

SHORT HISTORY OF THE 813TH TANK DESTROYER BN.

The 813th T.D. Bn. was activated on 15 December 1941 at Fort Bragg, N.C. where it trained until alerted for overseas movement. On August 5, 1942, this battalion sailed from N.Y. for the UK where it remained until sailing for North Africa about the 1st of January 1943. The battalion participated in the Tunisian Campaign, working with British, French, and the U.S. 34th Infantry Division. A part of the battalion went to Sicily with the 3rd Infantry Division and 13th F.A. Brigade. During the above period, the battalion was equipped with 75mm guns mounted on the M-3 halftrack.

During the summer of 1943 the battalion was equipped with M-10 (3" gun SP) TDs, and a portion of the battalion took part in the invasion of Italy, attached to the 82nd A/B Division.

In November 1943, the 813th T.D. Bn. again set sail for the UK where it was reequipped completely with M-10 TDs and trained for the invasion of France. The Bn. landed in Normandy on D/15 and was in the line from then on, attached to the 79th Infantry Division. With the 79th Division, the battalion took La Haye du Puits then spearheaded the Third Army Drive to Fougères, Laval, Le Mans, and then North to Alençon to close the Falaise Gap. This done, the battalion drove East toward Paris, only to cut North to Mantes Cassiacourt and across the Seine River, being the first armor East of the Seine.

Breaking out of the Seine bridgehead, our route then took us to the Belgian border with the First Army. Here we cut South to join the right flank of the Third Army and pushed East to Charmes, Luneville, Forêt de Parroy, Sarrebourg, Saverne and Haguenau.

The battalion was relieved from the line in February and went to Ninth Army where it was equipped with M-36 and M-36B1 TDs. The battalion crossed the Rhine River on 24 March, being the first armor across the Rhine in 21 AG zone, and supported infantry elements in cleaning out the Ruhr, and Military Government until ordered to Seventh Army.

T/O Strength of the Battalion:	Officers	Enlisted Men
Headquarters and Headquarters Company:	13	105
Reconnaissance Company.....	7	115
A Company.....	6	124
B Company.....	6	124
C Company.....	6	124
Medical Detachment.....	1	15
TOTAL:	39	657

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813 TD

S E C R E T

Hq 101 Abn Div
APO 472, U. S. Army
24 April 1945

313TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION, SELF PROPELLED

1. Code name: MUTILATE.
2. Organization and Equipment: Composed of a headquarters and five companies - Headquarters Company, Reconnaissance Company, and three Destroyer Companies, "A", "B", & "C".
 - a. A Destroyer Company has six officers and 125 EM, has company Headquarters and three platoons. Each platoon has four destroyers, one M36B1 Sherman tank with a 90mm gun, and three M36 lightly armored destroyers mounting a 90mm gun. A total of twelve destroyers per company and thirty six per battalion.
 - b. Reconnaissance Company, has 119 EM and 7 officers, has a Headquarters, a Pioneer Platoon, and three Reconnaissance Platoons. Each Reconnaissance platoon is composed of two sections. Each section has one M8 Scout Car mounting a 37mm gun and a .50 caliber machine gun. Besides the M8, each section has two jeeps.
 - c. Headquarters Company, has 121 EM and 14 officers. Its transportation consists of half-tracks and scout cars M20 which is similar to the M8 only does not mount a 37mm gun.
3. This battalion is completely mobile and can make a 200 mile jaunt using its own transportation without difficulty.

CHARLES H. CHASE
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry
Acting AC of S, G-3

S E C R E T

815 Tank Destroyer (SP) Bn

Lt. Col Geo McCutchen
Maj Herbert Keeting Jr.
Capt Donald Tarimore
Capt Sumner Stevenson
Capt Richard Johnson
Lt Joseph Fasone
Lt. Johnny Broshar
Lt. Thomas Lanahan
Lt. Clifton Gibbs
Capt Ansel True

