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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314  
June 27, 1983

LTC Jerome Cohen  
AUS-Retired  
255 Castenada Drive  
Millbrae, California 94030

Dear Colonel Cohen:

This is in response to your letter of May 26, 1983, requesting a Statement of Service for the 807th Tank Battalion, formerly the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Enclosed is a Statement of Service for the 807th Tank Battalion which provides a concise organizational history of the unit as well as a list of the official battle honors awarded to it. A list of its stations from 1942 to 1945 is also enclosed. There is a published history of the battalion entitled, 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion, March 1942-September 1945 (n.p., 1945). That volume is among the collections of the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42d Street, New York, New York 10018. It cannot be borrowed, but a photocopy may be purchased. The battalion is also cited in the volume in the UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II Series, The Lorraine Campaign by H. M. Cole (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1950). A copy of that volume should be available from one of the larger libraries in your area.

We trust the information provided is useful for your presentation. Please accept our best wishes for a very successful reunion.

Sincerely,

David L. Lemon  
LTC(P), MPC  
Chief, Historical Services Division

Enclosures

HEADQUARTERS  
807TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (TOWED)  
APO 339, UNITED STATES ARMY

17 March 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Battalion History.

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

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 12th Tank Destroyer Group,  
APO 339, c/o Postmaster,  
New York City, New York.

1. Transmitted herewith is current history of this unit.  
PAC AR 345-105 (AG 314.73) (2-23-43) (C 3, 9 March 1943).

2. This history will be considered permanent from date of activation to present date and will revoke all other history or histories heretofore submitted or published. This shall not include inclosures, photos or any miscellanea having any historical bearing on this organization.

For the Battalion Commander:

Incl:  
History 807th TD Bn. (in duplicate)

JEROME COHEN,  
Captain,  
S - 2.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
12th TD Group  
APO 408, US Army

5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

1. It is my desire prior to leaving XVI Corps to commend you and the officers and men of the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the superior performance of duty which has characterized the battalion since it has been attached to my group.

2. The many and various missions which have been assigned to you have been cheerfully accepted and efficiently executed. The unimpaired operation of your battalion through numerous changes in attachment reflects great credit upon your organization. The praise you have won from the commanders of those units to which you have been attached for operations is a tribute to your leadership and to the excellence of your battalion.

3. I regret that we are not taking you with us to the Fifteenth Army, but hope that you will rejoin us sometime in the future.

James J. Deery  
Colonel, FA  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS:  
807TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)  
Camp Hood, Texas.

22 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Battalion History.

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

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 11th Hq & Hq Det, Spl Trs., Fourth Army,  
Camp Hood, Texas.

1. Transmitted herewith is the supplement to the current history of this unit. PAC AR 345-105 (AG 314.73) (2-23-43) (O 3, 9 March 1943).

2. This will complete the permanent history from date of activation to date of inactivation.

For the Battalion Commander:

JEROME COHEN,  
Capt., Inf.,  
S-2.

Incl:

Supplement, History 807th TD Bn. (in duplicate)

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807TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (TOWED)  
APO 339, UNITED STATES ARMY

13 March 1945

SUBJECT: 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion History, from 1 March 1942 to 1 March 1945, PAC AR 345-105 (AG 314.73) (2-23-43) (3, 9 March 1943).

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

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, 12th Tank Destroyer Group, Nieukirch, Germany.

a. Original Unit:

(1) Designation:

807th TD Bn, pursuant to authority contained in WD Ltr AG 320.2 (12-15-41) BR-H-C, dated 1 Jan 1942 and as per Par 2 GO #21, Hqs Western Defense Command and Fourth Army dated 18 Feb 1942 and Ltr Hqs Southern California Sector 320.2/433.

(2) Date of Organization:

1 Mar 1942 as per above orders inclusive and under T/O 18-25 and PAC Ltr Hq AGF 321/24 (TD UNITS) (R) (5 Dec 1943) (AGCI dated 5 Dec 1943, Subject "Inactivation and reorganization of TD Units" and 1st Ind Hqs C-MAA, Camp Young, California, 321/24 GENX1 dated 13 Dec 1943 this Battalion was reorganized in accordance with T/O 18-35 dated 7 May 1943. Reconnaissance Company was thereby inactivated effective 2400 21 Dec 1943.

(3) Place of Origin: Camp Cooke, California.

(4) Authority for Organization:

T/O 18-25, WD Ltr AG 320.2 (12-15-41) BR-H-C dated 14 Feb 1942. (See Par a-2).

(5) Sources from which Personnel was obtained: Officer Cadre transferred from IRTC Camp Roberts, California and officer fillers transferred from TD CCS, Camp Hood, Texas. Enlisted Cadre transferred from 826th TD Bn per Par 2 GO #21 Hqs Western Defense Command and Fourth Army dated 18 Feb 1942 and Ltr Hqs Southern California Sector 320.2/433. Enlisted fillers transferred from IRTC Camp Roberts, California, Fort McPherson, Georgia, Reception Center and Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Reception Center.

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- a. (2) Date of Organization:  
(Add the following)

Battalion reorganized 3 April 1945. PAO, par 1 General Order #85, Headquarters, Ninth U.S. Army, dated 26 March 1945 redesignated 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self Propelled). Reconnaissance Company reactivated.

