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1. ORIGINAL UNIT.
Completed - 1943.

2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, ETC.

a. On 1 January 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, and 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP), attached for operations and training only. The Group was assigned to First United States Army and attached to VII Corps. Authority: Letter 322/83 Commanding General, First United States Army, 10 December 1943, subject, "Troop Assignment #12."

b. Effective 19 January 1944, 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for operations and training. Authority: Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, 19 January 1944, subject, "Attachment of Units."

c. Effective 22 January 1944, 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order Commanding General, VII Corps, 22 January 1944. (Reference letter, European Theater of Operation, United States Army, 22 January 1944, subject, "Assignment and Attachment of Units")

d. Effective 15 February 1944, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, 12 February 1944, subject, "Attachment of Units".

(1) On 15 February 1944 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group.
629th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)

e. Effective 1 March 1944, the attachments of 629th and 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) were amended to include all purposes except Class II and IV Supply. Authority: Troop Assignment List No. 23, First United States Army, 8 March 1944.

f. Effective 8 March 1944, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Troop Assignment List No. 23, First United States Army, 8 March 1944.

g. Effective 10 March 1944, 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for all purposes except Class II and IV Supply. Authority: Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, 10 March 1944, subject, "Attachment of Units".

(1) On 19 March 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group.
634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) (Attached)

h. On 10 March 1944, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group changed T/O and E to comply with T/O and E 18-10-1, 30 December 1943. Authority: General Order #15, Headquarters VII Corps, 24 March 1944, "Reorganization of Unit".

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i. Effective 25 March 1944, 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and was attached to 4th Infantry Division. Authority: Movement Order No. 22, Headquarters VII Corps, 23 March 1944.

j. On 31 March, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)

k. Effective 29 April 1944, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for all purposes except Class II and IV Supply. Authority: Letter, Headquarters VII Corps, 29 April 1944, subject, "Attachment of Units".

(1) On 30 April 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)



l. Effective 31 May 1944, Battalion Headquarters, Companies "A" and "C", 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP), were relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group, and were attached to 4th Infantry Division. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 31 May 1944. Relief of the battalion from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and attachment to 4th Infantry Division was to become effective upon arrival of the remainder of the battalion on the far shore.

m. (1) Effective 151000 June 1944, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) reverted to control of 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memorandum #14, Headquarters VII Corps, 15 June 1944.

(2) Effective 152000B June 1944, one (1) platoon of Company "A", 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 101st A/B Division. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, 15 June 1944.

n. At 160600B June 1944, the following attachment became effective:
 Company "B", 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) attached to 90th Infantry Division.
 Company "C", 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) attached to 82nd A/B Division.

Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 15 June 1944. (The platoon of Company "A", 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) attached to 101st A/B Division on 15 June 1944, was relieved to return to battalion control effective 161000B June 1944.)

o. Effective 171200B June 1944, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (less Companies "B" and "C") was attached to 9th Infantry Division. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 17 June 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached) (Administration Only)

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p. Effective 011800B July 1944, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 9th Infantry division and reverted to control of 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 1 July 1944.

- (1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group was then composed of:
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group.
 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)

q. Effective 071700B July 1944, 129th AAA Gun (M) Battalion was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for operations. Authority: Operations Memorandum #31, Headquarters VII Corps, 7 July 1944.

r. (1) Effective 081800B July 1944, Battery "A", 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was attached to 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) for operations. Authority: Field Order #5, Headquarters VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

(2) Effective 081800B July 1944, Battery "D", 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was attached to 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) for operations. Authority: Field Order #5, Headquarters VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

s. Effective 090800B July 1944, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Battery "A", 120th AAA Gun Battalion (M) attached) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and was attached to 9th Infantry Division. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

- (1) On 10 July 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) (Less Batteries "A" and "D") (Attached for Operations only)
 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached Administration only)

t. Effective 092200B July 1944, Company "A", 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 83rd Infantry Division. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 9 July 1944.

u. Effective 112100B July 1944, Company "C", 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 4th Infantry Division. Authority: Operations Memorandum #35, VII Corps, 12 July 1944.

v. Effective 131800B July 1944, Company "A", 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 83rd Infantry Division and reverted to battalion control. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 12 July 1944.

w. Effective 132400B July 1944, Company "C", 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 4th Infantry Division and reverted to battalion control. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 12 July 1944.

