

The 818TH TANK DESTROYER Battalion

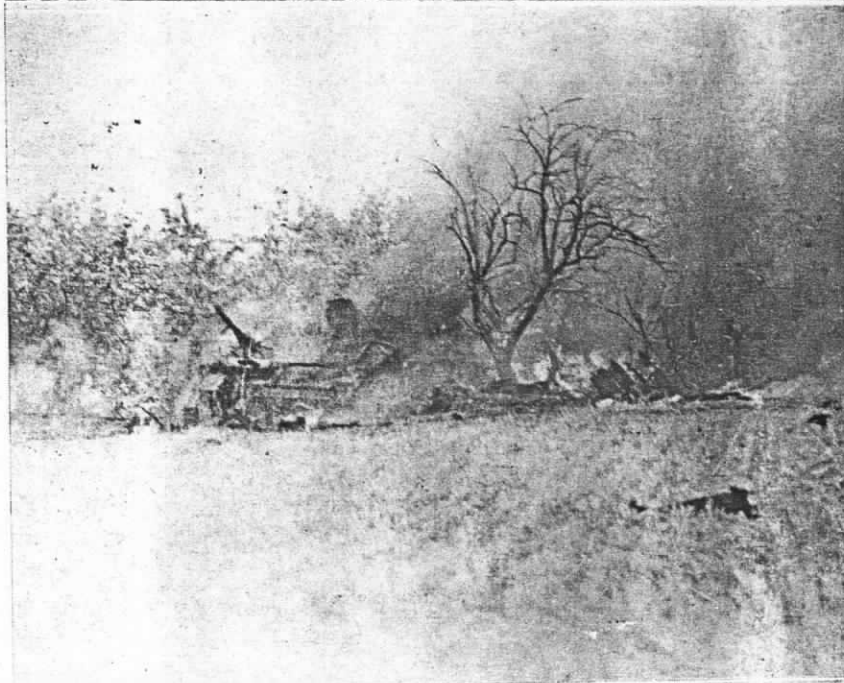
ACTIVATED December 15, 1941, a few days after a declaration of war, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH Tank Destroyer Battalion followed the usual routine of units organized during that period by participating in numerous field maneuvers and finally entering combat.

Personnel for the organization came from anti-tank batteries of the ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SECOND, SEVENTY-SEVENTH, and THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH Field Artillery regiments, men stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as school troops.

Early in 1942 the battalion accompanied the EIGHTEENTH Field Artillery Brigade to Camp Bowie, Texas, where the unit continued its field training and participated in maneuvers in Louisiana during the summer.

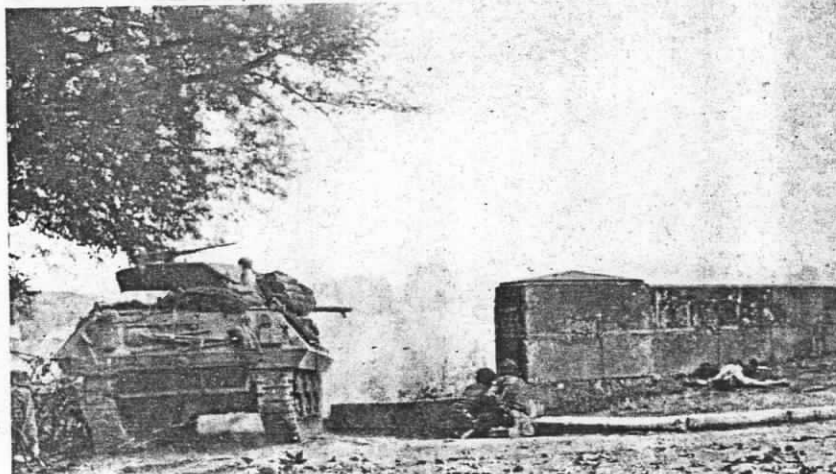
Few records are available from late 1942 until the battalion was attached to the FIFTH Infantry Division in Ireland and on April 29, 1944, for future general support when the division took its part in the invasion of France.

Leaving its home station, Stowell Park, Wiltshire, England, on July 11, 1944, the unit marched to the port of embarkation, Weymouth, England, debarking at Utah Beach, France, July 14. Three days later the battalion was committed to combat with the FIFTH Infantry Division, and fought with the division from that time until December 30, when it was detached from the FIFTH in the THIRD Army's regrouping for the Battle of the Bulge. Following that date, it fought for the most part with the Twenty-Sixth Infantry Division.



1. The Eight Hundred and Eighteenth Tank Destroyer Battalion was billeted in Murlough House during its training days in Ireland.

2. When an Eight Hundred and Eighteenth T. D. shell hit a German Tiger tank, the camera recorded the result.



3. Eight Hundred and Eighteenth T. D. blasts German positions across the Seine river at Fontainebleau.