

HEADQUARTERS  
23RD TANK DESTROYER GROUP  
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

25 September 1945

**SUBJECT:** Final History of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 23rd Tank Destroyer Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina (Period Covering 1st January 1945 through 26 October 1945, Date unit was inactivated)

**TO :** The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

**A Original Unit**

1: Hq and Hq Co, 23rd Tank Destroyer Group  
2, 3, 4, and 5. See History 23rd Tank Destroyer Group, First Period covering 1943.

**B Beginning 1st January 1945 (3rd period) Hq and Hq Co continues serving as Security Command Hq, First U.S. Army.**

Continued with First U.S. Army in this capacity until trfd to Ninth U.S. Army, 11 May 1945 per par 4, Trp Assent #47, Hq, First U.S. Army, dated 11 May 1945.

Attached to XIX Corps by Ninth Army, Attached to 78th Inf Div by XIX Corps Attached to Div. Arty by 78th Inf Div. VOCC, Dated 12 May 1945.

Released by Ninth U.S. Army 13th June 1945, under travel orders to Le Harvo, France, for Redeployment to a new active theater by way of U.S.A.

Arrived Camp Shanks, N.Y. 1 July 1945, for Perm change of Station per letter Hq ETO, AG 370.5 OPGC (27) EDGAR, 22 June 1945.

Departed Cp Shanks, N.Y. 3 July 1945 for Perm change of station to Fort Bragg, North Carolina Per Par 9, SO #173, ASF, NYPE, Cp Shanks, N.Y.

26 October 1945 Inactivated

**C Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted**

	<u>Net Increased</u> <u>ea. Month</u>	<u>Net Decreased</u> <u>ea. Month</u>	<u>At End</u> <u>of Period</u>	<u>At Beginning</u> <u>of Period</u>
	<u>Off WO EM</u>	<u>Off WO EM</u>	<u>Off WO EM</u>	<u>Off WO EM</u>
JAN	9 0 18	0 0 0	0 0 0	22 0 75
FEB	2 0 0	0 0 2		
MAR	0 0 1	2 0 0		
APR	1 0 4	0 0 0		
MAY	0 0 4	2 0 0		
JUN	7 0 0	0 0 18		
JUL	0 0 0	15 0 0		
AUG	0 0 4	0 0 0		

26 OCTOBER 1945 INACTIVATION DATE

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FINAL HISTORY OF 23RD TANK DESTROYER GROUP CONTINUED

D. Stations

1. Beginning period 1st Jan 1945, stationed at Tongres, Belgium through 0830 hrs, 19 Jan, 1945.
2. Spa, Belgium, 1100 hrs, 19 Jan 1945 through 0900 hrs, 10 March 1945.
3. Duren, Germany, 1230 hours, 10 March 1945 through 0900 hrs 30 Mar 45.
4. Euschkirchen, Germany, 1005 hrs, 16 Mar 1945 through 0900 hrs 30 Mar 45.
5. Bad Godesberg, Germany, 1024 hrs 30 Mar 45, through 0908 hrs 6 Apr 45.
6. Marberg, Germany, 1705 hrs, 6 Apr 1945 through 0938 hrs, 16 Apr 1945.
7. Bad Wildungen, Germany, 1153 hrs, 16 Apr 1945 through 0855 hrs, 25 Apr 45
8. Weimar, Germany, 1415 hrs, 25 Apr, 1945 thru 0900 hrs, 13 Jun 1945.
9. Eschwege, Germany, 1145 hrs, 13 May, 1945 through 0730 hrs, 13 Jun 45.
10. Camp Lucky Strike (St Valery, France), 1225hrs, 15 Jun 1945 thru 1500 hours 22 June 1945.
11. Arrived Le Harve, France, 1760 hours 22 Jun 1945. Boarded SS Seawolf 1800 hrs 22 June, 1945, for NYPE. Sailed 2036 hrs 22 June, 1945.
12. Camp Shanks, N.Y. 1740 hours, 1 July 1945 through 2125 hours, 3 Jul 45. Departed for 30 day recuperation leave and furlough to report to Perm Station, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, (5 Aug 1945 thru inactivation 26 OCT 45)
13. Ft Bragg, North Carolina - - - - / / / / / / / see above / / /

E. Marches

1. (a) Advance of First U.S. Army.
2. Traveled Approximately 92 miles.
3. Tongres, Belgium to Spa, Belgium, 19 Jan 1945.
4. Roads covered with snow and ice. Weather very cold but fair.
  