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(1) On 15 July 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group was composed of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) (Less Batteries "A" and "D") (Attached
 Operations only)
 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached Administration only)

x. Effective 9 July 1944, 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was relieved from attachment to 109th AAA Group and was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for all purposes. Authority: Troop Assignment #5, (Administrative) Headquarters VII Corps, 14 July 1944.

y. Effective 152100B July 1944, Battery "D", 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was relieved from attachment to 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) and reverted to battalion control. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 15 July 1944.

z. Effective 152400B July 1944, 413th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for operations only. Authority: Operations Memorandum #41, Headquarters VII Corps, 18 July 1944.

aa. Effective 18 July 1944, Battery "B", 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was attached to 1st Infantry Division; Batteries "C" and "D", 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) were attached to 2nd Armored Division; Batteries "A" and "B", 413th AAA Gun Battalion (M) were attached to 3rd Armored Division; 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (less Company "C") was attached to 1st Infantry Division; Company "C", 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 4th Infantry Division. Authority: Annex #3 to Field Order #6, Headquarters VII Corps, 18 July 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) (Less Batteries "A", "B", "C", and "D")
 (Attached)
 413th AAA Gun Battalion (M) (Less Batteries "A" and "B") (Attached
 Operations only)
 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Attached Administration only)
 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Attached Administration only)

ab. Effective 300950B July 1944, 129th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and was attached to 49th AAA Brigade, First United States Army. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 30 July 1944.

ac. Effective 1 August 1944, 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and was attached to 9th Infantry Division for all purposes. Authority: Troop Assignment #13, (Administrative) Headquarters VII Corps, 1 August 1944.

ad. Effective 011725B August 1944, Battery "B", 413th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was relieved from attachment to 3rd Armored Division and returned to Battalion control. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 1 August 1944.

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ae. Effective 021800B August 1944, Battery "A", 413th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was relieved from attachment to 3rd Armored Division and returned to battalion control. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 2 August 1944.

af. Effective 031200B August 1944, 413th AAA Gun Battalion (M) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and reverted to 49th AAA Brigade. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 3 August 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Attached Administration only)

ag. Effective 130900B August 1944, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 30th Infantry Division and was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memorandum #65, VII Corps, 13 August 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
629th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached Operations only)
634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached Administration only)

ah. Effective 160800B August 1944, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and was attached to 9th Infantry Division. Authority: Operations Memorandum #68, VII Corps, 15 August 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached Administration only)

ai. Effective 170310B August 1944, 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group for all purposes except Class II and IV Supply. Authority: Troop Assignment No. 21 (Administrative) VII Corps, 20 August 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached)
634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Attached Administration only)

aj. Effective 19 August 1944, 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Troop Assignment No. 22 (Administrative), Headquarters VII Corps, 26 August 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (Attached Administration only)

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ak. Effective 11 September 1944, 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was relieved from attachment to 1st Tank Destroyer Group and was attached to 1st Infantry Division. Authority: Troop Assignment No. 29 (Administrative), Headquarters VII Corps, 14 September 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group

al. Effective 161500A December 1944, the 6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion (less 4th and 5th Companies) was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memorandum #132, Headquarters VII Corps, 16 December 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion (less 4th and 5th Companies (Attached Operations only)

am. Effective 212400A December 1944, the 6th Belgian Fusilier Battalion (less 4th and 5th Companies) was relieved from attachment to VII Corps and 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memorandum #135, Headquarters VII Corps, 21 December 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group

an. Effective 261200A December 1944, the 643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) (less Company "C" and 2 platoons of Company "A") was attached to 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Operations Memorandum #141, Headquarters VII Corps, 29 December 1944.

