

UNIT HISTORY 671ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

I Organization

The 671st Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) was activated at Fort Hood, Texas, on 12 June 1943, pursuant to paragraph 3, General Orders #31, Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, dated 27 May 1943. Major Glenn I. Epperson, Commanding. The battalion was activated by Tank Destroyer Basic Unit Training Center and assigned to the 23d Tank Destroyer Group.

The staff:

Captain Millard L. Davis	Executive
1st Lt Stewart E. McAdoo	S-1
Captain George M. Old	S-2
Captain Hammond Dean	S-3
Captain Edwin R. Caswell	S-4

The battalion was organized according to Tables of Organization 18-25, 18-26, 18-27 and 18-28, all dated 27 January 1943. On the date of activation there were 39 assigned officers, and 24 attached officers, all from the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. These officers were assigned to companies as follows:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Major	Glenn I. Epperson	O 260 539	Cav
Captain	Edwin R. Caswell	O 291 706	FA
Captain	Millard L. Davis	O 355 227	Cav
Captain	John A. Evans	O 330 959	Inf
Captain	Hammond Dean	O 330 347	Cav
Captain	George M. Old	O 407 682	FA
1st Lt	Stewart F. McAdoo	O 389 650	FA
2d Lt	Ralph G. Loveless	O1 821 738	AUS
2d Lt	James M. Martin	O1 823 321	AUS
2d Lt	Leroy D. Gingrich	O1 823 434	AUS
2d Lt	Hobart F. Parks	O1 823 479	AUS
2d Lt	Charles H. Hixson	O1 823 872	AUS
2d Lt	Elmer R. Gutsche	O1 824 017	AUS
2d Lt	Glenn G. Geoffrey	O1 824 170	AUS
2d Lt	Joe B. Pickens	O1 823 345	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Victor E. Poe, Sr	O1 823 347	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Charles H. Wilke	O1 823 529	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	William J. Turner, Jr	O1 823 768	AUS (Atchd)

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

1st Lt	Rufus B. Baker	O1 287 293	Inf
1st Lt	Thomas M. Bushnell, Jr	O 448 333	FA
2d Lt	Joseph F. Simionowicz	O1 822 468	AUS
2d Lt	James D. Ossello	O1 823 196	AUS
2d Lt	Raymond H. Stowe	O1 823 230	AUS

2d Lt	Robert J. Simonds	01 823 361	AUS
2d Lt	Robert J. Gibbons	01 824 013	AUS
2d Lt	Cecil F. Hunnicutt	01 823 160	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Ernest E. Zink	01 823 383	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Orville Pauley	01 123 925	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	James R. Zehner	01 824 836	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Charles W. Fredrickson	01 824 983	AUS (Atchd)

COMPANY "A"

1st Lt	Glyde V. Britton	01 287 298	Inf
2d Lt	Carl G. Schuman	01 822 911	AUS
2d Lt	Roy R. Salome	01 823 493	AUS
2d Lt	Francis P. Crawford	01 823 569	AUS
2d Lt	Norman P. Griechen	01 824 172	AUS
2d Lt	Palmer N. Henriksen	01 824 182	AUS
2d Lt	Charles E. Akins	01 821 827	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Donald F. Beaton	01 822 522	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Lee R. Handley	01 824 746	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Maurice A. Butler	01 823 834	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Billy D. Boone	01 823 973	AUS (Atchd)

COMPANY "B"

1st Lt	Frederick W. Songer	0 445 369	PA
2d Lt	Charles G. Stone	01 823 370	AUS
2d Lt	Robert J. Booth	01 823 557	AUS
2d Lt	William K. Griffith, Jr	01 823 862	AUS
2d Lt	Thomas M. Grimes	01 823 863	AUS
2d Lt	Robert N. Guarini	01 824 175	AUS
2d Lt	James S. Lynch	01 822 028	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	John W. Lynch	01 823 319	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Florian F. Kuligowski	01 823 892	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	William J. Krause	01 824 763	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Frank A. Parravani	01 824 790	AUS (Atchd)

COMPANY "C"

1st Lt	James K. Adams	01 286 037	Inf
2d Lt	Cecil A. Gibson	01 823 286	AUS
2d Lt	Bert J. McGready	01 823 466	AUS
2d Lt	Jack C. Stoddard	01 823 513	AUS
2d Lt	Thomas L. Cole	01 823 707	AUS
2d Lt	Mario P. Giglio	01 824 171	AUS
2d Lt	John F. Burns	01 823 832	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Doyle L. Roberts	01 824 801	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Dale E. Scheiber	01 824 804	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Davis E. Shambeau	01 824 807	AUS (Atchd)
2d Lt	Charles W. Taylor	01 824 818	AUS (Atchd)

The enlisted cadre of 81 men was sent from TD BUTC, all of whom were formerly members of the 77th TD Battalion, North Camp Hood, Texas.

On 23 June 1943, 67 enlisted men from the 602 TD Battalion, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin were assigned and joined per VOOB, TD BUTC, North Camp Hood, Texas.

On 27 June 1943, 180 enlisted men from the Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, Texas, and 49 enlisted men from the 806 TD Battalion, Camp Rucker, Alabama, were assigned and joined per VOOB, TD BUTC, North Camp Hood, Texas.

On 28 June 1943, 180 enlisted men from the TDRTC, North Camp Hood, Texas, and 61 enlisted men from the 706 TD Battalion, Camp Laguna, Arizona were assigned and joined per VOOB, TD BUTC, North Camp Hood, Texas.

In addition to the above, 10 enlisted men were assigned from various other organizations per VOOB, TD BUTC, North Camp Hood, Texas, during the period 12 June to 30 June 1943, bringing the enlisted strength of the battalion to 628 as of 30 June 1943.

On 1 July 1943, 95 enlisted men from the 629 TD Battalion, Desert Training Center, Camp Young, California, were assigned and joined per VOOB, TD BUTC, North Camp Hood, Texas and the battalion strength rose to 784, being 116 more than was authorized by T/O 18-25.

II Basic Training

Throughout basic training, which was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Mobilization Training Program 18-1, dated 1 April 1942, the strength of the battalion varied greatly, and on 19 July 1943 reached a maximum of 898 enlisted men.

The battalion finally received its medical officers on 12 July 1943 when 1st Lt Benjamin Weinstein, O1 690 231, M3, and 1st Lt Edward C. Gilmore, O1 735 303, D3 were assigned and joined.

