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HEADQUARTERS 812th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

UNIT HISTORY  
Calendar Year 1943

A. Original Unit.

1. Designation: 812th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
2. Date of Organization: 10 April 1942.
3. Place of Organization: Camp Gordon, Georgia
4. Authority for Organization: Letter, AG 320.2 (2-27-42) MR-M-C WD AGO 15 March 1942 and General Orders #17, Camp Gordon, Ga., April 6th 1942.
5. Original Cadre was transferred from 605th TD Bn., Ft. Custer, Michigan, by the 7th Sept. 1942, filler replacements were received in small groups by transfer from, infantry, artillery and T.D. organizations. On 5 December 1942, 338 EM were received from Camp Upton, New York, and on 13 December 1942 235 EM from Camp Upton, New York.

B. Changes in Organization.

1. The Battalion was originally organized under T/O 18-25 HV which provided for a strength of 56 Officers and 868 enlisted men. An authorized overstrength of 15% on privates and 25% in officers permitted a strength of 46 officers and 989 enlisted men.
2. Re-organization under T/O 18-25 dated 27 Jan. 1943 was completed about 10 June 1943 with an authorized strength of 56 officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 838 enlisted men.
3. Cadre: 5 officers and 80 EM left the Battalion for TDRTC, Camp Hood, Texas, 31 May 1943.

C. Tabulation of Strength

	O	EM		O	EM	
Jan 1, 1943	45	960	*	Jan 31, 1943	45	982
Feb 1, 1943	43	963	-	Feb 28 1943	59	962
Mar 1, 1943	44	962	-	Mar 31, 1943	37	910
Apr 1, 1943	37	911	-	Apr 30, 1943	43	877
May 1, 1943	34	874	-	May 31, 1943	40	848
Jun. 1, 1943	44	799	-	Jun 30, 1943	40	865
July 1, 1943	39	865	-	July 31, 1943	37	836
Aug. 1, 1943	37	836	-	Aug 31, 1943	45	821
Sept. 1, 1943	34	821	-	Sept. 30, 1943	49	873
Oct. 1, 1943	50	873	-	Oct. 31, 1943	59	861
Nov. 1, 1943	59	846	-	Nov. 30, 1943	56	838
Dec. 1, 1943	56	838	-	Dec 31, 1943	51	826

D. Changes Of Station

1. Departed Camp Bowie, Texas, combined rail and motor movement 1 March 1943, arrived Camp Hood, Texas, 1 March 1943
2. Departed Camp Hood, Texas, rail movement 30 June 1943-Perm. change of Station, arrived Camp Gordon, Georgia, 3 July 1943.
3. Battalion, less caretaking personnel, departed Camp Gordon Georgia 27 December 1943, combined rail and motor movement, for "D" exercises 106th Division, Wimsboro, S.C.
4. Arrived Wimsboro, S.C. 27 Dec 1943 departed Wimsboro, S.C. 4 Jan. 1944. Arrived Camp Gordon, Georgia 5 Jan 1944.

E. Marches

- I. Camp Bowie, Texas to Camp Hood Texas.
  - a. Purpose: temporary change of station.
  - b. Distance: 109 miles.
  - c. Departed Camp Bowie, Texas 1, March 1943 arrived Camp Hood same day.

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- d. Roads excellent, weather cold.
- f. All track laying vehicles and 100 EM made movement by rail.
- 2. Camp Gordon, Georgia to Winnsboro, South Carolina.
- a. Purpose-to travel to South Carolina Maneuver area.
- b. Distance-120 miles.
- c. Departed Camp Gordon, Georgia 27 Dec 1943, arrived vicinity Winnsboro, South Carolina, same day.
- d. Roads excellent, weather cold and rainy.

F. Campaigns

None

G. Battles

None

H. Commanding Officers

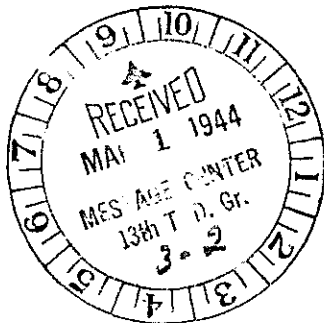
- 1. Lt. Col. H.B. Margeson, O-16181 Jan 1, to 8 Feb 1943.
- 2. Major Frank L. Allen, O-462652 Feb 8 to June 7 1943.
- 3. Lt. Col. Wm V. Martz, O-19879 7 June to 19 June 1943.
- 4. Capt. H.M. Byorum, O-346385 19 June to 28 June 1943.
- 5. Major L.M. Etherton, O-278207 28 June to 31 Dec 1943.

I. Former members of Battalion who have distinguished themselves in action.

- 1. It has been unofficially reported that 2nd Lt. George Spielberger one time of "A" Co., received the "Silver Star" for gallantry in action, presumable in Italy, 1943.

J. Photographs

None.



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