



651ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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Foreword

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13 MARCH 1944

General Orders No. 1 HEADQUARTERS 651st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION Camp Bowie, Texas

1. ACTIVATION of the 651st Tank Destroyed Battalion.

In compliance with Paragraph III, General Orders No. 6, Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, dated February 26, 1943, the activation of the 651st Tank Destroyer Battalion as of 0001, 13 March 1943, with station at Camp Bowie, Texas, and its assignment to the Tank Destroyer Basic Unit Training Center, is announced.

This was the order received by a Cadre from the 706th T D Bn. and 46 officers. Thus started the career of a unit which has set training records and will set battle records. The keynote those first few days was confusion, but by the 16th when our first fillers arrived, things had settled down to 130 steps per minute and we hoped that to rookies we looked like hard bitten old-timers. Most of the new men we received were from the West Coast and after a week of building up the Co. strength reports, the scourge of a GI's life (Tng. Schedule #1) went to press and the battalion started its Basic Training. The following two months was a flash of range work, dismounted drill, training films and FM22-5. On May 15th, the 14th TANK DESTROYER Group gave us an excellent rating on our basic training so we moved to Camp Hood and started our second phase of training under the guidance of Advance Unit Training Center. Firing of our basic weapon was accomplished during the next two month, followed by section, platoon, company and battalion tactical training and a week on the Battle Conditioning Course

was culminated with the Platoon Combat Firing and Tactical Proficiency Test—both of which were passed with flying colors. Scoring on the Platoon Combat Firing Test was led by the 2nd Platoon of B Co. which set the AUTC record at the time of four hits in 49 seconds. A three day holiday at the Panther Park finished our AUTC training and on the 11th of September the Bn. moved back to Camp Bowie to start combined training. The following two months were spent getting acquainted with the M10s and preparing for maneuvers and on November 14th we headed for Louisiana. "Remember Stump Camp" and the mud around Kurthwood and the white Xmas (some one wrote a song about). Anyhow, the Battle of Louisiana was successfully waged and won and on that memorable day, 28 Jan. we again moved back to Camp Bowie. At present, we are engaged in post maneuver training—which consists mainly of catching up with all POM requirements.

A CELEBRATION was in order on March 13th, but due to a conflict in the schedule, the Battalion Party was postponed to the 14th. Despite a visit from the IG that day, an ANNIVERSARY FIELD MEET and PARTY was held with A Co. taking top honors and the trophy.

This is the record to date—one to be proud of. A year from now it is hoped we can add another page for overseas service.

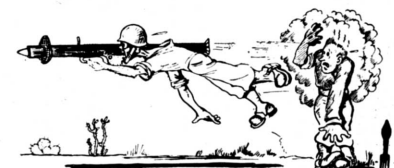
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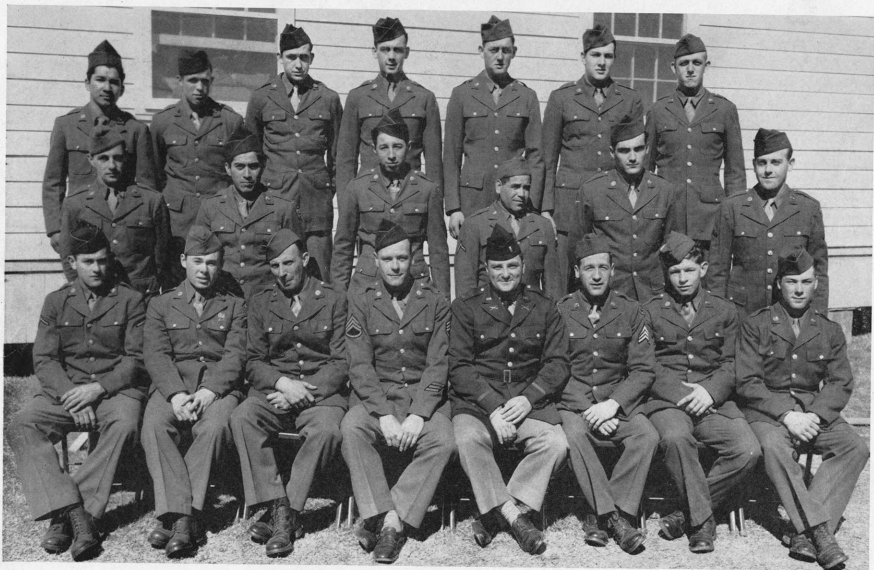
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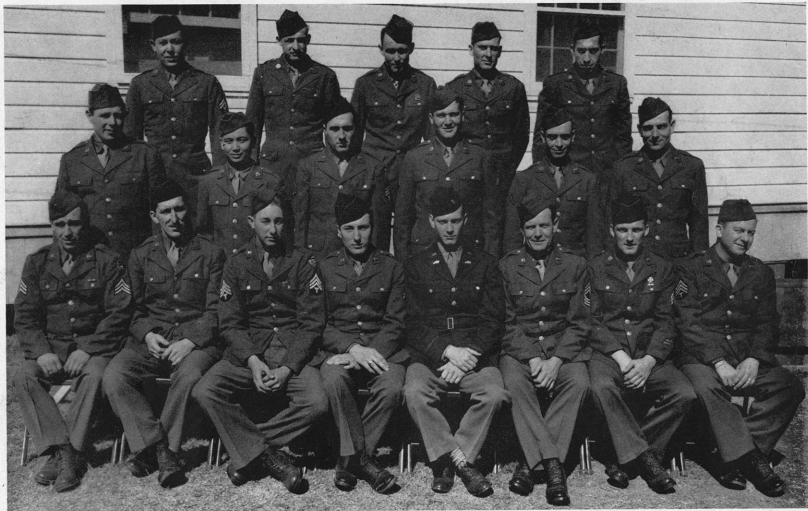
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