Training during the period 12 June - 27 December 1943 stressed the development of the following individual and unit qualities:

- (1) Morale and Esprit de corps
- (2) Discipline
- (3) Health, strength and endurance
- (4) Technical proficiency in the use of the .75mm gun, M3, 3" gun M10, and individual arms
- (5) Tactical proficiency
- (6) Leadership, initiative and teamwork.

Major Allerton Cushman, 18-25-243, FA, assumed command of the battalion on 27 July 1943.

Motor Maintenance by this Battalion during Basic Training was considered the best of any battalion in the TD BUTC. Score: 490 points. (possible 500 points)

On 1 August 1943, this battalion became the first organization in TDBUTC to have 100% of its members insured in the amount of \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance.

On 27 August 1943 the battalion received 11 noncommissioned officers, all of whom were from the "Hawaiian Cadre", having served at Fort Shafter, TH, with the 627 TD Battalion. They were assigned and joined per paragraph 10, Special Orders #203, Headquarters, TB ITC, North Camp Hood, Texas, dated 25 August 1943.

On 22 September 1943, the battalion attained a score of 91.8% in the Army Ground Forces Physical Fitness Test.

During the time spent at North Camp Hood, Texas, the AWOL rate in the battalion was higher than normal, due to the fact that most of the fillers had been through the identical training a short time previously.

Dismounted road marches and cross-country marches were made weekly by the companies and ranged from five to seventeen miles.

On 28 September 1943 the battalion marched on foot to its new station, Camp Hood, Texas, a distance of 32.5 miles. The march was made under adverse conditions, and the constant rain and deep mud added appreciably to the task. Only one man was forced to fall out and the remainder of the battalion completed the march. The elapsed time for the march was approximately 12 hours.

The strength of the battalion at the end of each month from activation date until the completion of basic training and departure from the station is as follows:

Date	Officers			EM			Net Gain or Loss		
	Asgd	Atchd	WO	Asgd	Atchd	WO	Officers	WO	EM
12 June 43	39	24	0	81	0	0	0	0	0
30 June 43	40	23	0	628	0	0	0	0	0
31 July 43	42	22	1	786	0	1	1	1	1
31 Aug 43	42	21	1	769	12	1	-1	0	-1
27 Sep 43	49	12	1	746	42	1	-1	0	-1

III Unit Training

Upon arrival at the Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center, Camp Hood, Texas, training started on 3 October 1943. The battalion remained assigned to the 23d TD Group which had also moved to Camp Hood, Texas.

The training at Unit Training Center was divided into five general phases; (1) Squad, (2) Section, (3) Platoon, (4) Company, and (5) Battalion.

Practical work, demonstrations, problems and tests were given throughout these phases of training and the results were generally excellent.

On 1 November 1943 the battalion moved to the Battle Conditioning Course at Camp Hood, Texas, and completed the course on 6 November 1943. The Director, Battalion Conditioning Department, Unit Training Center, in a letter of commendation rated the battalion staff as "Superior", and the junior officers as "Excellent". The battalion's manner of performance while on this course was rated as "Excellent".

On 11 November 1943 the first T-70's (M-18) arrived and by 26 November 1943 the battalion had received its authorized allowance of 36 of these, the latest TD primary weapon.

During the period 23 November-7 December 1943 the Pioneer Platoon of Reconnaissance Company, pursuant to letter order #4, Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, dated 22 November 1943, accompanied a column from the Tank Destroyer Board, Camp Hood, Texas on a march to the Gulf of Mexico. For the work on this march the Pioneer Platoon was commended by the President of the Tank Destroyer Board.

The battalion was given the Platoon Proficiency Firing Test on 28 November 1943, breaking the Camp Hood record by the score of 100. The 150 hits out of 180 rounds were fired at moving, surprise and disappearing targets. Lt Col Allerton Cushman, Commanding Officer, and the battalion were commended by Major General Orlando Ward, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center for this performance.

Upon publication of OI to T/O 18-25, dated 27 December 1943, the dental officer was eliminated from Tank Destroyer Battalions and the Medical Detachment officer strength was reduced to one.

The battalion attained a score of 75.99% in the *CORVUS FIRING* *COAST FIRING* Test given on 10 January 1944 and a score of 78.0% in the Battalion Tactical Proficiency Test given on 11-12 January 1944.

On 24 January 1944 the battalion attained a rating of Very Satisfactory in their first annual inspection by the Inspector General Department. Major H.B. Thompson, IG, TDC inspected.

The strength of the battalion at the end of each month from 30 Sep 1943 to 10 Feb 1944 was as follows:

Date	Officers			EM			Net Gain or Loss		
	Asst	Absent	NO	Asst	Absent	NO	Officers	EM	NO
30 Sep 43	47	12	1	746	32	1	-2	0	0
31 Oct 43	46	1	1	675	32	1	-14	0	-74
30 Nov 43	49	1	1	655	32	1	8	0	-29
31 Dec 43	44	0	1	624	0	1	8	0	-31
31 Jan 44	52	0	1	639	0	1	-2	0	-13
10 Feb 44	52	0	1	638	0	1	0	0	-1

IV Additional Training

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Vehicles

The battalion having completed training in the OTG, Camp Hood, Texas moved by motor on 14 Feb 1944 from Camp Hood, Texas, to Camp Swift, Texas, pursuant to Movement Orders No. 18, Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, dated 10 Feb 1944. This movement was a permanent change of station, and upon arrival at Camp Swift, Texas, the unit was assigned XIII Corps and attached to the 11th TD Group. All of the units equipment accompanied the battalion on the motor march, except the tracked vehicles, which were sent by rail. The battalion left Camp Hood, Texas at 15 hours, 14 Feb 1944 and arrived at Camp Swift, Texas at 1530 hours, 14 Feb 1944. distance traveled: 109 miles.

Training at Camp Swift, Texas was conducted along the lines of pre-manuever training. Emphasis on tactical proficiency and the development of physical endurance was evidenced by the numerous field trips and frequent 10 and 25 mile dismounted marches which were made, at times, in extremely unfavorable weather.

Frequent inspections and tests were made by representatives of the Commanding General, XIII Corps, and the Commanding Officer, 11th TD Group.

