

APPENDIX III



ROUTE OF MARCH

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There are four sources of material to document the "Route of March" of the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. They are (1) The Battalion History, (2) The Company A History, (3) a journal maintained by a platoon sergeant of Recon. Company--Lodi Valencich, and (4) copies of morning reports for Co. C as they were attached to a unit separate from the rest of the Battalion for prolonged periods of time.

Below are listed, on a day-to-day basis, the locations the battalion units were in, near, or passed through from Omaha Beach to V.E. Day.

Listings for some days look confusing, and they are. The reason for this is that on many days, units of the battalion were in many different locations. When one adds to that the movement of the units, it is difficult to get a point-to-point tracking. However, in its entirety, the listings cover the battalion's "Route of March" after landing in France until the end of the war. Not all towns passed through are listed, but most towns and villages around which there was combat action have been listed.

The names of some towns and villages may not be spelled correctly, however, for France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany spellings have been checked against Michelin Maps (1 cm pour 2 km). There may be discrepancies between spellings in both the Bn. and Company A histories and present day names shown on the map. Even on today's ordinary road maps with a smaller scale, many of the smaller villages are too small to be shown, but they did appear on the large scale maps used for this section.

Route of March: 602nd Tank Destroyer Bn.
WWII, E.T.O., Third Army 1944-1945

U.S.A.

1944

March	29	Left Camp Forrest, TN
	31	Arrived Camp Kilmer, NJ
April	1-3	Battalion processed for overseas shipment.
May	5	Left Camp Kilmer; arrived Fort Dix, NJ.
June	26	Left Fort Dix; arrived Camp Kilmer, NJ.
July	18	Shipped out to E.T.O. aboard SS Bergensfjord.

Scotland

July	29	Disembarked at Glasgow. Moved south via railroad.
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England

July	30	Arrived in Moreton-in-Marsh. Assigned to Third Army.
August	20	Moved to Marshalling Area, vicinity of Dorchester.
	21	Moved to Portland and boarded L.S.T. #517
	22-24	Board L.S.T. #517

France

August 24 Reached Omaha Beach after dark.
 25 Disembarked Omaha Beach, St.Laurent sur Mer, Formigny, la Saline-Isigny-s-Mer
 26 Formigny, Trevieres, Cartigny-l' Epinay, St. Jean de Daye, L'Hommet-d' Arthenay, 7 km W of St Lo, Canisy, Villebaudon, Percy, Villedieu-les-Poeles, St. Hilaire-du-Harcouet, Landivy, Louvigne-du-Desert
 27 Landivy, Ernee, Mayenne, Courtalain, Chateaudun, vicinity of Loire River (227 km).
 28 Bouffry
 29 Montargis, Courtenay, Sens, Theil-sur-Vanne, Orleans-sur-Vanne, Rigny-le-Ferron, Beaumont
 30 Villeneuve l'Archeveque, Troyes, vicinity of Luyeres, Bouy-Luxembourg, Troyes, Brienne-le-Chateau, Dolencourt, Blacy, Aix-en-Othe
 31 Arcis-s-Aube, Sompuis, Blacy, Vitry-le-Francois, Loisy-sur-Marne, Perthes, St. Eulien, Heiltz-le-Hutier (Marne River), Aix-en-Othe

September 1 Champs-de-tir-de-Mailly Area, Vitry-le-Francois, Camp-de-Tir.
 2 Blacy, Vitry-le-Francois, Vitry-en-Perthois, Champ-de-tir-de-Mailly Area
 3 Vitry-en-Perthois
 4 Vitry-en-Perthois
 5 Vitry-en-Perthois
 6 Marolles, St. Dizier, Ligny-en-Barrois, Chennevieres, Oey, Bar-le-Duc.
 7 Boviollles, Vaucouleurs, Colombey-les-Belles, Crepey, Goviller, Mount D'Anon, Oey.
 8 Oey, Souveraincourt, Laloeuf, Etrevail, Chaouilley, Mt. Sion, Forcelles-St-Gorgon, Vezelise, Houdreville, Houdelomont, Tantonville, Haroue, Ormes, Benney, Goviller, Bois D'Ormes, Xirocourt.
 9 Ormes, Haroue, Mt. Sion, Foret Dominale de Goviller, Tantonville, Socourt, Bralleville, Xirocourt, Roville.
 10 Tantonville, Mt. Sion, Foret Dominale de Goviller, Bois du Hans, Haroue, Goviller, Chaouilley.
 11 Bois du Hans, Praye, St. Firmin, Tantonville, Mt. Sion, Xirocourt, Grippont.
 12 Xirocourt, Haroue, Laneuveville-devant-Bayon, Bayon (Moselle River), Chaouilley, Virecourt.
 13 Lamath, Xermamenil, Charmois, Blainville, Damelevieres (Meurthe River), Dombasle-s-Meurthe, Einvaux, Mehoncourt, Froville, Bremoncourt, Domptail-en-l'Air, St. Mard, Bayon, Mont-s-Meurthe, Villacourt, Chamois.
 14 Mehoncourt, Bayon, Mont-s-Meurthe, Goviller, Rosieres-aux-Salines vicinity of Hudiviller.
 15 Blainville, Lamath, Mont-s-Meurthe (Meurthe River), Foret de Vitrimont, Hudiviller, Crevic, Luneville.
 16 (Sanon River), (Marne au Rhine Canal), Haraucourt, Gellenoncourt, Drouville, Virecourt, Hudiviller, Anthelupt, Flainval, Sommerviller.
 17 Courbesseaux, Erbeviller, Mazerulles, Hudiviller, Maixe, Courbesseaux, Remereville.
 18 Erbeviller, Sorneville, Courbesseaux, Remereville, Chateau-Salins.
 19 Maixe, Dunville, Vitrimont, Foret de Vitrimont, Luneville, Luneville-Nancy Road, Virecourt.

