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 321/24 (TD Units)(R)(5 Dec 43)GNGCT

5 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Inactivation and Reorganization of Tank Destroyer Units.

TO: Commanding Generals,  
 Second, Third, and Fourth Armies,  
 California-Arizona Maneuver Area,  
 Tank Destroyer Center.

1. At the earliest practicable date, it is desired that commanders indicated reorganize units listed below as towed tank destroyer battalions in accordance with Table of Organization 18-35, 7 May 1943, with authorized strengths of 32 officers, 2 warrant officers, and 763 enlisted men each:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TO BE REORGANIZED BY CG:</u>		
X	X		X
643d TD Bn		Third Army	
X	X		X

2. a. It is desired that units listed below be inactivated by Commanding General, Second Army, at earliest practicable date:

- 608th TD Bn
- 810th TD Bn
- 626th TD Bn

b. Enlisted personnel of each of these units will be divided into 4 equal groups, each of which will represent a cross-section of the parent battalion as regards character, intelligence, military efficiency and physical fitness. No enlisted man will be included in these groups who are not qualified for overseas service in accordance with Circular No. 293, WD, 11 November 1943, and paragraphs 9c (1), (2), (5), (8), (11), "POM." On call of reorganizing authorities indicated in 1 above, these groups will be shipped by Commanding General, Second Army, as indicated in Inclosure 1. Enlisted men not shipped will be reassigned by Commanding General, Second Army.

c. No enlisted man will be reduced in grade as a result of this action. Excess grades will be carried as surplus until absorbed by normal attrition.

d. Officers of units listed in 2 a above, will be reassigned by Commanding General, Second Army, or reported to this headquarters for reassignment.

e. Direct correspondence between commanders concerned with reference to reassignment of personnel is authorized.

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3. a. Equipment for the units reorganized in paragraph 1 above will be furnished in accordance with Tables of Equipment as follows:

Organizational: T/E 18-36, 7 May 1943, w/Cl  
T/E 18-37, 7 May 1943, w/Cl  
T/E 18-25M, 27 Jan 1943, w/Cl

Individual: T/E 21, 10 March 1943, w/Cl,2,3.

b. Equipment rendered excess by this action will be disposed of in accordance with existing regulations, and report made to this headquarters (Attention: G-4 Section).

4. Dates of reorganization and inactivation will be reported to The Adjutant General and to Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

5. Allotment: Obligate funds under Allotment Serial No. 1-5200, as prescribed in paragraph 4, Section VI, Circular No. 129, WD, 1943.

By command of LT. GEN. McNAIR:

/s/ R. A. Meredith  
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Major, A.G.D.,  
Ass't Ground Adjutant General.

1 Incl.  
Chart

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1-Finance Sec  
1-Cp Surg  
1-Registrar, Sta Hosp  
1-Lt H.L. Smith  
1-Officer's Club O  
1-Cp Trng O  
1-Blank Forms Sec  
1-Unit Concerned  
1-CG, X Corps Arty, Camp Gruber, Okla.