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Tank Destroyer Men

Official Song of the Tank Destroyer Forces

We come from almost every state
In the good old USA
We're set to go and meet the foe
So let's be on our way

We're staunch hard hitting fighting men
And while our cannon roar
We'll mop up all the foe in sight
And look around for more

And when the battle's finally won
And peace returns to earth
We'll roll back to America
The land that gave us birth

And if we part from comrades then
And never meet again
We'll ne'er forget the days when we
Were Tank Destroyer Men.

CHORUS:

So—Roll T D's Roll
With all our cannon spitting flame
Roll T D's Roll
Roll on to victory and fame
Mighty arms and mighty men
Strike the foe, then strike again
And Roll T D's Roll
SEEK — STRIKE — DESTROY!



656th Tank Destroyer Battalion Staff



Lt Colonel
JOHN C. MEADOR
Commanding Officer



Major
DAVID W. ARIAIL
Executive Officer



1st Lieutenant
ANDREW A. MELGARD
S-1 (Personnel)

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VICTOR A. STEFANOWICZ
S-2 (Intelligence)



Major
HERMAN J. BADENHOOP
S-3 (Plans and Training)

1st Lieutenant
ROBERT E. SCHULTHEIS
S-4 (Supply)





Captain
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Battalion Surgeon



Captain
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Headquarters Commandant



Captain
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Company Commander
Reconnaissance Company



Captain
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Company Commander
Company "A"



Captain
CHARLES D. DRISCOLL
Company Commander
Company "B"



Captain
RICHARD H. TUGGLE
Company Commander
Company "C"



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BERNARD FROMMER
Company "A"



Second Lieutenant
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Company "C"



Second Lieutenant
ROBERT W. JAMES
Company "B"



Second Lieutenant
HURD W. BROOME
Company "A"



Second Lieutenant
EUGENE E. WALSH
Company "C"



Second Lieutenant
HARVEY WALLERSTEIN
Company "B"



Second Lieutenant
HARRY B. NIELSEN
Assistant S-2
Headquarters Company



Second Lieutenant
STANLEY P. HANSON
Special Service Officer
Headquarters Company



Second Lieutenant
FLOYD G. LAMSON
Assistant S-2
Headquarters Company



Second Lieutenant
JOHN H. SCHULER
Reconnaissance Company



Warrant Officer (JG)
LOUIS L. Y'BARBO
Assistant Motor Officer



Second Lieutenant
SHERMAN F. TURNER
Assistant S-3
Headquarters Company

Not Pictured

Second Lieutenant
ROBERT F. JACKSON
Headquarters Company

Not Pictured

Second Lieutenant
DONALD JACKSON, JR.
Headquarters Company



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
TRANSPORTATION PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER:

2d Lt Joseph W. Clark



FIRST ROW: T/5 Rudolph Kaluza, T/5 Robert W. Francis, T/5 Shelton L. Kennedy, Sgt. William R. Keydoszius, T/5 Hershel J. Markle, Pvt Albert J. Bushek.

SECOND ROW: Pvt Louis Torres, Pfc Darty B. Vardaman, T/5 Lawrence A. Dyer, Pvt John J. Lux, Pvt Victor Martinez, Pfc Franklyn C. Steinberg.

THIRD ROW: Pfc Oliver H. Albertson, Pfc Donald A. Fought, Pfc Carl W. Bennett, Pvt Gonzalo G. De LaFuente, Pvt Lawrence R. Luttrell, Pvt Glenn T. Hoxworth, Pvt George E. Rogers.



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
STAFF PLATOON AND MEDICAL
DETACHMENT

PLATOON LEADER:

1st Lt Lawrence R. Beard



FIRST ROW: Pvt Raymond Griego, T/Sgt Russell W. Haas, T/Sgt John J. Halen, T/Sgt Hugh F. McKeegan, Sgt Jack H. Goble, S/Sgt Raymond J. Norris, Pvt Ralph Ebert, T/5 James W. Fowler.

SECOND ROW: T/4 John J. Wilde, T/5 Frank A. Fashimpar, T/4 William C. Castle, T/5 Sanford E. Orlin, Pvt Edward M. Allen, T/3 Theodore Suie, Jr., T/4 Alex L. Kallay.

THIRD ROW: T/5 Robert J. Heiny, T/5 Everett A. Knott, T/5 Lepold Arko, Jr., Pfc Andrew Labaj, T/5 Seymour N. Fried, T/4 Malvin H. Dewees, Pvt George C. Butler, Pfc William J. Buchanan.

FOURTH ROW: T/5 Norman E. Hayek, T/5 Theodore J. Kupiec, Pvt Kenneth R. Albert, Pvt Alfred W. Hrnico, Pfc Carroll Jones, T/5 Edward J. Myers, Cpl Robert A. Brickles, Pvt William Kramer.