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b. Changes in Organization: Upon activation the unit was assigned to Hqs Southern California Sector, Hqs Western Defense Command and attached to 5th Armored Division (PAC unknown) while undergoing basic training during the period 1 July - 4 Oct 1942. The battalion was attached to Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, for temporary duty while undergoing training PAC Ltr Hqs AWC, Washington, D. C., File #320,2/2113 (TW) (R) GIGCT dated 26 Sept 1942, during the period 8 Oct 1942 - 6 Feb 1943. PAC in Ltr AGF 370.5/95 (TD) (R) GIGCT (1-28-43) dated 28 Jan 1943 and Par 1 SO #28 Hqs TDC, Camp Hood, Texas, the unit was assigned to 10th Corps, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. PAC Par 5 CO #47 Hqs Third Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, this battalion was released from assignment 10th Corps and attached to Eighth Hqs and Hqs Detachment, Special Troops, Third Army, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, 5 May 1943. PAC Sec 1 CO #81, Third Army, dated 10 Aug 1943, the battalion was released from Third Army and reassigned to 10th Corps. In compliance with Ltr, Hqs Third Army AG 370.5 GMECC-5, 20 Aug 1943, subject: "Movement of Units to Fourth Maneuver Period, Louisiana, 1943", the unit underwent maneuver training under direction of Third Army in Louisiana during the period 20 Sept - 23 Oct 1943. PAC Ltr AGF 370.5 (TD Units) (R) (14 Oct 1943) GIGCT dated 14 Oct 1943, subject: Transfer of 807th and 811th TD Battalions and 1st Ind., Hqs Third Army 370.5 (TD) GMECC-5 dated 19th Oct 1943, the battalion was assigned to Hqs Desert Training Center, Camp Young, California, (later known as Hqs C-21A) and underwent desert training period 23 Nov 1943 - 5 March 1944. PAC AGF Ltr 370.5/322 (R) (25 Feb 1944) "Movement Orders" dated 26 Feb 1944, the battalion was assigned to 4th Hqs and Hqs Detachment, XIII Corps, Fort Dix, New Jersey. The unit conducted training and was engaged in preparation for overseas movement at Fort Dix under direction of XIII Corps and later XVIII Corps during the period 12 March - 4 Aug 1944. PAC Par 7 SO #142, Hqs XVIII Corps, Fort Du Pont, Delaware, dated 3 July 1944, the battalion went to Camp Kilmer, NYPE, 5 Aug 1944, and sailed on the USS Hermitage 11 Aug 1944 for the European Theatre of Operations, arriving at LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, on 23 Aug 1944. On arrival the battalion was assigned to Third Army PAC Ltr LTO, File AG 322 Op. GC-, subject: "Troop Assignment 101", dated 29 July 1944, Par 1. The battalion drew equipment and prepared for short sea voyage to the continent during the period 24 Aug - 13 Sept 1944 at LANOVER PARK, SALIS, and sailed from PORTLAND DOCK, ENGLAND, on 17th Sept., arriving 18th Sept 1944, at OTEN BEACH, FRANCE. The battalion moved by motor across FRANCE and on arrival at ANCOUX LA CHENNE, FRANCE, 23 Sept 1944, was attached to XX Corps and in turn attached to 4th TD Group per VCOG Third Army. The battalion reinforced the corps artillery fires on the outer METZ defenses during the period 23 - 29 Sept. During the period 30 Sept - 7 Oct., the battalion was attached to 12 Polk (VCOG XI Corps) and fired direct and indirect missions against enemy installations and activities on the east bank of the MOSELLE River in the vicinity of THIONVILLE, FRANCE. During the MOSELLE River crossing at THIONVILLE, FRANCE, 8 Oct - 14 Oct 1944, the battalion supported the 95th Division at THIONVILLE. Per VCOG XI Corps, the battalion was attached to TF Bacon, 95th Division, which successfully drove south along the east bank of the MOSELLE River from its bridgehead at THIONVILLE and entered METZ, FRANCE, on 19 Nov 1944. The battalion was reattached to 4th TD Group 23 Nov 1944 and put in support of 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Division during the drive to the Saar River 24 Nov - 3 Dec 1944.

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Continuation of Par b.

The battalion was attached to the 5th Infantry Division (VOCC XX Corps, 1200 17 Dec 1944) with the primary mission of protecting the SAAR River bridge at SAARLAUTHEIM, Germany. Per VOCC XX Corps, the battalion was attached to the 95th Division, 1500 21 Dec 1944, with the primary mission of providing AT defense of the SAARLAUTHEIM Bridgehead area. Per VOCC Third Army, the battalion was relieved from attachment to 95th Division and XX Corps and attached to Seventh Army, 1600 hours, 18th Jan 1945, and in turn attached to XV Corp, 1215 hours, 19 Jan., and attached to 101st Airborne Division 1800 hours, 19th Jan 1945. The battalion was attached to 100th Division, 22 Jan 1945, and reattached to 101st Airborne Division 2030 hours 24th Jan 1945 and passed from XV Corps to VI Corp control 25 Jan 1945. Per Ltr AG 370.5-C Hq Seventh Army, 7th March 1945, the battalion was relieved from attachment to Seventh Army. On arrival in Ninth Army area, the battalion was attached to XVI Corps, 1 March 1945.

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b. Changes in Organization)

(Add the following)

The Battalion was attached to the 35th Infantry Division and moved from the Roer river to the Rhine river in the vicinity of Rheinberg, Germany, and then attached to the 75th Infantry Division; then attached to the 30th Infantry Division, reenforcing the artillery fire in support of the Rhine river crossing south of Wessel on 23 March 1945. After the Rhine river crossing the battalion was in turn attached to the 55th AAA Brigade and 17th Airborne Division with the primary mission of protecting the Rhine river bridge between Wessel and Duisburg.

