

HEADQUARTERS
824TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

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SUBJECT: History 824th TD Bn.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, DC

1. History of 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion from 10
August 1942 to 28 November 1944 is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

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**HISTORICAL REPORT
OF
824TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**

A.- Original Unit.

- 1- 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion
- 2- Date of organization : 10 August 1942
- 3- Place of organization: Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.
- 4- Authority for organization :
A.G.F. Station List, 18 May 1942 and change #1 thereto.
- 5- Source from which personnel obtained:
 - a. Transferred from other units at beginning of period, 35 officers 77 EM to serve as cadre.
 - b. 829 EM received 12 Jan 1943 as fillers from Camp Upton, N.Y. Reception Center.

B.- Change in Organization:

- 1- Reorganized in accordance with T/O 18-35 dtd 7 May 1943 with authorized strength of 32 officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 763 EM.
- 2- Reorganized in accordance with T/O 18-35 change 1 dtd 28 March 1944 with authorized strength of 31 officers, 2 warrant officers, 763 EM.

C.- Strength. Commissioned and Enlisted Men.

- 1- Beginning Period 10 Aug 1942.
 - a. 31 Officers, 77 Enlisted men
 - b. 32 Officers, 77 Enlisted men (31 August 1942)
 - c. 31 Officers, 77 Enlisted men (30 Sept. 1942)
 - d. 32 Officers, 75 Enlisted men (31 Oct. 1942)
 - e. 35 Officers, 73 Enlisted men (30 Nov. 1942)
 - f. 38 Officers, 69 Enlisted men (31 Dec. 1942)
 - g. 48 Officers, 897 Enlisted men (31 Jan. 1943)
 - h. 46 Officers, 989 Enlisted men (28 Feb. 1943)
 - i. 47 Officers, 969 Enlisted men (31 Mar. 1943)
 - j. 38 Officers, 930 Enlisted men (30 April 1943)
 - k. 45 Officers, 916 Enlisted men (31 May 1943)
 - l. 46 Officers, 831 Enlisted men (30 June 1943)
 - m. 49 Officers, 805 Enlisted men (31 July 1943)
 - n. 48 Officers, 787 Enlisted men (31 August 1943) 1 W/O
 - o. 41 Officers, 785 Enlisted men (30 Sept 1943) "
 - p. 42 Officers, 767 Enlisted men (31 Oct 1943) "
 - q. 42 Officers, 747 Enlisted men (30 Nov 1943) "
 - r. 46 Officers, 736 Enlisted men (31 Dec 1943) "
 - s. 44 Officers, 733 Enlisted men (31 Jan. 1944) 2 W/O
 - t. 43 Officers, 714 Enlisted men (29 Feb. 1944) "
 - u. 55 Officers, 694 Enlisted men (31 Mar. 1944) "
 - v. 47 Officers, 707 Enlisted men (30 Apr. 1944) "
 - w. 31 Officers, 678 Enlisted men (31 May. 1944) "

(Historical Report of 824th TD Bn Continued.)

D.- Stations (Permanent or temporary) of unit.

- 1- Departed Camp Gruber, Oklahoma 21 January 1943, arrived Camp Bowie Tex. 21 Jan 1944. Permanent Change of Stations. (Basic Training)
- 2- Departed Camp Bowie, Tex. 14 April 1943, arrived Camp Hood, Tex. 14 April 1944. Permanent Change of station (Unit Training)
- 3- Departed station Camp Hood, Tex, 27 Aug 1943 arrived new permanent station Camp Joseph F. Robinson Arkansas. 29 August 1943.
- 4- Departed Camp Joseph F. Robinson, Ark. 14 Nov. 1943, arrived temp. station Louisiana maneuver area 15 Nov 1943. Temp Station.
- 5- Departed Louisiana maneuver area 28 Jan 1944 arrived new permanent station Camp Bowie, Texas. 30 Jan 1944.
- 6- Company "A" departed Camp Bowie, Texas 7 Mar 1944 arrived Camp Barkley, Tex. 7 Mar 1944, attached 778 Tr. Bn for AGF test, returned 9 Mar 1944.
- 7- Departed Camp Bowie, Texas 1 April 1944, arrived Camp Hood, Tex. 1 April 1944 Temp duty.
- 8- Departed Camp Hood, Tex, 20 April 1944 arrived Camp Bowie, Texas 20 April 1944. No change assignment or attachment,

E.- Marches:

- 1.- Purpose; To board train enroute to Camp Bowie, Texas.
- 2- Length of march 3.2 mi.
- 3- From Camp Gruber Okla. to Braggs Okla. 25 Jan 43.
- 4- Roads icy, weather cold, Morale high.

- 1- Change of Station;
- 2- Length of march 106 mi.
- 3- From Camp Bowie, Tex. to Camp Hood, Tex. 15 April 1943. distance covered in one day.
- 4- Roads Excellent, weather warm and sunny, Morale High.
- 5- 1/2 Bn traveled by motor vehicle, remainder by train, departing previous day.