Upon publication of T/O & E 18-25, dated 15 Mar 1944, the authorized enlisted strength of the battalion was reduced to 634.

On 23 Mar 1944 the battalion was given Army Ground Force Air-Ground Test and attained a score of 90.8%, and a rating of "Excellent".

Pursuant to Letter Orders No. 36, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, dated 22 Mar 1944, 10 officers and 10 enlisted men departed for the Army Anti Aircraft Training Center, Indianola Firing Range, Camp Hulon, Texas on 26 Mar 1944 for training as instructors. INDIANOLA

On 2 Apr 1944, pursuant to authority contained in Letter Orders No. 3, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, dated 27 Mar 1944, Major Millard L. Davis, in command, and four officers and 200 enlisted men departed for the Indianola Firing Range, Magnolia Beach, Texas, for one weeks training in anti aircraft machine gun firing. The detachment returned to Camp Swift, Texas, at 1835 hours, 8 Apr 1944. The movement there and return was made by motor; distance: 300 miles.

On 4 Apr 1944 the battalion moved to a tactical bivouac approximately 7 miles from the battalion area and remained there until 15 Apr 1944. The movement to and return from the bivouac area was made by motor.

On 19 Apr 1944 the battalion was given the Army Ground Force Physical Fitness Test, attaining a score of 84.78% and a rating of "Very Satisfactory".

Lt. Col. Allerton Cushman, Battalion Commander, was transferred to Headquarters, Army Ground Force, Washington, D.C., on 2 May 1944. and Major Millard L. Davis, executive officer, assumed command.

Upon publication of War Department Circular 201, dated 22 May 1944, the authorized enlisted strength of the battalion was reduced to 607.

On 24 May 1944 the battalion was given the Army Ground Force Basic Medical Subjects Test and attained a rating of "Satisfactory".

While at Camp Swift, Texas battalion baseball and basketball teams were organized, and the 671st TD Battalion basketball team captured the Camp Swift Basketball Championship from the 102nd Division, Fort Champions. The trophy awarded for this championship reads: "Champions 1944 Camp Swift, Texas 671 TD Battalion".

The strength of the battalion at the end of each month from 29 Feb 1944 to 11 June 1944 was as follows:

	Officers			EM			Net Gain or Loss		
Date	Asgd	Atchd	WO	Asgd	Atchd	Officers	WO	EM	
29 Feb 44	26	15	1	639	0	-1	0	-6	
31 Mar 44	33	20	1	626	0	4	0	-7	
30 Apr 44	33	19	1	573	0	-3	0	-39	
31 May 44	34	15	1	569	0	-3	0	-4	
11 Jun 44	33	15	1	565	0	-1	0	-4	

V Detail as School Troops

Pursuant to Troop Movement Order (671st TD Bn), unnumbered, Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, dated 5 June 1944, as amended by Amendment to Troop Movement Order (671st TD Bn), Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, dated 7 June 1944, the battalion proceeded by rail at 1445 hours, 11 June 1944 to its new permanent station, Fort Knox, Kentucky, arriving there at 0550 hours, 13 June 1944. Upon arrival the battalion was relieved from assignment to the XXIII Corps and assigned to the Replacement and School Command. The battalion was then attached to the Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and further attached to School Troops, The Armored School.

On 14 June 1944 Lt. Col. Robert H. Wilson was assigned and joined, taking command of the battalion.

School Troop requirements consisted of the following: furnishing vehicles and/or drivers for School Troop and The Armored School details; organisational units that varied in size from a gun company section to an entire battalion for problems and demonstrations for The Armored School; officers and enlisted men for inspection of other School Troop units, and for conducting tests; officers and enlisted men for range details (target repair, traffic control, range clearing); officers, vehicles and crews, combat equipped, for inspection by visiting military dignitaries.

On 1 July 1944 Brigadier General A.O. Gorder, USA, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, Camp Hood, Texas arrived by plane

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to ascertain the adequacy of training of the battalion's recent fillers from the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center.

On 18 July 1944 Brigadier General H.J. Dawley, USA, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, and party of six officers arrived by plane to inspect the battalion, and on that date conducted a demonstration of the employment of Tank Destroyer Units.

The battalion participated in The Armored School's "Tank Battalion Reinforced vs Tank Battalion Reinforced" problem on 9 Aug 1944, and moved into tactical bivouacs near Grahampton, Kentucky. While in the field participating in this problem the battalion was notified that all officers, warrant officers and enlisted men of the battalion were restricted to the limits of Fort Knox Military Reservation, by order of the Commanding Officer, School Troops. The reason given for this action was that the battalion's motor maintenance was rated "Fair", and that there were "too many vehicles deadlined".

On 11 Aug 1944, the battalion was examined by the Commanding Officer, School Troops, and an inspection team on Crew Maintenance. Score: 97.5%; Rating: "Excellent, plus".

The restriction imposed upon the personnel of the battalion on 9 Aug 1944 was lifted on 12 Aug 1944, by order of the Commanding Officer, School Troops.

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 36, Special Orders No. 191, Headquarters, The Armored School, dated 11 Aug 1944, as amended by paragraph 43, Special Orders No. 193, Headquarters, The Armored School, dated 14 Aug 1944, a Composite Reconnaissance Company composed of 2 officers and 100 enlisted men were detailed until c/a 22 Sep 1944 to participate in the Steel Industry Manpower Recruiting Show, reporting at Bruseton, Pa. on 17 Aug 1944. 2 officers and 65 enlisted men from Reconnaissance Company, and 5 enlisted men from Companies A, B, and C made up the Composite Reconnaissance Company. One officer and two enlisted men, as advance party, departed by government motor vehicle for Bruseton, Pa. at 0930 hours, 16 Aug 1944. The Composite Reconnaissance Company equipment train departed for Bruseton, Pa. at 1035 hours the same date, and the main body departed for Bruseton, Pa. by rail 0440 hours, 16 Aug 1944. The following is the itinerary for the Steel Industry Manpower Recruitment Show entitled, "Steel Delivers the Punch":

Monday	August 21	Munhall, Pa.	West Field	Woodland Jr. High
Tuesday	22	"	"	"
Wednesday	23	Bradock, Pa.	Scott Stadium	Scott High School
Thursday	24	"	"	St. Brackets
Friday	25	Clairton, Pa.	Clairton High School Stadium	"
Saturday	26	"	"	"
Sunday	27	DAY OFF	"	"
Monday	28	Charleroi, Pa.	Charleroi High School Stadium	"