On 25 April 1945, on arrival in the Third Army zone, the battalion was attached to the 86th Infantry Division and supported its drive from Ansbach, Germany to Arnsdorf, Austria.

During the period 8 May -13 May 1945 the Battalion was engaged in setting up and administering military government in the Burghausen area in central southeastern Germany.

During the period 15 May-20 June 1945 the battalion was engaged in preparation for redeployment at Hockenheim, Germany.

PAO Letter AG 370-.5-C, Hqs. Seventh Army, dated 12 June 1945 the battalion moved to Camp Miami, France assembly area command 21 June 1945, thence to Camp Lucky Strike, France on 1 July 1945. The battalion sailed aboard the U.S.S. Marine Robin departing Le Harve, France 7 July 1945 and arriving Hampton Roads, Virginia 16 July 1945. At Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia personnel of the unit were sent to their respective separation centers for 30 days Rest, Recuperation and Rehabilitation. Camp Cooke, California was designated as the assembly station, but on 15 August 1945 the assembly station was changed to North Camp Hood, Texas. On 4 September 1945, 80 % of the personnel had reassembled at Camp Hood, Texas.

PAO General Order #40, Hq & Hq Det, Spl Trs, Fourth Army dated 19 September 1945, the battalion was inactivated at North Camp, Camp Hood, Texas 22 September 1945.

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## c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

		INCREASE:			DECREASE:		
		EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO
4 Mar	1942	36	1				
1 Apr	1942	54	34		18	33	
1 May	1942	83	34		29		
1 June	1942	429	34		346		
1 July	1942	519	34		90		
1 Aug	1942	533	30		14		
1 Sept	1942	525	30			8	4
1 Oct	1942	586	30		61		
1 Nov	1942	574	28				
1 Dec	1942	571	42			12	2
1 Jan	1943	564	40			3	
1 Feb	1943	864	40			7	2
1 March	1943	756	38		300		
1 Apr	1943	697	35				
1 May	1943	704	35	1		108	2
1 June	1943	686	32	1	7	59	3
1 July	1943	657	31	1			
1 Aug	1943	645	37	1		18	3
1 Sept	1943	601	36	1		29	2
1 Oct	1943	557	47	1		12	
1 Nov	1943	568	45	1		44	1
1 Dec	1943	569	43	1	11	44	
1 Jan	1944	769	54	1	11		2
1 Feb	1944	785	51	1	16		2
1 March	1944	780	52	2			3
1 Apr	1944	773	50	2		5	
1 May	1944	784	48	2		7	2
1 June	1944	757	31	2	11		2
1 July	1944	778	45	2	21	14	
1 Aug	1944	755	36	2			
1 Sept	1944	728	31	2		23	9
1 Oct	1944	726	31	2		27	5
1 Nov	1944	718	31	2		2	
1 Dec	1944	708	33	2		8	
1 Jan	1945	617	31	2		10	
1 Feb	1945	614	30	2		91	2
1 March	1945	617	30	2	3	3	1

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c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:  
(Add the following)

					INCREASE			DECREASE		
		EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO	EM	O	WO
1 April	1945	691	31	2	74	1				
1 May	1945	608	31	2				83		
1 June	1945	586	29	2				22	2	
1 July	1945	596	30	2	10	1				
1 August	1945	618	30	2	22					
1 Sept	1945	618	30	2						

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d. Stations: (cont)  
(Add the following)

<u>Place:</u>	<u>Arrival:</u>	<u>Departure</u>
Venlo, Netherlands	(Temp) 3 March 1945	4 March 1945
Nieuwkirk, Germany	(Temp) 4 March 1945	6 March 1945
Lintford, Germany	(Temp) 6 March 1945	1 April 1945
Holton, Germany	(Temp) 1 April 1945	3 April 1945
Rheinberg, Germany	(Temp) 3 April 1945	21 April 1945
Ansbach, Germany	(Temp) 24 April 1945	25 April 1945
Weizenburg, Germany	(Temp) 25 April 1945	26 April 1945
Eichstat, Germany	(Temp) 26 April 1945	27 April 1945
Ingolstat, Germany	(Temp) 27 April 1945	29 April 1945
Eschelbach, Germany	(Temp) 29 April 1945	30 April 1945
Freising, Germany	(Temp) 30 April 1945	1 May 1945
Erding, Germany	(Temp) 1 May 1945	4 May 1945
Aschau, Germany	(Temp) 4 May 1945	5 May 1945
Arnsdorf, Austria	(Temp) 5 May 1945	8 May 1945
Raitenhaslach, Germany	(Temp) 8 May 1945	13 May 1945
Hockenheim, Germany	(Temp) 15 May 1945	20 June 1945
Camp Miami, France	(Temp) 21 June 1945	30 June 1945
Camp Lucky Strike, France	(Temp) 1 July 1945	6 July 1945
Camp Patrick Henry, Va.	(Temp) 16 July 1945	17 July 1945
Camp Cooke, California.	(Perm) 21 July 1945	15 Aug 1945
Camp Hood, Texas.	(Perm) 15 Aug 1945	22 Sept 1945

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## e. Marches:

