO, three men killed in action and one man transferred in grade to the 75th Infantry Division, January 1945.
- (17) Twenty-three men dropped from records to hospitals in ETO, twenty-two men transferred to, other organizations, 1 man killed in action 89 reinforcements (EM) and 3 officers received.
- (18) Eight EM, 1 Officer killed in action, 20 EM missing in action, 16 EM wounded in action. 21 enlisted men dropped from rolls of organization to hospitals in ETO.
- (19) Eleven EM, 1 Officer killed in action, 25 EM wounded in action, 21 EM dropped from rolls of organization to hospitals in ETO.
- (20) 1 Officer returned to U, S., 5 EM dropped from rolls to hospitals in ETO, 4 Officers and 32 EM received as reinforcements.
- (21) 24 Officers and 124 EM transferred to Separation Center, Camp San Luis Obispo, California, September 1945.
- (22) 4 Officers, 286 EM trfd to Sep Point, CSLO, Calif, 16 EM to Sep Center, Ft MacArthur, Calif, October 1945
1 off.
- (23) 14 EM trfd to Sep Point, CSLO, Calif, 1 Off, 2 EM/Sep Center Ft MacArthur, Calif. 36 EM 36th Hq & Hq Det CSLO, Calif, 13 EM 665th FA Bn, CSLO, Calif, 4 Off, 1 WO, 135 EM to 104th Inf Division, CSLO, Calif. -- Bn inactivated 7 Nov 45.

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d. Change of Station, arrival and departures.

- (1). 643d TD Bn activated 15 December 1941 At Camp Blanding, Florida.
- (2). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Blanding Florida, 15 February 1942, by motor convoy, arrived Camp Shelby, Mississippi 17 February 1942.
- (3). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Shelby, Mississippi, 11 December 1942, by train, arrived Camp Hood, Texas 13 December 1942.
- (4). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Hood, Texas, 10 April 1943, by train, arrived Camp Ibis, California, 12 April 1943.
- (5). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Ibis, California, 1 May 1943, by motor convoy, arrived Camp Laguna, Arizona, 1 May 1943.
- (6). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Laguna, Arizona, 24 November 1943, by train, arrived Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, 26 November 1943.
- (7). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, 2 January 1944, by motor convoy and train, arrived Camp Swift, Texas, 3 January 1944.
- (8). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Swift, Texas, 11 February 1944, by motor convoy and train, arrived Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, 12 February 1944.
- (9). 643d TD Bn Advance Detail departed Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, by train, 5 Aug 1944, arrived Fort Hamilton, New York, 8 Aug 1944 enroute overseas destination.
- (10). 643d TD Bn Advance Detail departed from NYPE by boat, 10 Aug 1944 arrived Glasgow, Scotland, 22 August 1944.
- (11). 643d TD Bn Advance Detail departed Glasgow Scotland, by train, 24 August 1944; arrived Bristol, England 24 Aug 1944.
- (12). 643d TD Bn Advance Detail departed Bristol, England by Motor Convoy 25 Aug 1944, arrived Warminster, England 25 August 1944.
- (13). 643d TD Bn Advance Detail departed Warminster England by train, 28 Aug 1944, arrived Southhampton, England 28 Aug 1944.
- (14). 643d TD Bn Advance Detail departed Southhampton England by boat 30 Aug 1944, arrived Utah Beach, France 31 Aug 1944.
- (15). 643d TD Bn Advance Detail departed Utah Beach France by Motor Convoy 1 Sept 1944; arrived Valognes, France 1 Sept 1944 (rejoined unit).
- (16). 643d TD Bn departed Camp Gruber, Oklahoma 24 Aug 1944 by Motor Convoy and train; arrived Camp Myles Standish, Mass, 26 Aug 1944.
- (17). 643d TD Bn departed from Camp Myles Standish by train 4 Sept 1944 arrived at POE Boston, Mass, 4 Sept 1944 enroute overseas, arrived Cherbourg, France 15 Sept 1944, ETOC Occupied bivouac area 2 miles Southeast of Valognes, France, 15 Sept 1944.

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Change of Station, arrivals and departures.

