

HEADQUARTERS
658th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
CAMP HOOD, TEXAS

BATTALION HISTORY

JANUARY
1944

5 January 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: All Companies fired .30 Calibre Carbine on Gatesville Range.

10 January 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 24th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

17 January 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 25th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

24 January 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 26th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

31 January 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Technician Fifth Grade EUGENE L. LINSEMAN, 36592019, absent sick (LD) Station Hospital, Camp Hood, Texas to death at 0655 hours. Strength: Fifty one (51) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, five hundred and ninety four (594) Enlisted Men. Decrease: One (1) Officer, eleven (11) Enlisted Men.

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FEBRUARY
1944

2 February 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion inspected by Major General HESTER, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center.

7 February 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 28th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

10 February 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion relieved of assignment to 21st Tank Destroyer Group and assigned to 23rd Tank Destroyer Group. COMMANDING OFFICER: Colonel SARGENT.

14 February 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 29th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

21 February 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 30th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

29 February 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Forty six (46) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and one (601) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Five (5) Officers, Increase: Seven (7) Enlisted Men.

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MARCH
1944

13 March 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion participated in 33rd week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

17 March 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion watched Air Bombing Demonstration by P-40s, P-39s, A-20s, B-25s. Morale: Excellent.

25 March 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion participated in 35th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

31 March 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Forty eight (48) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and eight (608) Enlisted Men. Increase: Two (2) Officers, seven (7) Enlisted Men.

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658th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA

BATTALION HISTORY

APRIL
1944

3 April 1944, Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion arrived at entraining point for permanent change of station to Fort Ord, California. Departed Camp Hood, Texas at 1200 hours. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

6 April 1944, Fort Ord, California: Battalion arrived at Fort Ord at 0730 hours. Weather: Clear. Morale: Excellent.

7 April 1944, Fort Ord, California: Battalion assigned to 13th Armored Group for land training in Amphibious Operations.

10 April 1944, Fort Ord, California: Battalion celebrated first anniversary of ACTIVATION.

12 April 1944, Fort Ord, California: Battalion held Formal Retreat Parade. Troops were reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel Brownell, Battalion Commander.

15 April 1944, Fort Ord, California: 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion converted to 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, per General Order #1, Headquarters, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, dated 15 April 1944. Strength: Fifty (50) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and seven (607) Enlisted Men. Increase: Two (2) officers. Decrease: One (1) Enlisted Man.