

1. ORIGINAL UNIT:

Completed - 1944



2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC.

a. On 1 January 1945, 1st TD Gp was composed of Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Gp, and 643rd Tank Destroyer Bn. (less Co "C" and 2 platoons of Co "A"). The Group was assigned to First United States Army and attached to VII Corps. Authority: Letter 322/83 CG First United States Army, 10 December 1943, subject "Troop Assg. # 12.

b. Effective 2 January 1945, 643rd TD Bn (less Co "C" and 2 platoons of Co "A") was relieved from attachment to 1st TD Gp. Authority: Opn Memo # 143, VII Corps, dated 2 January 1945.

(1) On 2 January 1945 1st TD Gp was composed of:

Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Group.

c. Effective 03 February 1945, 6th Belgian Fusilier Bn (less 4th and 5th Cos) was attached to 1st TD Group. Authority: Opn Memo # 161, VII Corps, dated 20 February 1945.

d. Effective 1 March 1945, 4th & 5th Companies of 6th Belg Fus. Bn. reverted to Bn control. Authority: Troop Assg. # 15, VII Corps, dated 11 March 1945.

(1) On 11 March 1945 1st TD Gp was composed of:

Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Gp.  
6th Belgian Fusilier Bn.

e. Effective 23 March 1945, Co "B" 738th Tank Battalion was attached to 1st TD Group. Auth: Opn Memo #179, VII Corps dated 22 March 1945.

f. On 24 March 1945, Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp changed T/O & E to comply with T/O & E 18-10-1, 31 October 1944. Authority: Organization Order #20, Hq, First U. S. Army, 17 March 1945.

g. Effective 29 March 1945, Co "B" 738th Tank Battalion was relieved of attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Opn Memo #183, VII Corps, dated 29 March 1945.

~~h. Effective 11 May 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group relieved from assignment to First United States Army and assigned to Ninth United States Army.~~

~~Authority: Ltr VII Corps dated 17 May 1945 Subject: Troop Assignment No 26~~

*h.* Effective 11 May 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was relieved from assignment to First US Army and attachment to VII Corps and assigned to Ninth US Army. Auth: Troop Assignment #47, First US Army, 9 May 1945.

*i.* Effective 11 May 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was attached to VII Corps. Auth: Troop Assignment #3, Ninth US Army, 11 May 1945.

*j.* Effective 11 June 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was relieved from attachment to VII Corps and attached to XXI Corps. Auth: Troop Assignment #30, VII Corps, 11 June 1945

*k.* Effective 15 June 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was relieved from assignment to Ninth US Army and assigned to Seventh US Army. Auth: Troop Assignment #147, 12th Army Group, 12 June 1945.

*l.* Effective 12 June 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was placed in a tentative Category IV. Authority: Letter XXI Corps dated 12 June 1945, File 322 Dpr Subject: Categorization of Units.

~~Categorization of Units.~~

*o.* Effective 15 June 1945 1st Tank Destroyer Group relieved from asgmt to Ninth US Army and assigned to Seventh US Army per Par 3, Troop Assignment No. 147, Headquarters 12th Army Group, dtd 12 June 1945

*l.m.* Effective "M" Day, ~~Headquarters~~ 1st TD Gp, atchd to 69th Inf Div for movement only. 6th Belg Fus Bn, 307th APU and 59th Fin Disb Sec atchd to 1st TD Gp for movement. Upon arrival at new destination, ~~xxxxxxx~~ 1st TD Group atchd to XIX Corps. Authority: Opn Inst #98, XXI Corps, 29 Jun 1945. "M" Day announced as 1 July 1945 per VCG, XXI Corps 30 Jun 1945.

*m.* Effective 2 July 1945, 1st Tank Destroyer Group further atchd to 70th Inf Div. Auth: Ltr, Troop Asgmt, #13, XIX Corps, 23 Jun 1945.

*n.* Effective 071200B, 127th AAA Gun Bn, 132d AAA Gun Bn, 134th AAA Gun Bn and 6th Belgian Fusillier Battalion atchd to 1st TD Gp for occupational control only. Auth: Opn Inst #54, 70th Inf Div, 3 July 1945.

r. Effective 091800B, 447th AAA AW Bn, atchd to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for occupational control only. Authority: VCG, 70th Inf Div, 6 July 1945.

*o.* Effective 111800B, 433d AAA AW Bn atchd to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for occupational control only. Authority: Opn Inst #55, 70th Inf Div, 5 July 45.

*p.* Effective 121800B, 127th AAA Gun Bn, 132d AAA Gun Bn, 134th AAA Gun Bn, 433d AAA AW Bn, and 447th AAA AW Bn rld of atchmt to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for occupational control. Authority: Opn Inst #56, 70th Inf Div 11 July 1945.

q. Effective 011800B Aug, 6th Belg Fus Bn rld of atcmnt to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Ltr, Movement Orders, Seventh U. S. Army, 30 July 1945.