- (18) 15 November 1944, 643d TD Bn, departed Valognes Staging Area, France, by Motor convoy, arrived at Jullouville, France, 15 November 1944
- (19) 27 November 1944, 643d TD Bn, less 2 Platoons A Co, and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, departed Jullouville, France by motor convoy. Arrived Fontainebleau, France, 27 November 1944.
- (20) 19 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less 2 platoons A Co and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, departed Fontainebleau France by motor convoy. Arrived Fluery, France, 19 December 1944.
- (21) 20 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less 2 platoons A Co and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co, departed Fluery, France by motor convoy. Arrived, Manhay, Belgium, 22 December 1944.
- (22) 23 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less A,B, C, companies left Manhay, Belgium by motor convoy. Arrived at Noiseaux, Belgium 23 Dec 44.
- (23) 24 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less, A,B,C, companies left Noiseaux, Belgium by motor convoy. Arrived Ville Ste Gertrude Belgium 24 Dec 44.
- (24) 25 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less, A,B,C, companies left Ville Ste Gertrude by motor convoy. Arrived Tours Belgium, 25 December 1944
- (25) 26 December 1944, 643d TD Bn, less C Co, departed Tourts Belgium by Motor convoy. Arrived Les Avins, Belgium 26 Dec 44. A, B Co joined.
- (26) 2 January 1945, Departed Les Avins, Belgium by motor convoy, arrived Paradis, Belgium, 2 January 1945. All companies joined, less 2 Plts A Co, and 2 Rcn platoons Hq Co.
- (27) 2 Rcn Platoons Hq Co and Company A (2 gun platoons) departed Jullouville France, 6 January 1945; arrived Paradis, Belgium, 9 Jan 45.
- (28) 643d TD Bn departed Paradis Belgium, 14 January 1945 by motor convoy arrived Sart, Belgium on 14 January 1945.
- (29) 643d TD Bn departed Sart, Belgium, 17 January 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Andrimont, Belgium, 17 January 1945.
- (30) 643d TD Bn departed Andrimont, Belgium, 27 January 1945 by motor convoy, arrived Malmedy, Belgium 27 January 1945.
- (31) 643d TD Bn departed Malmedy, Belgium, 2 February 1945 by motor convoy arrived Deux, Rys, Belgiu, 2 February 1945.
- (32) 643d TD Bn departed Deux, -Rys, Belgium, 6 February 1945 by motor convoy arrived Neufchateau, Belgium, 7 February 1945.
- (33) 643d TD Bn, less B and C Co, departed Neufchateau, Belgium, 26 February 1945 by motor convoy, arrived Alsdorf, Germany, 26 February 1945.

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Change of Station, arrivals and departures.

- (34) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, and C Companies departed Alsdorf, Germany, 28 February 1945 by motor convoy, arrived Hasselsweiler, Germany, 28 February 1945.
- (35) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, C Companies ^{departed}/Hasselsweiler, Germany 4 March 1945 by motor convoy, arrived Neuss, Germany, 4 March 1945.
- (36) 643d TD Bn, moved from Neuss, Germany 21 March 1945, by motor convoy arrived Gangelt, Germany, 21 March 1945.
- (37) 643d TD Bn moved from Gangelt, Germany 26 March 1945 by motor convoy arrived Anrath, Germany 26 March 1945.
- (38) 643d TD Bn moved from Anrath, Germany, 29 March 1945, by motor convoy arrived Friedrichsfeld, German, 29 March 1945 (Crossed Rhine river 2200, 29 March 1945).
- (39) 643d TD Bn less Co B moved from Friedrichsfeld, Germany, 31 March 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Haltern, Germany, 31 March 1945.
- (40) 643d TD Bn less Co B and Co C moved from Haltern, Germany, 31 March 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Ludinghausen, Germany, 31 March 1945.
- (41) 643d TD Bn, less Co C moved from Ludinghausen, Germany 1 April 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Walstedde, Germany, 1 April 1945.
- (42) 643d TD Bn less A, B, and C Companies moved from Walstedde, Germany 1 April 1945 by motor convoy, arrived Beckum, Germany, 1 April 1945.
- (43) 643d TD Bn, less A, B and C Companies moved from Beckum, Germany, 3 April 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Delbruck, Germany 3 April 1945.
- (44) 643d TD Bn, less A, B and C Companies moved from Delbruck, Germany, 4 April 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Bad Lippspring, Germany 4 April 45.
- (45) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, and C Companies moved from Bad Lippspring, Germany 5 April 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Horn, Germany, 5 April 1945
- (46) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, and C Companies moved from Horn, Germany, 5 April 1945 by Motor Convoy, arrived Steinheim, Germany, 5 April 1945.
- (47) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, C Companies moved from Steinheim, Germany, 7 April, 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Elbrinzen, Germany, 7 April 1945.
- (48) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, C Companies moved from Elbrinzen, Germany, 8 April, 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Scharfoldendorf, Germany, 8 April 1945.
- (49) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, C Companies moved from Scharfoldendorf, Germany, 10 April, 1945, by motor convoy, arrived Gr Freden, Germany, 10 April 1945.
- (50) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, C Companies moved from Gr Freden, Germany, 10 April, 1945 by motor convey, arrived Langelsheim, Germany, 10 April 1945.
- (51) 643d TD Bn less A, B, C Companies moved from Langelsheim, Germany 11 April, 1945, by motor convey, arrived Heudeber, Germany, 11 April 1945.

