

1945 HISTORY

631ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SELF-PROPELLED)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105, as amended, history of this organization for the year 1945 is submitted.

a. Original Unit: No Change

b. Changes in Organization: (1) During this period battalion was reorganized as Self-Propelled Tank Destroyer Battalion, Letter AG 320.2 GNMCC, Third US Army, 22 June 1945, and equipped with 90mm (M-36) Self Propelled Tank Destroyers, under T/O & E, 18-25, 15 March 1944. No change in organization until mass transfers took place as a result of redeployment.

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
1 January 1945	30	2	653
1 February 1945	28	2	634
1 March 1945	33	2	638
1 April 1945	32	2	655
1 May 1945	33	2	805
1 June 1945	32	2	803
1 July 1945	35	2	754
1 August 1945	35	2	745
1 September 1945	30	2	706
1 October 1945	24	0	393
1 November 1945	19	0	462
15 December 1945	12	0	697

d. Stations:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DATE DEPARTURE</u>
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg	28 Dec 44	25 Mar 45
Idar Oberstein, Germany	25 Mar 45	2 Apr 45
Frankfurt, Germany	2 Apr 45	10 Apr 45
Hersfeld, Germany	10 Apr 45	21 Apr 45
Erlangen, Germany	21 Apr 45	2 May 45
Regensburg, Germany	2 May 45	22 May 45
Lenggries, Germany	22 May 45	4 Oct 45
Neu Ulm, Germany	4 Oct 45	5 Oct 45
Metz, France	5 Oct 45	6 Oct 45
Camp Washington, D.C. (AAC) France (Vic Laon, France)	6 Oct 45	23 Nov 45
Calas Staging Area (Vic Marseille, France)	25 Nov 45	3 Dec 45

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Marseille Port of Embarkation	3 Dec 45	3 Dec 45
New York Port of Embarkation (Camp Kilmer, New Jersey)	14 Dec 45	Unit Deactivated.

e. Marches:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg	Idar Oberstein, Germany	Defense of Third US Army CP
Idar Oberstein, Germany	Frankfurt, Germany	Defense of Third US Army CP
Frankfurt, Germany	Hersfeld, Germany	Route Security - Defense of Third US Army CP
Hersfeld, Germany	Erlangen, Germany	Defense of Third US Army CP
Erlangen, Germany	Regensburg, Germany	Defense of Third US Army CP
Regensburg, Germany	Lenggries, Germany	Defense of Third US Army CP
Lenggries, Germany	Neu Ulm, Germany	Redeployment
Neu Ulm, Germany	Metz, France	Redeployment
Metz, France	Cp Washington, D.C. (Vic Laon, Fr)	Redeployment
Cp Washington, D.C. (Vic Laon, Fr)	Calas Staging Area (Marseille, Fr)	Redeployment
Calas Staging Area (Marseille, Fr)	New York Port of Embarkation (Cp Kilmer, New Jersey)	Redeployment and Deactivation.

f. Campaigns:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
"RHINELAND"	15 Sept 44 to 21 Mar 45	Ltr, Hq Third US Army, 21 June 45, File AG 200.6 GNMCA-4, Subject: Battle Participation Awards.
"ARDENNES"	16 Dec 44 to 25 Jan 45	Ltr, Hq Third US Army, 22 June 45, File AG 200.6 GNMCA-4, Subject: Battle Participation Awards.
"CENTRAL EUROPE"	22 Mar 45 to 12 May 45	Ltr, Hq Third US Army, 22 June 45, File AG 200.6 GNMCA-4, Subject: Battle Participation Awards.
"NORTHERN FRANCE"	31 Aug 44 to 15 Sept 44	Ltr, Hq European Theater of Operations, US Army, 31 Jan 45, File AG 200-6 OpGA, Subject: Battle Participation Awards.

g. Battles: None.

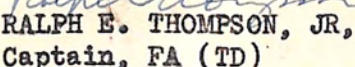
(1) 631st Tank Destroyer Battalion assigned to security of Third US Army Area from 1 Jan 45 to end of war and thereafter until departure for Assembly Area on 4 Oct 45.