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Tuesday	August	29	Charleroi, Pa.	Charleroi High School Stadium
Wednesday		30	Move to Weirton, W. Va.	
Thursday		31	Rehearse Weirton, W. Va.	
Friday	September	1	Rehearse Weirton, W. Va.	
Saturday		2	Weirton, W. Va.	Ball Park
Sunday		3	"	"
Monday		4	"	"
Tuesday		5	Move to Youngstown, Ohio	
Wednesday		6	Youngstown, Ohio	Idora Park
Thursday		7	"	"
Friday		8	"	"
Saturday		9	Sharon-Farrell, Pa.	Farrell High School Stadium
Sunday		10	"	"
Monday		11	Move to Aliquippa, Pa.	
Tuesday		12	Aliquippa, Pa.	Aliquippa High School Stadium
Wednesday		13	"	"
Thursday		14	Brackenridge, Pa.	Har-Brack High School Stadium
Friday		15	"	Tarentum Stadium
Saturday		16	Greensburg, Pa.	Greensburg High School Stadium
Sunday		17	DAY OFF	
Monday		18	Greensburg, Pa.	Greensburg High School Stadium
Tuesday		19	Move to Johnstown, Pa.	
Wednesday		20	Johnstown, Pa.	
Thursday		21	"	
Friday		22	"	

On 29 Aug 1944, the battalion was inspected by a training inspection team from The Armored Center; Rating: Excellent. The Battalion Commander received a letter of commendation for this rating from the Commandant, The Armored School.

The second Annual General Inspection made of the battalion by representatives of the Inspector General's Department was accomplished during the period 9-15 Sep 1944. The general rating was "Excellent".

The strength of the battalion at the end of each month from the date of arrival at Fort Knox, Kentucky until 13 Sep 1944 was as follows:

Date	Officers				Enlisted				Total			
	Asst	Asst	NO	Asst	Asst	NO	Asst	NO	Asst	NO	Asst	NO
13 Jun 44	11	14	2	27	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	27
10 Jun 44	11	14	2	27	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	27
11 Jul 44	11	14	2	27	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	27
11 Aug 44	11	14	2	27	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	27
13 Sep 44	11	14	2	27	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	27

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VI Preparation for Overseas Movement

On 25 September 1944, the Battalion was relieved from Attachment to Headquarters School Troops and was attached to Headquarters, 11th Armored Group, per section II, General Order 64, Headquarters The Armored School, dated 23 September 1944. On this date the Battalion was notified informally to expect an alert order to prepare for overseas movement.

On 27 September 1944, the Composite Reconnaissance Company returned by rail from Brunston, Pennsylvania, after completion of the War Department Steel Hammer Show.

On 28 September 1944, an inspection team from the Armored School made a preliminary PCM inspection of the Battalion. Inspection covered administration, training, weapons, vehicle maintenance and supply. The inspection lasted for two days.

On 29 October 1944 the Battalion moved from Fort Knox Detachment Area to a field bivouac area on Fort Knox reservation, movement to bivouac area in vicinity of Hayes School Range, a distance of 19 miles, was made by motor. This began a three week period of training in the field in compliance with AGF directive that all units prior to movement overseas must complete a period of combined training (maneuvers) in a three week bivouac in the field.

On 5 October 1944, the Battalion received official alert instructions placing the unit in an A - 2 priority for movement overseas with a 1 December 1944 readiness date for troops and equipment.

On 12 October 1944 the Battalion moved from bivouac by motor to the Mt Eden Church - Glen Biddle School area of Fort Knox for a Battalion tactical exercise. The Battalion returned to bivouac area on 13 October 1944. Total distance marched 160.4 miles.

On 19 October 1944 the Battalion returned to Fort Knox Detachment area from bivouac. Motor march 19 miles.

On 22 October 1944, three officers from Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, arrived to give the Army Ground Force Combined Firing and Combined Tactical Tests to the Battalion. On 23, 24, and 25 October, A, B, and C companies, each reinforced with an attached Reconnaissance Platoon and in the order named moved to the vicinity of Glen Creek Range, Fort Knox and took the AGF Platoon Combined Firing Proficiency Test.

On 26 - 27 October 1944, the Battalion took the AGF Battalion Tactical Proficiency Test in the vicinity of Greenhampton, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

On 1 November 1944, Lt Colonel Allison Galtman relieved the Battalion and assumed command per Battalion General Order number 15.

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On 8 - 9 November 1944, the Battalion took the 127 Pacific Medical Tent, On 8 November 1944, Lt Colonel Robert M. Wilson, Battalion Commander from 14 June 1944 to 1 November 1944, was transferred to the Amored School.

On 10 November 1944, Colonel James R. Dair Jr, INF, War Department made a final L&S, FM inspection of the Battalion.

On 2 December 1944, Major Charles G. Hower, O 291 834, Inf, was assigned and joined the Battalion as Executive Officer vice Major Willard L. Dahn, relieved.

On 11 December 1944, an advanced detail of 2 officers and 2 enlisted men left Fort Knox by rail for the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

On 16 December 1944, the Battalion left by rail from Fort Knox, Kentucky for Fort Lorton, Washington. This was a permanent change of station. The Battalion moved in two trains. The first train with Companies A, C, two platoons of Headquarters Company and one section of the Medical Detachment left at 1130 hours. The second train with Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Company minus two platoons, Company B, and the Medical Detachment, minus one section, left at 1300 hours. Authority for move: Letter Order, Subject: movement Order Shipment 9448 - F, file 370.5 (HNS), Headquarters, The Amored School, 6 December 1944.

On 20 December 1944 train number two arrived in Seattle, Washington and all personnel aboard moved to Fort Lorton, Washington by motor. Train number one arrived at Seattle on 21 December and personnel moved to Fort Lorton by motor.

On 27 December 1944 the Battalion moved by motor from Fort Lorton to the Seattle Port of Embarkation pier and boarded the United States Army Transport President Johnson.

On 3 January 1945 the Battalion disembarked at Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., after an uneventful crossing.