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PLATOON



PLATOON LEADERS:

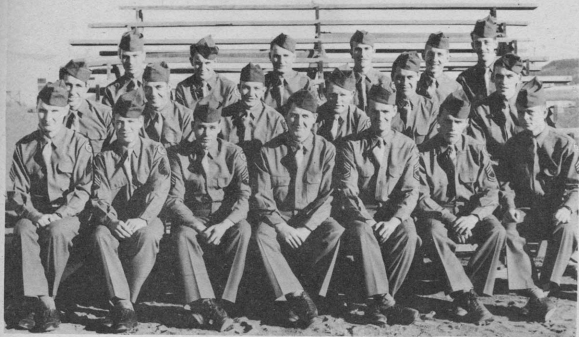
1st Lt Paul N. Edwards and CWO James R. Tillery

FIRST ROW: T/5 Jimmy Constantine, T/5 Edward S. Jaros, S/Sgt Richard B. Brumm, T/4 John Krak, T/4 William E. Major, T/5 Carl Cockriel, 1st Sgt Carl Butcher, S/Sgt Ferron J. Robison, T/4 William T. Grady, T/Sgt William M. Clancy.

SECOND ROW: Pfc James M. Skyes, Jr., Pfc Jessie A. Jerry, Pfc Gordon L. Hedman, Cpl Floyd H. Tonniges, Pvt Lewis H. Green, Sgt Louis Jaffe, Cpl Gerald P. Carney, T/4 Zoltan A. Chuhay.

THIRD ROW: T/5 Thomas F. Glasscock, Pvt Walter M. Parmley, Pvt Paul W. Bean, T/5 Roy S. Bowman, T/5 Jess Griggs, T/4 Richard O. Jarrell, Pfc Frank E. Diulus, T/5 Frank A. Fashimpar.

FOURTH ROW: Pvt Clarence T. Taylor, Pvt Lewis U. King, Pvt Gilbert E. Kaylor, T/5 Herbert Schmollinger, T/5 Norman E. Hayek, T/5 Theodore J. Kupiec.



**HEADQUARTER COMPANY
BATTALION MAINTENANCE PLATOON**

FIRST ROW: T/4 Elthan E. Converse, T/4 Robert H. Hutter,
T/4 Vallre Chaisson, T/4 Robert W. Cowgill, T/Sgt Robert J. Hayes,
T/Sgt Lester F. Swanger, T/4 Frank L. Gifford.

SECOND ROW: Pfc Marion O. Warren, Pvt Leo T. Callghan,
T/5 John M. Stajduhar, T/5 Raymond McMaster, T/4 Paul Storey,
Pfc George P. Bowie.

THIRD ROW: Pvt Clarence H. Ashton, T/5 Johnnie M. Dotson,
T/5 Emil Dolney, T/4 Harmon T. Hanson, T/5 George H. Keller,
T/4 Harry C. Rice, Jr.



COMPANY A
HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER:

1st Lt Frederick A. Maegerle



FIRST ROW: T/5 John H. Price, Sgt Vincent R. Mahany, T/5 Donald E. Cook, T/4 Frank E. Putz, S/Sgt Morris A. Littman, T/Sgt Daneil A. P. Ferry, S/Sgt Paul Adasek, S/Sgt Joseph A. Liles, Cpl Julius Del Curto.

SECOND ROW: Pvt Albert Williams, Pfc Harold L. Levy, Pvt Charles J. Schweikert, T/4 Robert J. Heck, Pvt Joseph E. Becker, Pvt James Randall, Cpl Earl C. Pierce.

THIRD ROW: T/5 Harold J. Stout, T/5 Norman L. Gamble, T/5 Glen A. Paul, Pvt Richard P. Lowry, Pvt Henry O. Wood, Pvt Robert G. Corey.



COMPANY A FIRST PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER:

1st Lt Sam L. Grant

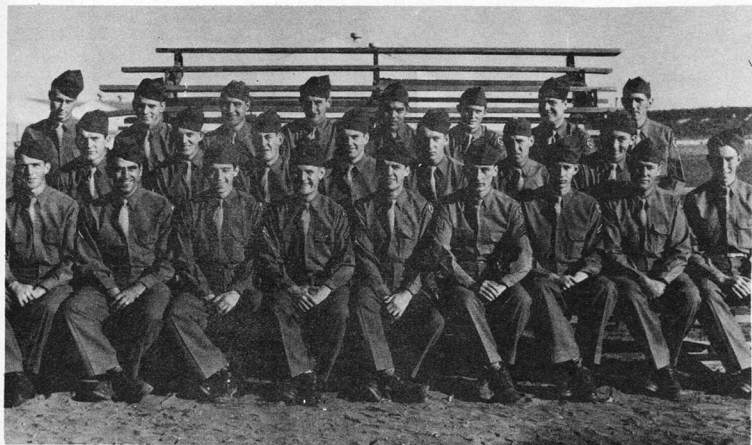


FIRST ROW: Sgt Lowell O. Denton, Sgt Myron R. Huffman, Sgt William A. Huprich, Sgt John Mathes, Sgt Sidney G. Pittman, T/4 Louis H. Schuster, T/4 Steve P. Marchin, T/5 Dale F. Potts, Sgt John M. Nitardi.