(1) 1st Tank Destroyer Group then consisted of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group
643rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (T) (less Company "C" and 2 platoons Company "A") (Attached Operations only)



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3. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group.

a. Strength 1 January 1944: 12 Officers; 47 Enlisted Men.

b. MONTH	STRENGTH		STRENGTH		NET INCREASE		NET DECREASE	
	1st Day	Off	Last Day	Off	Off	EM	Off	EM
January	12	47	12	47	0	0	0	0
February	12	47	13	47	1	0	0	0
March	13	47	11	48	0	1	2	0
April	11	48	16	62	5	14	0	0
May	16	62	15	61	0	0	1	1
June	15	61	15	61	0	0	0	0
July	15	62	15	59	0	0	0	3
August	15	59	14	59	0	0	1	0
September	14	59	14	59	0	0	0	0
October	14	59	15	58	1	0	0	1
November	15	58	13	57	0	0	2	1
December	13	57	13	56	0	0	0	1



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4. STATIONS (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY)

- a. 1 January to 7 June 1944, DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND.
- b. 7 June to 10 June 1944, Camp D-8, Marshalling Area, vicinity WEYMOUTH, DORSET, ENGLAND (Advance echelon)
- c. 7 June to 10 June 1944, DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND (Residue)
- d. 10 June to 11 June 1944, Camp D-10, Marshalling Area, vicinity WEYMOUTH, DORSET, ENGLAND (Residue)
- e. 10 June to 12 June 1944, aboard LST, United States Navy, enroute to NORMANDY, FRANCE (Advance Echelon)
- f. 11 June to 13 June 1944, aboard LST, United States Navy, enroute to NORMANDY, FRANCE (Residue)
- g. 12 June to 13 June 1944, Transit Area "A", FRANCE (T 410935) (Advance Echelon)
- h. 13 June Residue joined Advance echelon in Transit Area "A" (T 410935)
- i. 13 June to 26 June 1944, vicinity FAUVILLE, FRANCE (T 352593)
- j. 27 June to 5 July 1944, vicinity EMONDEVILLE, FRANCE (Q 336025)
- k. 6 July to 12 July 1944, vicinity VIERVILLE, FRANCE (T 403912)
- l. 13 July to 18 July 1944, vicinity CARRE FOUR DES CHEMIN, FRANCE (T 362825)
- m. 19 July to 31 July 1944, vicinity GOUCHERIE, FRANCE (T 445765)
- n. 1 August to 5 August 1944, vicinity RONCEY, FRANCE (T 328495)
- o. 6 August to 11 August 1944, vicinity AUBIN-DES-BOIS, FRANCE (T 445309)
- p. 12 August to 13 August 1944, vicinity FOUGEROLLES DU PLESSIS, FRANCE (Y 558929)
- q. 14 August to 16 August 1944, vicinity LE PAS, FRANCE (Y 758842)
- r. 17 August to 23 August 1944, vicinity COUPTRAIN, FRANCE (Z 050887)
- s. 24 August to 26 August 1944, vicinity PONTGOUIN, FRANCE (R 134099)
- t. 27 August to 28 August 1944, vicinity SOISY SUR ECOLE, FRANCE (S 130015)
- u. 29 August to 30 August 1944, vicinity COUBERT, FRANCE (S 318220)
- v. 31 August to 1 September 1944, vicinity STE AULDE, FRANCE (S 655538)
- w. 2 September to 6 September 1944, vicinity MONTGORNET, FRANCE (Q 322278)
- x. 7 September to 10 September 1944, vicinity FOSSES, BELGIUM (J 832040)



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- y. 11 September to 16 September 1944, vicinity MICHEROUX, BELGIUM (K 589262)
- z. 17 September to 22 November 1944, vicinity NUTHEIM, GERMANY (K 890363)
- aa. 23 November to 22 December 1944, vicinity KORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY (K 904377)
- ab. 23 December to 25 December 1944, vicinity MAFFE, BELGIUM (P 300998)
- ac. 26 December 1944 to 31 December 1944, vicinity BORSU, BELGIUM (K 284016)



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MARCHES.

a. Motor march, 7 June 1944, from DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND, TO Marshalling Area, Camp D-8, vicinity WEYMOUTH, DORSET, ENGLAND, by Advance Echelon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Movement Orders, Transportation Corps, Southern Base Section, 6 June 1944, and Field Order #1, VII Corps, 9 May 1944.