4. STATIONS (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY)

- a. 1 Jan to 3 Jan BORSU, BELGIUM (K284016)
- b. 4 Jan to 5 Feb BOMAL, BELGIUM (P427997)
- c. 6 Feb to 7 Feb DORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY (K904377)
- d. 8 Feb to 26 Feb ESCHWEILER, GERMANY (K972481)
- e. 27 Feb to 5 Mar DUREN, GERMANY (F131455)
- f. 6 Mar to 10 Mar KOL FORTUNA, GERMANY (F255628)
- g. 11 Mar to 15 Mar WEIDEN, GERMANY (F363608)
- h. 16 Mar to 22 Mar Vic of BONN, GERMANY (F523357)
- i. 23 Mar to 28 Mar KONIGSWINTER, GERMANY (F612316)
- j. 29 Mar to 30 Mar ALTENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (F934315)
- k. 31 Mar to 4 Apr MARBURG, GERMANY (G729460)
- l. 5 Apr to 10 Apr NIEDER MARSBERG, GERMANY (G778188)
- m. 11 Apr to 12 Apr TRENDLEBURG, GERMANY (C169321)
- n. 13 Apr to 16 Apr NORDHAUSEN, GERMANY (D119278)
- o. 17 Apr to 30 Apr EISLEBEN, GERMANY (D640320)
- p. 1 May to <sup>15 Jun</sup>~~31 May~~ LEIPZIG, GERMANY (E227148)
- q. 16 Jun to 1 Jul <sup>192155</sup>LEIPZIG, GERMANY (E227148)
- r. 2 Jul to 4 Jul WEILBURG, GERMANY (G392100)
- s. 5 Jul to WEILBURG, GERMANY (G376101)



5. MARCHES.

a. Motor march, 4 January, from BORSU, BELGIUM ~~16~~ (K284016) to BOMAL, BELGIUM (P427997), by Hq & Hq Co. 1st TD Gp. Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 4 January 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 15.1 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Wet and slippery
- (4) Weather: Cold and snowing.

b. Motor march, 6 February, from Bomal, Belgium (P427997), by Hq & Hq Co. 1st TD Gp, to KORNELIMUNSTER, Germany (904377). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 6 Feb. 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 64.3 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Slippery.
- (4) Weather: Clear and Cold.

c. Motor march, 8 February 1945 from KORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY ~~16~~ (K904377) to ESCHWEILER, GERMANY (K972481) by Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Group. Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 8 February 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac.
- (2) Length of march: 12.3 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Wet and slippery.
- (4) Weather: Rainy and Overcast.

d. Motor march, 27 February 1945 from Eschweiler, Germany (K972481) to DUREN, GERMANY (F131455) by Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Group. Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 27 February 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac.
- (2) Length of march: 11.4 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Cloudy and damp.

MARCHES (Cont'd)

e. Motor March, 05 March 1945 by Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Group from Duren, Germany (F131455) to Kol Fortuna (F255628) Germany. Authority: VCG VII Corps, 05 March 1945.

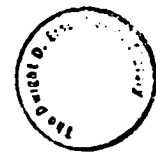
- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac.
- (2) Length of march: 17.8 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Slippery
- (4) Weather: Rainy and overcast.

f. Motor march, 10 March 1945 by Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Group from Kol Fortuna, Germany (F255628) to Weiden, Germany (F363608). Authority: VCG VII Corps, 10 March 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac.
- (2) Length of march: 11.6 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Slippery
- (4) Weather: Rainy

g. Motor march, 15 March 1945 by Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Group from Weiden, Germany, Germany (F363608) to vic of Bonn, Germany (F523357). Authority: VCG VII Corps, 14 March 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 26.5 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Good
- (4) Weather: Fair



h. Motor march, 22 March 1945 by Hq & Hq Co 1st TD Gp from Bonn, Germany, (F523357) to Konigswinter, Germany (F612316). Authority: VCG VII Corps, 21 March 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 10.1 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Good
- (4) Weather: Fair.

i. Motor march, 28 March 1945 by Hq & Hq Co, 1st TD Gp from Konigswinter, Germany, (F612316), to Altenkirchen, Germany (F934315). Authority: VCG VII Corps, 28 March 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 29.2 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Fair.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

j. Motor march, 30 March 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group from ALTENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (F934315) to MARBURG, GERMANY (G729460). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 30 March 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 67.2 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Good.

MARCHES (Cont'd)

k. Motor march, 4 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from MARBURG, GERMANY (G 729460) to NIEDER MARSBERG, GERMANY (G 778188). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 3 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 63.8 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Slippery.
- (4) Weather: Cold and rainy.

l. Motor march, 10 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from NIEDER MARSBERG, GERMANY (C 778188) to TRENDLEBURG, GERMANY (C 169321). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 9 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 33.7 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Bright and clear.

m. Motor march, 12 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from TRENDLEBURG, GERMANY (C 169321) to NORDHAUSEN, GERMANY (D 119278). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 11 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 77.8 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Poor to fair
- (4) Weather: Cloudy and foggy

n. Motor march, 16 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from NORDHAUSEN, GERMANY (D 119278) to EISLEBEN, GERMANY (D 640320). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 15 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 35.3 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Clear and bright.