The strength of the Battalion at the end of each month from the date of release as School troops until 3 January 1945 was as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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VII Duty in Oahu, Territory of Hawaii

On 6 January 1945, the Battalion, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company 13th Tank Destroyer Group and the 670th Tank Destroyer Battalion, disembarked from the USS President Johnson and moved by rail from Pier 5, Honolulu, to Kaiaka Bay Camp on the north shore of the island of Oahu. Time departed: 0630. Arrived new camp 1230. Distance traveled: 35 miles.

On 6 January 1945 orders were received assigning the Battalion to Central Pacific Base Command, who re-assigned the Battalion to Combat Training Command, per paragraph 2, General Order 155, No. 0700, 1944. Combat Training Command in turn re-assigned the Battalion to 19th Armored Group per Section I, G.O. 17, 24 November 1944. This order was issued prior to receipt of notification of arrival at the 13th Tank Destroyer Group. On 8 January 1945 the Battalion was relieved of assignment to 19th Armored Group and assigned to the 13th Tank Destroyer Group by verbal order of the Commanding General, Combat Training Command. This order was confirmed by General Order Number 4, Headquarters, Combat Training Command, dated 16 January 1945. At this time the 13th Tank Destroyer Group was commanded by COLONEL WILLIAM L. MATTHEW, G-35511, FA.

From 6 January until 15 January the Battalion was engaged in setting up camp, and unpacking and processing equipment and arms for training. Kaiaka Bay Camp is located on the beach at Kaiaka Bay, 1 mile east of Waiakua, Oahu TH. Troops were quartered in Pyramidal tents, but temporary type administrative buildings were of wood construction. The center of the camp, in which camp headquarters was located had originally been a summer camp for underprivileged children and the buildings were adapted for military use. The 13th Tank Destroyer Group, 670th Tank Destroyer Battalion and 671st Tank Destroyer Battalion were quartered in this camp.

On 15 January, the Battalion was notified by the Commanding Officer, 13th Tank Destroyer Group that it would furnish a detail of 200 men daily to work on the Honolulu docks as stevedores, loading cargo from supply ships, and as laborers in various supply installations on the island. The first details were furnished on 29 January, and from that date until 31 March 1945, the Battalion's primary duty, to the exclusion of any possibility for training, was to furnish labor details for the administrative installations on the island of Oahu.

During this period of 62 days the total number of man hours man days worked by personnel of the Battalion was 18, 000. (Annex I gives a detailed breakdown of number of men working on labor details per day with a list of installations at which they frequently worked.)

During this period the present for duty strength of the Battalion varied from 520 to 590. Due to the fact that men worked a 24 hour schedule, this meant that, except for a minimum overhead personnel, practically no troops were available for training during this period. Breakdown of the disposition of personnel in the Battalion on a typical day during this period is as follows.

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20 February 1945

Total Present for Duty 530
Total Unit Overhead Details (Cook, EP's, guard, supply, Medical, Mail, drivers, clerks, 1st Sgt., etc.) . . 197
Total number on Pass 52
Sub Total 577
Total available for labor details 577
Total furnished on labor details 541

* Due to the generally non military type of work and the long ten hour day worked, it was decided to give the men one free day a week. However details were furnished seven days a week.

On 7 February 1945, per VOOB 13th Tank Destroyer Group, the Battalion moved by motor from Kaiaka Bay Camp to Aiea Camp Number One, Aiea Staging Area opposite Pearl Harbor. This move was made to reduce the time travelled by labor details from camp to their place of duty. The move was made difficult because 360 men of the Battalion were working on the pier during the hours the move was made. All combat vehicles and combat equipment were left in Kaiaka Bay Camp as this was a temporary move. The move was completed by 1200 hours. Distance marched: 21 Miles.

On 19 February 1945, MAJOR CHARLES G. MUMBER, Executive Officer, left the Battalion on Temporary duty with the XXIV Corps in the Philippines as a combat observer.

On 2 March 1945 the Battalion moved by motor from Aiea Camp #1, Aiea Staging Area, back to Kaiaka Bay Camp, per VOOB 13th Tank Destroyer Group. Departed: 0900 hours. Arrived: 1630 hours. Distance traveled: 21 miles.

On 31 March 1945 4 officers and 77 enlisted men were transferred from the 670th Tank Destroyer Battalion to the 671st Tank Destroyer Battalion, and 43 enlisted men were transferred from the 671st Tank Destroyer Battalion to the 670th Tank Destroyer Battalion by Special Order Number 17, Headquarters 13th Tank Destroyer Group, dated 31 March 1945. This brought the Battalion up to within one officer and three enlisted men of Table A organization strength.

The loss of personnel through this three month period had been particularly heavy. Frequent calls by Headquarters Central Pacific for command for enlisted men to be transferred to service units moving into combat areas had reduced the assigned enlisted strength of the Battalion from 604 on 5 January 1945 to 565 on 30 March 1945. During the same period five officers had been lost, one through sickness and the others for the same reasons as the enlisted men.

On 1 April 1945, the Battalion was relieved from assignment to Central

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Pacific Base Command and Combat Training Command and assigned to IX Corps per paragraph 2, Assignment Orders Number 11, Headquarters USARPAC, dated 27 March 1945. This change of assignment terminated the duties of the Battalion as labor troops.

Again an intensive training program was instituted and training itself was well under way.

On 8 April 1945, however, the Battalion was attached to Central Pacific Base Command for training and administration by paragraph 2, Assignment Orders Number 21, Headquarters USARPAC, 1945. On the same day the Battalion was attached to Combat Training Command by Field Order 216, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, 1945. *attached Central Pacific*

The Commanding General, Combat Training Command gave the Battalion the mission of furnishing overhead administrative and trainer personnel to man the Training Installations operated by Combat Training Command on the island of Oahu.

The present for duty personnel of the Battalion were assigned to these training installations as follows:

Training Installations manned by 671 TD Bn. Personnel.	Company strength assigned to each Installation.						Total at Co
	Hq & Hq Co	Com	Co A	Co B	Co C	Head Det	
POA ARMED FORCE INDUCTION STATION	Off 21 M 21		1	1	1	1	25
PACIFIC COMBAT TRAINING CENTER	Off 1 M 1	1	1	1	1	1	6
WAIANAE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING CENTER	Off 1 M 1		1				2
CAMP CAMPBELL NON SWIMMERS SCHOOL	Off 1 M 1		1				2
<i>Chinese Language</i> CHINESE LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTER	Off 1 M 1			1			2
KAYAKA BAY CAMP REAR HONOLULU	Off 1 M 1		1				2
Present For Duty Bn. Total Strength, 11 Apr 45	Off 25 M 25	2	2	2	2	2	35

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On 11 April 1945 the Battalion, minus elements shown in chart on preceding page, again moved from Eniwetok Bay CGC. This move to Schofield Barracks was made by motor starting at 0900. The move was completed by 1000 hours. Distance marched: Nine miles.

