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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
 Office of the Commanding General

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 APO 403,
 Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
 24 January 1944.

AG 320.2 Gen - GNMCF

Subject: Assignment and Attachment of Units. (6)

To : See Distribution.

1. The attachment of the following units to 12th Hq & Hq Det, Sp Trs, Third A, effective 22 Jan 44 is announced:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Hq & Hq Co, 1151st Engr C Gp	Camp Van Dorn, Miss
977th Engr Maint Co	Camp Van Dorn, Miss

2. Par 3, ltr this hq, AG 320.2 Gen - GNMCF, 12 Jan 44, subject: "Assignment and Attachment of Units (2)," is amended to read:

"Effective upon arrival in La Maneuver Area the following units are reld from present attachments and atchd to *Hq & Hq Det, 122d QM Bn, Mobile:

562d QM Railhead Co (less 1st Plat)
 1st Plat, 562d QM Railhead Co"

3. Par 6, ltr this hq, AG 320.2 Gen - GNMCF, 13 Jan 44, subject: "Assignment and Attachment of Units (3)," is amended as follows:

<u>Delete</u>	86th Inf Div	Camp Howze, Tex
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4. The relief of the 86th Inf Div, Camp Howze, Tex (temp sta La Maneuver Area), from present asgmt to X Corps and asgmt to XXI Corps, effective 10 Jan 44, are announced.

(Auth: AGF Ltr, 322/8 (XVIII Corps)(C)(9 Jan 44)GNGCT, 14 Jan 44)

5. a. The relief of the 643d TD Bn, Camp Gruber, Okla (temp sta Camp Swift, Tex) from present asgmt to X Corps and asgmt to Third A and atchmt to XVIII Corps, effective 7 Jan 44, are announced.

b. Upon return to its perm sta, Camp Gruber, Okla, the above unit is reld from asgmt to Third A and attachment to XVIII Corps, and is asgd to XVI Corps, Second A.

(Auth: AGF Ltr, 322/14 (Second Army)(C)(7 Jan 44)GNGCT, 18 Jan 44)

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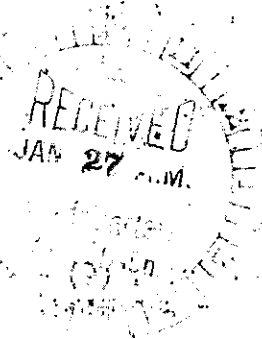
Ltr, Hq Third A, 320.2 Gen - GNMCF, dated 24 Jan 44, subject: "Assignment and Attachment of Units (6)" (continued) .

6. The relief of Hq & Hq Co, 12th Tk Destroyer Gp from present asgmt to Hq California Arizona Maneuver Area and asgmt to XXI Corps, effective upon arrival at Camp Claiborne, La, are announced.

(Auth: AGF Ltr, 370.5/101 (TD Units)(R)(12 Jan 44)GNGCT, 14 Jan 44)

* Negro Enlisted Personnel.

By command of Lieutenant General HODGES:



George A. Hadd
GEORGE A. HADD,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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- Camp Claiborne, La
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HEADQUARTERS XXIII CORPS

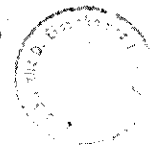
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AG 370.5 GNMLY

APO 103
Brownwood, Texas
5 February 1944

SUBJECT: Movement Orders (6).

TO : Commanding Officer, 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, Camp Swift, Texas.



1. The 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion WIP fr pres sta, Camp Swift, Texas, to perm sta, Camp Gruber, Okla., 7 February 1944. Movement will be by motor and/or rail.

2. TE equipment on hand will be taken.

3. Cir 102, WD, 1943, as amended, and ltr Hq AGF, dated 23 December 1943, subject: "Instructions governing domestic troop movements", will be complied with.

4. Commanding Officer will advise by TWX or telegraph the CG, Eighth Service Command, CG, Second Army, CG, XVI Corps, CG, XXIII Corps, and CO, Camp Gruber, Okla., giving unit designation, strength, expected hour and date of departure, and expected hour and date of arrival.