(1) Purpose: Movement to Marshalling Area for staging, preparatory to embarkation for continental operations.

(2) Length of march: 52 miles.

(3) Condition of roads: Good.

(4) Weather: Fair and mild.

b. Motor march, 10 June 1944, from DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND, to Marshalling Area, Camp D-10, vicinity WEYMOUTH, DORSET, ENGLAND, by Residue, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Movement Orders, Transportation Corps, Southern Base Section, 9 June 1944, and Field Order #1, VII Corps, 9 May 1944.

(1) Purpose: Movement to Marshalling Area for staging preparatory to embarkation for continental operations.

(2) Length of march: 53 miles.

(3) Condition of roads: Good.

(4) Weather: Fair and mild.

c. Motor march, 10 June 1944 from Marshalling Area, Camp D-8, to Port of Embarkation, PORTLAND, DORSET, ENGLAND, by Advance Echelon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: As cited in paragraph 5a above.

(1) Purpose: Embarkation for cross-channel voyage to FRANCE.

(2) Length of march: 21 miles.

(3) Condition of roads: Good.

(4) Weather: Fair and mild.

d. Motor march, 11 June 1944, from Marshalling Area, Camp D-10 to Port of Embarkation, PORTLAND, DORSET, ENGLAND, by Residue, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: As cited in par 5b above.

(1) Purpose: Embarkation for cross-channel voyage to FRANCE.

(2) Length of march: 22 miles.

(3) Condition of roads: Good.

(4) Weather: Cool and overcast.

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e. Cross-channel voyage on LST, U. S. Navy, 10-12 June 1944, from Port of Embarkation, PORTLAND, DORSET, ENGLAND, to "UTAH" BEACH, NORMANDY, FRANCE, by Advance Echelon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: As cited in par 5a above.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to combat zone, NORMANDY, FRANCE.
- (2) Length of voyage: Approximately 130 miles.
- (3) Condition of sea: Reasonably calm.
- (4) Weather: Cool and overcast.

f. Cross-channel voyage in LST, U. S. Navy, 11-13 June 1944, from Port of Embarkation, Portland, DORSET, ENGLAND, to "UTAH" BEACH, NORMANDY, FRANCE, by Residue, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: As cited in par 5b above.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to combat zone, NORMANDY, FRANCE.
- (2) Length of voyage: Approximately 130 miles.
- (3) Condition of sea: Reasonably calm.
- (4) Weather: Cool and overcast.

g. Motor march, 12 June 1944 from "UTAH" BEACH, NORMANDY, FRANCE, to Transit Area "A", by Advance Echelon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Field Order #1, VII Corps, 9 May 1944.

- (1) Purpose: movement to assembly area.
- (2) Length of march: 12 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Fair.
- (4) Weather: Cool and overcast.

h. Motor march, 13 June 1944 from "UTAH" BEACH, NORMANDY, FRANCE, to Transit Area "A", by Residue, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Field Order #1, VII Corps, 9 May 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to assembly area.
- (2) Length of march: 12 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Fair.
- (4) Weather: Cool and overcast.

i. Motor march, 13 June 1944, from Transit Area "A" to FAUVILLE, FRANCE (T 352593) by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 13 June 1944.

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

j. Motor march, 26 June 1944, from FAUVILLE, FRANCE (T 352593), to EMONDEVILLE, FRANCE (Q 336025), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 25 June 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 6 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

k. Motor march, 5 July 1944, from EMONDEVILLE, FRANCE (Q 336025), to VIERVILLE, FRANCE, (T 403912), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 4 July 1944.

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

l. Motor march, 12 July 1944, from vicinity VIERVILLE, FRANCE (T 403912), to vicinity CARRE FOUR DES CHEMINS (T 362825), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 11 July 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 7.8 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

m. Motor march, 18 July 1944, from vicinity CARRE FOUR DES CHEMINS (T 362825), to vicinity GOUCHERIE, FRANCE (T 445765), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 17 July 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.