1. (b) Advance of First U.S. Army/
2. Traveled Approximately 56 miles.
3. Spa, Belgium to Duren, Germany, 10 Mar 1945.
4. Roads very good, weather good.
  
1. (c) Advance of First U.S. Army.
2. Traveled Approximately 22 miles.
3. Duren, Germany to Euschkirchen, Germany 16 March 1945 .
4. Roads very good, weather good.
  
1. (d) Advance of First U.S. Army.
2. Traveled approximately 23 miles.
3. Euschkirchen, Germany to Bad Godesberg, Germany 30 March 1945.
  
1. (e) Advance of First U.S. Army.
2. Traveled approximately 134 miles .
3. Bad Godesberg, Germany to Marberg, Germany 6 April 1945.
4. Roads good, weather good.

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## E. (continued)

1. (f) Advance of First U.S. Army.
  2. Traveled approximately 47 miles.
  3. Harberg, Germany to Bad Wildungen, Germany 16 April, 1945.
  4. Roads very good weather excellent.
1. (g) Advance of First U.S. ARMY
  2. Traveled approximately 134 miles:
  3. Bad Wildungen, Germany to Weimar, Germany 25 April 1945.
  4. Roads excellent weather excellent.
1. (h) Transferred from First U.S. Army to Ninth Army.
  2. Traveled approximately 77 miles.
  3. Weimar, Germany to Eschwege, Germany 13 May 1945.
  4. Roads excellent weather excellent.
1. (i) Redeployment to a new active theatre by way of the U.S.A.
  2. Traveled approximately 584 miles.
  3. Eschwege, Germany to Camp Lucky Strike, France (St Valery, France)
  4. Roads good weather clear and cool.
1. (j) Ordered to port for sailing.
  2. Traveled approximately 45 miles.
  3. Camp Lucky Strike (St Valery, France) to Le Harve, France (Port).
  4. Roads good weather warm and fair.

## F. Campaigns

1. ARDENNES Campaigns  
Authority per Par 1, AG, 200.6, OPGA, Hq ETO, 21 June, 1945.
2. RHINELAND Campaigns  
Authority per Par , AG. 200.6, OPGA, Hq ETO, 28 June 1945.

## CENTRAL EUROPE Campaigns (No. 3)

Authority per Par , AG 200.6 APGA, Hq ETO

## G. Battles

NONE

## H. Commanding Officers in important engagements

None

## I. Losses in Action

Killed, Wounded, Missing, Taken Prisoner—NONE

## J. Former and Present Members who have Distinguished themselves in Action.

Awards

Lt Col Thomas E. Williams, O-268990, FA, then Major, awarded the Bronze star for Meritorious service in connections with military operations against the enemy from 27th Nov 1944 thru 1st Apr 1945. For unceasing work and efficient operation of the security command, First U.S. Army of which he commanded for Appr one month of this period and served as executive officer the remainder of the time.

## J. (continued)

Major Adelbert A. Arter, O-352540, FA, awarded the bronze star for Meritorious achievement of services in connections with military operations, From 27 November 1944 to 1 April 1945. Major Arter worked unceasingly in redistributing, billeting, and supplying troops used as guards at strategic installations by security command, First V.S. Army.

Major Emerson S. Nelson, O-408509, Inf, then Capt, Capt. Charles L. Fisher Jr, O-1169107, FA and 1st Lt Eugene I. Peterson, O-12884390, Inf. Received Air Medals for distinguishing themselves by meritorious achievements while participating in Aerial Flights over enemy Lines, from 25 to 27 Dec 1944, during the Ardennes Campaign.

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