September 20 Luneville, Foret de Vitrimont.
 21 Luneville, Bures, Arracourt (Marne au Rhine Canal), Foret de Parroy, Rechicourt-la-Petite.
 22 Bathelmont-les-Bauzemont, Coincourt, Rechicourt-le-Petite, Arracourt.
 23 Valhey
 24 Bauzemont, Coincourt
 25 Juvrecourt, Bures (Bruyeres), Lezey, Arracourt, Juvelize (Souvelize).
 26 Bures, Arracourt, Juvelize.
 27 Arracourt, Drouville, Bures (Bruyeres).
 28 Serres, Bauzemont, Valhey.
 29 Bathelmont, Laneuvelotte.
 30 Serres, Arracourt

October 1 Laneuvelotte, Maixe, Arracourt, Leyre (Ley).
 2 Nancy, Dombasle, Remereville, Cusines.
 3 Bathelmont, Bures (Bruyeres), Bauzemont.
 4 Nancy, Laneuvelotte, Loisy-sur-Marne
 5 Foret de Parroy, Bezaumont.
 6 Moncel-sur-Sielle, Champenoux, Foret de Parroy.
 7 Foret de Parroy, Loisy.
 8 Chateau Salins, Moncel-sur-Sielle, Laneuvelotte, Foret de Parroy.
 9 Laneuvelotte, Hoeville, Remerville, Erbeviller, Champenoux, Nomeny.
 10 Ville-au-Val.
 11 Nomeny, Abaucourt, Bois du Ht des Trapers.
 12 Nancy, Nomeny, Bois du Ht des Trapers.
 13 Rechicourt-le-Petite, Lixieres.
 14 Mazrubs, Sorneville, Mazerulles, Chambrey (Fired Artillery Missions), Erbeviller.
 15 Jeandelaincourt.
 16 Athienville, Mazerulles.
 17 Marimont-les-Benestroff.
 19-25 Landremont and vicinity.
 26 Laneuvelotte, Landremont.
 27 Arracourt, Harlauville, Athienville (Fired Artillery Missions), Juvrecourt.
 28-30 Juvrecourt and vicinity.

November 4 Laneuvelotte, Athienville, Bezange-la-Grande, Sorneville.
 5 Hoeville.
 7 Athienville, Arracourt, Bezange-la-Grande
 8 Valhey.
 9 Athienville, Valhey, Arracourt, Moyenvic, Salival, Morville-les-Vic, Morheim, Vic-sur-Seille.
 10 Obreck, St. Chappelle, Morville, Chateau Salins, Vic-sur-Seille.
 11 (Seille River), Moyenvic, Vic-sur-Seille.
 12 Hampont, Obreck, Wuisse, Bezange-la-Grande, Vic-sur-Seille.
 13 Hampont, Vic-sur-Seille.
 14 Vic-sur-Seille, Chambrey.
 15 Vic-sur-Seille, Moyenvic, Obreck.
 16 Vic-sur-Seille.
 17 Juvrecourt, Hampont, Obreck, Lidrezing.
 18 Obreck, Vic-sur-Seille, Morville-les-Vic, Hampont, Lidrezing.
 19 Lezey, Bathelmont Chateau, St. Medard, Hampont, Wuisse, Conthil, Rodabbe, Obreck.
 20 Mulcey, Dieuze, Lidrezing.

November 21 Dieuze, Marimont-les-Benestroff, Neufvillage, Bassing.
 22 Obreck, Marimont-les-Benestroff, Wuisse, Guebling, Bourgaltroff, Dieuze, Bellevue, Neufvillage.
 23 Marimont-les-Benestroff, Bassing, Neufvillage, Zarbeling.
 24 Altdorf, Lening.
 25 Marimont-les-Benestroff, Albestroff, Burgaltdorf (Bourgaltroff), Guebling, Foret de Bride, Koecking, Linderchen, Conthil, Zarbeling, Lidrezing, Beidersdorf (Bidestroff), Bassing, Bassington, Lhor, Insviller, Bassing, Domnon-les-Dieuze, Cutting, Lostroff, Guinzeling, Lhor, Neufvillage, Rening, Insming, Zarbeling. (Quote from A. & D.: "The day of the wild goose chase.")
 26 Albestroff, Lidrezing.
 27 Albestroff, Liedarzingen, Lhor, Guinzeling, Lostroff, Domnon-les-Dieuze, Gunzeingheim, Guebling, Leidersingen, Essey-les-Nancy.
 28 Virming, Zarbeling, Francaltroff.

December 1 Francaltroff, Lening, Albestroff, Torcheville, Gienslingen, Lohr, Burbach, Insviller, Fenetrangle, Sarre Union, Fintstinger, Nerdusting (Sarre River), Wolfskirchen, Postroff.
 2 Sarrewerden, Sarre Union, Munster.
 3 Sarre Union, Sarralbe.
 4 Rimsdorf, Sarre Union, Albestroff, Puttelange-aux-Lacs.
 5 Sarre Union, Oermingen, Voellerdingen, Bidestroff, Bisten, Domfesssel.

France-Germany-Luxembourg-Belgium

6 Sarrewerden, Lohr, Violieneuve, Karlsbrunn (Co. C).
 7 Sarrewerden, Sarre Union, Oermingen, Kalhausen, Burbach.
 8 Kalhausen, Oermingen, Achen, Obreck, Altwiller, Ludweiler, Warndt, Werbein.
 9 Orming, Walhausen, Kalhausen, Wittring, Achen.
 10 Wiesviller, Achen, Woelfling-les-Sarreguemines, Wiesviller.
 12 Carling.
 13 Villeneuve, Kalhausen, Carling.
 14 Wolflinge, Schaffhausen.
 15 (Co. A 1st and 3rd Platoons--Obergailbach Woods), Karlsbrunn (Co. C), Conthil, Zarbeling.
 16 Leidersingen, Zarbeling, Lidrezing.
 17 Zarbeling.
 18 Nancy, Hostenbach.
 20 Nancy, Zarbeling. (March ordered for Bn. Minus Co. C to "somewhere in Belgium"--left Zarbeling 2300 hours for all night march.)
 21 Pont-a-Mousson, Conflans-en-Jarnisy, Longwy (France), Arlon, Neufchateau, Straimont, Recogne (Belgium). (Arrived 1330 hours--150 mile march.)
 22 Peitite Rosieres, Straimont, Neufchateau/Martelange Road, Vaux-les-Rosieres, Longier, Karlsbrunn.
 23 Witry, Habay-la-Neuve (Co. C).
 24 St. Marie-Chevigny.
 25 Straimont, Offaing, Hatrival, Libramont.
 27 Neufchateau, Straimont, Hamipre, Offaing, Renuamont.
 28 Neufchateau, Libramont, Hampire.
 29 Massul, Renuamont.

December 30 Jodenville, Morhet, Houdemont.
 31 Lavasselle, Flohimont, Jodenville, Rosiers, Tintange.