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- (2) Length of march: 10 Miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

n. Motor march, 31 July 1944, from vicinity of GOUCHERIE, FRANCE (T 445765), to vicinity of RONCEY, FRANCE (T 328495), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 30 July 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 29.6 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

o. Motor march, 5 August 1944, from vicinity of RONCEY, FRANCE (T 328495), to vicinity of AUBIN-DES-BOIS, FRANCE (T 445309), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General VII Corps, 4 August 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 17.4 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.



p. Motor march, 11 August 1944, from vicinity of AUBIN-DES-BOIS, FRANCE (T 445309), to vicinity of FOUGEROLLES DU PLESSIS, FRANCE (Y 558929), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 11 August 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 37.7 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

q. Motor march, 13 August 1944, from vicinity of FOUGEROLLES DU PLESSIS, FRANCE, (Y 558929), to vicinity of LE PAS, FRANCE (Y 758842), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 13 August 1944.

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- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 19.5 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

r. Motor march, 16 August 1944, from vicinity of LE PAS, FRANCE (Y 758842), to vicinity of COUPTRAIN, FRANCE (Z 050887), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 15 August 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 25.6 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

s. Motor march, 23 August 1944, from vicinity COUPTRAIN, FRANCE (Z 050887), to vicinity of PONTGOUIN, FRANCE (R 134099), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 22 August 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 89.4 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Cloudy and rainy.

t. Motor march, 26 August 1944, from vicinity PONTGOUIN, FRANCE (R 134099), to vicinity SOISY SUR ECOLE, FRANCE (S 130015), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 25 August 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 77.3 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

u. Motor march, 28 August 1944, from vicinity SOISY SUR ECOLE, FRANCE (S 130015), to vicinity COUBERT, FRANCE (S 318220), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 28 August 1944.

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- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 24.3 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

v. Motor march, 30 August 1944, from vicinity COUBERT, FRANCE (S 318220), to vicinity STE AULDE, FRANCE (S 655538), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 29 August 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 42.1 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Overcast.

w. Motor march, 1 September 1944, from vicinity STE AULDE, FRANCE (S 655538), to vicinity MONICORNET, FRANCE (Q 322278), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 31 August 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 82.4 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

x. Motor march, 6 September 1944, from vicinity MONICORNET, FRANCE (Q 322278), to vicinity FOSSES, BELGIUM (J 832040), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 6 September 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 80 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Cloudy and rainy.

y. Motor march, 10 September 1944, from vicinity FOSSES, BELGIUM (J 832040), to vicinity MICHEROUX, BELGIUM (K 589262), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 9 September 1944.

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- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 64.6 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

x. Motor march, 16 September 1944, from vicinity MICHERCOUX, BELGIUM (K 589262), to vicinity NUTHEIM, GERMANY (K 890363), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 15 September 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 34.2 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Cloudy and rainy.

sa. Motor march, 22 November 1944, from vicinity NUTHEIM, GERMANY (K 890363), to vicinity KORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY, (K 904377) by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 21 November 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 1.5 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Good.
- (4) Weather: Fair.

ab. Motor march, 22 December 1944, from KORNELIMUNSTER, GERMANY (K 904377), to vicinity of MAFFE, BELGIUM (P 300998), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 21 December 1944.

- (1) Purpose: Movement to new bivouac area.
- (2) Length of march: 80 miles.
- (3) Condition of roads: Wet and slippery.
- (4) Weather: Overcast and murky.

ac. Motor march, 25 December 1944, from vicinity MAFFE, BELGIUM (P 300998), to vicinity of BORSU, BELGIUM (K 284016), by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Group. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 25 December 1944.

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

6. CAMPAIGNS.

1. From 11 June to 25 July 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, assigned First United States Army, attached to VII Corps, took part in NORMANDY Campaign, Operation "NEPTUNE", for the purpose of invading the coast of FRANCE and the capture of the COTENTIN PENINSULA. Authority: Field Order #1, VII Corps, dated 9 May 1944. First Tank Destroyer Group in VII Corps Reserve.