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Change of Station, arrivals and departures.

- (52) 643d TD Bn, less A, B, C Companies, moved from Heudeber, Germany, 12 April, 1945, by motor convey, arrived Cochstedt, Germany, 12 April 1945.
- (53) 643d TD Bn less A, B, C Companies moved from Cochstedt, Germany, 13 April, 1945 by motor convey, arrived Calbe, Germany, 13 April 1945.
- (54) 643d TD Bn moved from Calbe, Germany, 6 May, 1945 by motor convey, arrived Braunlage, Germany, 6 May, 1945.
- (55) 643d TD Bn moved from Braunlage, Germany, 19 May, 1945 by motor convey arrived Vienenburg, Germany, 19 May, 1945.
- (56) 643d TD Bn moved from Vienenburg, Germany, 28 May, 1945 by motor convey arrived in Borsdorf, Germany, 28 May, 1945.
- (57) 643d TD Bn, less 392 EM & Off, moved from Borsdorf, Germany by motor convey, 15 June, 1945. 392 EM & Off, departed by rail from Bad Naudheim, Germany, 15 June, 1945. All arrived Camp Lucky Strike, vicinity Le Harve, France, 17 June 1945.
- (58) 26 June 1945, 643d TD Bn departed for United States from Le Harve, France on SS Sea Robin, with 36 Officers and 620 Enlisted Men.
- (59) 5 July 1945, 643d TD Bn arrived at Hampden Roads, Virginia with 36 Officers and 620 EM. Bn then separated at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, men sent to Separation Centers for 30 day Rest Recuperation and Recovery furloughs.
- (60) 21 August 1945, 643d TD Bn assembled at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. 36 Officers, 619 EM present.

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E. Maneuvers and Marches.

- (1) Louisiana Maneuvers -- 14 September 1942 to 11 November 1942
- (2) Desert Maneuvers -- 27 June 1943 to 18 July 1943
- Desert Maneuvers -- 10 September 1943 to 18 September 1943.

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g. Battles

- (1) 22 - 26 December 44-- B Company, 643d TD Bn committed to action and engaged in battle at Soy, Belgium (atchd Howze combat command)
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| Losses: | Killed: 1 | Prisoners of War: 0 |
| | Wounded: 4 | Prisoners taken: 0 |
| | Missing: 1 | |
- (2) 22 - 25 December 1944: 2nd and ~~3rd~~ Platoons, Company A, 643d TD Bn, committed to action and engaged in battle at Manhay, Belgium (atchd Third Armored Division Artillery)
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| | Killed: 1 | Prisoners of War: 0 |
| | Wounded: 2 | Prisoners taken: 0 |
| | Missing: 20 | |
- (3) 22 - 26 December 1944: 3rd platoon, Company A, committed to action and engaged in battle at Freyeaux, Belgium (atchd to Combat command K)
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|--|-------------|---------------------|
| | Killed: 1 | Prisoners of War: 0 |
| | Wounded: 2 | Prisoners taken: 0 |
| | Missing: 20 | |
- (4) 22 - 31 December 1944: Company C, 643d TD Bn committed to action and engaged in battle near Marche, Belgium (attached to combat command A)
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| | Killed: 0 | Prisoners of War: 0 |
| | Wounded: 2 | Prisoners taken: 0 |
| | Missing: 1 | |
- (5) 3 - 11 January 1945: B and C Companies employed in assisting 82nd Airborne Division (Advance) near Haute-Bodeux.
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| | Killed: 2 | Prisoners of War: 0 |
| Wounded : | 19 | Prisoners Taken ; 0 |
| Missing: | 0 | |
- (6) 11 -19 January 1945, A Co committed to action with 106th Inf Div in vicinity of Derriere, Spai, Belgium.
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| | Died: 1 | Prisoners of War: 0 |
| | Wounded: 7 | Prisoners Taken : 0 |
| | Missing: 0 | |
- 1 Gun platoon remained with 30 Inf Div (Relieved 20 Jan 45).
- (7) Battalion, less Co b, 25 Jan 45 committed to action with 82nd Airborne Division, vicinity Nieder Emmeis, Belgium.
- (8) 24 Jan, Company B, committed to action, atchd to 30th Inf Div. Took up positions in Didenberg, Belgium.
29 Jan, Company B, relieved from 30 Inf Div, attached to 82nd Airborne moved to Medell, Belgium.
- (9) 643d TD Bn relieved from 82nd Airborne, Division, XVIII Corps.