- (1) Purpose: Change of Stations: PAC Ltr AGF 370.5/95 (TD) (R)-GNGCT, (1-28-43).
- (2) Length of March: 403 miles.
- (3) Points between which Marched: Convoy marched through Temple, Texas at 1525, Trot, Texas at 1548, Eddy, Texas at 1605. Halted at 1812 near Abbot, Texas for supper. Distance traveled 83 miles. Resumed march at 1833, passed through Millford, Texas at 1942, Italy, Texas at 1955. Halted and resumed march at 2000. Through Waxahachie, Texas at 2307 into Dallas, Texas and out of Dallas at 2315. Mileage at city limits of Dallas 160 miles. Passed through Dennison, Texas at 0100 7 Feb 1943 halting on outskirts of city for refueling. Resumed march at 0745 and crossed Texas-Oklahoma States border at 0755. Halted at outskirts of Eufaula, Oklahoma at 1200 for dinner. Resumed march at 1300 arriving at Muskogee, Oklahoma at 1410. Reached Camp Gruber, Oklahoma at 1500 7 Feb 1943.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads through Texas into Durant, Oklahoma good. Excellent from Durant to Camp Gruber. Very good to poor in places. Weather clear and cool at night, clear and warm in daytime.
- (5) Remarks: Morale excellent.
- (1) Purpose: Temporary change of Stations: PAC FO #1, Hqs 807th TD Bn., Camp Gruber, Oklahoma dated 10 Sept 1943 and Ltr 10th Corps, file AGF 370.5 GNGCT dated 31 Aug 1943, subject: "Movement Orders and Administration".
- (2) Length of March: 448.2 miles.
- (3) Points between which Marched: Convoy left Camp Gruber, Oklahoma at approximately 0545 13 Sept 1943. Passed through Salisaw, Oklahoma 0745 to Ft Smith, Arkansas at 0845 arriving at bivouac in Hena, Arkansas 1232 13 Sept 1943. Mileage from control point 138.4 miles. Left bivouac area 0640 14 Sept 1943. Arrived Texas-Louisiana States Line-- 0745. Arrived for bivouac at Barksdale Airport near Shreveport, Louisiana at 1745 14 Sept 1943. Left Airport bivouac 0655 15 Sept 1943 arriving bivouac area Many, Louisiana 1145 15 Sept 1943. 96.8 miles from Barksdale Airport and 448 miles from control point.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads fair to good. Weather warm and clear with intermittent showers on last day.
- (5) Remarks: Morale excellent.

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e. Marches:

- (1) Purpose: Movement from LLANOVER PARK, Wales, to MARSHALLING AREA, BRYMOUTH, England, to PORTLAND DOCKS, England, for shipment to Continent.

(2) Length of March: 172 Miles.

(3) Points between which Marched:

Departed from LLANOVER PARK, Wales 0930 hours 14 Sept 1944, arrived vic BRYMOUTH, ENGLAND, 2150 hours 14 Sept 1944. Departed from vic BRYMOUTH, ENGLAND 0800 hours 16 Sept 1944, arrived PORTLAND DOCKS 1110 hours 16 Sept 1944.

(4) Condition of Roads and Weather:

Roads excellent, weather cloudy and drizzling 14 Sept., cool and clear 16 Sept.

(5) Remarks: None.

- (1) Purpose: Movement from UTAH BEACH, France to Combat Zone ANNOUX LA GRANGE, France.

(2) Length of March: 534 Miles.

(3) Points between which Marched:

Departed Transient Area "B" (vic UTAH BEACH) 1200 hours 18 Sept 1944. Marched distance of 96 miles to bivouac at St Mars, arriving 1800 hours. Departed 0800 hours and marched 134 miles arriving at bivouac vic CLOYES at 1730 hours. Departed 1300 hours and marched 117 miles to bivouac vic SENS 1800 hours 20 Sept 1944. Bivouaced in viv SENS all day. Departed from SENS 0800 hours 22 Sept 1944 marched distance of 123 miles arriving at bivouac vic BONNET 1800 hours. Departed 0800 hours and marched 68 miles arriving at ANNOUX LA GRANGE, 1230 hours 23 Sept 1944.

(4) Conditions of Roads and Weather: Roads good - Weather clear and warm most of trip. Rain 23 Sept.

(5) Remarks: None.

- (1) Purpose: Movement from ANNOUX LA GRANGE to WEYMERANGE for New Assignment.

(2) Length of March: 22 Miles.

(3) Points between which Marched:

Departed from ANNOUX LA GRANGE 0800 hours 29 Sept 1944, arriving at WEYMERANGE 1030 hours 29 Sept 1944.

e. Marches: (Cont'd from Page 7)

(4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads excellent, weather cloudy and rainy.

(5) Remarks: None.

(1) Purpose: Movement from SAARLAUTERN, Germany to DRULINGEN, France for new assignment.

(2) Length of March: 95 miles.

(3) Points between which Marched: Departed from SAARLAUTERN, Germany 1100 hours 18 Jan 1945 arriving at DRULINGEN, France 1800 hours 18 Jan 1945.

(4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads good, weather snowing turning to clear and cool at end of march.

(5) Remarks: None.

(1) Purpose: Movement from MONTERCEN, France to MELSHIERI, France for new assignment.

(2) Length of March: 43 miles.

(3) Points between which Marched: Departed from MONTERCEN, France 1120 hours 25 Jan 1945, arriving at MELSHIERI, France 1500 hours 25 Jan 1945.

(4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads icy. Weather cloudy and overcast.

(5) Remarks: None.

(1) Movement from SEIGRIST, France to WEHR, Germany for new assignment.

(2) Length of March: 312 miles.

(3) Points between which Marched: Departed SEIGRIST, France 0830 27 Feb 1945 and marched 112 miles arriving at bivouac vic ETAIN 1700 27 Feb 1945. Departed ETAIN, France 0830 28 Feb 1945 and marched 109 miles arriving at bivouac vic JEMPE, Belgium 1600 hours 28 Feb 1945. Departed JEMPE Belgium 0830 hours 1 March 1945 and marched 91 miles arriving at WEHR, Germany 1415 hours 1 March 1945.