1945

January 1 Lavasselle.
 2 Chenogne.
 3 Massul.
 4 Massul, Ire de Pre, Vaux-les-Rosieres, Bastogne, Sainlez, Honville.
 5 Monte-Mande, St. Etienne, Mont, Surre.
 6 Mont, Chenogne, Etalle.
 7 Chenogne.
 8 Surre, Chenogne.
 9 Surre, Warnach.
 10 Chenogne, Izel, Surre, Harlange, Tarchamps.
 11 Harlange, Tarchamps.
 12 Harlange, Post.
 13 Harlange, Post.
 14 Salle, Flanaganlle, Post.
 15 Chenogne, Frenet, Foy, Ingantry (Ingrandes), Post.
 16 Noville, Bourcy, Houffalize.
 17 Bourcy, Hardigny.
 18 Bourcy, Magerotte, Post.
 19 Bastogne, Magerotte, Nothum.
 20 Bourcy, Noville, Nothum.
 21 Bourcy, Niederwiltz, Eschweiler.
 22 Morhet, Bastogne, Oudler, Ottfel, Eschweiler.
 23 Hemroulle, Savy, Weicherdange, Eselborn.
 24 Wiltz, Weicherdang.
 25 Wiltz.
 28 Maldange (Maldingen), Beho, Ourthe, Wilerwiltz, Hosingen.
 29 Maldange (Maldingen), Bastogne, Noville, Houffalize, Cherain, Beho, Galhausen, St. Vith, Ourthe, Hosingen, Wilerwiltz.
 30 St. Vith, Medell, Herresbach, Wiltz.
 31 Herresbach, Maldange (Maldingen), Wilerwiltz, Hosingen.

Belgium-Luxembourg-Germany

February 1 Atzerath, Auw-bei-Prum (Co. A & B inside the German border).
 2 Manderfeld, Allmagne, Beho, Hosingen, Wilerwiltz.
 3 Deyfeldt, St. Vith, Huldange, Wilerwiltz, Merscheid, Hosingen.
 4 Huldange, Deyfeldt, Heckhuscheid, Nachtmanderscheid, Longsdorf, Brandenburg.
 6 Deyfeldt, Brandenburg.
 7 Deyfeldt, Brandenburg.
 9 Brandenburg.
 10 Brandenburg.
 12 Vianden.
 13 Steffeshausen, Lutzkampen, Berg, Weweler.
 14 Lutzkampen, Weweler.
 15-17 Weweler and no change in other locations.
 18 Brandenburg, Weweler.
 19 Weweler.
 20 Lutzkampen, Wilerwiltz, Waldhof-Falkenstein.

February	21	Lutzkampen, Stolzenbourg, Brandenburg.
	22	Berg, Lutzkampen, Geichlingen, Vianden.
	23	Eschfeld, Leidenborn, Arzfeld, Vianden.
	24	Arzfeld, Neurath, Heilbach, Upperhausen, Berkoth, Scheuern, Neuerburg.
	25	Krautschied, Upperhausen, Berkoth, Ober-Pierscheid, Rittersdorf, Arzfeld, Scheuern, Neuerburg.
	26	Krautschied, Upperhausen, Ettelbruck, Waxweiler, Scheuern, Scheuern, Neuerburg.

Germany

February	27	Ringhuscheid, Waxweiler (Prum River), Huldange, Krautscheid, Dasburg (Our River), Ourthe, Scheuern.
	28	Ettelbruck, Waxweiler, Ober-Pierscheid.
March	1	Guard detail--vital railroad bridges and tunnels and training new replacements that had arrived, Waxweiler.
	2	Lambertsberg, Hargarten, Greimelscheid, Plutscheid, Feuerscheid.
	3	Lasel, Huscheider, Feuerscheid.
	4	(Kyll River), Burbach, Huscheider, Lascheid, Neustraburg, Plutscheid, Ourthe.
	6	Winterspelt, Manderfeld.
	7	Krewinkel.
	8	Huldange, Krewinkel.
	9	Bleialf, Krewinkel.
	10	Kelberg, Zermullen, Kempenich.
	11	Reifferscheid.
	12	Waxweiler, Bitburg, Ordorf, Bleialf, Dudeldorf, Gindorf, Picklisheim, Erdorf, Kyllburg, Dudeldorf.
	13	Wittlich, Greimerath, Bad Bertrich, Immerath, Dudeldorf.
	14	Alf.
	15	Alf, Driesch.
	16	(Moselle River), Bullay, Merl, Burren, Neef.
	17	Merl, Tellig, Moritzheim, Reil, Bengel.
	18	Kappel, Kirchberg, Dillendorf, Dickenscheid, Gehlweiler, Raversbeuren, Gosenroth, Panzweiler, Reil, Aldegund.
	19	Lindenscheid, Raversbeuren, Buchenbeuren, Irmenach, Kirn, Gosenroth, Bueren, Becherbach.
	20	Irmenach, Lotzbeuren, Lautzenhausen, Laufersweiler, Gosenroth, Bundenhbach, Halnenbach, Griebelscheid, Fischbach (long march), Sien, Mittelreidenbach, Kirn, Lautersheim.
	21	Horchheim, Obereidenbach.
	22	Sien, Brietenheim, Oberreidenbach.
	23	Simmern, Klosterkumbd.
	24	Kirn, Gemunden, Simmern, Klosterkumbd, Beltheim, Bacharach, Oberwesel.
	25	Oberwesel, Bad Schwalbach, Langscheid, Spesenroth.
	26	Oberwesel, Perscheid, Boppard (Rhine River), Struth, Kaub, Kestert.
	27	Kaub, Oberwesel, Weisel, Lorch, Kemel, Presburg, St. Goarhausen, Langschied.
	28	Presburg, Aulhausen, Dorscheid, Bad Schwalbach, Lorch.

