

**702nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
UNIT HISTORY FOR YEAR 1945**



1. In compliance with paragraph 13, AR 345-105, the History of the 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, for the year 1945 is submitted.

a. Original Unit:

- (1) Designation: 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion. (SF)
 - (2) Date of Organization: Activated 15 December 1941.
 - (3) Place of Organization: Fort Benning, Georgia.
 - (4) Authority for Organization: Letter, Headquarters Armored Force, dated 10 December 1941.
 - (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained: Original cadre of sixteen (16) officers and three hundred and seven (307) enlisted men were drawn from the 2nd Armored Division.
- Fillers: Replacement Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky 86%
 Replacement Center, Fort Riley, Kansas 6%
 Replacement Center, Camp Croft, S.C. 8%

b. Changes in Organization: Pursuant to Authority contained in Letter, Subject: Reorganization, File No. 320 (c), Headquarters First United States Army, dated 17 September 1944, unit was reorganized under T/O and E 18-25, 15 March 1944, with authorized strength of thirty-five (35) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, and six-hundred and seven (607) Enlisted Men. Former authorized strength under T/O and E 18-25, 27 January 1943, as amended was thirty-five (35) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer and six-hundred and thirty-four (634) Enlisted Men. Unit moved from Marseille, France 23 September 1945; arrived at Boston Port of Embarkation, 2 October 1945. Inactivation of organization per GO 53, Headquarters BNPE, dated 3 October 1945, effective 2400, 2 October 1945.

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

Month	(1) At Beginning of Period			(2) Net Increase each Month			(3) Net Decrease			(4) At end of Period		
	Off	WO	EM	Off	WO	EM	Off	WO	EM	Off	WO	EM
January	36	1	551	6	0	113	8	0	118	34	1	546
February	34	1	546	8	0	128	7	0	81	35	1	623
March	35	1	623	9	0	30	4	0	34	40	1	619
April	40	1	619	5	0	31	4	0	21	41	1	629
May	41	1	629	14	0	32	13	0	39	42	1	622
June	42	1	622	4	0	5	4	0	7	42	1	620
July	42	1	620	0	0	2	0	0	2	42	1	620
August	42	1	620	23	1	655	16	0	411	50	2	694
September**	50	2	694	2	0	0	17	0	279	35	2	615

* ** See Sheet 1A

§ c. During the period 1 thru 3 August 1945 the Battalion redeployed with an authorized 50% overstrength. Transfers were made within the Division - losing low point men and gaining high point men. During the period 407 men were transferred out and 685 men transferred into the Battalion.

§§ Strength to be reduced to 2% overstrength. Transfers made as follows to effect the reduction:

1 Sept 1945	-	36 EM to 54th Reinf Bn
3 Sept 1945	-	29 EM to 54th Reinf Bn
3 Sept 1945	-	8 EM to 339th MP Bn
6 Sept 1945	-	2 Off to 732nd Railway Bn
11 Sept 1945	-	8 Off to 376th Engr Bn
13 Sept 1945	-	197 EM to 54th Reinf Bn



d. Stations (permanent or Temporary)