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g. Battles

- (10) 1 Feb 1945, A, B, C Companies still in action, atchd 82nd Airborne Division. A Co in battle at Wereth, Belgium, B and C Companies at Medell, Belgium. Advance CP at Medell Belgium. Rear CP at Malmedy, Belgium.
- (11) 3 February to 21 February 1945. Battalion rest Area. Places: Duex-Rys, and Neufchateau Belgium. Time spent cleaning material and training.
- (12) 22 February 1945, Committed to battle. Alert Instructions and the order to move forward was received. A Co attached to 329th Inf, B Co to 330th Inf, C Co atchd to 331st Inf.
- (13) 26 February 1945, Company B (atchd 330th Inf) made contact with enemy at Hasselsweiler, Germany and knocked out two (2) Mark IV Tanks with no casualties to themselves.
- (14) 27 - 28 Feb 1945-Company B in rest area at Muntz, Germany.
- (15) 28 February 1945, Company C (atchd 331st Inf) engaged in battle near, Bedburdyck, Germany. One man killed in action (Sgt Hirner) 1 PW captured.
- (16) 1 March 1945, Battalion supporting drive of 83d Inf Div towards Neuss, Germany. A Co atchd to 329th Inf, B Co, atchd to 330th Inf, C Co, atchd to 331st Inf.
- (17) 2 March 1945 at 0200, 3rd Platoon, Co C, (SP) reached Rhine River at Oberkassel, Germany. They were the first TD unit to reach the Rhine in the Ninth and First Army fronts. Co C knocked out 1 Mark IV Tank.
- (18) 2 March 1945, 2nd Platoon Co C (T) was ambushed near Kapellen, Germany losing most of their equipment and 38 men killed, wounded or missing. (Killed 8)(Wounded 10)(Missing 20).
- (19) 2 March 1945. A, B, C Companies SP platoons entered Neuss Germany with the leading Infantry elements, and assisted in clearing the city.
- (20) 5 - 20 March, A, B, C, Companies fired long range interditory and harrassing fire into Dusseldorf, Germany from positions in Neuss, Germany.
- (21) 21 March 1945: Unit left Neuss, Germany under artillery fire and moved to Gangelt, Germany. Five men were wounded by artillery fire.
Losses: B Co---Killed 1 Officer, Wounded 5 EM, Missing 0.
- (22) Bn was attached to 83d Ind Div at beginning of April. A Co to 329th RCT, B Co to 330th RCT, C Co, 331st RCT. This battalion was first TD unit to cross Elbe River, and the only TD Across Elbe River at end of period.
- (23) A Co atchd to 329th RCT and assiged in clearing the Regimental Sector to the Lippe River. Transported a good portion of the Infantry. Co played a big part in entering and clearing Barby Germany. Company Maintaining defense of Elbe River in the Central Section
Losses: Killed 2, Wounded 4, Missing 0.

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- (24) B Co atchd to 330th RCT, later atchd to 113th Cavalry. Played an effective role in clearing passes through the mountains east of Bad Lippspringe, Germany. Assisted 113th Cavalry in enlarging bridgehead across Weser River. Destroyed 1 Mark V and 3 AT Guns vicinity of Escheshausen, Germany. Assisted 113th Cavalry in vicinity of Harz Mountains by establishing roadblocks and helped clear area in vicinity of Wernigerode, Germany. Later joined 329th RCT, crossed Elbe River and assisted in defense of Northern sector. Repelled the strongest counter-attack against the bridgehead on April 6th, 1945. Losses: KIA 2, MIA 0, WIA 6.
- (25) Company C atchd to 331st RCT. Co was instrumental in forcing of the crossing of Lippe River into the city of Hamm, Germany. Aided the RCT in crossing Weser River at Pölle, Germany and in clearing the city of Holzmenden, Germany. Third platoon was first TD to cross Elbe River. Holding the southern sector of the bridgehead. 2 days on the bridgehead, company destroyed 2 tanks, 1 SP Gun and 1 Halftrack. LOSSES: 2 KIA, 5 WIA, MIA 0.
- (26) Rtn Co, 1st Plt atchd to Co A, 2nd Plt atchd to Co B, 3rd Plt atchd to Co C. Assisted greatly in advance of 83d Div. 3rd Plt was among first troops to enter Hamm, Germany. 1st Plt reconnoitered the entire zone of leading elements of 329th RCT from Horn, Germany to Barby, Germany. 2nd Plt engaged in reconnaissance northeast of Zerbst, Germany and in one mission captured 125 EM PW's and 5 Officers.
Losses: 6 KIA, 10 WIA, MIA 0.
- (27) 1 to 4 May, 1945, A, B, C Companies held defensive positions east of the Elbe River bridgehead. No further action

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h. Commanding Officers of the 643d TD Bn.