March	29	Rudesheim, Eltville, Geisenheim, Johannisberg, Winkel, Mittelheim, Oestrich, Hattenheim, Erbach, Eltville, Hallgarten, Eichberg, Hedrich, Presberg, Nedergladbach.
	30	Kemel, Stephanshausen, Geisenheim, Nedergladbach.
	31	Geisenheim, Kemel.
April	1	Johannisberg, Kemel.
	2	Weisbaden, Frankfurt.
	3	Kirchheim (long march--125 miles), Hersfeld.
	4	Homebach (Werra River), Spichra, Wommen, Wartha, Lauchroden, Archfeld, Willershausen, Pferdsdorf, Gotha, Unterellen, Wolfterode.
	5	Wartha, Unterellen, Wolfterode, Eisenach, Wutha.
	6	Eisenach, Wutha, Farnroda, Schonau, Deubach.
	7	Wutha, Schonau, Farnroda.
	8	Sattelstadt, Langenheim, Rodichen, Walterhausen, Tabarz, Friedrichroda, Gotha, Ohrdruf, Wahlwinkel.
	9	Friedrichroda, Catterfeld, Georgenthal, Nauendorf, Grafenhain.
	10	Grafenhain, Arnstadt, Ohrdruf, Elxleben, Riechheim.
	11	Holtzhausen, Hohenfelden, Tonndorf, Marlishausen, Reichheim, Ohrdruf.
	12	Hohenfelden, Bad Berka, Saalborn, Kleirsthoma (Kleinbackroda), Sollnitz, Tromlitz, Milda, Zimmritz, Schirnewitz, Altendorf, Kahla (Salle River).
	13	Altenberg, Kahla, Gottendorf, Gumperda, Neckeroda.
	14	Kahla, Buckendorf, Altenburg, Hummelshain, Eichenberg, Trobnitz.
	15	Lichtenau, Hummelshain, Triptis, Grossbackedra, Munchen-Bernsdorf, Neustadt, Weltwiz, Traun, Lemritz, Auma.
	16	Triptis, Mehla, Langenwetzendorf (Weida River), Triebes, Greiz, Kofeln, Langen, Weida, Linda, Zoghaus.
	17	Mehla, Reichenbach (Elster River), Waldkirchen, Zwickau, Schonfeld, Friesen, Oberheinsdorf, Kofeln, Zeulenroda.
	18	Reichenbach, Unterheinsdorf, Zwickau, Ebersbrunn, Oberheinsdorf.
	19	Unterheinsdorf (vicinity Zwickau and Czechoslovakian border), Zeulenroda.
	21	Vielau.
	28	Lichtenstein.
May	8	Lugau, Gersdorf, Oberlungwitz.
	9	V.E. Day

APPENDIX IV



ORGANIZATIONAL ATTACHMENTS

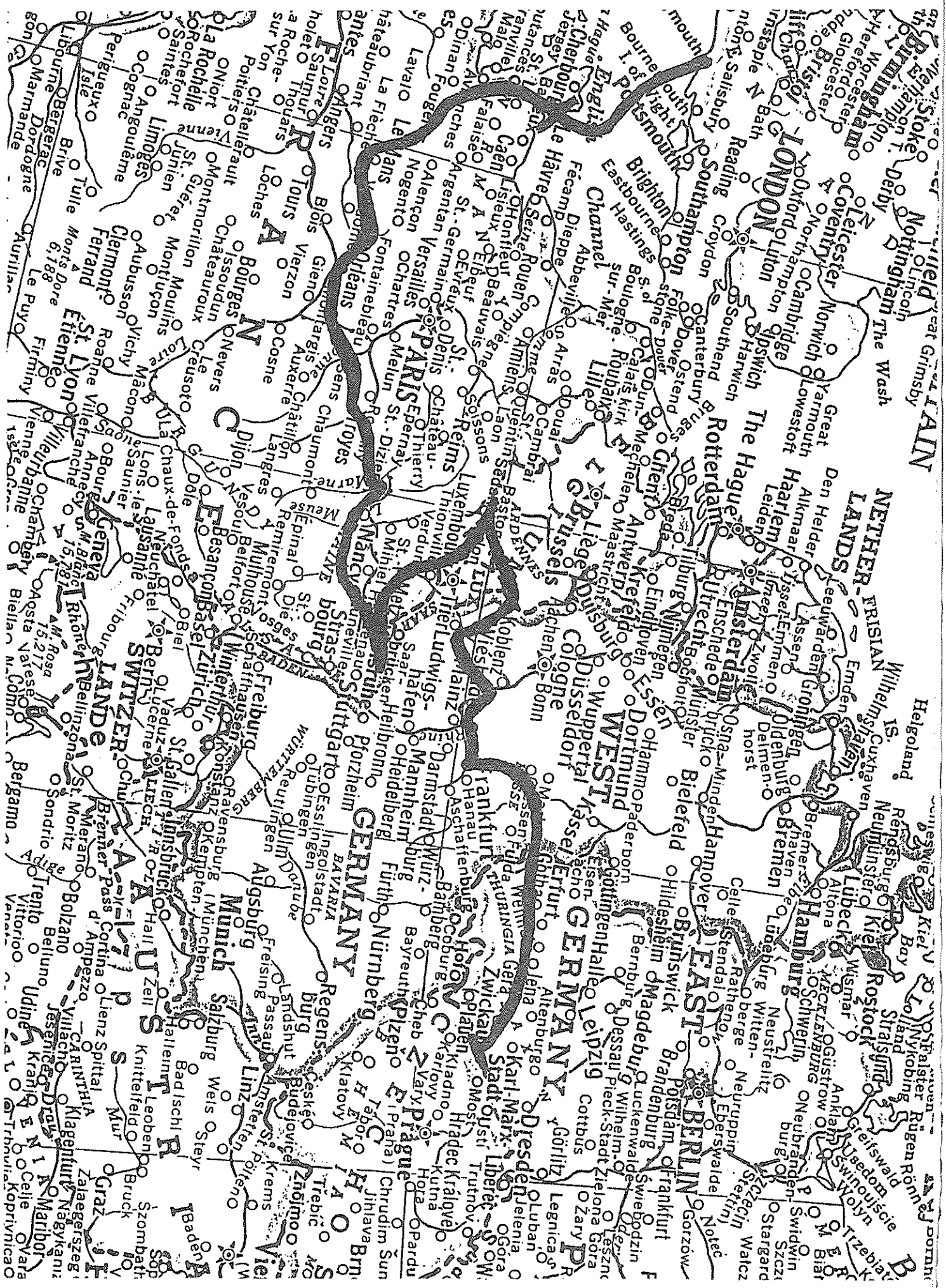


Figure 12. Route of March

APPENDIX IV

Organizational Attachments

As the following record will illustrate, the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, aside from attachment to the 2nd Infantry Division in the states, never again became attached to any unit long enough so that it could be referred to as the 602nd's "parent" unit, unless one considers the "Third Army" as such. A recapitulation of the major units to which the 602nd TD Bn. was attached has been extracted from the two histories mentioned previously.