5. Upon departure and arrival, Commanding Officer will advise by TWX or telegraph the CG, AGF, TAG, CG, Fourth Army, and CG, XXIII Corps.

6. Upon arrival at Camp Gruber, Okla., the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion is relieved from Assignment to Fourth Army, and attachment to XXIII Corps, and is assigned to XVI Corps.

7. AR 345-800, where applicable, will be complied with.

8. QMC will issue rations in accordance with Cir 100, WD, 1943, as amended, for the movement.

9. TDN. 1-5200 P 433-02, 03, 04, 07, 08 & 0425-24. Auth: VCCG and ltr Hq AGF, dated 13 November 1943, Subject: Temporary Change of Station, AGF unit, and TWX GNMAG 272, Hq Fourth Army, 052331Z.

By command of Major General CRAIG:

Edward Reynolds
EDWARD REYNOLDS,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS
643D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
CAMP SWIFT TEXAS

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Administration)

Annex No. 1)

9 February 1944

SPECIAL GUARDS

In addition to the train guards posted between the cars of the companies, concerned, the following special guards are appointed:

1. Prison guard will consist of Sgt. Allen, Pvt. Zimkus and three privates from each company. These men will report to Lt. PETERSON Train O.D. upon arrival at entraining point.

2. When there are halts of any duration, the half-tracks will be guarded during the halt, and will be checked to see that all vehicles are secure. These guards will keep all but train crews away from cars, and will check the wire and blocking. If the blocking becomes loosened, to the extent that additional time will be needed to make repairs, the Train Commander will be notified immediately.

3. Each company as designated, will be responsible to guard and check all vehicles during the following hours:

Company "A"	1100 (hour of departure) to 2200-11 Feb 44
Company "B"	2200 to 0900 11-12 Feb 44
Company "C"	0900 to arrival 12 Feb 44

By Order of Lt. Colonel STEVENS:

HOWARD S. KRESKY
Captain, Infantry
S-3

OFFICIAL:

Thomas E. McCarty
THOMAS E. McCARTY
1st Lt., FA.,
Acting Adjutant

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CALL SIGN ASSIGNMENTS FOR MOTOR CONVOY

Major Pierce	Convoy Commander	Punch 6
Capt Jackson	Column Commander 1st Serial	Punch 5
Lt Larkin	Column Commander 2nd Serial	Punch 4
Lt Patterson	"B" Company March Unit commander	Punch 41
Lt Gaddis	Column Commander 3rd Serial	Punch 3
Lt Watkins	Trail Officer	Punch 2
Capt Yuhas	Billeting and Route Marking Off.	Punch 1
Capt Stone	Medical Detachment	Punch 26
Radio Maintenance		Punch 10



FREQUENCY -- 384 MC
NET CALL -- Punch

The above will be the only radio's in operation. All other radio's will be off.

Radio transmissions will be held to a minimum. Used for control only.

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HEADQUARTERS
643d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
CAMP SWIFT TEXAS

9 February 1944

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SUBJECT: Movement Orders.

TO : All Company Commanders, 643d Tank Destroyer Battalion.

1. In compliance with letter, Headquarters, XXIII Corps, AG 370.5 GNMELY, 5 February 1944, Subject: "Movement Orders (6)" this Battalion will move by rail and motor to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma on or about 9 February 1944.

2. Part I - Rail Movement

(1) All men and officers not traveling with the wheeled vehicle column, will move by rail from this station to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma on or about 11 February 1944.

(2) The movement will be by mixed train for both personnel and equipment.

(3) Messing: Will be by companies, use of the kitchen car will be coordinated by the Train Quartermaster.

(4) Uniform: Uniform B, individual arms, infantry pack and field jackets. Initially the field jacket will be on the pack. ^{RAINCOAT} WITH THE RAINCOAT

(5) Captain TRUMBLE is designated as Train Commander, Captain MOORHEAD is designated as Train Medical Officer, Lt. STOWERS is designated as Train Quartermaster.