(4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads good, weather clear and cool.

(5) Remarks: None.

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(Cont) (Add the following).

- (1) Purpose: Movement from Rheinberg, Germany, to Ansbach, Germany. Reassignment, Ninth Army to Third Army.

- (2) Length of March: 380.6 Miles.

- (3) Points between which Marched:

Departed Rheinberg, Germany, 0700 hours 21 April 1945, arrived Bonn, Germany, 1400 hours. Departed Bonn, Germany, 0700 hours 22 April 1945. Arrived Hanau, Germany 1830 hours. Departed Hanau, Germany 0830 hours 23 April 1945. Arrived Ansbach, Germany 2000 hours 23 April 1945.

- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather:

Roads good, weather clear.

- (5) Remarks: (None.)

- (1) Purpose: Movement from Raitenhaslach, Germany to Hockenheim, Germany.

- (2) Length of March: 321 Miles.

- (3) Points between which Marched:

Departed Raitenhaslach, Germany 1300 hours 13 May 1945. Arrived Nordlingen, Germany 0400 hours 14 May 1945. Departed Nordlingen, Germany 2200 hours 14 May 1945. Arrived Hockenheim, Germany 1130 hours 15 May 1945.

- (4) Conditions of Roads and Weather:

Roads good, weather clear and warm.

- (5) Remarks: (None.)

- (1) Purpose: Movement from Hockenheim, Germany to Assembly Area, Camp Miami, France.

- (2) Length of March: 280 Miles.

- (3) Points between which Marched: Departed Hockenheim, Germany 0700 hours 20 June 1945. Arrived Nancy, France 1600 hours 20 June 1945. Departed Nancy, France 0800 hours 21 June 1945. Arrived Camp Miami, France 1430 hours 21 June 1945.

- (4) Conditions of Roads and Weather: Roads good, weather clear and warm.

- (5) Remarks: (None.)

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f. Campaigns:

- (1) Name Of: Germany First Phase.
- (2) Duration: 15 Sept 1944 to -----(date not yet announced).
- (3) Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Authority Ordering: War Department (ref GO #80 WO 5 Oct 1944).

g. Battles:

Name: MOSELLE River Crossing.

Place: THIONVILLE, France.

Date: 8 Nov 1944.

Campaign of which Battle was a Part: Germany First Phase.

Forces Engaged: 19th Infantry Division and 1126th Regiment.

Results: Bridgehead successfully established. The Garrison at FORT YUTZ was reduced thus making possible the subsequent drive on METZ to the South.

Place: METZ.

Place: METZ, France.

Date: 14 Nov to 21 Nov 1944.

Campaign of which Battle was a Part: Germany First Phase.

Forces Engaged: Elements of 59th Infantry Division.

Results: Enemy defenses North of METZ including FORT ILLINGE and FORT ST JULIEN were successfully reduced and the city of METZ was liberated. During this battle the battalion knocked out five (5) antitank guns, fourteen (14) AA guns, four (4) machine gun nests, destroyed one (1) Fort and removed five (5) road blocks and captured six (6) officers and 359 enlisted prisoners of war.

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f. Campaigns:

(substitute the following)

- (1) Name of: Rhineland.
- (2) Duration: 15 Sept 1944 to 21 March 1945.
- (3) Purpose:
- (4) Authority Ordering:

- (1) Name of: Central Europe.
- (2) Duration: 22 March 1945 to 6 May 1945.
- (3) Purpose:
- (4) Authority Ordering:

g. Battles:

(add the following)

Name: Rhine River Crossing.

Place: Wessel—Duisburg Area, Germany.

Date: 23 March 1945.

Campaign of which Battle was a Part: Central Europe.

Forces Engaged: Remnants of about 6 German Divisions.

Results: River crossing was a complete success. Enemy resistance was reduced and the pursuit across Germany began terminating with the cessation of hostilities.

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g. Battles: (Continued from Page 9)

Name: SAAR River Crossing.

Place: SAARLAUTERN, Germany.

Date: 24 Nov to 3 Dec 1944.

Campaign of which Battle was a Part: Germany First Phase.

Forces Engaged: 347th Infantry Division.

Results: Enemy was driven back across SAAR River and the Bridge at SAARLAUTERN was captured intact and a bridgehead established on the East bank of the SAAR River. During this operation the battalion neutralized three (3) MAGINOT Ports, neutralized four (4) Pill Boxes and captured four (4) prisoners of war.

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## h. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements:

During all of above campaign and battles the battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel CARLTON K. SMITH.

## i. Losses in Action: Officers and men.

### Killed in Action:

1st Lt John J. Vader	01823092	France	20 Oct 1944
1st Lt Travis B. Thompson	01825450	France	14 Nov 1944
Pfc Edward C. Hicks	34596343	France	2 Feb 1945
Pfc Mark Williams	32317916	Germany	29 Dec 1944
S/Sgt Charles Welch	37151862	Germany	22 Dec 1944
-T/5 James R. Atterbury	38088043	France	5 Dec 1944
S/Sgt Elvin G. Case	39078458	Germany	6 Dec 1944
Pvt Johnnie B. Cochran	34578249	Germany	6 Dec 1944
Pvt Richard W. Sandahl	39233874	Germany	2 Dec 1944
Pfc Joseph J. Schmolke	39387729	Germany	4 Dec 1944
-T/5 Robert L. Thomas	38104612	Germany	4 Dec 1944
-Pfc Edward R. Birch	33263143	Germany	3 Dec 1944
T/5 Earl E. Dudwoire	32044536	Germany	1 Dec 1944
Pvt William A. Bennett	34597947	France	1 Oct 1944
Pfc Allen T. Edwards	3279127	France	12 Oct 1944
Pvt Troy W. Tolbert	34595695	France	12 Oct 1944
Pvt Glenn R. Smith	35537420	France	13 Oct 1944
-Pfc James H. Linthicum	37148412	Germany	18 Dec 1944