<u>Station</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
Gramptinne, Belgium	29 Dec 1944	2 Jan 1945
Loheres, Belgium	2 Jan 1945	11 Jan 1945
Erezee, Belgium	11 Jan 1945	20 Jan 1945
Lince, Belgium	20 Jan 1945	4 Feb 1945
Epen, Holland	4 Feb 1945	8 Feb 1945
Durboslar, Germany	8 Feb 1945	25 Feb 1945
Neiderzier, Germany	25 Feb 1945	28 Feb 1945
Otzenrath, Germany	28 Feb 1945	1 Mar 1945
Steinhausen, Germany	1 Mar 1945	2 Mar 1945
Osterath, Germany	2 Mar 1945	4 Mar 1945
Krefeld, Germany	4 Mar 1945	7 Mar 1945
Hardt, Germany	7 Mar 1945	12 Mar 1945
Horset Schelsen, Germany	12 Mar 1945	28 Mar 1945
Ossenberg, Germany	28 Mar 1945	30 Mar 1945
Hullern, Germany	30 Mar 1945	31 Mar 1945
Kurrick, Germany	31 Mar 1945	2 Apr 1945
Kannitz, Germany	2 Apr 1945	3 Apr 1945
Augustdorf, Germany	3 Apr 1945	4 Apr 1945
Lemgo, Germany	4 Apr 1945	5 Apr 1945
Bruch, Germany	5 Apr 1945	6 Apr 1945
Badpyrmont, Germany	6 Apr 1945	7 Apr 1945
Alferde, Germany	7 Apr 1945	10 Apr 1945
Binder, Germany	10 Apr 1945	11 Apr 1945
Hornburg, Germany	11 Apr 1945	12 Apr 1945
Kl. Wanzleben, Germany	12 Apr 1945	13 Apr 1945
Benneckenbeck, Germany	13 Apr 1945	14 Apr 1945
Langenweddingen, Germany	18 Apr 1945	20 Apr 1945
Salzgitter, Germany	20 Apr 1945	27 Apr 1945
Immendorf, Germany	27 Apr 1945	9 May 1945
Sehlde, Germany	9 May 1945	19 May 1945
Aken, Germany	19 May 1945	3 Jul 1945
Berlin, Germany	4 Jul 1945	6 Aug 1945
Boinstorf, Germany	6 Aug 1945	7 Aug 1945
Dickerhausen, Germany	7 Aug 1945	8 Aug 1945
Gelnhausen, Germany	8 Aug 1945	18 Aug 1945
Nancy, France	18 Aug 1945	19 Aug 1945
Dijon, France	19 Aug 1945	20 Aug 1945
St. Rambert, France	20 Aug 1945	21 Aug 1945
Gignac, France	21 Aug 1945	2 Sep 1945
Calae Staging Area, France	2 Sep 1945	
Marseille P of E, France	22 Sep 1945	22 Sep 1945
● Boston P of E, USA	2 Oct 1945	23 Sep 1945

|| 353 men moved by convoy from Gelnhausen, Germany to Gignac, France with night stop areas as shown. 593 men moved by train. Battalion joined at Gignac, France.

* Deactivated 2 Oct 1945. - 2 -

e. Marches

- (1) Tactical
 (2) Length (3) Point between which marched and date.



<u>Miles</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>
50	Gramptinne, Belgium	Lohere, Belgium	2 Jan 1945
20	Lohere, Belgium	Erezee, Belgium	11 Jan 1945
110	Erezee, Belgium	Lince, Belgium	20 Jan 1945
89	Lince, Belgium	Epen, Holland	4 Feb 1945
63	Epen, Holland	Durboslar, Germany	8 Feb 1945
23	Durboslar, Germany	Niederzier, Germany	25 Feb 1945
17	Niederzier, Germany	Otzenrath, Germany	28 Feb 1945
15	Otzenrath, Germany	Steinhausen, Germany	1 Mar 1945
12	Steinhausen, Germany	Osterath, Germany	2 Mar 1945
23	Osterath, Germany	Krefeld, Germany	4 Mar 1945
31	Krefeld, Germany	Hardt, Germany	7 Mar 1945
19	Hardt, Germany	Horset Schelsen, Germany	12 Mar 1945
44	Horset Schelsen, Germany	Ossenberg, Germany	28 Mar 1945
12	Ossenberg, Germany	Hullern, Germany	30 Mar 1945
33	Hullern, Germany	Kurrick, Germany	31 Mar 1945
28	Kurrick, Germany	Kannitz, Germany	2 Apr 1945
10	Kannitz, Germany	Augustdorf, Germany	3 Apr 1945
23	Augustdorf, Germany	Lemgo, Germany	4 Apr 1945
23	Lemgo, Germany	Bruch, Germany	5 Apr 1945
6	Bruch, Germany	Badpyrmont, Germany	6 Apr 1945
23	Badpyrmont, Germany	Alferde, Germany	7 Apr 1945
33	Alferde, Germany	Binder, Germany	10 Apr 1945
26	Binder, Germany	Hornburg, Germany	11 Apr 1945
40	Hornberg, Germany	Kl. Wanzleben, Germany	12 Apr 1945
10	Kl. Wanzleben, Germany	Benneckenbeck, Germany	13 Apr 1945
4	Benneckenbeck, Germany	Langenweddingen, Germany	14 Apr 1945
67	Langenweddingen, Germany	Salzgitter, Germany	20 Apr 1945
6	Salzgitter, Germany	Immendorf, Germany	27 Apr 1945
10	Immendorf, Germany	Sehlde, Germany	9 May 1945
113	Sehlde, Germany	Aken, Germany	20 May 1945
150	Aken, Germany	Berlin, Germany	3 & 4 Jul 1945
126	Berlin, Germany	Boinstorf, Germany	6 Aug 1945
125	Boinstorf, Germany	Dickershausen, Germany	7 Aug 1945
96	Dickershausen, Germany	Gelnhausen, Germany	8 Aug 1945
230	Gelnhausen, Germany	Nancy, France	18 Aug 1945
121	Nancy, France	Dijon, France	19 Aug 1945
161	Dijon, France	St. Rambert, France	20 Aug 1945
157	St. Rambert, France	Gignac, France	21 Aug 1945
10	Gignac, France	Calas Staging Area	2 Sep 1945