SECOND ROW: Cpl Joe Ruby, T/5 Paul F. Trinia, Pvt Leland L. Nickerson, Pvt Joseph A. Curtin, Pvt John A. Zawistowski, Pvt Dayton C. Bachelor, Pfc Howard C. Brown, Pvt Antony J. Madonna.

THIRD ROW: T/5 Clarence R. Lee, Pvt Norman Pastrof, Pfc Eugene Michlewicz, Pvt Elmer L. Zook, Pvt Ralph E. Powell, Pfc Ernest E. Tanner, Pfc John L. Deters.

FOURTH ROW: T/5 Russell F. Green, Pvt Robey T. Golden, Pvt Joseph R. Standiford, Pvt John F. Thomas, Jr., Pvt Clodie E. Fisher, Pvt Arnold J. Fisher.



COMPANY A
SECOND PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER:
2d Lt Emerson R. Drake



FIRST ROW: Sgt. Frederick T. Smith, Cpl James J. LaBarbera, Cpl Edmund N. Tozzi, Sgt Donald E. Wolfe, Sgt Reginald J. Heffernan, Sgt Anthony R. DePietro, T/5 Harold F. Davis, Pvt Ralph W. Strayer, Pfc Earl W. Fought.

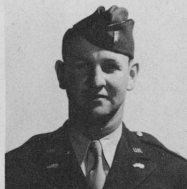
SECOND ROW: Pvt Harold J. Hersh, Pfc William Wilkin, Jr., Pvt Warren A. Still, T/4 Raymond M. Parker, Pvt Ralph C. Beckman, Pvt Moody J. Bosworth, Pvt Emil P. Orisek.

THIRD ROW: Cpl Jake E. Fretwell, T/4 Billy L. Spencer, Pvt Ronald A. Toll, T 5 Curley J. Dore, Pvt Catarino H. Barbosa, Pvt Harold R. Greear, Pvt Edward H. Reipel, Pvt Clifford E. Thomas.



COMPANY A
THIRD PLATOON

PLATOON LEADER:
1st Lt Wesley D. Tollett



FIRST ROW: Sgt Dallas A. Pell, Sgt James R. Rance, T/4 August J. Jaussaud, S Sgt Joseph Siouffi, T/4 Dale E. Cox, T/4 Joseph A. Maida, Sgt Russell B. Davis.

SECOND ROW: Cpl Ruthe G. Spears, Cpl Roy J. Halleran, Cpl James W. Duffy, Pfc Benny P. Arceneaux, Pvt John C. Hall, 2/5 Harmon D. Farrow, T/5 Cleveland M. Stubblefield.

THIRD ROW: Cpl Lyle L. Gunn, Cpl John A. Mansmann, Jr., Pvt Harvey C. Meyer, Pvt Eugene H. Robertson, Pvt Walter Evans, Jr., Pfc Robert R. Ritz, Pfc Ernest J. Hegedus.

FOURTH ROW: Pvt Howard D. Feltner, Pvt George E. Johnson, Pvt Benito Romero, Pvt George Muresan, Pvt Donald J. Studebaker, Pvt Cecil D. Gasaway.



**COMPANY B
HEADQUARTERS PLATOON**

PLATOON LEADER
1st Lt James L. Silhan



FIRST ROW: T/5 Donald M. Morris, Pfc William E. Barnett, T/5 Edward Bridgeman, T/4 Carroll D. Haines, 1st Sgt Carl T. Downes, T/Sgt Raymond J. Niedbalski, S/Sgt Carl S. Ruthberg, Pvt Robert D. Hartsoe, Pfc Phillip R. Silvas.

SECOND ROW: T/5 Cecil Christy, Pvt Carl A. Wirth, Sgt Norton Shapiro, Pvt Robert Hampson, Jr., T/4 Walden E. Marrier, S/Sgt Ralph E. Everett, T/4 John M. Anstine, T/4 Donald E. Samber.

THIRD ROW: T/5 Raymond D. Ames, Pvt Felix O. Watkins, Pfc Nolan Gerber, Pfc Raymond A. Wolter, Cpl Clayton Evans, Pvt Leland C. Morgan, Pvt Therman E. Oiler.

FOURTH ROW: T/4 Theodore R. Greiger, T/4 Robert A. Enberg, Pvt Edward Freidel.

MEN NOT PRESENT: S/Sgt Elbert Prince, Pfc Augustine Villela.