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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES
 Army War College
 Washington 25, D.C.

321/24 (TD Units)(R)(5 Dec 43)GNGCT

5 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Inactivation and Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Units.

TO: Commanding Generals,
 Second, Third, and Fourth Armies,
 California-Arizona Maneuver Area,
 Tank Destroyer Center.

1. At earliest practicable date, it is desired that commanders indicated reorganize units listed below as towed tank destroyer battalions in accordance with Table of Organization 18-35, 7 May 1943, with authorized strengths of 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, and 763 enlisted men each:

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>TO BE REORGANIZED BY CG:</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 610th TD Bn | Second Army |
| 630th TD Bn | Second Army |
| 774th TD Bn | Second Army |
| 806th TD Bn | Second Army |
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2. a. It is desired that units listed below be inactivated by Commanding General, Second Army, at earliest practicable date:

608th TD Bn
 810th TD Bn
 626th TD Bn

b. Enlisted personnel of each of these units will be divided into 4 equal groups, each of which will represent a cross-section of the parent battalion as regards character, intelligence, military efficiency and physical fitness. No enlisted man will be included in these groups who are not qualified for overseas service in accordance with Circular No. 293, WD, 11 November 1943, and paragraphs 9c (1), (2), (5), (8), (11), "POM." On call of reorganizing authorities indicated in 1 above, these groups will be shipped by Commanding General, Second Army, as indicated in Inclosure 1. Enlisted men not shipped will be reassigned by Commanding General, Second Army.

c. No enlisted man will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Excess grades will be carried as surplus until absorbed by normal attrition.

d. Officers of units listed in 2 a above, will be reassigned by Commanding General, Second Army, or reported to this headquarters for reassignment.

e. Direct correspondence between commanders concerned with reference to reassignment of personnel is authorized.

3. a. Equipment for the units reorganized in paragraphs 1 above will be furnished in accordance with Tables of Equipment as follows:

Organizational: T/E 18-36, 7 May 1943, w/Cl
T/E 18-37, 7 May 1943, w/Cl
T/E 18-25M, 27 Jan 1943, w/Cl

Individual: T/E 21, 10 March 1943, w/Cl,2,3.

b. Equipment rendered excess by this action will be disposed of in accordance with existing regulations, and report made to this headquarters (Attention: G-4 Section).

4. Dates of reorganization and inactivation will be reported to The Adjutant General and to Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

5. Allotment: Obligate funds under Allotment Serial No. 1-5200, as prescribed in paragraph 4, Section VI, Circular No. 129, WD, 1943.

By command of LT. GEN. McNAIR:

/s/ R. A. Meredith,
R. A. MEREDITH,
Major, A.G.D.,
Ass't Ground Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
Memphis 15, Tennessee

In reply refer to:
AG 322.091-7 (GMLBF)

15 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Inactivation of Tank Destroyer Units.

TO : Commanding Officers, 608th, 626th and 810th Tank Destroyer Battalions

1. Reference letter Army Ground Forces, file 321/24(TD Units)(R) (5 Dec 43)GNGOT, subject: "Inactivation and Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Units" dated 5 December 1943, a copy of which is attached for your information and necessary action-required for compliance.
2. Reference paragraph 2 a, above cited letter, the date of inactivation will be 20 December 1943.
3. Reference paragraph 2 b, transfer of personnel to other units has been handled by separate communications from this headquarters. Enlisted personnel not shipped to other units as specified in previous instructions will be attached to appropriate Detachments Special Troops, Second Army and reported to this headquarters by grade and SSN. Reference paragraph 2 d, officer personnel will be attached to appropriate Detachments Special Troops, Second Army and reported to this headquarters for reassignment by name, rank, ASN, and arm or service.
4. Reference paragraph 3, all critical and controlled items of equipment rendered surplus by these inactivations will be reported to this headquarters for disposition.
5. Reference paragraph 4, report completion of inactivation to this headquarters, reports to higher headquarters will be made by this headquarters.

1 Incl. By command of Lieutenant General FREDENDALL:
Ltr AGF, 321/24 (TD Units)
(R)(5 Dec 43)GNGOT, 5 Dec 43.

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| CO, Cp Atterbury | CO, 11th Det Sp Trs |
| CO, Cp Gordon | G-1 |
| CO, Cp Forrest | G-3 |
| CO, 608th TD Bn | G-4 |
| CO, 626th TD Bn | TD |
| CO, 810th TD Bn | |

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HEADQUARTERS
626th Tank Destroyer Bn
Camp Gordon Georgia

19 Dec 1943

GENERAL ORDERS:

NUMBER 4:

I INACTIVATION OF 626TH TD BN

Effective 20 December 1943, the 626th Tank Destroyer Battalion is inactivated at this station. (Authority: AGF Letter 321/24 (TD Units)(R) (GNGCT))
Subject: Inactivation and Reorganization of TD Units, dated 5 December 1943.

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