o. Motor march, 30 April 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from EISLEBEN, GERMANY (D 640320) to LEIPZIG, GERMANY (E 227148). Authority: VCG, VII Corps, 29 April 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 42.7 miles
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

p. Motor march, 15 Jun 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from LEIPZIG, GERMANY (E227148) to LEIPZIG, GERMANY (E192155). Authority: VCG, XXI Corps, 14 Jun 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area .
- (2) Length of march: 5.2 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

MARCHES (Cont'd)

q. Motor march, 1-2 Jul 1945 by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from LEIPZIG, GERMANY (E192155), to WELLBURG GERMANY (G392100). Authority: VCG, XXI Corps, 30 Jun 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 285 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Cloudy and Rain.

r. Motor march, 5 Jul 1945, by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, from WEILBURG, GERMANY (G392100), to WEILBURG, GERMANY (G376101). Authority: VCG, 70th Inf Div, 3 Jul 1945.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 3.1 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.





6. CAMPAIGNS

- a. Normandy Campaign - 12 Jun 1944 to 24 Jul 1944.
- b. Northern France Campaign - 25 Jul 1944 to 14 September 1944.
- c. Rhineland Campaign - 15 Sept 1944 to 21 Mar 1945 (exclusive of d. below).
- d. Ardennes Campaign - 22 Dec 1944 to 25 Jan 1945.
- e. Central Europe - 22 Mar to 9 May 1945.

Also Security Comd, ~~VII~~ Corps  
Also Occupational Central  
w/70th Inf Div. (Relieved completely  
12 July 1945)



6. BATTLES:



7. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:

- a. (1) Continental Operations from 1 January 1945 - 28 February 1945.
  - (2) 1st TD Gp - COLONEL BURROWES G STEVENS O12 187 INF
- b. (1) Continental Operation from 1 March 1945 to 9 May 1945.
  - (2) 1st TD Gp - LT COL ALLEN H FOREMAN O19 913 INF


8. LOSSES IN ACTION: OFFICERS AND MEN.

- a. WILLIAM A CALDECOTT O 383 389 CAPTAIN INF (Wounded)



104. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION:

- a.. (1) Name: LT COL ALLEN H FOREMAN INF 019 913  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 28 March 1944 to 27 April 1944.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: Section III General Order #2 VII Corps dated 16 Jan 1945.
- b. (1) Name: MAJOR GUILBERT R LITTLE INF O 232 909  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 1 January 1944 to 4 June 1944.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: Section III General Order #2 VII Corps dated 16 Jan 1945.
- c. (1) Name: MAJOR RALPH D CROSBY FA O 370 302  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 3 August 1944 to 25 February 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Order #20 VII Corps dated 4 April 1945.
- d. (1) Name: 1ST LT WILFRED C FORD INF O24 005  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 13 July 1944 to 31 October 1944 in European Theater of Operations.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Order #44 9th Inf Div dated 27 Mar 1945.
- e. (1) Name: COLONEL BURROWES G STEVENS INF (TD) 012 187  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 19 October 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Belgium and Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #47 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- f. (1) Name: LT COLONEL ALLEN H FOREMAN INF (TD) 019 913  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 28 February 1945 to 9 May 1945 in Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- g. (1) Name: CAPTAIN WILLIAM A CALDECOTT INF (TD) O 383 389  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 22 March 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- h. (1) Name: CAPTAIN WILLARD B YOUNG FA (TD) O 392 866  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 22 March 1945 to 30 April 1945 in Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.

- i. (1) Name: M Sgt Harold A Barth 35 253 678  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 9 December 1944 to 28 April 1945 in Belgium and Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #42 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- j. (1) Name: M Sgt Earle Braye Jr 37 141 399  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 12 June 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- k. (1) Name: T Sgt William E Snider 37 189 491  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 12 June 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- l. (1) Name: S Sgt Robert E Bagnell 36 312 988  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 19 October 1944 to 9 May 1945 in Belgium and Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- m. (1) Name: Tec 4 James M Oliver 32 292 277  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 26 March 1945 to 9 May 1945 in Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- n. (1) Name: Tec 5 Clifford K. Block 37 124 547  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 1 March 1945 to 9 May 1945 in Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #45 VII Corps dated 12 May 1945.
- o. (1) Name: CAPTAIN JOHN B COOK FA 01 821 684  
(2) Act: Heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy on 4 October 1944 in Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #77 V Corps dated 29 November 1944  
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- p. (1) Name: CAPTAIN LEONARD S. BLUMBERG, Captain, /O 474 397.  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 9 Jun 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders 159, XXI Corps dated 25 Jun 1945.
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- q. (1) Name: 1st LIEUT JOHN A. BROERSMA, FA, O 887 485.  
(2) Act: ~~Meritor~~ Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 16 Feb 1945 to 8 May 1945.  
(3) Award: Bronze Star Medal.  
(4) Auth: General Orders #159, XXI Corps dated 25 Jun 1945.
- r. (1) Name: CHAPLAIN (CAPT) ULRICH F. GROTH, O 507 796.  
(2) Act: Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 13 Jun 1944 to 8 May 1945.

(3) AWARD: BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(4) AUTH: GO # 159, XXI CORPS, 25 JUN 45.



// 2. PICTURES.