§ Non-Tactical

- (4) Conditions of Roads: Movements normally carried out on primary and secondary road nets. Some cross attack movements made during tactical movements.



f. Campaigns:


(1) Name	(2) Duration	(3) Purpose	(4) Authority
Ardennes Campaign	22 Dec to 31 Dec 44	To stop and destroy German counter-attack toward the city of Liege and prevent the Allied Armies from being cut in two.	Hq ETOUSA
Rhineland Campaign	15 Sep to 22 Dec 44	To force passage of the Siegfried Line and reach the Rhine River.	Hq ETOUSA
Central Europe Campaign	22 Mar to 8 May 45	To defeat the German Armies in the area from the Rhine to the Elbe River and effect junction of the American and Russian Armies.	Hq ETOUSA

g. Battles:

(1) Name	(2) Place	(3) Dates	(4) Forces Engaged
Ardennes	N.E. Belgium	15 Sep to 22 Dec 44	2nd Pz Div
		26 Jan to 21 Mar 45	116th Pz Div 560th V.G. Div

(5) Results: All three (3) forces destroyed by the 2nd Armored Division and attached units. Large quantities of equipment and vehicles captured and destroyed.

(1) Name	(2) Place	(3) Dates	(4) Forces Engaged
Rhineland	West Germany	15 Sep to 22 Dec 44	176 Inf Div



(1) Name	(2) Place	(3) Dates	(4) Forces Engaged
		26 Jan to 21 Mar 45	183rd Inf Div 49th Inf Div 275th Inf Div 42nd MG Bn 116th Pz Div 1st SS Div Elm 2nd Pz Div Elm 3rd Pz Gren Div 116th Inf Div Elm 506th Tank Bn 9th Pz Div Elm 12th SS Div Elm 15th Pz Gren Div 10 SS Pz Div 340th AT Bn 130th Pz Lehr Div 59th Inf Div 363rd Inf Div

(5) Results: Parts of all enemy units destroyed or captured and all resistance crushed and driven back thru the Siegfried Line; crossing of the Roer River and reaching the Rhine. All surviving elements of the enemy fled across the Rhine River.

