

THE 601 TD BN. AT EL GUETTAR 3-23-43



(A Co)

at El Guettar Tunisia on the
twenty third of March 1943
the 601 J.D. Bn. had taken
up positions to meet the
attack of the German 10th
Panzer division.

On the illustration I have
labeled (A) this was two destroyers
of Co. A. They would pull to the
top of the sand dune and
fire on any targets that might
appear but when it got too
hot they would pull down
to the bottom of the sand dune
until another target presented
it's self

(B) is Lt. Fred Miner and
Staff Sgt. Squilli in a dug in
observation post on top of the
sand dune

(C) is A Co's third destroyer
in which I was the #2 Cannonier
we had dug it in so only the gun

stuck out over the pile of sand.

(D) I don't know how many destroyers were on this ridge but I recall one Platoon of B Co. pulled back to this position shortly after the attack started.

(E) This was the rest of B Co's destroyers

(F) The switch board for the 5th field artillery Bn. was under this bridge.

(G) A Co's Command track.

(H) The 10th Panzer Division plus Infantry attacking under a cover of smoke screen

When the 89th T.D. Bn. showed up to relieve the 601; the only destroyers left in service were the two in position "A."

(I.) Was an anti tank 37mm gun that got knocked out in the first action.