- (1). Major Bernard F. Redihan, from 15 December 1941 to 9 April 1942.
- (2). Lt Colonel Kiernan Harford, from 9 April 1942 to 17 February 1943.
- (3). Lt Colonel Lilburn H. Stevens, from 17 February 1943 to 29 March 1944.
- (4). Major Maurice A. Pierce, from 29 March 1944 to 3 April 1944.
- (5). Major Ira M. F. Gaulke, from 3 April 1944 to 28 April 1944.
- (6). Lt Colonel Clarence J. Krueger, from 28 April 1944 to 9 May 1944.
- (7). Lt Colonel Burlle R. Farr, from 9 May 1944 to 11 October 1945.
- (8). Major Hershel I. Druzman, from 11 October to 1 November 1945
- (9) 1st Lt Frank J. Richardson, from 1 November 1945 to 7 November 1945

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k. (1) Commendations.

- (a). Sgt Frederick Marshall, Co A, 643d TD Bn, from General John H. Hester, 43rd Infantry Division, on 20 January 1942.
- (b). S/Sgt Paul Jankowich, Sgt Frank J. Curriuan, Sgt Wendell Simonsen and Sgt Gary Wozniak, from General H. R. Barker, 43rd Infantry Division, 12 December 1942.
- (c). 643d TD Bn, from Colonel L. E. Jacoby, 5th TD Gp, 21 July 1943.
- (d). Lt Robert P. Hanagan, Lt Martin M. Seigel, Lt Shanks M. Wilborn, S/Sgt Peter J. Dube, Sgt Russel J. Bik, Sgt Joseph J. Decaro, Sgt Louis J. Davanzo, and Cpl Eugene Pichule, from General A. D. Bruce, 77th Infantry Division, 4 August 1942.
- (e). 643d TD Bn from Colonel L. E. Jacoby, 5th TD Gp, 21 September 1943.
- (f). 643d TD Bn, from Colonel H. C. Luck, Headquarters Camp Gruber, 24 April 1944.
- (g). B Co, 643d TD Bn, from Commanding Officer 325 Glider Infantry, 9 February 1945 for action against the enemy in vicinity of Udenbreth, Belgium.
- (h). 643d TD Bn, from Commanding General, Ninth U. S. Army, through Commanding Generals, XIX Corps and 83d Infantry Division, 20 March 1945, for action against the enemy in the drive to the Rhine River.

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k. (2). Insignia of the 643d TD Bn.

The following is the description of the distinctive insignia received by this Battalion

SHIELD: Gules, a dinosaur (Saelidosaurus Harrisoni) stant or.

CREST: None

MOTTO: Hit Hard.

DESCRIPTION

The 643d TD Bn was constituted 3 December 1941, and was made active at Camp Blanding, Florida, 15 December 1941. It is entitled to no battle honors.

This ferocious-appearing, heavily-~~armored~~ dinosaur is symbolic of the destroying functions of the organization, its terror-inspiring approach and hugeness, fearing no enemies, are characteristic of its duties.

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k. (3). Sports.

- (a). Summer of 1942, 643d TD Bn Baseball Team won championship of Camp Shelby, Mississippi.
- (b). 643d TD Bn Field Day held on 16 November 1943 at Camp Laguna, Arizona. Results:-
A Company, first
Hq Company, second
Rcn Company, third
C Company, fourth
B Company, fifth
- (c). Winter of 1943, 643d TD Bn Basketball Team was unofficial Champions of Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Won the Fourth Annual Northeast Oklahoma Basketball Tournament held at Muskogee, Oklahoma.
- (b). 16 July 1944, 643d TD Bn Baseball Team finished third in Oklahoma Semi-Pro State Tournament.

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k. (4). Inspections.