2. a. From 25 July to 15 September 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, assigned to First United States Army, attached to VII Corps, took part in Northern FRANCE Campaign #1, Operations "COBRA", for the purpose of break through and destruction of German forces opposite VII Corps. Authority: Field Order #6, VII Corps, dated 20 July 1944. 1st Tank Destroyer Group in VII Corps Reserve.

b. On 25 August 1944, Headquarters 1st Tank Destroyer Group was assigned the added mission of coordinating traffic within VII Corps boundaries. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 25 August 1944.

- (1) Mission - Keep traffic flowing at maximum rate by:
 - (a) Reporting any work or assistance required to VII Corps G-4.
 - (b) Reorganizing if necessary, the routing and flow of traffic.
 - (c) Controlling the Military Police present at traffic posts.
 - (d) Keep traffic control section VII Corps informed of general progress of movement and any prolonged delays.

(2) Period: 25 August to 16 October 1944.

3. From 16 September 1944 to 31 December 1944, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, assigned First United States Army, attached VII Corps, participated in further operations against the Germans as covered below. (1st Tank Destroyer Group in VII Corps Reserve.)

a. From 16 September to 15 October, continued operation on Traffic Control Mission.

b. On 16 October 1944, the Commanding Officer, Headquarters 1st Tank Destroyer Group was relieved of traffic mission and was charged with the mission of organizing local defenses against airborne attack in the Corps rear area and coordinating this defense with that of divisions and adjacent Corps. Authority: Verbal Order, Commanding General, VII Corps, 16 October 1944, and letter Headquarters VII Corps, subject, "VII Corps Anti-Parachute Defense", dated 17 October 1944.

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(1) COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS, 012187, INFANTRY, Commanding Officer 1st Tank Destroyer Group, was announced Anti-Parachute Defense Officer, VII Corps, per paragraph 1, General Order #70, VII Corps, dated 19 October 1944. This organization moved into VII Corps Headquarters Command Post as a special staff section of VII Corps Headquarters. Period of Mission: 16 October 1944 to 8 December 1944.

c. On 8 December 1944, COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS, 012187, INFANTRY, Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Destroyer Group, was designated Security Commander, VII Corps, per paragraph 3a, Operations Memorandum #128, VII Corps, 8 December 1944.

(1) Mission: To organize and supervise provisions for local security in the Corps Rear Area at supply installations, unit bivouac and lines of communication, against airborne attack, enemy patrols, guerrillas, snipers, sabotage and other small scale enemy activities.

(2) Period of mission - 8 December 1944 to 31 December 1944.

7. BATTLES.

a. None.



8. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:

a. (1) Engagement: Continental Operation from 12 June 1944 to 31 December 1944.

(2) Name: 1st TD Gp - COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS.

9. LOSSES IN ACTION; OFFICERS AND MEN.

a. Master Sergeant RALPH J. GLASER, 35126071, wounded in action. (Copy of Orders Attached)

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

a. (1) Name - COLONEL BURROWES G. STEVENS, INF., 012187.

(2) Act - Meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 25 August 1944 to 18 October 1944.

(3) Award - Bronze Star Medal.

(4) Authority - Section IV, General Order #74, VII Corps, 12 November 1944. (Copy Attached)

11. PICTURES.

a. None.

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IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No 66, Headquarters First United States Army dated 18 May 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

COLONEL BURROWS G. STEVENS O12187 Infantry (TD), Headquarters 1st Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in support of active combat operations from 25 August 1944 to 18 October 1944 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered United States Military Academy from United States at large.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

R. C. PARTRIDGE,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.



OFFICIAL:

/s/ Lawton Butler,
/t/ LAWTON BUTLER,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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Gilbert R. Little
GILBERT R. LITTLE,
Major, Inf, 1st TD Group,
Adjutant.

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VI--AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL--Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No 66, Headquarters First United States Army dated 18 May 1944, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

MASTER SERGEANT RALPH J. GLASER 35126071 Field Artillery, Headquarters Company 1st Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army for wounds received in action against the enemy on 18 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

R. C. PARTRIDGE,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Lawton Butler,
/t/ LAWTON BULTER,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.



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