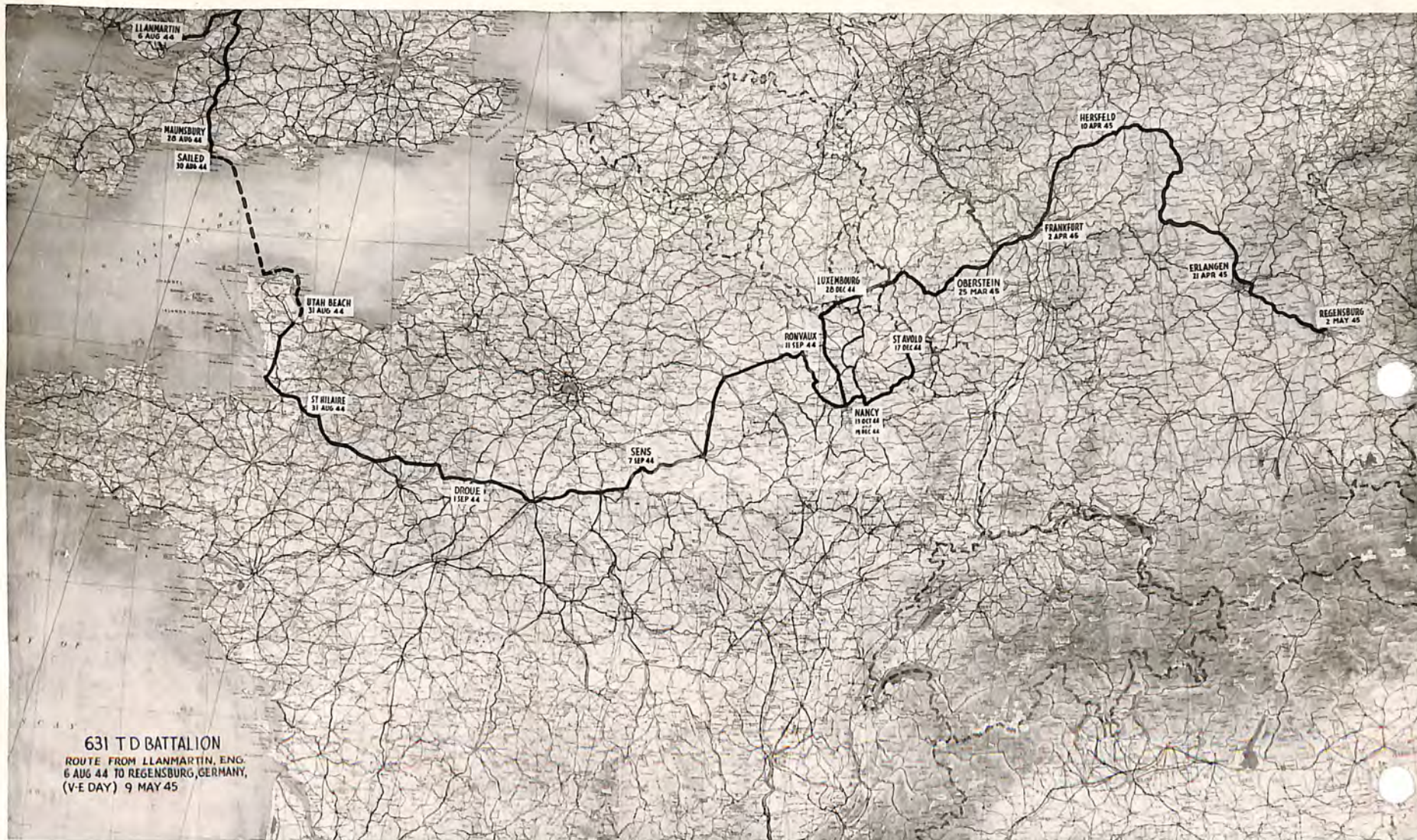
h. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements: None.

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- i. Losses in Action; Officers and EM; None
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events: Photo-graphic map of route of 631st Tank Destroyer Battalion across France and Germany. (Atchd)

FOR THE BATTALION COMMANDER:


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ROUTE FROM LLANMARTIN, ENG.
6 AUG 44 TO REGENSBURG, GERMANY,
(V-E DAY) 9 MAY 45