- (a). Training Inspection 643d TD Bn, 18 September 1942, by 3rd Army, rated satisfactory.
- (b). Visit of Hq, AGF Personnel to 643d TD Bn, Camp Laguna, Arizona, 26-28 August 1943, rated satisfactory.
- (c). Inspection of Administrative Records, 643d TD Bn, 21 January 1944, by 11th TD Gp, rated satisfactory.
- (d). Administrative Inspection, 29 February 1944, by XVI Corps, rated unsatisfactory.
- (e). Training Inspection, 643d TD Bn, 1 March 1944 by XVI Corps, rated unsatisfactory.
- (f). Administrative Inspection, 643d TD Bn, 11 March 1944 by XVI Corps, rated unsatisfactory.
- (g). Administrative Inspection, 643d TD Bn, 13 April 1944, by IGD, rated satisfactory.
- (h). Ordnance Weapons, 643d TD Bn, by Washington, rated satisfactory. Inspected 14 April 1944.
- (i). Ordnance, Vehicles Inspected by Washington, 14 April 1944, rated unsatisfactory.
- (j). Administrative Inspection, 643d TD Bn, 25th Hq Sp Trs, Camp Gruber, Okla, 24 April 1944, rated unsatisfactory.
- (k). Signal Equipment inspected by Washington, 14 April 1944, rated satisfactory.
- (l). Vehicular radio Equipment Inspected, 643d TD Bn, by 2nd Army, 28 April 1944, rated satisfactory.
- (m). Administrative Inspection, 643d TD Bn, 2 - 3 May 1944, by XVI Corps, rated unsatisfactory.
- (n). Administrative Inspection, 643d TD Bn, 17 May 1944, by 25th Hq Sp Trs, rated satisfactory.
- (o). Classification System, 643d TD Bn, 17 May 1944, by Hq 2nd Army, rated excellent.
- (p). IGD Inspection, 643d TD Bn, 29 July 1944, by XXXVI Corps, rated excellent.

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k. (4). Inspections

- (q) Administration and Supply, 643d TD Bn, 4 June, 1945 by XIX Corps (Inspector General) rated Superior.
- (r) Administration and Supply, 643d TD Bn, 11 June, 1945 by XIX Corps (Inspector General) rated Superior.

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k. (5). Training Tests.

- (a). Combat Intelligence Test, 643d TD Bn, 11-14 October 1943, by 5th TD Gp, rated satisfactory.
- (b). 3rd Army Basic Technical and Tactical Test, 643d TD Bn, 8-9 December 1943, by X Corps, rated very satisfactory.
- (c). AGF Physical Fitness Test, 643d TD Bn, 11 December 1944, by X Corps, rated satisfactory.
- (d). Air-Ground Training Tests I, II, III, 643d TD Bn, 18 December 1943, by X Corps, rated very satisfactory.
- (e). AGF Combat Firing Test, 643d TD Bn, 23-24-April 1944, by 15th TD Gp, rated satisfactory.
- (f). Combat Firing Test, 643d TD Bn, 27-28 April 1944, by XVI Corps, rated satisfactory.
- (g). TPT, 643d TD Bn, 14-15 June 1944, by 15th TD Gp, rated satisfactory.
- (h). MOS Tests, 643d TD Bn, 29 May 1944, by XVI Corps, not rated.
- (i). Combat Intelligence Test, 4 July 1944, by 15th TD Gp, not rated.

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- (1) Good Conduct Medals presented to EM of the 643d TD Bn on 4 March 44.
- (2) European, African, Middle Eastern Theater Ribbons issued to all personnel on Feb 10th and 11th 1945.
- (3) Authority to award Bronze Service Star on Theater Ribbon for Germany Campaign #2 received 23 Feb 1945 per Ltr Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army dated 5 February 1945.
- (4) Pfc Donald L. Weaver, S/Sgt Horace J. Bernicker, Company C, 643d TD Bn, awarded the Bronze Star Medal, per General Orders No. 65, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army, dated 31 March 1945.
- (5) 1st Lt Clayton W. Jewell, Cpl Joseph R. Sinsic, Pfc Edward A. Wisnowski, Company C, 643d TD Bn, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders No. 66, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army, dated 1 April 1945.
- (6) Sgt Charles G. Church, Sgt William C. Locker, Pfc Victor M. McClurg, Sgt Clarence F. Yount, awarded the Bronze Star Medal, per General Orders No. 71, Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army, dated 16 April 1945.
- (7) Pfc Roy M. Reynolds, awarded the Silver Star (Posthumously) and Tec 5 Joseph Greenfield the Silver Star, per General Orders 73, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, U. S. Army, dated 18 Apr 45.
- (8) Cpl Charles H. Gebauer (Posthumous) and Agt Francis H. Bigart awarded the Silver Star, Tec 5 Alexander J. Gadomski (Posthumous) and Pfc George Alford, Pfc Kenneth K. Fox, Pfc Finlay J. Herlihy, Pvt James Howell, Sgt Andrew Morton, Pfc Andrew Sissak, and Pfc Daniel J. Surdek, awarded the Bronze Star Medal, all per General Orders Number 75, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, U. S. Army, dtd 20 April 1945.
- (9) Sgt Alex Koda, Pfc Vincent A. McNeil, T/Sgt Paul F. O'Brien and S/Sgt Lucien Tardif awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders 76, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, U. S. Army dated 22 April 1945.
- (10) S/Sgt Edward S. Czescik, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per Gener Orders 81, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, U. S. Army, dated 28 Apr 1945.
- (11) T Sgt William E. Gore, 1st Lt Howard S. McNabb, Pvt Charles A. Mazzetti, Pfc Ralph A. Potter, Tec 5 Joseph S. Shepard, Tec 5 Julius Souza awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders 83, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, U.S. Army, dtd 30 April 1945.
- (12) Captain Alexander Burgin, Captain John B. Colt awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders 86, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 2 May 1945
- (13) WOJG Ivan B. Chisamore awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders 90, Hq 83d Inf Div, dated 6 May, 1945.