(6) All individual equipment, other than that carried on the person will be placed in barracks bags and secured in baggage cars as "checkable" baggage.

3. Part II - Motor Movement

(1) The wheeled vehicles of this battalion will make an overland march of two days (2) from Camp Swift, Texas, to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, on or about 9 February, 1944.

a. Column will be divided into three (3) serials as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Serial - Headquarters Company | - Capt JACKSON, C.O. |
| 2nd Serial - Company A | - Lieut LARKIN, C.O. |
| Company B | - Lieut Paterson |
| 3rd Serial - Company C | - Lieut Gaddis, C.O. |

b. Distance: Two (2) minute distance between serials.

c. Speed: 30 m.p.h. for lead vehicle in each serial. Maximum speed any vehicle, 35 mph.

d. Halts: Ten (10) minute halts on even hours on the hour. One (1) hour halt at 1200 for mess. Vehicles will close up within serials at the halts.

e. Messing: B Company will furnish the mess for the trip. Kitchen truck will be placed at head of B Company vehicles.

f. Route marking & Bivouacs: Capt. YUHAS will be in charge of route marking and the selection of Bivouac areas. He will proceed the column by one-half hour, accomplished by two (2) $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehicles from each company. He will also arrange for police escort through cities.

Ltr. Movement Orders, this Headquarters dated 9 February 1944 cont'd:

g. <u>Personnel:</u>	Each	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck	2 men
	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck	2 "
	"	$\frac{1}{2}$ " Weapon C.	2 "
	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ " Truck	2 "
	"	M-8	3 "
	"	M-20	3 "
	"	C & R	4 "
		Wrecker	2 "

(2) Lt. WATKINS will be on the trail and investigating officers for the March, and will carry the necessary forms etc. All accidents will be reported to him at once.

(3) The Battalion S-4 will arrange for enough gas and oil to be carried to insure completion of the trip. Serial Commanders are charged with the supervision of loading of vehicles and that all tanks are full in vehicles, the night before the move.

(4) Uniform: OD shirts, trousers, ties, field jackets, overcoats and cap, field. Field bags and blanket rolls (only) will be carried by officers and men. Helmet liners and helmets will be carried in barracks bag. No leggins.

(5) IP: Junction East 1st Street and Avenue I. Leading vehicle to pass the IP at 0600.

By Order of Lt, Colonel STEVENS:

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HEADQUARTERS
643d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
CAMP SWIFT TEXAS

11 February 1944

RULES OF CONDUCT

Car commanders and Special Train guards will see that the following rules of conduct are complied with:

1. No windows will be open.
2. Personnel will not ride on train platforms, steps, tops of cars, and in or dangerously near open side doors of baggage cars.
3. No person will damage or unlawfully remove railroad property.
4. No lighted cigars, cigarettes, matches, garbage, paper plates, or other unsightly or dangerous articles will be thrown from cars. Sufficient gallon cans will be placed in each car to take care of all refuse. These will be emptied when necessary into garbage cans which will be placed on platforms between cars.
5. Personnel will not leave the train except at authorized halts, and then only for exercise.
6. No lighted cigarettes will be thrown into car aisles.
7. Washing mess-gear or allied equipment in drinking or bathing water or in lavatories is prohibited. Kitchens will provide water for this purpose after every meal.
8. No person will communicate by telephone, mail, or telegraph, except as may be necessary to the administration or successful completion of the movement. No mail will be passed off the train.
9. No alcoholic beverages of any nature will be brought onto the train nor will any be kept in the possession of any person while on the train or in the vicinity of the battalion area.
10. No person will interfere with guards guarding prisoners or have anything to do with any of the prisoners.
11. All personnel will cooperate to the fullest extent with the railroad and will conduct themselves with courtesy in all dealings with the railroad employees.

