

**H E A D Q U A R T E R S
652nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Camp Howze, Texas**

11 June 1944

SUBJECT: Organization History

**TO : Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston,
Texas. (THRU) Commanding Officer, 15th Headquarters
Special Troops, Fourth Army, Camp Howze, Texas.**

Herewith Organization History, this battalion, for period from Activation to end of Calendar Year, in compliance AR 345-105, as changed by Change 1, 22 November 1930, Change 2, 15 January 1943, and Change 3, 9 March 1943.

For the Commanding Officer:

**JOHN G. SHARP
1st Lt, Inf
Adjutant**

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Orgn History, 652 TD Bn,
20 Mar 43 to 31 Dec 43

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15TH HQ, SPECIAL TROOPS FOURTH ARMY, Camp Howze, Texas, 13 June 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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24 Ind.

IS/mm(Mist)

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. 16 JUN 1944

**THRU: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Army War College,
Washington 25, D. C.**

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

A. M.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY

652nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

FROM 20 MARCH 1943 TO 31 DECEMBER 1943

(Per par 13 AR 345-105)



a. Original Unit.

- (1) Designation-652 TD Bn, (Auth: Par II, Gen Ord #7, Hq TDC, Cp Hood Texas, dtd 4 Mar 43, and ltr, AGE, 370.5/1 (TD Units) (R) GNGCT, 31 Jan 43, Subject: Activation of TD Units in Feb and Mar 43, dtd 31 Jan 43.
- (2) Date of Orgn-Orgn activated 20 Mar 43. See a (1) hereof for auth. Cadre O and EM arrived Cp Bowie, Texas, 5 Mar 43.
- (3) Place of Orgn-Cp Bowie Tex. See a (1) for auth.
- (4) Auth of Orgn-See a (1).
- (5) Sources fr which pers were obtained.-O-36 fr Hq TD BUTC, Cp Bowie Tex per par 5, SO #66, Hq TD BUTC, Cp Bowie Tex dtd 19 Mar 43.
Maj Gerald D Albrecht, O'00009, FA, Bn Comdr, Originally fr 630 TD Bn; Capt Harry M Myers, O'1835, FA Bn Exec O, originally fr 814 TD Bn; other O orig fr TD Bn, TD RTC TD OCS.

EM - 82 cadremen per par 6, SO #66, Hq TD BYTC, Cp Bowie Tex, dtd 19 Mar 43. 66 Of these were orig fr 608 TD Bn and transferred to TD BUTC prior to assignment to this Bn.

Preponderance of fillers hereinafter referred to, were selectees: 94 EM fr Rec Center, Ft McArthur, Cal, orig designated for 650 TD Bn and 651 TD Bn, per par 2 SO #64, Hq SCU 1959 Ft McArthur, Cal, and asgd this orgn per pars 8 & 9, SO #66, Hq TD BUTC, 19 Mar 43 (arrived and joined orgn at Cp Bowie, Tex 19 Mar 43).

70 EM fr Rec Ctr, Ft Thomas, Ky, per SO #76, Hq Rec Ctr, Ft Thomas Ky, 17 Mar 43 (arrived and joined orgn at Cp Bowie Tex 20 Mar 43)

273 EM fr Rec Ctr Ft. Benj Harrison Ind per SO #70 & 71, Hq Rec, Ft Benj Harrison Ind, dtd 17 & 18 Mar 43 respectively (arrived and joined orgn at Cp Bowie Tex 20 Mar 43)

140 EM fr Rec Ctr, Cp Perry, Ohio, per SO # 67, Hq Rec Ctr Cp Perry Ohio dtd 17 Mar 43 (arrived and joined orgn 20 Mar 43)

210 EM fr Rec Ctr Ft Hayes Ohio, per SO #64, Hq 1524 SU Rec Ctr Ft Hayes Ohio dtd 17 Mar 43 (arvd and joined orgn at Cp Bowie Tex 20 Mar 43).

71 Tm fr TD RTC, Cp Hood Tex, 18 Sept 43 per par 2 SO #206, Hq UTC, Cp Hood Tex dtd 17 Sep 43.

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b. Changes in orgn, i.e., changes in the designation of unit, transfer of unit fr one regt to another as a unit, or changes due to changes in Table of Orgn.

None.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) At beginning of period.