(1) Name	(2) Place	(3) Dates	(4) Forces Engaged
Central Europe	Central Germany	22 Mar to 8 Mar 45	130th Pz Lehr Div 59th Inf Div 363rd Inf Div Volkstrum Units

(5) Results: Resistance scattered and identification of units as such virtually impossible. All resistance crushed and enemy routed. Defeat of the German Armies completed in May 1945.

h. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

(1) Ardennes Campaign:	(2)	Lt Col John A. Beall, Bn CO Capt Forrest S. Thompson, CO Hq Co Capt Romeo A. Marcotte, CO Ren Co Capt Bernard J. Morris, CO Co "A" Capt Louis M. Nawrocky, CO Co "B" Capt Wolfgang Lederer, CO Co "C"
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Rhineland Campaign:

Lt Col John A. Beall, Bn CO
Capt Forrest S. Thompson, CO Hq Co
Capt Romeo A. Marcotte, CO Rcn Co
Capt Bernard J. Morris, CO Co "A"
Capt Louis M. Nawrocky, CO Co "B"
Capt Wolfgang Lederer, CO Co "C"
(0001 26 Jan 45 to 0800 10 Feb 45.)
Capt Joseph W. Fitzpatrick, CO Co "C"
(0800 10 Feb 45 to 2400 21 Mar 45.)

Central Europe:

Lt Col John A. Beall, CO Bn
Capt Forrest S. Thompson, CO Hq Co
Capt Romeo A. Marcotte, CO Rcn Co
Capt Bernard J. Morris, CO Co "A"
(0001 22 Mar 45 to 1800 9 Apr 45.)
1st Lt Michael W. Rusokovitch, CO Co "A"
(1800 9 Apr 45 to 2400 8 May 45.)
Capt Joseph W. Fitzpatrick, CO Co "C"

1. Losses in Action: Officers & EM

- (1) Ardennes Campaign.
(2) Killed.

Moffitt, Nicholas L.	01823331	2nd Lt	13 Jan 45
Phillips, Thomas M. Jr.,	34173642	Sgt	4 Jan 45
Burns, Robert H.	36513250	Sgt	5 Jan 45
Antoniak, William (NMI)	33166390	Sgt	8 Jan 45
Mc Gaha, Luther S.	14012229	Sgt	9 Jan 45
Stampher, Arnold E.	34704544	Pvt	4 Jan 45
Roberts, Owen F.	35692057	Pvt	8 Jan 45
Orndorff, Roy F.	33654572	Pvt	4 Jan 45

- (3) Wounded.

Latham, Bill C.	01289595	1st Lt	8 Jan 45
Roberts, Jesse W. Jr.,	0341693	1st Lt	8 Jan 45
Toohy, Robert L.	01822340	1st Lt	9 Jan 45
Barnes, William T.	6963890	S/Sgt	5 Jan 45
Snoddy, Bernie O.	14053391	S/Sgt	5 Jan 45
Scholz, Earl F.	36228703	Sgt	7 Jan 45
Freland, Elroy H.	36229107	T/4	10 Jan 45
Miller, Lloyd R.	37200302	T/4	10 Jan 45
Hurst, Robert W.	37015903	Cpl	4 Jan 45
Bender, Robert A.	38212173	Cpl	9 Jan 45
Anthony, Wayne J.	14000911	Cpl	9 Jan 45
Hull, Harry B.	33116263	T/5	10 Jan 45
Davlanter, Nicholas C.	36163419	Pfc	7 Jan 45
Marcum, Samuel R.	34883271	Pfc	10 Jan 45

- (4) Missing: None.

- (5) Prisoners: None.



- (1) Rhineland Campaign.
 (2) Killed:

Walsh, John E. .	01824401	1st Lt	9 Feb 45
Odom, Howard N.	01821760	1st Lt	12 Feb 45
Redman, Don W.	01825771	1st Lt	18 Feb 45
Phelps, Franklin E.	36843777	Pvt	2 Mar 45

- (3) Wounded:

Campbell, Eben B.	36957797	T/5	3 Mar 45
Schneider, Lawrence R.	37129684	Pfc	18 Feb 45
Matas, Steve (NMI)	36305734	Pvt	4 Mar 45

- (4) Missing: None.

- (5) Prisoners: None.



- (1) Central Europe.
 (2) Killed:

Burgess, Alvin C.	38568688	Pvt	12 Apr 45
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- (3) Wounded:

Pruitt, William A.	35260257	S/Sgt	31 Mar 45
Jones, Wiley F.	14032603	T/5	12 Apr 45
Tackett, Thomas A. Jr	35546275	Pfc	12 Apr 45
Keska, Chester J.	36305739	Pfc	24 Apr 45
Dominguez, Jeronimo F.	38159592	Pvt	30 Mar 45
Daughtrey, Homer M.	34983288	Pvt	15 Apr 45

- (4) Missing: None.