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HEADQUARTERS XVI CORPS
Office of the Commanding General
Fort Riley, Kansas

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....56)

23 March 1944

1. Under the provisions of par 13 a, AR 610-15, the temp apmt of WOJG CHARLES (HMI) WHITE, W210700L, Hq 578th FA Bn, Cp Gruber, Okla, is terminated eff 30 Mar 44. Mr White will be given the opportunity to reenlist in the AUS in pr held prior to apmt as WOJG. If Mr White does not reenlist he will proceed to his home in Stullenberg, Tex. TPA. TDN. 1-5200 P 431-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 A 0425-24. Auth: AR 610-15.

2. 2D LT DAVID I. ASKEWASE, O1182756, FA, is asgd to G-2 sec, this Hq, and PCO, eff 22 Mar 44.

3. The 638th and 643d TD Bns are atchd to 15th TD Gp, Cp Gruber, Okla. Auth: Ltr, Hq 2d A, AG-322.12-4 (Gen), 15 Aug 43.

4. LT COL LILBURN H. STEVENS, O275376, Inf, is reld fr asgmt with 643d TD Bn and is atchd unasgd to Hq 15th TD Gp, Cp Gruber, Okla. Auth: VOCC, 2d A, 22 Mar 44.

5. Announcement is made of the temp apmt of M Sgt James J. Juge, 6083073, Hq XVI Corps, Ft Riley, Kans, as WOJG, AUS, eff 25 Mar 44, with rank fr 25 Mar 44. He is asgd to Hq Btry, XVI Corps Arty, this sta, eff upon date of apmt. His classification is Techn Specialist - Motors, Ordnance Department, and his serial No. as WO is W 2128054.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

GEORGE R. BARKER,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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2d Lt., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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SO 56, Hq XVI Corps, 23 Mar 44.

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(5 - WOJG White)
- 2 - Lt Askenase
- 5 - CO, 638th TD Bn
- 7 - CO, 643d TD Bn
(5 - Lt Col Stevens)
- 5 - CO, 15th TD Gp
- 5 - WOJG Judge
- 3 - Fin O
- 3 - QH Sec
- 1 - Ea G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, Ccfs
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- 2 - Pers Div
- 1 - Class Div
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- 2 - CO, Ft Riley, Kans

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643d Tank Destroyer Bn.
Belgium
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Maps: France & Belgium 1/50,000
Sheets #79-80.

1. No Change.
2. This Bn will be prepared to mv within 15 mins to any part of Area 3 to combat enemy activity. Assembly areas in Area 3 - overlay. Individual arms, MGs and R/Ls with basic ammo load will be carried.
3.
 - a. Positions occupied by Co A will remain as is but personnel there will be alerted.
 - b. Co B - Gun Plats will remain in present positions but will be alerted. Mess personnel will take position to protect Co B CP. Remainder of personnel will man OPs - overlay. Enemy activity vic OP will be reported by flare or radio.
 - c. Hq Co - WOJG Chisamore and personnel section will take position to protect Bn CP. Lt Fahlgren and 10 EM from Maint Plat will take position to defend Bn MP. Mess personnel will take position to defend Hq Co CP. Lt Fahlgren will be in command of all elements of this Bn remaining in Les Avins. Three mtd patrols under Lt Peterson will patrol all roads in Area 3B. Remainder of personnel will be assembled in Bn MP in vehs prepared to move to assembly areas - overlay - where personnel will dismt and be formed into infantry squads.
4. To be given as necessary.
5.
 - a. (1) Lt Sides will report to CO, 668 Eng Co and establish commo with this Hq.
 - (2) Nets will open within 2 mins of alert.
 - (3) The following form will be used for reporting any enemy activity.

Flash - Flash - Flash
Type of Trps _____
Coordinates _____
Time Seen _____
 - (4) OPs will fire flares as follows:
 - a. Red flare to report enemy paratroopers
 - b. Green flare to report enemy ground trps.
- b. CP head of column.

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