Running Record of Attachments and Detachments

1941-1943	2nd Infantry Division
1944-England	Third Army, XX Corps
1944-France	Third Army
August	29 XII Corps
	29 9th TD Group
September	7 Co. A attached to 2nd Cavalry Group.
	Co. B attached to 4th Armored Division.
	Co. A attached to 42nd Cavalry.
	8 One platoon Co. C attached to 2nd Cavalry Group.
	11 Battalion attached to 9th TD Group.
	13 1st and 2nd platoons, Co. A attached to 8th Tank Bn., 4th Armored Division.
	19 Battalion attached to 2nd Cavalry Group.
	27-28 Co. A attached to 2nd Cavalry Squadron.
	29 Battalion (less Co. A) attached to 9th TD Group.
October	4 Co. C and one platoon of Recon. Co. moved from vicinity of Laneuvelotte to vicinity of Loisy to support 80th Infantry Division.
	11 One platoon, Co. B, attached to 4th Armored Division to work with 2nd Cavalry Group.
	16 Co. A worked with 738th F.A. Bn., XII Corps Artillery and Co. B worked with 273rd F.A. Bn.
	27 Battalion, less one platoon of Co. B, attached to 26th Infantry Division. Co. C in support of Division Artillery; Co. A in support of Division Artillery.
	One platoon Co. B attached to 104th Infantry Regt.
	One section Recon. Co. attached to 101st Infantry Regt.
November	3 One platoon Co. B attached to 101st Infantry Regt., remainder of Co. B attached to 2nd Cavalry Group.
	6 Battalion attached to 26th Infantry Division for adm.
	7 Co. C relieved from attachment to the 26th Inf. Div. and attached to the 6th Cavalry Group.

- 8 Co. C relieved from attachment to 6th Cavalry Group and reverted to Battalion control.
- November 9 "Task Force A" commanded by Lt. Col. P. J. Kopcsak, and consisting of the 602nd TD Bn. (less Co. B and one platoon of Co. A), 761st Tank Battalion (less Co. A), Co. K, 101st Infantry Regt. and one platoon of Co. C, 101st Engineer Bn., was formed and advanced to just east of Morville-les-Vic, France encountering heavy resistance--artillery and mortar fire.
- 13 Co. A attached to 101st F.A. Bn. for indirect fire.
- 14 "Task Force A" dissolved.
- 17 One platoon Co. A attached to 2nd Cavalry Group.
- 22 One platoon Co. A released from 2nd Cavalry Group and reverted to Battalion control.
- 27 Co. C attached to 6th Cavalry Group; Co. B, plus one platoon of Recon. Co. attached to 2nd Cavalry Group. Remainder of Battalion attached to 9th TD Group.
- 30 Battalion (less Co. C, Co. B and one platoon of Recon. Co.) attached to 26th Infantry Division.
- December 1 Co. B, plus one platoon of Recon. Co. reverted to Bn. control.
- 7 Battalion (less Co. C) attached to 9th TD Group and Group attached to the 26th Infantry Division.
- 13 The 87th Infantry Division relieved the 26th Infantry Division. The first and 3rd platoons, Co. A supported the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 347th Inf. Regt., 87th Infantry Division.
- 20 Battalion (less Co. C) attached to VIII Corps upon arrival in new zone (Belgium).

Belgium

- 21 Co. A attached to VIII Corps and 28th Infantry Division.
- 22 Corps Headquarters withdrew and left Commanding General 28th Inf. Div. in charge of sector.
- 24 Battalion (less Co. C and B) attached to 28th Infantry Division; Co. B attached to 7th TD Group.
- 29 Battalion (less Co. C) attached to 11th Armored Division.

Belgium 1945

- January 3 The 11th Armored was relieved today by the 17th Airborne Division.
- 4 Co. A, with 1st platoon Recon. Co. sent to aid 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne.
- 5 Co. A, with 1st platoon Recon. Co., sent to aid 17th Airborne Division. No change in attachment to 11th Armored Division. Use of Co. A authorized by V.O.C.G., VIII Corps.
- 9 Battalion (less Co. C) attached to 17th Airborne Division.
- 12 Word was received that the Battalion was attached to the 11th Armored Division again. Three hours later it was rescinded.
- 14 Battalion (less Co. C) attached to 11th Armored Division.
- 22 11th Armored Division was "pinched off" and pulled out of line. Companies of 602nd reverted to Bn. control.
- 27 Battalion (less Co. C) attached to 87th Infantry Division.

- January 29 Plans were made to send a "Combat Team" north into the zone of the 84th Infantry Division in order to out flank resistance in front of the 87th. Co. A was made a part of that "Combat Team."

Germany

- February 1 Co. A and Co. B were operating inside the German border.
- 2 Battalion notified that upon relief by the 607th TD Bn. we would revert to 11th Armored Division control.
- 22 11th Armored Division reached their final objective and was "pinched off." Co. A attached to 90th Infantry Division "Task Force Speice."
- 25 Battalion (less Co. C) detached from 11th Armored Division and put under 7th TD Group control. Co. A and 1st platoon Recon. Co. attached to 6th Cavalry Group.
- 27 Co. B, with 2nd platoon Recon. Co. replaced Co. A and 1st platoon Recon. Co.
- March 11 Battalion (complete) attached to XII Corps.
- 12 Battalion attached to 89th Infantry Division upon arrival.
- 16 Co. C, with 3rd platoon Recon. Co. attached to the 355th Regt., prepared to move with 11th Armored Division through zone of 89th Infantry Division.
- 21 Co. C detached from 355th Regiment.
- 23 Battalion transferred to VIII Corps along with the 89th Infantry Division.
- 25 Co. A attached to Task Force Ingell; Co. B and C attached to Task Force Johnson.
- 28 Task forces Ingell and Johnson disbanded 2000 hours having completed their missions.
- April 4 Co. C placed under operational control of 4th Armored Division.
- 6 Co. C put back under operational control of 89th Division.
- 11 "Task Force Crater" formed including Co. A 602nd TD Bn.
- 14 "Task Force Crater" dissolved.
- 18 Recon. Co. placed under Corps control.
- 23 VIII Corps passed to control of 1st Army.
- 27 Troop assignment was received, assigning 602nd TD Bn. to First Army as of April 22nd.
- May 9 V.E. DAY!

Summary of Major 602nd TD Bn. Attachments

2nd Infantry Division
Third Army
XX Corps
XII Corps
9th TD Group
80th Infantry Division
2nd Cavalry Group
4th Armored Division
42nd Cavalry Squadron
2nd Cavalry Squadron
738th Field Artillery Battalion
XII Corps Artillery
273rd Field Artillery Battalion
26th Infantry Division
6th Cavalry Group
28th Cavalry Squadron
Task Force "A"
101st Field Artillery Battalion
87th Infantry Division
87th Infantry Division Combat Team
VIII Corps
28th Infantry Division
7th TD Group
11th Armored Division
17th Airborne Division
101st Airborne Division
90th Infantry Division Task Force Speice
89th Infantry Division
Task Force Ingell
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APPENDIX V



ENEMY COMBAT LOSSES

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This section is a recapitulation taken from the 602nd TD Bn. and Company A histories. The intent is to show the losses inflicted on the enemy by the combat action of the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion. A major problem is that, since various parts of the Battalion were assigned to other units, neither the persons keeping records for the Battalion nor the persons keeping diaries could know all the losses inflicted. Only known enemy losses are listed, and details on units responsible are not included. These items are included in the histories. Where one may read something like "1-tank, 1-tank," that indicates that one tank may have been destroyed by one company and one tank destroyed by another company.

