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648TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (T)

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Ft Jackson, S.C.
1 May 1944

SUBJECT: History of Organization

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C. (Thru Channels)

Under the provisions of Par 11b AR 345-105, the following data is submitted as the history of this organization:

a. Original Unit

1. Designation: 648th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
2. Date of organization: 6 March 1943.
3. Place of organization: Camp Bowie, Texas.
4. Authority for organization: Par 3 General Orders No. 4, Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, dated 18 Feb 1943.
5. Sources from which personnel was obtained:

- (a) Cadre transferred from 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion
- (b) Remainder of personnel obtained through Selective Service.

b. Changes in Organization

1. No changes within organization occurred during 1943.
2. Following changes of assignment and attachment of unit occurred during 1943:

(a) Upon activation 6 March 1943 organization was assigned to Tank Destroyer Basic Unit Training Center (Auth: GO No. 4, TDC dated 18 Feb 43) and to the 13th TD Group (Auth: VOCO TD BUTC 6 Mar 43).

(b) 12 May 1943 organization was ordered to Camp Hood, Texas for assignment to Tank Destroyer Advanced Unit Training Center. This move was a temporary change of station (Auth: Par 35 SO 105, Hq TDC dated 1 May 43).

(c) 13 May 1943 organization assigned to 13th TD Group (Auth: Memo Hq TD AUTC 13 May 43).

(d) 1 June 1943 temporary station at Camp Hood was changed to a permanent station (Auth: Ltr Hq AGF dated 1 June 43 Sub: Permanent Station of Tank Destroyer Units).

(e) 10 August 1943 organization reassigned to 17th TD Group (Auth: Memo Hq TD AUTC dated 9 Aug 43).

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(f) 19 August 1943 organization reassigned to 18th TD Group (Auth: Memo Hq TD AUTC dated 17 Aug 43).

(g) 13 Sep 1943 organization assigned to XII Corps upon arrival at Fort Jackson, S.C. (Auth: Par 13 SO 210 Hq TDC dated 1 Sep 43).

(h) 18 Oct 43 organization assigned to 16th TD Group (Auth: Ltr Order No 10-35 (Status of Units) Hq XII Corps dated 19 Oct 43).

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

1. At beginning of period (6 Mar 43)

- a. Commissioned - 45
- b. Enlisted - 68

2. Net increase each month:

	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
March	0	805
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	12	0
July	0	0
August	2	0
September	0	0
October	0	0
November	0	8
December	9	8
	<u>23</u>	<u>821</u>

3. Net decrease each month:

March	0	0
April	2	110
May	6	30
June	0	22
July	0	35
August	0	3
September	5	3
October	0	13
November	0	0
December	0	0
	<u>13</u>	<u>216</u>

4. At end of period:

- a. Commissioned - 55
- b. Enlisted - 63

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d. Stations:

- a. Camp Bowie, Texas - Unit activated here 6 Mar 1943. Departed 12 May 1943.
- b. Camp Hood, Texas - Arrived 12 May 1943. Departed 10 Sep 1943.
- c. Fort Jackson, S.C. - Arrived 13 Sep 1943 (Auth: Morning Reports this organization).

- e. Marches (None).
- f. None.
- g. None.
- h. None.
- i. None.
- j. None.
- k. None.

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