36 O and 869 EM.

(2) Net increase each month.

Mar 43 0 24 attached
EM 13 asgd and 54 attd

Apr 43 0--0

EM-0

May 43 0-0 EM-0

June 43 0 25 asgd EM 0

July 43 0 0 EM asgd 0 EM attd 65

Aug 43 0 0 EM asgd 4 EM attd 0

Sep 43 0 0 EM asgd 50 EM attd 46

Oct 43 0 2 EM asgd 2 EM attd 4

Nov 43 0 0 EM asgd 0 EM attd 3

Dec 43 0 6 EM asgd 5 EM attd 0

(3) Net decrease each month.

Mar 43 Off 0 EM 0

Apr 43 Off 1 asgd 4 attd EM 87 asgd 54 attd

May 43 Off 1 asgd 20 attd EM 68 asgd

Jun 43 Off 0 EM asgd 12

Jul 43 Off 0 EM asgd 49

Aug 43 Off 4 EM asgd 0 EM attd 61

Sep 43 Off 8 EM asgd 0 EM attd 0

Oct 43 Off 0 EM asgd and attd 0

Nov 43 Off 0 EM asgd 13 EM attd 0

Dec 43 Off 0 EM asgd 0 EM attd 54

(4) At end of period.

Off 56 WO 1 EM asgd 701 EM attd 3

d. Stations (permt or temp) of unit or parts thereof.

(1) Date of arvl at each stan.

Cp Bowie, Tex place of activation-cadre officers and EM arrived 5 Mar 43. Activation date 20 Mar 43.

Cp Hood Tex - 20 May 43---Cp Bowie Tex-17 Sep 43---La Man Area - 15 Nov 43.

(2) Date of departure fr each station.

Cp Bowie Tex - 15 May 43---Cp Hood Tex 17 Sep 43---Cp Bowie Tex 14 Nov 43.

e. Marches.

Foot march fr Cp Bowie Tex to Cp Hood Tex About 108 Miles, fr 15 May 43 to 20 May 43.

(1) Purpose - Training and condition also permanent change of stan.

(2) Length of daily march average 18 Miles

15 May - 14.5 miles

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16 May	-	15.5	miles
17 May	-	17.4	"
18 May	-	18.6	"
19 May	-	12.3	"
20 May	-	30.0	"
		<u>108.3</u>	"



(3) Points between which marched, with dates.

15 May	-	Vicinity	18½ miles	west of	Goldthwaite
16 "	"	"	4 "	"	"
17 "	"	"	10 "	east	"
18 "	"	"	5½ "	north	Adamsville
19 "	"	"	5 "	east	"

- (4) Condition of roads and weather - Roads good and weather cool for 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 May 43. roads muddy and difficult to walk in, weather heavy rains all morning 20 May 43.
- (5) Remarks - Tremendously effective increase in morale, spirit, and discipline of men.

Motor march fr Cp Hood Tex to Cp Bowie Tex (105 miles) on 17 Sep 43.

- (1) Purpose - Permanent change of stn.
- (2) Length of daily march - Completed in 1 day (105 miles).
- (3) Points between which marched, with dates - Cp Hood Tex and Cp Bowie Tex on 17 Sep 1943.
- (4) Condition of roads and weather - Roads good, weather good.
- (5) Remarks - None.

Motor march fr Cp Bowie, Texas to La Man Area (370 miles)(vicinity of Kurthwood La) 14 and 15 Nov 1943.

- (1) Purpose - Temporary change of stn to participate in La Man 5 Phase
- (2) Length of daily march - 220 miles the 1st day and 150 miles 2d day
- (3) Points between which marched with dates - Cp Bowie Tex and Palestine Tex on 14 Nov; Palesting Tex and bivouac in vicinity 1 mile south of Kurthwood La, in La Man Area on 15 Nov 43.
- (4) Condition of roads and weather - Roads good, weather variable with light rainfall early morning 14 Nov 43.
- (5) Remarks - None.

f. General.

Orgn in the midst of participation in La Man 5 period, which is for the period 29 Nov 43 to 24 Jan 44. Despite extremely adverse weather conditions including heavy rainfalls, frost, the worst ice and sleet storm for over 200 yrs, the morale, health and spirit of the Bn remained high.

LEIF E OLSEN
Major, CE
Comdg 652nd TD Bn.

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