Buildings are not included, even though many buildings were fired upon/destroyed that contained enemy snipers, riflemen, machine guns, anti-tank weapons, etc. They were far too numerous to mention, and neutralizing such positions was more a part of standard operating procedures. The number of enemy killed and wounded is actually unknown. If a tank was destroyed, one can assume the crew was killed or wounded. This applies to other targets as well. However, there are instances where action is noted and an account of numbers of enemy killed was recorded.

In addition to enemy losses recorded in the Battalion and Company A histories, probably the most accurate conservative accounting appears in the official after action reports to be found in the government military archives. So, both a running account as recorded in the histories and information from the official archival after-action reports are given.

Battalion and Company A Histories

France

1944

- August 30 Prisoners were taken.
- September 1 Captured a train load of gasoline. Prisoners were taken.
- 4 Total of 14 prisoners captured and evacuated.
- 9 One battery of Field Artillery knocked out; 1 machine gun nest.
- 10 Captured two prisoners.
- 11 Captured one prisoner.
- 17 2-anti-tank guns, 6 tanks, 6 anti-tank guns, killed 100.
- 18 1-machine gun emplacement knocked out; killed 8.
- 24 Captured 2 prisoners.
- 27 Captured 15 prisoners.
- 28 1-tank, 8 prisoners taken.
- 29 1-tank, 8 tanks, 3 armored cars. Killed unknown number of personnel-- 30 known killed.

October 2 1-tank.
8 1 observation post, 1 truck, 16 prisoners taken.
9 1 machine gun nest destroyed.
12 1 observation post destroyed.
13 1 tank
18 1 observation post destroyed.
22 1 anti-tank gun and battery of 4 enemy guns.
28 1 ammunition dump, 1 observation post, 3 trucks.
29 1 machine gun nest.

November 9 7 prisoners.
10 2 machine guns, 8 prisoners, 1 machine gun, 8 killed.
12 3 prisoners.
13 1 observation post, 2 tanks, 1 88 mm gun, 1 personnel carrier, 25 personnel killed.
14 1 armored car, 2 pillboxes, 20 personnel killed.
18 2 observation posts, 1 anti-tank gun, 3 prisoners taken.

December 2 Example of "building." A TD platoon supported the Infantry with direct fire into Sarre Union about 100 rounds of 76 mm shells was expended. Effects as yet unknown.
3 2 mortars and 1 observation post.
5 2 mortars and 2 observations posts.
6 1 sniper killed.
7 1 pillbox destroyed.
8 2 pillboxes destroyed.
9 "Most of the fire is directed at pillboxes."
10 1 tank, 1 tank.
11 1 pillbox, 1 tank, 1 tank damaged.
12 "Companies A & B fired at tanks at ranges of about 3,000 yards. Hits were scored but not effective. 2 tanks.
16 2 locomotives destroyed.

Belgium

December 22 1 tank, 1 half-track, 2 trucks, 30 killed, 2 tanks damaged.
24 Killed and wounded several, 1 killed, 1/4 ton truck destroyed.
25 5 killed and 5 wounded.
26 1 prisoner.
27 1 armored car, 2 machine guns, 1 truck, 8 prisoners, 60 killed.
30 3 prisoners.

1945

January 1 3 prisoners.
2 Some prisoners.
8 1 tank, 2 tanks probable.
9 2 tanks, 1 probable confirmed.
15 2 anti-tank guns, 3 prisoners.
17 8 prisoners.
27 3 tanks, 1-SP75 mm gun, approximately 100 killed.

Germany

February 24 1-antitank gun, 1 pillbox, 1 staff car, 1-150 mm gun with prime mover, 5 killed, 31 prisoners, 2 motorcycles, 16 pillboxes, 25 killed, 41 prisoners.

March 2 1 tank, 1 observation post, 4 prisoners.
3 3 observation posts, 2 machine guns, 2 pillboxes, 1 roadblock, 57 prisoners, 22 killed.
6 6 machine guns, 1 observation post, 46 killed, 50 prisoners.
10 1 truck, 462 prisoners.
15 1 observation post, 1 machine gun.
16 6 prisoners.
19 42 prisoners, 1 killed.
20 200 prisoners, 400 prisoners, 1 tank, 4 artillery pieces, 4 mortars, 13 anti-tank guns.
21 133 prisoners, 3 anti-tank guns, 1 mortar, 389 prisoners.
24 3 prisoners.
26 1 observation post, 4 killed, 15 prisoners.
27 4 flak guns, 14 prisoners, 5 killed.
28 1 tank, 5 flak guns, 11 trucks, 4 trailers, 107 prisoners, 15 killed 3 flak guns, 2 killed, 14 prisoners, 1-75 mm gun, 1 prisoner.
29 6 flak guns, small groups of prisoners, 2 prisoners, 8 prisoners mounted on horses and wagons, 1 vehicle, 15 prisoners, 1 machine gun, 1-20 mm gun, 50 prisoners.
30 1-20 mm gun.

April 4 2 anti-tank guns, 5 killed.
5 153 prisoners, 1 truck, 9 machine guns, 1 anti-tank gun, 1 strong point.
6 6 prisoners, 1 ambush, 1 tank.
7 13 prisoners and 2 anti-tank guns.
8 1 tank.
9 2 prisoners.
10 5 prisoners.
11 28 prisoners.
12 10 prisoners, fired at and probably crippled a ME-109.
13 Dugouts and personnel.
16 Many prisoners were taken.
17 6 prisoners, 1 observation post.
22 1 anti-tank gun, 3 trucks, 22 killed, 70 prisoners.
25 5 killed, 1 observation post.
29 22 prisoners.

May 3 1 observation post, 3 killed.
4 1 machine gun, 1 observation post, 20 killed or wounded.
7 Last night the Germans marched hundreds of Russian, Polish, and other slave laborers with American and British prisoners of war into our lines.
8 280 P.W.'s surrendered to Company B and all morning, streams of prisoners, practically all in vehicles came through out lines.
9 V.E. Day!

