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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

FIRST TANK DESTROYER GROUP

YEAR - 1942

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a. ORIGINAL UNIT.

(1) Designation: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Tank Destroyer Group.

(2) Date of organization: 30 March 1942.

(3) Place of organization: Camp Bowie, Texas.

(4) Authority for organization: Special Order Number 12, Headquarters, VIII Army Corps, Brownwood, Texas, dated 27 February 1942.

(5) Sources from which personnel was obtained: One (1) officer and eighteen (18) enlisted men transferred from 691st Tank Destroyer Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas, per Special Order Number 53, Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, dated 20 March 1942, as amended by Special Order Number 55, Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, dated 23 March 1943. Additional personnel joined as follows:

(a) On 14 April 1942, three (3) enlisted men transferred from Reception Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, per Special Order Number 103, Headquarters, Reception Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

(b) On 17 April 1942, two (2) officers transferred from Replacement Training Center, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, per Special Order Number 89, Headquarters, Replacement Training Center, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. Six (6) enlisted men transferred from Reception Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, per Special Order Number 106, Headquarters, 1817th Service Unit.

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(c) On 18 April 1942, one (1) enlisted man transferred from Reception Center, Fort San Houston, Texas, per Special Order Number 103, Headquarters, Reception Center, Fort San Houston, Texas. One (1) enlisted man transferred from Reception Center, Camp Wolters, Texas, per Special Order Number 94, Headquarters, Reception Center, Camp Wolters, Texas.

(d) On 19 April 1942, five (5) officers transferred from Cavalry Replacement Center, Fort Riley, Kansas, per Special Order Number 103, Headquarters, Cavalry Replacement Training Center, Fort Riley, Kansas. Two (2) enlisted men transferred from Reception Center, Fort Logan, Colorado, per Special Order Number 79, Headquarters, 1839th Service Unit.

(e) On 3 May 1942, forty-eight (48) enlisted men transferred from Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, Texas, per Paragraph 10, Special Order Number 106, Headquarters, Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, Texas, dated 30 April 1942.

(6) First Lieutenant Donald W. Kaspervik, O-370151, Cavalry, Reserve, assumed command on 30 March 1942, under the provisions of Special Order Number 53, Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, dated 20 March 1942. Enlisted cadre consisted of the following personnel:

- Master Sergeant Benedict A. Kortum, 6792969
- Master Sergeant William E. Parmenter, 37004574
- Master Sergeant Walter E. Weis, 6509183
- First Sergeant Edwin O. Kopperdahl, 6817433
- Staff Sergeant John A. Broersma, 38153605
- Staff Sergeant William O. Castle, 6237853
- Staff Sergeant James F. Guisinger, 6856607
- Staff Sergeant Cecil G. Pasnell, 6281801
- Staff Sergeant Sam Rhoden, 1358501
- Staff Sergeant Harley F. Washburn, 6643238
- Sergeant Roy E. Sweatt, 18014023
- Technician 4th Class Claud V. Bridges, Jr., 6955895
- Technician 4th Class Woodrow W. Carnor, 36011782
- Technician 4th Class Casimer J. Karpinski, 35012927
- Technician 4th Class Ralph J. Glaser, 35126076
- Corporal Martin Mandel, 13011733
- Technician 5th Class William H. Moore, 6955826
- Technician 5th Class Charles B. Richardson, 18016617

b. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC.

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, attached to VIII Army Corps, 30 March 1942, for administration and training per Paragraph 1, Special Order Number 26, Headquarters, Third Army. Activated unit allotted to Infantry Branch, Army Ground Forces.

(2) (a) Unit assigned to II Army Corps per letter, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, dated 23 April 1942, file 370.523 (R) - GNOFM (4-21042), subject, "Transfer of Units to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and Camp Sutton, North Carolina", and 1st Indorsement, Headquarters, Third Army,

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28 April 1942, thereon, and Paragraph 5, letter Headquarters, VIII Army Corps, 2 May 1942, file AG 370.5 (c), subject, "Transfer of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, Camp Bowie, Texas, to Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

(b) Colonel Burrows G. Stevens, 012187, Infantry, assumed command of the 1st Tank Destroyer Group, 18 May 1942, per Paragraph 4, Special Order Number 90, Headquarters, II Army Corps, dated 11 May 1942. Following units assigned to 1st Tank Destroyer Group per General Order Number 10, Headquarters, II Army Corps, dated 11 May 1942:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group,
Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

801st Tank Destroyer Battalion, (Heavy), Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, (Heavy), Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

813th Tank Destroyer Battalion, (Heavy), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

894th Tank Destroyer Battalion, (Heavy), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

(3) Released from assignment to II Army Corps and attached to Second Army, effective 17 June 1942, per TWX, Headquarters, II Army Corps, 17 June 1942, further attached to III Army Corps, effective 18 June 1942, per TWX, Headquarters II Army Corps, 18 June 1942.

(4) (a) Released from attachment Second Army and III Army Corps per letter of Instruction Number 82, Headquarters, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, dated 27 July 1942, pursuant to authority contained in letter S.D.A.C.G., file AG 370.5 (7-24-42) MS-E-W, 25 July 1942, subject, "Movement Orders, Ship-ment 9190".

(b) Returned to control of II Army Corps upon arrival at overseas station.