- 1- To battle conditioning course #3 Camp Hood, Tex.
- 2- Distance 6 mi.
- 3- From Bn area Camp Hood, Tex to battle conditioning course.
- 4- Roads good, Morale excellent.

- 1- Return from battle conditioning course.
- 2- 5 mi on foot, 3 miles by motor.
- 3- From battle conditioning course #3 to Bn area. Camp Hood, Texas.
- 4- Roads muddy, weather rainy, Morale good.

- 1- Long Horn Cavern, Tex. End of Unit Training.
- 2- 60 mi.
- 3 From Camp Hood, Tex, to Long Horn Cavern, Tex 29 July 1943.
- 4- Weather rainy, roads good, Morale High.

- 1- Return home station.
- 2- 60 mi.
- 3- From Long Horn Cavern to Camp Hood, Tex. 31 July 1943
- 4- Weather clear, roads good, Morale High.

1- Anniversary Picnic

2- 28 mi.

3- Camp Hood, Texas. to Panther Park, Lampasas, Tex. 10 Aug 1943.

4- Roads good, weather hot, Moral Excellent.

5- Returned Bn area Camp Hood, Tex. 2200 hrs.

1- Battalion proficiency test conducted by XI Corps.

2- 20 mi.

3- Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark to bivouac area N.W., 29 Oct 1943.

4- Roads fair, weather fair, Morale excellent.

1- Return from Proficiency test.

2- 20 mi.

3- Bivouac area to Bn area, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. 30 Oct 1943.

4- Roads fair, weather fair, Morale Excellent.

1- To Louisiana maneuver winter period.

2- 190 mi.

3- Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. to Ruston La. 14 Nov 1943.

4- Roads good, weather fair, Morale High.

5- 1/3 personnel and all prime movers and 3rd guns by rail.

1- To complete movement to maneuver area.

2- 120 mi.

3- Ruston La. to bivouac near Leesville La. 15 Nov 1943.

4- Roads dusty, weather warm, Morale High.

1- Training purposes, blackout march.

2- 12 mi.

3- From bivouac area near Alco La. along trails and back to bivouac, 23 Nov 1943.

4- Roads dusty in places, swampy in others, many stumps, weather cool.

5- Men realized importance of care to be exercised while operating over strange terrain.

1- New area to be in position for beginning of flag exercises.

2- 20 mi.

3- From bivouac near Alco, La. to Hawthorn La. 27 Nov 1943.

4- Weather cloudy and rainy, Roads muddy and slippery, Morale High.

1- To Gun Positions.

2- 8 mi.

3- From bivouac near Hawthorn La. to positions near Anacoco, La. 29 Nov. 1943

4- Roads fair, weather cool, morale good.

1- To New positions near Dusenberry, La.

2- 6.5 Mi.

3- From bivouac near Anacoco La. 30 Nov 1943

4- Weather fair, roads fair, Morale High.

5- No contact with enemy.

- 1- To New area (Gun positions) Near Kurthwood, La.
- 2- 6.8 mi.
- 3- From position near Dusenberry, La.
- 4- Weather warm, morale high.

- 1- To New gun positions for indirect fire near Dusenberry La.
- 2- 7 mi.
- 3- From positions near Kurthwood to positions near Dusenberry La.
8 Dec 1943.
- 4- Weather foggy, warm , morale high.

- 1- To positions for new problem on Peason Ridge.
- 2- 10 mi.
- 3- From positions near Kurthwood, to positions near Peason, 7 Dec 1943
- 4- Weather fair and warm , morale high.

- 1- To Many La. in order to change from Blue to Red Force.
- 2- 41.1 mi.
- 3- From positions near Peason to bivouacs near Many La. 10 Dec 1943.
- 4- Weather cold and rainy, morale high.

- 1- To positions near Fisher, La.
- 2- 25 mi.
- 3- From positions near Many to positions of readiness near Fisher La. 15
Dec 1943 .
- 4- Weather fair and cool, Morale High.

- 1- To positions near Peason La.
- 2- 17 mi.
- 3- From Fisher to Peason. 23 Dec 1943.
- 4- Weather rainy, Roads very poor, Morale high.

- 1- Position near Kurthwood, La.
- 2- 20 mi.
- 3- From Peason to Kurthwood for break, Christmas Holiday - 24 Dec 1943
- 4- Roads very muddy, weather rainy, morale high.

- 1- Positions near Anacoco.
- 2- 27 mi.
- 3- From Kurthwood, La. to Anacoco, La. 30 Dec 1943.
- 4- Roads fair, weather cool, morale good.

- 1- Positions near Many, La.
- 2- 40 mi.
- 3- From Kurthwood, La. to near Many, La. 1 Jan 1944
- 4- Weather fair, Moral High , Roads very muddy.

- 1- Position near Mt Carmel , La.
- 2- 26 mi.
- 3- From near Many, La. to near Mt Carmel La. 4 Jan 1944.
- 4- Weather rainy, roads muddy, morale good.