- (5) Prisoners Taken: None.

j. Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

- (1) Ardennes Campaign. (22 Dec 44 to 31 Dec 44)
 (1 Jan 45 to 25 Jan 45)

(2) Name	(3) Act	(4) Reward
Capt Bernard J Morris	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
Capt Wolfgang Lederer	Heroic Achievement	OLC-Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt Cecil F Hunnicutt	Gallantry in Action	Silver Star Medal
1st Lt Jesse W Roberts, Jr.	Gallantry in Action	Military Cross (British)
1st Lt Kenneth G Shade	Heroic Achievement	Bronze Star Medal
S/Sgt Algie L Green	Gallantry in Action	Silver Star Medal
S/Sgt B.O. (IO) Snoddy	Gallantry in Action	Silver Star Medal
S/Sgt C.C. (IO) Johnston	Gallantry in Action	Silver Star Medal
Sgt C.S. (IO) Rowe	Gallantry in Action	Military Medal (British)
Sgt R.J. (IO) Raco	Heroism	Soldiers Medal
Tec 4 C.O. (IO) Jarvis	Heroic Achievement	Bronze Star Medal
Tec 4 W.C. (IO) Napier	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
Tec 4 W.C. (IO) Rogers	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal

(1) Rhineland Campaign. (15 Sept 44 to 22 Dec 44)
(26 Jan to 21 Mar 45)

(2) Name	(3) Act	(4) Reward
Major Harry H Hart	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
Major Robert T Wright	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
§ 1st Lt C. A. Shackley	Gallantry in Action	French Croix de Guerre
1st Lt Michael W Rusokovitch	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt Fred E Schaich	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt Norman A Kelsey	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
§ Sgt Ewel T Blakeley	Extraordinary Heroism	Distinguished Service Cross
Tec 4 Harry P Snyder	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal

(1) Central Europe Campaign. (22 Mar 45 to 8 May 45)

(2) Name	(3) Act	(4) Reward
Capt Walton W Harper	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
Capt C. B. Hussey	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
Capt J. W. Jourdan Jr	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
Capt Forrest S Thompson	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt Earle S Sklarow	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt Don R Cunningham	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt B. T. Kennedy Jr	Gallantry in Action	OLC Silver Star
2nd Lt C. C. Pellicane	Heroic Achievement	Bronze Star Medal
WOJG G. G. Moore	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
T/Sgt J. H. Hix	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
T/Sgt Marvin L Winter	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
T/Sgt C. W. Scheufler	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
S/Sgt E. H. Edgar	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
S/Sgt D. G. Herring	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
S/Sgt E. M. Taylor	Meritorious Service	Bronze Star Medal
Sgt D. G. Freese	Heroic Achievement	Bronze Star Medal
Sgt A. W. Linson	Meritorious Service	OLC Bronze Star
Sgt J. A. Rimshaw	Heroic Achievement	Bronze Star Medal
Sgt E. M. Schermerhorn	Gallantry in Action	Silver Star Medal
Sgt E. B. Freed	Gallantry in Action	Silver Star Medal
Sgt F. W. Frits	Heroic Achievement	Bronze Star Medal
Cpl F. A. Soper	Gallantry in Action	Silver Star Medal

§ Awarded Posthumously

k. Photographs of Personnel, Important Scenes or Events: None.

Harry H. Hart
HARRY H. HART,
Major, FA,
Commanding.



ONE OF THE 103 TANKS KO'D BY 702 TD BN

This M4 VI was ~~knocked~~ out by a TD commanded by Lt John R. Shirk, then Sgt, of Company "A", 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 13 December 1944 near Puffendorf at a range of 600 yards.

If you had a personality or two in picture we would have used it in "Hell on wheels" - Thanks anyway,
Wallace
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