G.O.
Exec
S-3
S-4
S-2
S-1
Commo
L.O #1
L.O #2
Medics

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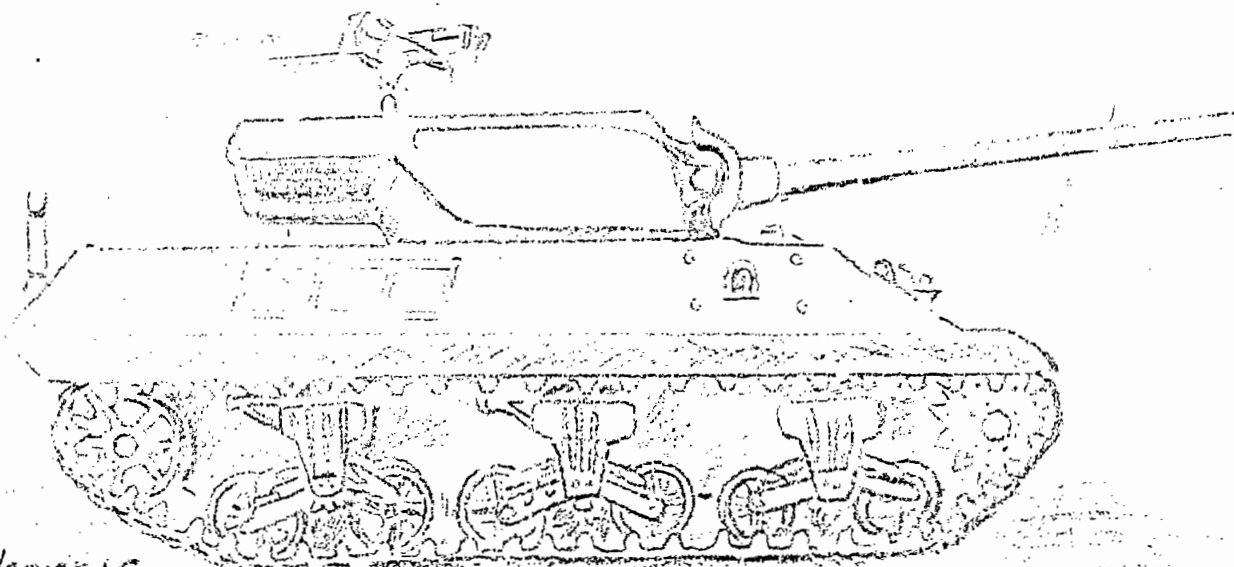
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The 813TH TANK DESTROYER BN.

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ONE OF OUR M-36's 90mm GUN MOTOR CARRIAGE T71

90mm Gun Motor Carriage
M-36

Crew - 5 men
Wt. M-36 loaded - 32 tons
Wt. M-36M1 loaded - 37 tons
Width - 10 feet
Length - 20 feet
Height - 10 feet 6 inches
Tracks - steel
Speed (Max) - 20 kph
Speed (Road March) - 12 mph
Ammos - M-36?
Front - 1 1/2 inches
Sides - 3/4 inch
Turret - 1 1/2 inches
Gun Shield - 3 inches
Fuel - 2 gals per mile (approx)
Fuel capacity (approx) - 100 miles
Maximum fording depth - 3 feet
Maximum grade ascending ability - 50%

90mm Gun M-3

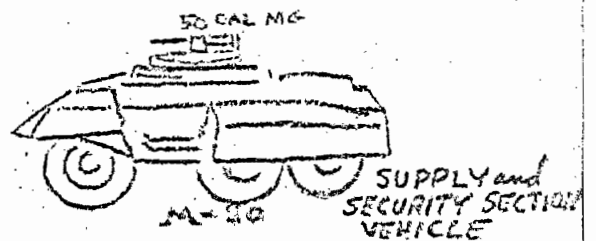
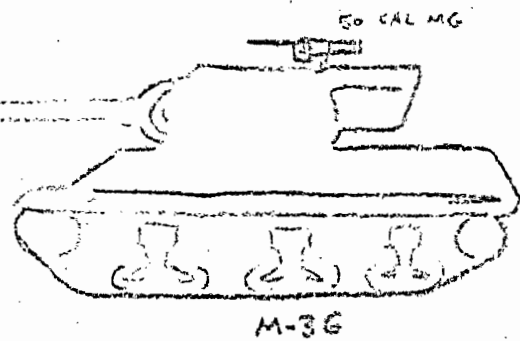
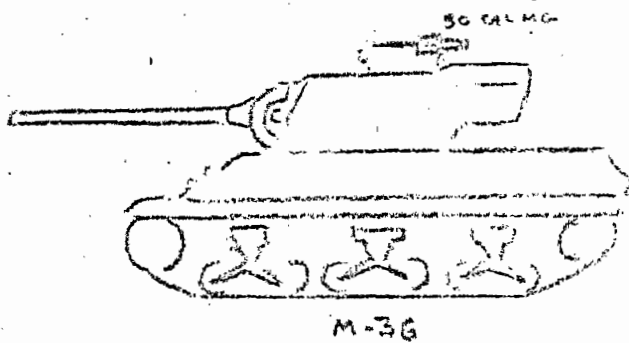
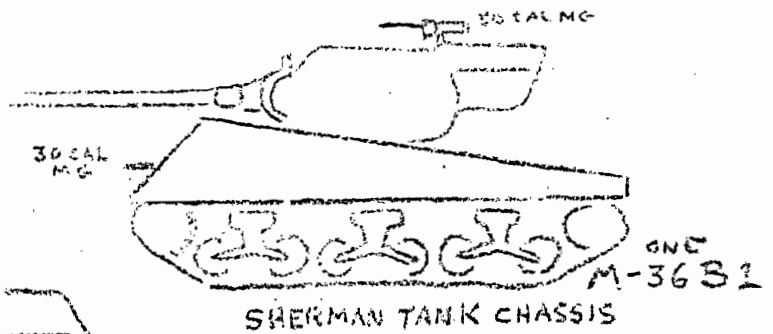
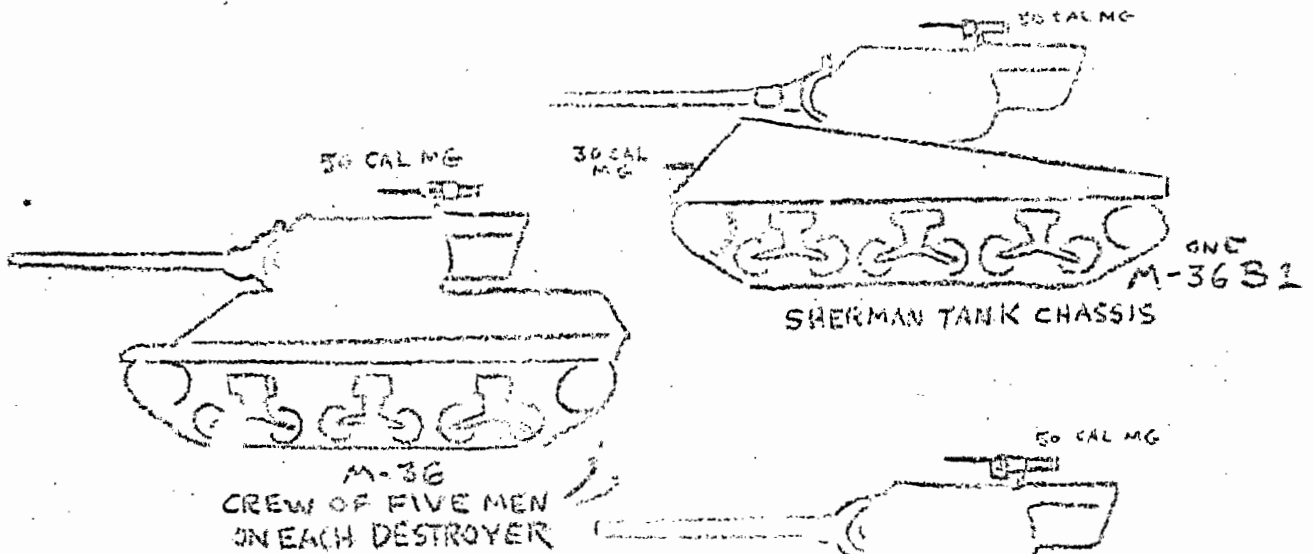
Length of gun - 15.51 feet
Muzzle velocity:
HE shell - 2700 ft per sec
APC M-80 - 2700 ft per sec
HVAP - 3400 ft per sec