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- (14) Staff Sergeant Albert O. Doiron awarded the Silver Star Medal, Captain Howard S. Kresky the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders 91, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 7 May, 1945.
- (15) Tec 5 Raymond J. Creighton awarded the Silver Star per General Orders 93, Hq, 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 8 May, 1945.
- (16) 1st Lt George H. Gaylord, Sgt Bryce V. Horton, 1st Lt Elmer E. Pulsipher, 1st Lt John P. Roddy, Pfc Harry J. Shone, awarded the Bronze Star Medals per General Orders 94, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 10 May, 1945
- (17) Headquarters and Headquarters Company awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque per General Orders 94, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 10 May, 1945.
- (18) Tec 4 Roy Moyer, awarded the Silver Star Medal per General Orders 95, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 11 May 1945.
- (19) 1st Lt Robert P. Hanagan, Sgt Michell Lucas, 1st Lt Vernon C. Miller, S/Sgt Carrol L. Neff, 1st Lt James M. Peterson, Sgt Charles E. Randall, 1st Lt Andrew R. Sides, Captain Thomas W. Ward, Sergeant Joseph R. Simsic, awarded the Bronze Star Medals per GO 99, Hq 83d Inf Div, dated 14 May, 1945.
- (20) S/Sgt William J. Baran, S/Sgt Louis J. Boasso, S/Sgt George H. Caldwell, Pfc William V. Fahey, Lt. Col. Burre R. Farr, Captain George R. Fornwalt, Major Ira M.F. Gaulke, Maj Ralph W. Lang, 1st Lt Randall A. Miller, 1st Lt John J. Orlando, Tec 5 Edward O. Runion, 1st Lt Michael Postiglione, Sgt John A. Wesenberg awarded the Bronze Star Medals per General Orders 102, Hq 83d Inf Div, dated 16 May, 1945.
- (21) Sergeant Jack D. Hilliard, 2nd Lt Wendell H. Simonsen, awarded the Bronze Star Medals per General Orders 106, Hq 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 20 May, 1945.
- (22) 1st Lt Frederick H. Byers, 1st Lt Thomas E. McCarty, 1st Lt Edward O. Staehle, awarded the Bronze Star Medals per General Orders No. 111, Hq, 83d Inf Div, APO 83, dated 24 May, 1945.
- (23) 1st Lt Edwin Watkins awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders 112, Hq 83d Inf Div, dated 25 May, 1945.
- (24) Cpl Sidney Church, Tec 5 John M. Theodor, Pfc Kenneth R. Happe awarded the Bronze Star Medal, per General Orders 55, Third Armored Division, dated 1 May, 1945
- (25) Sgt Ernest J. Maynard, Sgt Arnold W. Scheiwe, Cpl Edward A. Curcio, Pfc Stephen A. Chuba awarded Bronze Star Medals per General Orders 56, Hq, Third Armored Division, dated 5 May, 1945.
- (26) Pfc Herbert P. Leroy awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO 57, Hq, Third armored Division, dated 6 May, 1945.

