



Constituted 3 December 1941 in the Regular Army as the 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Activated 15 December 1941 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina with personnel from the 6th, 17th, 36th, 47th, 72d and 79th Field Artillery Regiments. Inactivated 25 November 1945 at the Boston Port of Embarkation. Redesignated 813th Tank Battalion, allotted to the Organized Reserve Corps and assigned to the 79th Infantry Division, 21 May 1952. Activated 10 June 1952 with Headquarters at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Organized Reserve Corps redesignated Army Reserve, 9 July 1952.) Headquarters relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 8 March 1957. Inactivated 20 April 1959 at Harrisburg.

#### **CAMPAIGN STREAMERS**

##### **World War II**

Tunisia  
 Rome-Arno  
 Normandy  
 Northern France  
 Rhineland  
 Ardennes-Alsace  
 Central Europe

#### **DECORATIONS**

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II. Streamer embroidered PARROY FOREST (813th TD Bn cited for period 21-24 Nov 1944; DA GO 43, 1950)

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered NORMANDY TO PARIS (813th TD Bn cited for period 19 Jun-27 Aug 1944; DA GO 43, 1950)

Fourragere in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre, World War II (813th TD Bn cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

## **COAT OF ARMS**

**SHIELD:** Gules a caterpillar tank tread in bend, couped at fess point, issuant from sinister base a gauntleted hand in bend holding a sword palewise, all or.

**CREST:** That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve: On a wreath of the colors or and gules, the Lexington Minute Man proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker (H. H. Kitson, sculptor), stands on the common in Lexington, Massachusetts.

**MOTTO:** *Coup de Grace* (Finishing stroke)

The shield is scarlet and gold, the color of the Field Artillery. The implication of a destroyed tank is shown by approaching tank treads, stopped "dead in their tracks" in the center of the shield; this is further symbolized by the gauntleted hand and sword, representative of the ability of the organization to demolish all enemy tanks.

## **DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA**

The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms. The sample of the insignia was approved 6 August 1954.