(c) The following units constituted the 1st Tank Destroyer Group per letter, Headquarters, II Army Corps, file AG - 302, 3 September 1942, subject, "Constitution of 1st Tank Destroyer Group":

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group,
Perham Downs, England.

805th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Pennings Camp, Tidworth, England.

813th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Tidworth Park, England.

894th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Pennings Camp, Tidworth, England.

(d) 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion assigned to 1st Tank Destroyer Group, per Paragraph 1, letter Headquarters, II Army Corps, file AG - 322, 12 September 1942, subject, "Assignment of Units".

(e) 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion relieved from assignment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group, per letter Headquarters, II Army Corps, 12 September 1942, subject, "Troop Movement".

g. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED.

(1) At beginning of period: 30 March 1942 - 1 officer, 18 enlisted men.

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(2) Net increase and decrease of officers and enlisted men as per month during period:

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>NET INCREASE</u>		<u>NET DECREASE</u>	
	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
April	7	13	0	0
May	1	49	0	0
June	5	0	0	1
July	0	46	0	0
August	2	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	1
November	0	6	0	0
December	0	0	0	2

(3) At end of period: 31 December 1942 - 16 officers, 128 enlisted men.

d. STATIONS (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY)

(1) Activated at Camp Bowie, Texas, 30 March 1942, per Special Order Number 12, Headquarters, VIII Army Corps, dated 27 February 1942.

(2) Departed Camp Bowie, Texas, 6 May 1942, for Camp Sutton, North Carolina, per letter, Headquarters, VIII Army Corps, 2 May 1942, file AG 370.5, subject, "Transfer of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, Camp Bowie, Texas, to Camp Sutton, North Carolina". Permanent change of Station. Arrived Camp Sutton, North Carolina, 8 May 1942.

(3) Departed Camp Sutton, North Carolina, 0800 hours, 28 May 1942, for Fort Bragg, North Carolina, per letter, Headquarters, II Army Corps, 24 May 1942, file AG 370.5 CHWAG, subject, "Change of Station". Permanent change of Station. Arrived Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1315 hours, 28 May 1942.

(4) Departed Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 0600 hours, 8 July 1942, for VI Army Corps Carolina Maneuvers, vicinity Anacoville, North Carolina. Arrived maneuver area, 1630 hours, 8 July 1942. Temporary change of Station.

(5) Departed maneuver area, 1500 hours, 26 July 1942, for Fort Bragg, North Carolina, per letter, Director Headquarters, VI Army Corps Carolina Maneuvers, 26 July 1942, file AG 370.5, subject, "Orders". Arrived Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1830 hours, 26 July 1942. Temporary change of Station.

(6) Departed Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1 August 1942, for Port of Embarkation for permanent change of Station, per letter of Instruction Number 82, Headquarters, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, dated 27 July 1942. Arrived Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, 2 August 1942. Temporary change of Station - Staging Area.

(7) Departed Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, 18 August 1942, 1115 hours, for New York Port of Embarkation, New York, per Paragraph 30, Special Order Number 195, Headquarters, Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, dated, 17 August 1942. Arrived New York Port of Embarkation, New York, 2000 hours, 18 August 1942. Embarked 2030 hours, 18 August 1942. Arrived Liverpool, Eng-

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land, 31 August 1942. Departed Liverpool, England, 1 September 1942, and arrived Perham Downs Camp, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England, 2 September 1942. Permanent change of Station.

(8) Departed Perham Downs Camp, for Chisledon Barracks, near Swindon, Wiltshire, England, 1 October, 1942, 0825 hours, per letter Headquarters, II Army Corps, 27 September 1942, file AG 370.5, subject, "Move to Winter Accommodations". Permanent change of Station. Arrived Chisledon Barracks, 0930 hours, 1 October 1942.

(9) Remained at Chisledon Barracks for remainder of calendar year of 1942.

e. MARCHES.

(1) Motor March from Camp Sutton, North Carolina, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 28 March 1942:

Left Camp Sutton, North Carolina, 0800 hours, arrived Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1315 hours. Change of station per letter, Headquarters, II Army Corps, 24 May 1942, file AG 370.5 GYMAG, subject, "Change of Station".

(2) Motor March from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Carolina Maneuver Area, vicinity Ansonville, North Carolina, 8 July 1942:

Left Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 0600 hours, 8 July 1942, arrived Ansonville, 1130 hours, 8 July 1942.

(3) Motor March from Carolina Maneuver Area, vicinity Mt. Croghan, South Carolina, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 26 July 1942:

Left vicinity Mt. Croghan, South Carolina, 1230 hours, 26 July 1942, arrived Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1645 hours, 26 July 1942. Authority, letter, Headquarters, VI Corps Carolina Maneuvers, 26 July 1942, file AG 370.5, subject, "Orders".

(4) Motor March from Perham Downs Camp, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England, to Chisledon Barracks near Swindon, Wiltshire, England, 1 October 1942:

Left Perham Downs Camp, Wiltshire, England, 0825 hours, 1 October 1942, arrived Chisledon Barracks, near Swindon, Wiltshire, England, 0930 hours, 1 October 1942. Authority, letter, Headquarters, II Corps, 27 September 1942, file AG 370.5, subject, "Move to Winter Accommodations".

B. G. STEVENS,
Colonel, Infantry,
1st Tank Destroyer Group,
Commanding.

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