Listed below are the duties performed by various elements of the Battalion in manning these Combat Training Command Training Installations:

FOA ARMED FORCE INDUCTION STATION:

The Battalion, minus Reconnaissance Company, Company A and personnel shown in chart on preceding page, was assigned two separate and distinct missions at this installation. The first mission was to house, clothe, equip, feed, give preliminary basic training, instilling principles of discipline and military courtesy and ship to the states approximately 900 inductees from the Hawaiian Islands who were inducted each month. These inductees were given 17 weeks basic training in the United States. This mission was accomplished by the enlisted men of B Company under command of CAPTAIN RICHARD J. LILLY.

In addition the Battalion was responsible for giving a 13 week course of basic infantry training to approximately 250 inductees who were of Filipino extraction or possessed bi-lingual, English - Oriental language ability. These trainees were organized into three provisional training companies commanded by Officers from C Company, assisted by enlisted men from C Company who acted as provisional company non-commissioned officers. Due to the organizational problems involved it was necessary for many Privates First Class in the Battalion to assume duties of a Sergeant or Corporal. This proved to be excellent command training for the soldiers concerned. These trainees, upon completion of basic training with the Battalion were immediately shipped as replacements to combat areas in the Pacific through Replacement Channels.

Actual training of the trainees in the provisional companies was accomplished by training teams made up of officers from Company B, assisted by enlisted men from Company B and Company C. The entire training program was directed by CAPTAIN PETER G. FINEOTTI, acting S-3.

On 16 April 1945, the Battalion was given the mission of establishing a Japanese Language Training School as a concurrent activity of the Armed Force Induction Station. A fourth Provisional Company was established and Nisei inductees in the company were trained as field interpreters by language instructors from Central Pacific Base Command for one half a day and trained in basic military subjects by personnel from the Battalion for one half a day. The Battalion was relieved of responsibility for the Japanese Language Training School on 3 May 1945.

During the period 15 April - 26 May the Battalion furnished from its training personnel a group of 74 Nisei who were trained by a Navy Language Training team from ANS Section FOA. This training team was commanded by LT(JG) LAWRENCE M. BARRIER (USNR).

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The Battalion Motor Maintenance Section was assigned, in addition to its regular duties, the mission of performing all 2d and 3d echelon maintenance of vehicles operated by Combat Training Command. This was a total of 110 vehicles added to the maintenance responsibilities of the section.

PACIFIC COMBAT TRAINING CENTER:

Personnel of the Battalion detailed here under command of CAPTAIN RUFUS B. BAKER conducted all training on the Blue Course. Officers of the Battalion were chief instructors with enlisted men from the Battalion acting as assistant instructors and demonstration teams. Courses taught to Combat and Service Units, who were scheduled for future combat operations against the Japanese were:

- a. Assault of Japanese Fortified Areas
- b. Jungle Living
- c. Stream Crossing Expedients
- d. Hip Shooting
- e. Construction and Passage of Wire Entanglements
- f. Village Fighting
- g. Jungle First Aid and Evacuation
- h. Booby Traps and Demolitions
- i. Patrolling and Ambushing

FIRST LIEUTENANTS JAMES D. OSSHELLO, JOE E. BRADLEY AND JAMES E. CATON were officially commended by the Commandant, Pacific Combat Training Center for their performance of duty as instructors.

WAIAHANA AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING CENTER:

Personnel of the Battalion, all from Company A, detailed here under command of FIRST LIEUTENANT NORMAN P. GRIEGER, took over courses in instruction in driving amphibious vehicles, Dubbs, Weasels and amphibious 1/4 ton trucks. They participated, as assistant instructors in practice amphibious assault landings with combat and service units slated for future operations against the Japanese. The Battalion Commander received a letter of commendation from the Training Center Commandant for the performance of Battalion Troops at this installation.

CAMP CAMPBELL NON SWIMMERS SCHOOL:

Personnel from the Battalion detailed here under command of FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY R. SALOME, functioned in a purely administrative capacity. They operated a mess for students and instructors, performed guard duty, and normal supply and clerical overhead duties.

CHINESE LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTER:

Personnel from the Battalion, all from Company B, were detailed to perform purely overhead duties at this installation. Personnel operated a mess for students, instructors, and administrative overhead, performed guard duty, and the usual supply and clerical duties. The Battalion Commander received a letter of commendation from the School Director for the performance of duty by men of the Battalion at this installation.

Personnel from the Battalion, all from Company B, were detailed to perform purely overhead duties at this installation. Personnel operated a mess for student, instructors and administrative overhead, performed guard duty, and the usual supply and clerical duties. The Battalion Commander received a letter of commendation from the School Director for the performance of duty by men of the Battalion at this installation.

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KAIKAHUA BAY CAMP:

Personnel from the Battalion detailed for duty at this installation under command of CAPTAIN HAYDON J. KIRKUS performed maintenance on all combat buildings and arms left in the Battalion Area, performed guard duty and maintained the camp buildings and areas.

On 5 May 1945, COLONEL HATTON, 13th Tank Destroyer Group Commander was killed in action on Okinawa while acting as a Combat Observer with the 11th Corps, LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLARENCE J. BRUNER assumed command of the Group.

On 11 May 1945, MAJOR RUMBLE returned to the Battalion after serving as a Combat Observer with the 307th Infantry Regiment of the 77th Division. He engaged in the assault landings on the Kerama Rikibu Group and on Ie Shima. He also was with the Division in the action on Okinawa until 5 May 1945. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Man's Badge, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, two Bronze Service Stars on the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon and an Invasion Arrowhead for his actions during this period.

