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The story from my scrap book about the 808 appeared in the Camp Rucker Alabama newspaper in 1945. It tells some of the 808 history and may be of some help to you.

The story on the sheet above the camp Rucker story clipped from a infantry division history book in 1945. The small paragraph to the left appeared in a U.S. newspaper as part of a story reporting the
Current war news.

There are a few things about this clipping and story I would like to mention: The battle took place on April 8, 1945. The TD in the story was the one I was gun commander of and I was in the turret. We had to rotate our 90 completely to the rear and shot him point blank only a few yards off our rear. There were no survivors. The CP was dazed.

The 808 arrived at Utah Beach on Sept 18, 1944 and went into combat a few days...
later. He spent 225 days on the front or until the war ended.

He started with the 3" towed gun and later switched to the M-36.

If I can be of any other help to you please give me a call or write me.

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