### Wounded in Action:

Pfc Archie P. Bonds	34598161	Germany	10 Mar 1945
Sgt Joseph C. Burdett	18103678	France	5 Feb 1945
Pfc Earl L. De Hart	33826775	France	5 Feb 1945
Pfc James L. Guest	34586367	France	5 Feb 1945
-T/4 George L. Christian	38088970	Germany	2 Dec 1944
T/5 Norbert Huett	35537353	Germany	29 Dec 1944
T/5 Aaron B. Ramsey	38099988	Germany	29 Dec 1944
T/4 Michael J. Popoloski	11049513	Germany	6 Dec 1944
T/5 Ray E. Shaffer	37189644	Germany	22 Dec 1944
Pfc James A. Bradley	34586474	Germany	22 Dec 1944
Pvt Albin O. Janowiecki	35537510	Germany	17 Dec 1944
Cpl Richard R. Stringer	33096616	Germany	17 Dec 1944
-Sgt Pete J. Zunick	38103479	Germany	10 Dec 1944
Sgt Douglas A. Lamontagne	19083554	Germany	6 Dec 1944
T/5 Albert R. Allen	20324815	Germany	6 Dec 1944
Pfc John T. Formby	34585920	Germany	6 Dec 1944
Pvt Earnest E. Bryant	34578489	Germany	6 Dec 1944
Cpl Otis Dele	38102548	Germany	5 Dec 1944
Pvt Claborne Byrd	14007075	Germany	5 Dec 1944

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1. Losses in Action: Officers and Enlisted Men.  
(Add. the following)

Killed in Action:

✓ Cpl. Robert A. Ratliff	34585793	Germany	6 April 1945
Cpl. Glen Flinn	37151880	Germany	23 March 1945

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## 1. Losses in Action: (Cont'd from Page 9)

Pvt Louis J. Daigle	38496591	Germany	5 Dec	1944
Pvt Henry J. Lauer	38092941	Germany	4 Dec	1944
T/5 Clarence O. Johnson	37168387	Germany	4 Dec	1944
Pvt Donald A. McMullen	33762795	Germany	3 Dec	1944
Pfc Herbert W. Cardwell	34586659	France	19 Nov	1944
Pfc Farn Anderson	34578701	France	18 Nov	1944
Cpl Cullen H. Jones	34586635	France	19 Nov	1944
Pfc Carl S. Payne	34579046	France	15 Nov	1944
Pfc Leroy Gill	37168359	France	15 Nov	1944
Pvt Isaac W. Whitt	34597948	France	20 Oct	1944
Pvt William H. Lakoske, Jr.,	36860056	France	20 Oct	1944
Pfc Joseph P. Stefan	37147935	France	12 Oct	1944
Pfc William S. Young	34586665	France	4 Oct	1944

## 1. Foremen and present Members who have Distinguished themselves in Action: Award of the Silver Star:

Lieutenant Colonel CARLTON K. SMITH, 0231996, for gallantry in action against the enemy from 15 Nov 1944 to 22 Nov 1944, in the vicinity of METZ, France, battle of METZ.

1st Lieutenant Travis Thompson for gallantry in action in MOSELLE Crossing, THIONVILLE, France, 14 Nov 1944.

### Award of Bronze Star:

1st Lieutenant William F. Toole, Jr., for heroic achievement in connection with operations against an enemy. Battle of METZ, 15 Nov 1944.

S/Sgt Elgin O. Ritterman, for heroic achievement in connection with operations against an enemy. Battle of METZ, 19 Nov 1944.

Sgt Mike J. Vig, Jr., for meritorious service in connection with operations against an enemy. Battle of MOSELLE Crossing, THIONVILLE, France, 14 Nov 1944.

### Foreign Decorations and Awards:

#### Croix De Guerre:

All of CO A.

Pfc Joseph P. Stefan, 37147935, for heroism before the enemy in France on 12 Oct 1944 and gallantry exhibited while suffering from serious wounds.

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(Substitute the following).

j. Former and present members who have Distinguished themselves in Action:

Award of Silver Star

Lt. Col. Carlton K. Smith  
Lt. Travis B. Thompson  
S/Sgt Lester, Frederick  
Pfc Joseph Stefan  
Pfc Telesford H. Martinez

Award of Soldier's Medal

S/Sgt Donald J. Gaffey  
Pfc John E. Lovick

Award of Bronze Star

Lt. Col. Carlton K. Smith  
Capt. Clifford W. Vaughn  
Capt. Howard A. Evans  
Capt. Edward J. Molloy, Jr.  
Capt. James Blusser  
Lt. Joseph E. Johnston, Jr.  
Lt. James Wilson  
Lt. William F. Toole, Jr.  
M/Sgt Frank Azevedo  
M/Sgt Oswald N. Sloan  
T/Sgt Joseph O. Eapy, Jr.  
T/Sgt Richard C. Thoene  
S/Sgt Claude Romack  
S/Sgt Elgin O. Rittmann  
S/Sgt Kermit G. Larsen  
S/Sgt Donald R. Cover  
S/Sgt Donald J. Gaffey  
S/Sgt Edwin Saeger  
S/Sgt William J. Sorensen  
S/Sgt Stephen Schwab  
Sgt Johnny H. Lucas  
Sgt Leon R. Davis  
Sgt Wilburn T. Thomanon  
Sgt Mike J. Vig, Jr.  
Sgt Douglas A. Lamontagna  
Sgt Marvin Taylor  
Sgt Edward Grove  
Sgt Lavern H. Davis  
Sgt Elton Valente  
Sgt William J. Tuah  
Sgt Jerry Cernik  
Sgt Robert B. Kelly  
Sgt Henry F. Rominger  
Sgt Waldon E. Burns