On 20 May 1945, the Battalion was informally notified by the Commanding Officer, 13th Tank Destroyer Group, that it was alerted for Inter-theatre Overseas movement. By Assignment Order 62, Headquarters, USAFPOA, 1945 the Battalion, minus elements at Pacific Combat Training Center, was relieved from attachment to Central Pacific Base Command on 1 June 1945. By Railogram, Headquarters USAFPOA, Radio RJ-62700 DTN 090700Z June 1945, the elements at Pacific Combat Training Center were relieved of attachment to Central Pacific Base Command on 8 June 1945.

On 29 May 1945, the Battalion, minus elements at Waianae Amphibious Training Center and Pacific Combat Training Center returned to Kaika Bay Camp by motor. The move was accomplished between 0900 and 1100. Distance marched: 9 miles.

On 1 June 1945, Company A, minus elements at Kaika Bay Camp and Pacific Combat Training Center, returned to Kaika Bay Camp. Time for move: 1000 to 1200. Distance marched: 19 miles. On 3 June 1945, Reconnaissance Company, minus elements at Kaika Bay, plus elements of Company A and Company B, returned to Kaika Bay Camp by motor. Time: 0900 to 1130. Distance marched: 46 miles.

On 7 June 1945 the Battalion received Through Order Number 20, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, 7 June 1945, directing the Battalion to prepare for overseas movement and permanent change of station. Readiness date for personnel and equipment was 15 June 1945.

The period 30 May 1945 to 20 June 1945 was fully occupied in preparing vehicles, arms, equipment, and personnel for overseas shipping, packing new and additional supplies and equipment, and loading of equipment on board ship.

The Battalion was directed to move at authorized 1/3 strength in Officers

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and Enlisted Men in the Movement Order. On 11 June 1945, 2d LIEUTENANT PAUL LEBBE, was assigned and joined the Battalion per paragraph A6, Special Order 199, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, 8 June 1945. This brought the Battalion to full strength of 35 officers and 2 Warrent Officers.

On 16 June 1945, 20 enlisted men were received from 15th Replacement Depot, per paragraphs 1, 4, and 27, of Special Order 169, 15th Replacement Depot, dated 12 June 1945. This brought the Battalion to full strength of 607 enlisted men.

On 10 June 1945, the Battalion was authorized by letter order of the Commanding General, Central Pacific Base Command, to carry the following equipment, in addition to that authorized by applicable War Department Tables of Organization and Equipment, Tables of Allowance, and USARPAC's Special List of Equipment for Tank Destroyer Battalion (8P):

- 12 Rifles, automatic, calibre 30, M1918 A2
- 36 Machine Guns, Calibre 30, M1919 A-4
- 36 Pistols, Automatic, .45 calibre, M1911 A1

On 21 June 1945 the Battalion began to load personnel for overseas destination. Because 4 enlisted men were absent on detached service in the Combat area and two enlisted men were absent on furlough, the actual present for duty movement strength of the Battalion was 35 Officers, 2 Warrent Officers and 603 Enlisted Men.

Schedule of movement by various elements of the Battalion was as follows:

VESSEL	TIME & DATE Personnel loaded at OAHU, TH.	TIME AND DATE VESSEL LEFT OAHU, TH.	PERSONNEL ABOARD	TIME & DATE OF DEPARTURE Vic. Aburao, Iago, FI
USS BARNETT APA #5	0900 21 June 1945	0700 22 June 1945	Gen. Hq., Hq Co, minor 11 COT and 10 MM, 100 100, 100 MM 100 A, 2 Co 10 Co, minor 10 MM, 100 100, minor 11 COT, 2 COT.	1400 22 July 1945
USS ALABAMA ARA #75	1900 21 June 1945	1900 22 June 1945	100 A, minor 100 MM 100 MM and 2 MM 100 MM 100 MM	1400 22 July 1945

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VESSEL	TIME & DATE : Personnel loaded : at OAHU, HI	TIME & DATE : VESSEL LEFT : OAHU, HI	PERSONNEL : ABOARD	TIME AND DATE OF DEPARTURE : VLS, ABUOG : LAYTE, FI
USS OUR CAROL	0930	1700		
AKA #91	23 June 1945	23 June 1945	1 WO, Hq Co, 6 RM 8 Co.	1100 23 July 1945
USS WHEATLAND	1900	1800		1100
AKA #76	21 June 1945	21 June 1945	5 RM, Hq Co	9 July 1945

The voyage was extremely uneventful for all vessels. Weather throughout the trip was extremely pleasant, health of the Command was excellent, and moral was high. The voyage was made by each vessel without any reported contact made with enemy forces.

The strength of the Battalion at the end of each month from 6 January 1945 to 21 June 1945 was as follows:

DATE	OFFICERS			RM		Net gain or loss			
	Ahead	Ahead	WO	Ahead	Ahead	Officers	WO	Ahead	Ahead
5 Jan 45	35	0	2	604	0	0	0	0	0
31 Jan 45	34	0	2	592	0	-1	0	-1	0
28 Feb 45	33	0	2	577	0	-1	0	-1	0
31 Mar 45	33	0	2	604	0	0	0	0	0
30 Apr 45	34	0	2	602	301	A	0	0	301
31 May 45	34	0	2	597	0	0	0	0	0
21 Jun 45	35	0	2	607	0	A	0	0	0

VIII DUTY IN LAYTE, FI.

Upon arrival of the main body of the Battalion on 11 July 1945, camp was set up in an area facing directly on Leyte Gulf, 1-1/2 miles north of the village of Abuyog, Leyte, FI. The Battalion was assigned APO 342. At the end of the first week, 18 July 1945, all tents and company installations were completed, combat vehicles and equipment were unpacked and processed ready for combat, generators were furnishing electric lights throughout the camp and a Battalion open air movie theatre, "Panther Bowl", was in operation, showing a different film seven nights a week.

On 15 July 1945, the Battalion was relieved of assignment to Sixth Army Destroyer Group and IX Corps and assigned to Sixth Army and attached to IX Corps, by paragraph 1, Letter Orders AG 322 & Headquarters, Sixth Army, dated 22 July 1945.

On 19 July 1945 an intensive program was initiated, stressing firing procedure of all small arms and Destroyer Guns, physical conditioning, tactical field training, and orientation on Japanese Combat Methods.

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On 20 July 1945 the Battalion received Sixth Army Change to the Table of Organization and Equipment for a Tank Destroyer Battalion (self propelled). Aside from minor additions and deletions of equipment, the major changes substituted the M-36 81 self propelled 90 MM gun weighing 12 tons for the M-3, self propelled 76 MM gun weighing 18 tons, and substituting the M-3, armored, utility vehicle, weighing 18 tons for the M-20, car, armored, utility, weighing 8 tons.