Summary of Enemy Losses from 602nd Battalion Histories

Equipment

Tanks Destroyed	36	Motorcycles.....	2
Tanks Damaged	6	Locomotives.....	2
Machine Gun Positions.....	29	Personnel Carrier.....	1
Dugouts, Pillboxes, Fortified Positions...	28	Half-Track.....	1
Trucks	24	Staff Car	1
Observation Posts	24	1/4-Ton Truck	1
20 mm Flak Guns	20	Train of Gasoline.....	1
Anti-Aircraft Guns	19	Ammunition Dump.....	1
Anti-Tank Guns.....	15	88 mm Gun.....	1
Mortars.....	9	SP 75 mm Gun	1
Armored Cars.....	5	150 mm Gun/Mover	1
Artillery Pieces	8	75 mm Gun	1
Trailers.....	4	1 ME-109 Damaged.....	1

Personnel

Enemy Killed.....	568
Enemy Wounded.....	5
Enemy Captured	2,736
Prisoners on Horses & Wagons.....	8

Numbers of personnel were counted only when a specific number was listed. If the entry was something like, "prisoners were taken," or "several killed," no number was included in the calculations.

Based on experience, the author believes that the record in our two basic histories of 36 enemy tanks destroyed indicates quite an incomplete count. One reason is that a recap of Company A's history shows 19 tanks destroyed, 2 tanks probable, and 2 tanks damaged. This would only leave 17 combined for B and C Companies and possibly Recon Company. There is no reason to believe that the number of tanks destroyed by B and C Companies would not be similar, thus making the total somewhere around 57.

After Action Official Reports in the Archives

Jack Coulston, who was our Battalion historian until his death in 1988, went to the archives and dug out the after-action records for the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion. Following is the list of enemy losses inflicted by the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion according to those records.

Equipment

Tanks Destroyed	54	Mortars.....	10
Tanks Damaged	3	Observation Posts	26
Flak Guns	15	Trucks	37
Anti-Tank Guns.....	45	Half Tracks	5
Armored Cars.....	5	88 mm and Other Artillery	15
Recon Cars	2	Ammunition Dump.....	1
Machine Guns	37	Pillboxes	28
		Locomotives.....	3

Personnel

Enemy Killed.....	760
Prisoners of War.....	2,294

Conclusions About Records of Enemy Losses

With the exceptions of numbers of tanks destroyed and damaged and enemy personnel killed and wounded, there appears to be considerable consistency in the records. When personnel are counted that were probably killed within vehicles and other equipment destroyed, the archival record of 760 killed is probably closer to the accurate count. Since they could be counted or closely estimated, it is probable the 2,744 number of prisoners taken is the nearest to actual count.

If enemy tank losses inflicted by Company C but attributed to the unit to which they were attached for over three months had been made part of the 602nd record, it is probable and most likely that the number of tanks destroyed and damaged would have been in the 55 to 60 range. Some other types of equipment would have also been added as well as numbers of personnel killed or wounded.

At best, the numbers available constitute a conservative picture of 602nd Tank Destroyer Bn. action. In the same way, part of Company C's action was attributed to the unit to which they were attached, it is likely that actions by other companies were also attributed to each of the many units to which the Battalion and parts of it were attached on an "as needed" basis from time to time. The conservative record is sufficient to document the fact that the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion had an effective impact on the enemy.

APPENDIX VI



602nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION COMBAT LOSSES

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602nd TD Bn. Combat Losses

This section is a recapitulation taken from the Company A and Battalion histories. The intent of the section is to show the losses inflicted on the personnel and equipment of the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion by the combat action of the enemy.

Battalion and Company A Histories

France

1944

- September 9 2 men killed. One man seriously wounded. 1 1/4-ton truck, 1 M-18, and 1 motorcycle destroyed.
17 1 man wounded.
26 1 1-1/2 ton truck and 1 1/4-ton truck
27 2 men missing (POW).
28 1 M-18, 1 mortar.
- October 1 2 M-18s damaged, 1 1/4-ton truck.
11 1 M-18 (mine)
31 1 1/4-ton truck, 1 man wounded.
- November 9 1 man wounded, 1 1/4-ton truck, 1 man wounded.
13 1 M-18.
18 1 half track.
- December 3 1 M-18 (enemy tank fire)
5 1 M-18 (mine)
6 1 M-18 (mine), 4 men injured.
7 1 1/4-ton truck.
8 1 M-18 (enemy tank fire).

Belgium

- December 22 4 men wounded.
26 1 man killed, 6 men wounded.
30 4 men wounded, 3 men sent to Bn. aid station for shell shock.

1945

- January 5 1 man killed, 1 man wounded.
7 Bn. history shows 1 M-18 lost due to enemy artillery fire. (The author believes this is incorrect), 5 men wounded, 1 1/4-ton truck.
14 2 M-18s (mines), 1 man injured.

Germany

January 16 3 men evacuated for battle fatigue, 1 man wounded.
29 1 1/4-ton truck.
30 1 man killed.

February 11 2 men wounded.

April 10 1 M-18, 1 1/4-ton truck (artillery fire).
13 1 man killed.
17 1 man killed, 1 man wounded.

Summary of 602nd TD Bn. Losses Due to Enemy Action

Equipment

M-18s Destroyed		M-18 Damaged.....	2
Tank Fire	2	1/4-Ton Trucks	9
Mines	5	Motorcycle.....	1
Artillery	2	1-1/2 Ton Truck	1
Not Specified.....	3	Half Track.....	1
Total.....	12	Mortar.....	1

Personnel

A total of killed in action from these records is 7. But the 602nd TD Association over the past several years has worked very hard at establishing rosters of (1) men who died in Europe and (2) men who have died since V.E. Day. The number of men who died in Europe is 23. Again, here are examples of incomplete records.

From the running account above, 34 men were shown as wounded. However, a count of Purple Hearts awarded is closer to 145/150.

After Action Official Reports in the Archives

Records obtained by Jack Coulston showed the following cumulative losses sustained from enemy action:

Equipment

M-18s Destroyed	8	1-1/2-Ton Trucks	1
1/4-Ton Trucks	9	Half-Tracks	2
Motorcycles.....	6	Trailers.....	1

Personnel

(No Record Available)

Conclusions About Records of 602nd Losses

The 602nd TD Bn. record of equipment losses is probably the most accurate, as the men who lost the equipment know what they lost. The 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion Association, Inc. has documented records for men killed in Europe and copies of citations for most of the Purple Heart awards bestowed on men who were wounded.

APPENDIX VII



PURPLE HEART
RECIPIENTS

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PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

The following list of Purple Heart recipients was constructed from archival records and the day-to-day journals maintained by the 602 T.D. Bn. and by Company A. Opposite each name is shown the date of the award according to archival records. When the date is not known a space appears, but the source of information is shown in front of the name. Legends preceding the names are as follows:

- KIA---Killed in action.
- PH/C--Purple Heart with cluster.
- *-----Date not shown on Archive Records.
- **----Information from Battalion Journal.
- ***---Information from Company A Journal.