T/4 William Wilson  
T/4 Richard Gilmore  
T/4 Ernest L. Setina  
Opl Clarence V. Peterson  
Opl Luther Spaugh, Jr.  
T/5 John Vince  
Pfc Martin A. Jullich  
Pfc Ernest P. Wooten  
Pfc Joseph Cummings  
Pvt Quillian F. Mills  
Pvt Ernest W. Bryant

Award of Croix De Guerre

Pfc Joseph Stefan

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j. The following named officers and EM received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action:

Capt Edward J. Molloy, Jr.	0420865	"B" Company
Pvt Blake R. Meadows	35660008	"C" Company
T/4 Edwin W. Saeger	37189667	"B" Company
Cpl Luther D. Spaugh	34597978	"B" Company
T/5 Richard L. Gilmore	34578269	"B" Company
Cpl Vollie S. West	34579311	"A" Company
T/5 Garland Lunsey	33089271	"A" Company
Pvt Nicholas Waskul	36868967	"A" Company
Pfc William E. Young	34586665	"C" Company
Pvt Carl S. Payne	34579046	Hqs Company
Pvt Edward F. Molina	39231346	"B" Company
Pfc Leroy Gill	37168359	Hqs Company
Pfc Purn Anderson	34579701	"B" Company
Pfc Herbert W. Cardwell	34586659	"B" Company
Cpl Cullen H. Jones	34586635	"B" Company
Cpl Otis Dele	38102548	"B" Company
Pfc John T. Formby	34585920	"C" Company
Sgt Douglas A. LaMontague	19083554	"C" Company
T/5 Albert R. Allen	20324815	"C" Company
T/4 Michael J. Poploski	11049513	"A" Company
Pvt Donald A. McKullen	33762745	"A" Company
Pvt Ernest W. Bryant	34578489	"C" Company
Pvt Louis J. Daigle	38496591	"B" Company
Pfc Theodore L. Lujon	37355740	"A" Company
Pvt Bert A. Magner	36444354	Hqs Company
Pfc William H. LaRoske, Jr.	36860056	Hqs Company
Pfc Frank Lupo	32601343	"A" Company
S/Sgt Harry J. Tryon	6685138	Hqs Company
Pvt Claborne Byrd	14007075	"B" Company
Pvt Joseph M. Congo	32627296	"B" Company
Pvt Earl L. Walker	31340382	"B" Company
S/Sgt Grady W. Whitten	6367059	"A" Company
Pfc Millard W. Jackson	34597424	"B" Company
T/5 Norbert Huett	35537353	"C" Company
T/5 Joseph A. Veres	33163423	"B" Company
Pfc Angelo Gaerra	32071443	"B" Company
Pvt Lonnie C. Keller	34586692	"B" Company
T/4 Max C. Tichenor	34598116	"B" Company
Pvt Stanley Len	31337440	Med Det
Pfc Earl L. DeHart	33826775	"B" Company

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k. During the 8 months of active combat in the ETO the battalion fired the staggering figure of 63,625 rounds of 3" service ammunition and 811 rounds of 76mm service ammunition; captured over 3100 german prisoners, or about 6 pw's for each man in the battalion, killed 85 enemy, and assisted the infantry in killing and capturing many hundreds more; knocked out 1 MK VI, 2 MK V and 1 MK IV tanks; destroyed 14 Flak Guns; 7 88mm guns, 4 combat and 17 general purpose 18 machine gun positions, and many pillboxes and even shot down 1 enemy observati plane. During all this fighting the battalion was fortunate in sustaining relativ light losses--20 men killed; and 80 wounded, more than half of whom returned to d In all, over 2500 miles of European soil was ground under the wheels and tracks o the rapidly moving 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

The attachments and assignments in the ETO were many: First, Third, Seventh Ninth Armies; XX, XV, VI, XVI, III and XXI Corps; 83rd, 95th, 5th, 90th, 35th, 10 75th, 30th and 86th Infantry Divisions; 101st and 17th Airborne Divisions; 3rd Ca Group; and 4th, 12th and 16th Tank Destroyer Groups.

## STATEMENT OF SERVICE

### 807th Tank Battalion

Constituted 1 January 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Activated 1 March 1942 at Camp Cooke, California

Inactivated 22 September 1945 at Camp Hood, Texas

Converted and redesignated 27 August 1947 as the 311th Tank Battalion and allotted to the Organized Reserves

Activated 15 October 1947 with Headquarters at Davenport, Iowa

Location of Headquarters changed 17 November 1947 to Des Moines, Iowa

(Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps)

Reorganized and redesignated 22 March 1949 as the 311th Heavy Tank Battalion

Inactivated 17 November 1950 at Des Moines, Iowa

Withdrawn 30 July 1951 from allotment to the Organized Reserve Corps and allotted to the Regular Army; concurrently redesignated as the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Redesignated 23 July 1953 as the 807th Tank Battalion

## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

## DECORATIONS

Company A entitled to:

French Croix de Guerre with Silver-Gilt Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered MOSELLE RIVER

807th Tank Destroyer Bn, Co A

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A choice unit which especially distinguished itself on 15 November 1944, by forcing the crossing of the Moselle at Thionville, despite enemy fire of unusual violence. After having taken Fort Elange and, although stopped before the ports of Saint Julien Champagne and Bellecroix by a curtain of fire, did not hesitate to resume the attack and plunged on toward Metz, taking more than 200 prisoners, including numerous officers.