On 26 July 1945, 120 replacements were received in the Battalion from the 14th Replacement Depot per paragraph 24, Special Order 198 Headquarters 14th Replacement Depot, 19 July 1945. All but 24 of these replacements were recent trainees from the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. Twenty Four of the replacements were rated men who had served with the 688th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Camp Hood prior to being sent overseas. It was presumed that these replacements were shipped to the Battalion as a pool of provisional long replacements, and for further field training with the Battalion.

On 28 July 1945, the Battalion Post Exchange was opened, providing an additional feature for the welfare of the men.

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ANNEX "A"

Number of men furnished from the 671st Tank Destroyer Battalion as labor details in Dock and Supply Installations on Oahu.

Total days worked: 62

Total Ten hour man days worked: 18,364.

29 January 1945	225	13	303
30 " "	240	14	304
31 " "	175	15	305
1 February 1945	185	16	311
2 " "	161	17	312
3 " "	230	18	313
4 " "	230	19	304
5 " "	335	20	341
6 " "	434	21	295
7 " "	305	22	242
8 " "	325	23	315
9 " "	380	24	325
10 " "	389	25	324
11 " "	314	26	324
12 " "	385	27	297
		28	280
1 March 1945	316	16	274
2 " "	275	17	272
3 " "	324	18	298
4 " "	304	19	274
5 " "	297	20	274
6 " "	291	21	276
7 " "	260	22	280
8 " "	296	23	280
9 " "	298	24	277
10 " "	305	25	294
11 " "	330	26	277
12 " "	301	27	274
13 " "	276	28	273
14 " "	274	29	273
15 " "	276	30	273
		31	273

Installations at which Personnel of the Battalion were assigned

Piers 5, 8, 11, 19, 24, 39, and 40,
Honolulu.
North Sector Ordnance, Schofield Bks.
Kapulana Signal Warehouse
Alia Munu Grater

ALIAMANU GRATER

Ewa Ordnance Depot
Ewa Quartermaster Depot
Kapulana Ordnance Warehouse
Hawaiian Ordnance Depot
Hickam AB

EWA
KAPULANA
HAWAIIAN
HICKAM

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On 2 August 1945 authority granted by CG, OPEC, to keep surplus weapons, was revoked by CG, IX Corps. Extra weapons were turned in.

At 1100, 6 August 1945, the Battalion Commander received a certain classified document from Headquarters IX Corps. This was the first written communication on the subject to be received by the Battalion, though oral instructions have been received since 23 July 1945.

The S-2 safe was moved into Staff Officers' quarters so that it would be under observation at all times.

On 14 August 1945 the Battalion Commander was notified verbally that the Battalion had been relieved of assignment to Sixth Army and assigned to Eighth Army.

At 2104 hours, 10 August 1945, the first news of Japan's offer to surrender was announced in the Battalion Area. An Impromptu celebration was set off that lasted until 2400 hours.

The Battalion was inspected by Colonel H. E. Thelme, 12th Headquarters IX Corps on 17 August 1945. The Battalion was rated Satisfactory. (Only two ratings - satisfactory or unsatisfactory were given by the inspecting officer.) Paragraph 6 of the Inspector General's Report of Inspection is quoted. "The Battalion Commander is commended for the high state of moral and discipline within this battalion".

On 21 August 1945, the Battalion was completely re-equipped with winter clothing in anticipation of operations in a temperate rather than tropical climate.

On 23 August 1945 the Battalion was relieved of assignment to Sixth Army and assigned to Eighth Army. The Battalion remained as Corps Troops attached to IX Corps. Auth: Ltr, Hq 6th Army, file number AU 322 a, 23 Aug 45, subject: Assignment of Units.

On 30 August 1945 Company "C" was attached to 81st Infantry Division, APO 81, effective upon embarkation, per Ltr A-3320, Hq IX Corps, 23 Aug 45, subject: Status of Units.

On 1 September 1945 plans were underway for a large athletic program. The athletic program up to now consisted of two soft ball leagues and a volley ball league.

Pursuant to War Department directives, an intensive educational program started on 1 September 1945. Group study classes plus correspondence and self teaching courses comprise the educational program. 476 Officers and enlisted men of the Battalion are enrolled in USAFI.

On 2 September 1945 V-J Day was officially announced. All men in the Battalion listened to the signing of the peace. There was no celebration in the Battalion area.

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Company "C" received verbal orders on 7 September 1945 to the effect that the company will not accompany the 51st Infantry Division. Lack of shipping space was the reason stated. No written orders were received.

On 8 September 1945, seven new officers were assigned to the Battalion. It is assumed that they are to replace the officers that the Battalion will eventually lose under the point system of discharges.

A Battalion track meet was held on 11 September 1945. Reconnaissance Company won first place followed by Company "A", Headquarters Company, Company "B" and Company "C" in that order.

On 18 September 1945 officers were transferred to the 7th Infantry Division, as replacements.

A Japanese prisoner was brought in by the Reconnaissance and on 21 September 1945. The Jap was turned over to them by the natives who had captured him.

On 1 October 1945, seven officers, including the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Cushman, and eleven enlisted men were transferred to the Replacement Depot to be returned for readjustment.

On 3 October 1945, a formal retreat formation was held by the Battalion to honor the men and officers leaving for discharge. At the ceremony Col. Cushman turned the command of the Battalion over to Maj. Mearns.

On 5 October 1945 32 enlisted men were transferred to the Replacement Depot to be discharged; 35 years of age and over.

On 9 October 1945, pursuant to authority contained in Radio, AFWESPAC, Cite 151206 Soot, dated 2 Oct 45, the Battalion was assigned to SIBAS and attached to the 4th Armored Group effective 20 September 1945.

On 10 October 1945, by authority of letter HQ, AFPAF, file 151206 (23 Sep 45) CC, subject: Assignment of Units (145), dated 23 Sep 45, and letter AFWESPAC, file 051206 (151) 322, subject: Assignment of Units, dated 9 Oct 45, the Battalion was relieved of assignment to the 4th Armored Group effective 20 September 1945 and assigned to AFWESPAC, attached to the 4th Armored Group.