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701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

23 June 1945



MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, OPERATIONS DIVISION, WAR
DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF, WASHINGTON (25), D.C. (Thru
OO, MTOUSA, Attn: AC/S G-3)

SUBJECT: Status Report for Unit Scheduled for Indirect Redeployment.

701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Status as of 21 June 1945
Shipment Numbers: No number received for
shipment outside theater.

White
Readiness date: Not received.

1. Organization and Equipment Data:

- a. Organization basis:
T/O & E No. 18-25 dated 15 March 1944 with 4 changes.
- b. Date last reorganized - 23 April 1945 (adopted Change 4).
Date arrived overseas - 31 May 1942.
- c. Equipment basis:
T/O & E No. 18-25 with 4 changes and SLOE, Hq 5th Army, file AC100.34 TK
subject "SLOE for TD Bns," dated 14 May 1945.

2. Unit Commanding Officers:

Name: Robert F. Childs
Serial No. 0152336
Date assumed command: 3 May 1945
Period of service with this unit: 41 months.
Period of service with other unit of this type: None.

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Rank: Major.
Efficiency Rating: Ex (66-1).

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3. Strength

| | | | | |
|------------|------------|----------|----------|-------|
| | White Off. | White WO | White IM | Total |
| a. T/O & E | 35 | 2 | 607 | 644 |

4. Specialist vacancies which cannot be filled by personnel readiness date with qualified personnel essential to the performance of the unit's primary mission and for which requisition, to bring the unit to T/O or authorized WD strength above, has been or will be submitted to the WD as prescribed in Para 10 of Inc No. 1 to Annex B.

| Number | Grade | SSN | Number | Grade | SSN |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|-----|
| 1 | M/Sgt | 660 | 1 | S/Sgt | 610 |
| 1 | T/Sgt | 592 | 1 | Sgt | 667 |
| 2 | S/Sgt | 648 | 3 | T/4 | 648 |
| 1 | S/Sgt | 821 | 2 | T/4 | 710 |
| 2 | S/Sgt | 014 | 1 | T/5 | 511 |

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1 End

5. Length of Time Personnel have Served With the Unit:

30.5% Off, 67.9% IM less than one month.
7.7% " 6.4% " more than one month, less than three months.
53.8% " 25.7% " more than three

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6. Medical Requirements:

Personnel of this unit have been screened in compliance with Para 6 Sect II, Inc No. 1 to Annex B, Redeployment Movements. Of the total personnel authorized for this movement by WD M/D, 100% of the officers and 100% of the enlisted men are physically and mentally qualified for further overseas service in an active theater of operations.

7. Trainings:

With due consideration being given to the standards of training prescribed for this type unit prior to its departure from the zone of Interior for overseas service; to current WD training directives; to missions assigned the unit and the assignment and experience of the personnel thereof during overseas service; and, to the additional training given in preparing the unit for redeployment, this unit and the individuals, specialists, technicians, crews, sections, and teams thereof are not qualified in all functions essential to the performance of the unit's primary missions in an active theater of operations.

Additional training required:

Specialist:

Radio maintenance and Operators, 6 weeks; Heavy Maintenance Personnel, 4 weeks; Fire Direction Center Personnel Training; Gun Mechanics, 4 weeks; Elementary Survey Training, 2 weeks; Crew Training; 4 weeks M-10 Crew Training for Direct Fire Missions, 4 Weeks Secondary Crew Training for Field Artillery Role; Dismounted Training for Reconnaissance personnel.

General:

Japanese Tactics, Malaria Control, Individual Small Arms Training, Map Reading, FM Radio Procedures, Mine Warfare, Interior Guard, and Local Security. Security and Patrolling, night operations. Replacements received to date and still enroute to unit are either from armored units or armored training centers. A minimum of two months training will be necessary to train and organize combat crews. Specialist training must take place in specialist schools. This unit is not properly qualified to train such personnel.

8. Firing:

a. Status of qualification firing with individual weapons is as follows:

| Type of Weapon | No so Arm'd | No who have fired | Course fired | percent qualified |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| M1, '03 | 283 | 177 | A | 95 |
| | | 32 | B | 93 |
| | | 43 | C | 78 |
| Carbine M1 | 293 | 112 | A | 83 |
| | | 2 | B | 100 |
| Pistol, Cal. 45 | 79 | 18 | A | 89 |

Information based upon inspection of Form 20s and is not accurate. Personnel have not fired any qualification or refresher courses in any weapon while in this organization.

b. Status of firing with crew served weapons is as follows:

| Type of Weapon | No of Such Crews | No of crews who have fired | Course Fired |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| MG Cal. 50 | 44 | 0 | — |
| MG Cal. 30 | 30 | 0 | |
| M-8 Arm'd Cars (37mm G) | 6 | 0 | |
| M-10 (3" G) | 36 | 0 | |

c. Status of Familiarization Firing:

Following percentage of assigned personnel have not fired within



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the past 12 months familiarization courses with the following types of weapons with which at least 10% of the unit is armed.

| Type of Weapon | Percentage not fired |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Rifle | 9% |
| Carbine | 32% |
| Pistol | 50% |

9. Unit is turning in combat vehicles at LIVONIA while enroute to redeployment area. At redeployment area unit will turn in all but essential organizational equipment/
10. Assigned missions;
This unit has performed in combat primary missions consistent with the basic purpose for which organized for 25 months. For 10 months 1 or 2 Cos of the Bn were continually performing as artillery. Since redeployment the Bn has had 85% turnover of personnel, the replacements coming from tank and infantry units and replacement pools.
11. Summary:
Unit has not received readiness date, and whether unit will be qualified for perform all phases of its primary mission by said personnel readiness date is not known.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT J. JACKSON
1st Lt., FA
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1. Reference Para 4 of basic communication, delete the following:

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| 1 | T/Sgt | 502 |
| 1 | S/Sgt | 821 |
| 3 | T/4 | 648 |
2. Above personnel received from 85th Inf Div at 231830B.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert J. Jackson
1st Lt., FA
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