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Office of the Commanding General
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

GENERAL ORDERS)
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- I. CONVERSION OF TANK DESTROYER BATTALIONS INTO ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS.
II. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

I. CONVERSION OF TANK DESTROYER BATTALIONS INTO ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS. 1. Pursuant to authority contained in Ltr, WD, file AG 322 (8 Mar 44) OB-1-GNGCT-M, subject: "Conversion and Organization of Tank Destroyer Battalions", dated 11 March 1944, the Tank Destroyer Battalions listed below are converted into Armored Field Artillery Battalions and will be organized as such effective 25 March 1944, at Camp Bowie, Texas. Effective upon organization units are assigned to XXIII Corps and attached to 414th FA Gp. Each unit will have an authorized strength of thirty two (32) officers, two (2) warrant officers and five hundred eleven (511) enlisted men, in accordance with T/O and E 6-165, 15 September 1943, with Change 1.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
650th Tank Destroyer Battalion	425th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
663rd Tank Destroyer Battalion	426th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
666th Tank Destroyer Battalion	427th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
668th Tank Destroyer Battalion	428th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

2. Personnel. a. No enlisted man will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Excess grades are authorized until absorbed through normal attrition.

b. No initial enlisted overstrength is authorized.

c. Enlisted personnel rendered surplus will be reported to this headquarters without delay. Reports should indicate number, arm, grade, MOS, and color of the personnel so reported.

d. All Field Artillery officers currently assigned will be retained in present assignments. All officers of other Arms and AUS officers who are not graduates of the Field Artillery School will be reported to the Commanding General, Replacement and School Command, through this headquarters for reassignment. Remainder of officer personnel will be furnished by Army Ground Forces, Replacement and School Command and this headquarters.

3. Equipment. a. Units are in the following priorities for controlled equipment, which will be issued in accordance with WD Ltr, AG 400 (28 Jan 44) OB-S-C-M, 1 February 1944, subject: "Distribution of Controlled Items of Equipment", as amended.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Priority</u>
425th Armored Field Artillery Battalion	C-2-79
426th Armored Field Artillery Battalion	C-2-163
427th Armored Field Artillery Battalion	C-2-166
428th Armored Field Artillery Battalion	C-2-168

b. Table of Organization and Equipment 6-165, 15 September 1943, with Change 1, and related tables, govern the issue of organizational equipment.

c. Table of Equipment 21, 15 December 1943, governs the issue of clothing and individual equipment not provided for in other tables.

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d. Table of Allowances 20, 10 March 1943, with Change 1, and T/BA 6, 1 July 1942, with Changes 1 to 6, inclusive, govern the issue of training equipment.

e. Controlled items of equipment and Ordnance vehicles rendered surplus will be reported to this headquarters (Attn: GNMDD) for disposition.

f. Non-controlled items of equipment, except Ordnance vehicles, rendered surplus will be turned in to the appropriate post supply agencies.

4. The Commanding Officer of each unit will submit to this headquarters a "Status of Training Report" on form prescribed by the Commanding General, XXIII Corps. Form will be completed for all entries applicable to each unit. If an extension of training time is considered necessary, prompt request will be made specifying additional time required and indicating justification therefor.

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

II. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS. So much of paragraph 1 b, Sec I, General Orders Number 43, this headquarters, dated 17 March 1944, as reads "The 522d Clr Co is attached to Hq & Hq Det, 39th Med Bn from date of activation to April 1944 inclusive", is amended to read "The 522d Clr Co is attached to 39th Med Bn from date of activation to 9 April 1944 inclusive".

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2 - CO Cp Bowie, Tex	5 - CO 522nd Clr Co

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