HEADQUARTERS 807TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (TOWED)  
APO 403, United States Army

CKS/ehg

10 December 1944

SUBJECT: Publicity for Tank Destroyer Units.

TO : Commanding Officer, 4th Tank Destroyer Group, APO 403, United States Army.

In compliance with letter Headquarters 4th Tank Destroyer Group, dated 2 December 1944, subject: Publicity for Tank Destroyer Units, the following information is submitted:

1. In the movement from Thionville to Metz along the east bank of the Moselle River it was found that the use of maximum fire power of Tank Destroyers and Tanks supporting the Infantry would greatly ease the job of the Infantry and in some cases bring out the enemy before close combat was necessary. Heavy shelling of the village during the evening disorganized the enemy. During the night they reassembled and were ready to surrender as the attack was renewed at daybreak.
2. A statement that fewer casualties occurred during aggressive movement than while static was proven when during ten (10) days of movement in direct contact with the enemy the battalion suffered only two (2) casualties while in the same number of days of static activity twenty two (22) occurred.
3. It is noted that most minefields are discovered by jeeps whose occupants not satisfied with using demined highways try to take a shortcut over an unchecked road without reconnaissance.
4. Direct fire against enemy forts and pillboxes will draw counter-battery fire almost immediately. Complete preparation for security and for cover for the crew members must be prepared before the towed gun is moved into position. If the movement into position is then observed by the enemy the previously prepared cover is immediately available.
5. Basements of buildings and dwellings provide the best cover for gun crews. When possible guns are placed near building foundations or garden walls where basements or other underground shelters are readily available.
6. On 15 November 1944 the First Reconnaissance Platoon, commanded by 1st Lt. William F. Toole, Jr., O1 823 089, of Albany, New York, was assigned a mission of accompanying an Infantry column into the town of Bertrange, about three (3) kilometers away. This town was known to have been occupied by friendly troops two (2) days prior but all contact had been lost and the true condition within the town was not known. This platoon with

Ltr Hqs 807 T D Bn (Towed), sub: Publicity for Tank Destroyer Units, dtd 10 Dec 44 (Cont'd)

Infantry riding on the vehicles moved toward the town where the column came under heavy small arms and mortar fire. The Infantry dismounted, dispersed and opened fire. The 37 mm and machine guns of the Reconnaissance Platoon were put in action from their position in column on the road firing directly into the houses at the edge of the village. There was a heavy exchange of fire which continued until the enemy emerged with hands up and flying a white flag. The Infantry moved into the village while the Reconnaissance Platoon vehicles escorted a column of thirty nine (39) prisoners to the rear. Both 37 mm guns and machine guns were out of ammunition.

7. On the 18th of November 1944 in the vicinity of Fort Bellegarde, Metz, the Infantry had taken a number of prisoners and were moving forward to occupy and mop up in and around the warehouse buildings at the entrance to the fort. Captain Edward J. Molloy, Jr., O 420 865, of Oakland, California, commanding Company B, 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed), and his M-20 crew consisting of a machine gunner - Corporal Luther D. Spaugh, Jr., 34 597 978, of Winston Salem, North Carolina, a radio operator - T/4 Edwin W. Saeger, 37 139 667, of Rock Rapids, Iowa and a driver - T/5 Richard L. Gilmore, 34 578 269, of Cave Spring, Georgia, were near the head of the column and had parked in the entrance of a fort warehouse when a series of explosions occurred within the fort and the warehouse area. Following the explosion Captain Molloy and his crew emerged from the debris with only minor injuries. The exterior of the vehicle had been badly beaten up and it was necessary to remove a 10 " log from under the vehicle before it could be moved. The warehouse had completely disappeared.

8. Having a prime mover hit by an artillery shell is an old story but having the entire crew remain to confirm it is something new. A shell, a 10 " dud, passed through the back of the driver's compartment of an M-3 half-track and partially buried in the ground under the vehicle. Both vehicle and dud were abandoned and the ordnance notified. This incident happened on 7 December 1944 in the vicinity of Ober Limberg. The gun commander was Sergeant Herbert A. Beckman, 37 168 251, of Saginaw, Michigan, of Company B, 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed).

CARLTON K. SMITH  
Lt. Col., F. A.,  
Commanding.

## 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion

### Stations 1942-1945

Camp Cooke, California	March 1, 1942-October 4, 1942
Camp Hood, Texas	October 9, 1942-February 6, 1943
Camp Gruber, Oklahoma	February 7, 1943-September 13, 1943
Louisiana Maneuver Area	September 15, 1943 - November 17, 1943
Desert Training Area	November 20, 1943-March 6, 1944
Fort Dix, New Jersey	March 11, 1944-August 5, 1944
Camp Kilmer, New Jersey	August 5-11, 1944
Aboard "Hermitage"	August 11-22, 1944
England	August 22-September 17, 1944
France	September 18-December 2, 1944
Germany	December 2, 1944-June 20, 1945
France	June 20-July 7, 1945
Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation	July 16, 1945
Camp Hood, Texas	August 16-September 22, 1945