- 1- Position near Peason La.
- 2- 10 mi.
- 3- From near Mt Carmel La. to near Peason La. 5 Jan 1944.
- 4- Weather rain, roads muddy, Morale Good.

- 1- Position near Kurthwood, La.
- 2- 10 mi.
- 3- From near Peason La. to near Kurthwood La. 6 Jan 1944.
- 4- Weather fair, roads fair, Morale good.

- 1- Position for beginning of new problem near Gancey La.
- 2- 36 mi.
- 3- From near Kurthwood, La. to near Gancey, La. 8 Jan 1944.
- 4- Weather fair, Roads fair, Morale Good.

- 1- Position at Burr Ferry for particip. 7 day field problem.
- 2- 1 mi.
- 3- From near Gancey La. to near Burr Ferry 11 Jan 1944.
- 4- Weather fair, roads fair, morale good.

- 1- Position near Burkeville, Texas, for particip. in river crossing problem, at Sabine River.
- 2- 17 mi.
- 3- From near Burr Ferry La. to near Burkeville Tex.
- 4- Roads Good, weather fair morale high .

- 1- Position near Gancey La. Defense of river crossing.
- 2- 14 Mi.
- 3- From near Burkeville Tex. to near Gancey La. 19 Jan 1944.
- 4- Weather fair , Roads fair , Morale High.

- 1- Indirect fire mission near Evans La.
- 2- 23 mi.
- 3- From near Gancey La. to near Evans La. 20 Jan 1944 .
- 4- Roads Fair, weather fair, Morale high.

- 1- Near Merryville La. for purpose of reorganization, before leaving msnch. area.
- 2- 27 mi.
- 3- From near Evans, La. to near Merryville, La. 25 Jan 1944.
- 4- Roads good, weather fair Morale Excellent.

- 1- Palestine Tex. enroute Camp station.
- 2- 175 mi.
- 3- From Merryville, La. to Palestine ,Tex. 29 Jan 1944.
- 4- Roads Bad on approach to parent, weather rainy and cool, morale Excellent

- 1- North Camp Hood, Texas enroute to Camp Station.
- 2- 143 mi/
- 3- From Palestine Tex. to N. Camp Hood, Texas 30 Jan 1944.
- 4- Roads good, weather rainy, cool Morale Excellent.

- 1- Camp Beale. Texas return home station.
- 2- 80 mi.
- 3- From N Camp Hood, Tex. to Camp Beale Texas, 31 Jan 1944
- 4- Roads good, weather rainy, morale excellent.

Historical Report of 1st Bn Cavalry

- 1- To Camp Hood, Texas from Camp Bowie, Tex. for purpose of taking AGF Tests.
- 2- 107.3 mi.
- 3- From Camp Bowie, Texas to Camp Hood, Texas, 1 April 1944.
- 4- Weather clear, roads excellent, morale excellent.

- 1- To bivouac area vicinity Ivy Mts. bivouac before beginning of proficiency test.
- 2- 28 mi.
- 3- From bivouac west of Camp Hood to bivouac near Ivy Mt. 17 Apr 1944. return 18 Apr 1944.
- 4- Weather clear, roads good, morale high.

- 1- To Camp Bowie, Texas return home station.
- 2- 107.3 mi.
- 3- From Camp Hood, Tex. to Camp Bowie, Tex. 21 April 1944.
- 4- Weather clear, roads good, morale high.

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- 1- Air Ground Training Test. Bivouac on reservation Camp Bowie, Texas
 - 2- 8 mi.
 - 3- From Camp area to Bivouac 3 mi S. of Camp 12 Mar 1944.
 - 4- Weather fair, roads good.

- 1- Concealed bivouac A.G. Liaison Test and return to Bn area.
- 2- 30 mi.
- 3- From Bivouac 3 mi S of Camp to concealed bivouac 12 Mar 1944.
- 4- Weather clear, roads excellent, morale excellent.

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- 1- Field Problem
- 2- 15 miles (Motor)
- 3- From Cp Bowie, Tex to Bivouac Position 12 July 44
- 4- Roads good, weather clear, morale high.

- 1- Return to Cp Bowie, Tex
- 2- 15 miles (Motor)
- 3- From Bivouac Position to Cp Bowie, Tex 14 July 44
- 4- Roads good, weather clear, morale high.

- 1- Disembarked from Ship, move to staging area
- 2- 11.3 miles (Foot march)
- 3- From Marseille, France to Septemes, France 29 October 44
- 4- Roads good, weather clear, morale high.

- 1- Move to Bacarat, France (Tactical move)
- 2- 179 miles (Motor)
- 3- From Septemes, France to St Rambert, France 21 November 44
- 4- Roads good, weather clear, morale high.

- 1- Move to Bacarat, France (Tactical move)
- 2- 178 miles (Motor)
- 3- From St Rambert, France to Dijon, France 22 November 44
- 4- Roads good, weather cloudy, morale high.

- 1- Move to Bacarat, France (Tactical move)
- 2- 145 miles (Motor)
- 3- From Dijon, France to Bacarat, France 23 November 44
- 4- Roads good, weather clear, morale high.