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- (27) Pfc Harold S. Adams, T/Sgt Nick Lynch, T/4 William J. Kloter, T/4 Albert R. Rixham, Sgt Jack E. Underhill awarded the Bronze Star Medal per G.O. #116, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 28 May 1945.
- (28) T/5 John D. Bacheller, 1st Lt Fred R. Baier, T/4 Stanley A. Brodzeller, T/5 Christie De Forest, Pfc Jonathan D. Hartman, Cpl Leonard D. Maruchello, awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO #121, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 2 June 1945.
- (29) T/Sgt Clarence E. Arnold, T/4 George F. Corbeille, T/4 Phillip A. Corbeille, Sgt Albert W. Daigle, Sgt Thomas J. Devine, T/4 Robert Dollar, M/Sgt Fred W. Haer, T/4 Charles R. Krayeski, Sgt Raymond F. Lovell, Cpl Walter Opryszek, T/Sgt Joseph M. Passero, S/Sgt Walter A. Reynolds, Pfc Frederick F. Savenelli, T/5 Raymond J. Shore, Cpl Edward P. Towt, Jr., T/5 Harold C. Volckman and 1st Lt Richard F. Wiekell awarded the Bronze Star Medal per G.O. #133, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 18 June 1945.
- (30) 1st Lt Burl L. Sloan (Posthumous) and S/Sgt Lucien J. Tardif awarded the Silver Star Medal per GO #135, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 22 June 1945.
- (31) Sgt Michael DeFebio (Posthumous), Pfc Boleslaw Korona (Posthumous), Sgt William T. Ropple, Jr. (Posthumous), Pfc Thomas Ryan (Posthumous), Sgt Austin L. Ahearn, Jr., Sgt Patsy R. Bonina, Pfc Thomas G. Curry, Pfc Edward J. Cymarz, T/5 Oscar L. Dressler, T/5 William E. Kitto, T/5 Elmer R. Knudson, Sgt Joseph S. Kowalski, Pfc Bernard H. MacLean, T/5 Joseph L. Murray, Sgt Eugene Pichulo, T/5 Anibal Raphael, Pfc Joseph J. Reynolds, Pfc Raoul A. Roberts, T/5 Merle M. Robinson, Pfc Alexander Sokolsky, Sgt Joseph B. Thivierge, T/5 Bradley A. Thomas, Jr., and S/Sgt Paul R. Warner awarded the Bronze Star Medal per G.O. #135, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 22 June 1945. Pfc Vincent A. McNeil awarded the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star Medal) per GO #135, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 22 June 1945.
- (32) Sgt Russell J. Littlefield awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO 136, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 23 June 1945.
- (33) Pfc Anders V. H. Aurell, T/4 Julian A. Bouteiller, Sgt William J. Carmel, T/5 Joseph Krivak and Sgt Richard F. Seyller awarded the Bronze Star Medal per GO #139, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 28 June 1945.
- (34) Sgt John C. Nickerson, and Sgt Michael A. Travoška awarded the Bronze Star Medal per G.O. #141, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 30 June 1945.
- (35) S/Sgt Albert O. Doiron and T/Sgt Arthur G. Orteneau awarded the Bronze Star Medal per G.O. 142, Hq 83d Inf Div dated 2 July 1945.
- (36) Cpl Jack B. Meyer, T/5 Raoul C. Leonardo, T/5 Baxter W. Neal, Sgt Joseph J. DeCaro and T/5 Rolland R. Gaudreau awarded the Silver Star Medal per G.O. #71, Hq Third Armored Division dated 31 May 1945.

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Histories of Organizations

- a. Original unit
 - (1) Designation
 - (2) Date of organization
 - (3) Place of organizations
 - (4) Authority for organization
 - (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained, i. e. by transfer from other units, voluntary enlistment, or draft.
- b. Changes in organization, i. e. changes in designation of units, transfer of unit from one regiment to another as a unit, or changes due to changes in Tables of Organization.
- c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
 - (1) at beginning of period
 - (2) Net increase each month
 - (3) Net decrease each month
 - (4) At end of period.
- d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.
 - (1) Date of arrival at each station.
 - (2) Date of departure from each stations
- e. Marches.
 - (1) Purpose
 - (2) Length of daily march.
 - (3) Points between which marched, with dates.
 - (4) Condition of roads and weather.
 - (5) Remarks (other pertinent data).
- f. Campaigns,
 - (1) Name of.
 - (2) Duration.
 - (3) Purpose.
 - (4) Authority. ordering
- g. Battles.
 - (1) Name.
 - (2) Place.
 - (3) Date.
 - (4) Campaign of which battle was a part.
 - (5) Forces engaged.
 - (6) Results.
- h. Commanding officers important engagements.
 - (1) Engagement.
 - (2) Name (if different officers commanded in same engagement, mention each with the hours of change).
- i. Losses in action: officers and men.
 - (1) Engagement
 - (2) Names.
 - (3) Killed.
 - (4) Wounded.
 - (5) Missing.
 - (6) Taken Prisoner.

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- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
- (1) Engagement.
 - (2) Names.
 - (3) Act.
 - (4) Reward.

k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events.

Qualifications in Arms
Good Conduct Medal
American Defense Ribbon

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