Range:
HE 19,500
APC (Direct) - 5,500

Ammo Load For Each T.D.

HVAP.....	3 rds
HE.....	35 "
APC.....	25 "
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	63 rds total.

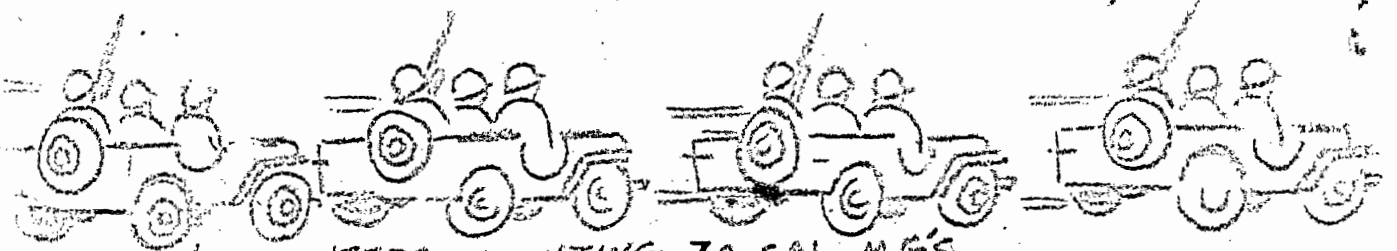
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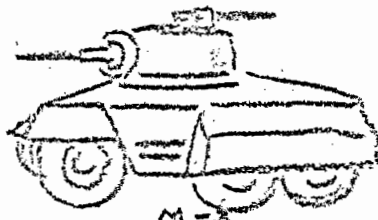
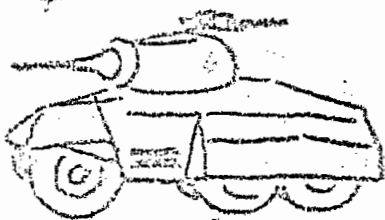
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WITHIN COMPANY —
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WE HAVE NINE OF THESE PLATOONS

This is our Reconnaissance Company.



FOUR $\frac{1}{4}$ TON JEEPS MOUNTING 30 CAL MG'S



TWO M-8'S ^{M-8} 37 MM GUNS MOUNTING 50 CAL. MG'S

WE'VE 3 SUCH PLATOONS IN RCN CO as well
as

THE PIONEER PLATOON

which has
4 M-20'S MOUNTING 50 CAL. MG'S