Legend	Names	Archive Date Shown on Records Unless Otherwise Designated
	Ables, Warren	20 September 1944
PH/C	Alexander, Walter L.	8 December 1944, 4 April 1945
	Anderson, James F.	21 December 1944
KIA	Angleton, Richard D.	-----
	Anthony, Murden	21 December 1944
	Appling, Robert L.	9 January 1945
PH/C	Arnold, Harry W.	18 September 1944, -----
	Arnone, Peter J.	30 March 1945
***	Atkins, Thomas	-----
	Bagby, Joseph L.	10 December 1944
	Bales, Gilbert W.	17 September 1944
	Balsama, Anthony V.	26 March 1945
	Baker, Cecil J.	14 October 1944
KIA	Banaka, Leslie C.	-----
KIA	Beliles, Loyd P.	-----
	Bergstreser, Otto W.	September 1944
***	Bethea, Robert L.	-----
KIA	Blair, Thomas E.	-----
	Brown, Eldred T.	30 December 1944
KIA/PH/C	Brown, Kenneth F.	22 November 1944, 30 January 1945
*	Budnick, Edward	-----
	Byers, Merle E.	26 December 1944
	Clay, William J.	20 September 1944
	Conlin, Thomas J.	9 November 1944
***	Considine, Roy	21 November 1944
	Coon, Howard L.	14 October 1944
	Corbin, Johnnie B.	19 September 1944
***	Crosby, William	-----

Legend	Names	Archive Date Shown on Records Unless Otherwise Designated
PH/C	Cox, Carl W.	26 December 1944
	Crews, Edwin C.	3 January 1945, 25 September 1945
	Curry, Ivan M.	25 September 1944
***	Downey, Alfred R.	5 December 1944
	Erwin, Ben	8 January 1945
KIA	Farina, John A.	-----
PH/C	Fassler, William V.	21 December 1944, 27 December 1944
KIA	Faulkner, Russel V.	21 September 1944
	Flahart, W. S.	1 May 1945
KIA	French, James P.	-----
***	Fuchs, Eldo E.	-----
	George, Grady	7 January 1945
	Gilbee, Clarence	3 February 1945
***	Girard, George	30 August 1944
***	Girgenti, Alfio	-----
***	Glowski, Frank P.	-----
	Goetz, Richard S.	18 October 1944
	Guinn, Sam E.	28 January 1945
KIA	Haggard, Doyle C.	5 January 1945
PH/C	Hart, Walter D.	18 November 1944, 27 March 1945
KIA	Heath, William N.	-----
**	Hellebrand, John G.	26 December 1944
	Hempel, Jacob	9 September 1944
***	Hendel, Henry	-----
***	Henne, Clifford J.	-----
	Herschkowitz, Alfred	25 September 1944
	Hill, Leo E.	9 November 1944
	Hoggatt, Eddie B.	21 September 1944
	Holcomb, Creed	20 September 1944
	Holton, Ellsworth E.	14 March 1945
*	Hummer, Paul W.	-----
**	Ianni, Ribelo L.	17 September 1944
	Jackson, Roy S.	6 February 1945
	James, Jesse	1 January 1945
	Jay, George L.	14 November 1944
	Jordon, Joseph K.	20 September 1944
	McGowen, Norman E.	29 September 1944
	Kaiser, Earnest	23 September 1944
KIA/PH/C	Kisner, James E.	18 November 1944, 26 December 1944
	Kopcsak, Peter J.	9 November 1944
	Kovitch, Anthony F.	26 December 1944
***	Krych, Tom	29 March 1945
	LaGraves, Levi C.	14 September 1944
	Levine, Harold	26 December 1944
	Lisanth, Bartholomew A.	4 February 1945
***	Lowery, Grover	-----
PH/C	Luttrell, Roy	21 September 1944, 22 December 1944
***	Marcelliano, Daniel	-----
	Mathis, Leonard L.	20 September 1944
	McMurray, Herman	21 December 1944
**/KIA	McPeek, Joseph H.	13 April 1945

Legend	Names	Archive Date Shown on Records Unless Otherwise Designated
***	Minikel, Edward	-----
***	Moore, Marvin	8 December 1944
	Morris, Robert J.	9 November 1944
	Motley, James M.	9 November 1944
	Myers, James R.	9 November 1944
	Newman, Howard L.	25 September 1944
***	Newman, Robert	22 December 1944
*	Nugent, Robert	-----
	Orlando, George J.	26 December 1944
*	Parnell, Joe E.	-----
	Peck, Levi S.	21 September 1944
	Perry, Paul	15 March 1945
	Phillips, Alvin K.	14 January 1945
***/KIA	Phillips, Freddie	5 December 1944
	Pilaroscia, Rocco J.	13 February 1945
	Poper, John	14 April 1945
	Potts, Bertrand O.	21 December 1944
KIA/***	Pratt, Phillip V.	14 January 1945
KIA	Qualls, Dudley R.	-----
	Relyea, Warren F.	15 September 1944
KIA	Roebuck, William K.	-----
	Ross, John C.	25 September 1944
*	Rowe, Philip N.	Vic Loneville, Fr.
KIA	Rummel, William A.	-----
KIA	Rykowski, John W.	-----
KIA	Scherier, Kenneth	-----
	Shiley, William R.	November 1944
	Simpson, Reuben	22 December 1944
	Shelton, Henry	-----
PH/C	Smith, Arthur A.	11 November 1944, _____
	Soto, John L.	16 January 1945
*	Spiker, W. C.	-----
	Stanberry, Marion P.	1 October 1944
KIA	Stevens, Earl F.	27 March 1945
PH/C	Stickelbault, Angel E.	20 September 1944, 9 November 1944
	Swartz, Gerald	September 1944
	Tannenbaum, Sol B.	29 January 1945
	Terpstra, John S.	23 December 1944
	Tietz, Wendell W.	20 September 1944
	Ulma, Raymond J.	26 December 1944
	Vickers, William C.	17 April 1945
	Watts, Robert K.	18 November 1944
KIA	Wheaton, Standard	26 December 1944
KIA	White, Claude	-----
	White, Dexter G.	12 September 1944
	White, Paul	22 December 1944
KIA	Williams, Kenneth L.	26 December 1944
	Wollman, Daniel	1 March 1945
***	Wolkamp, Charles	-----
***	Womack, Kenneth	5 January 1945

It is a speculation that had Companies B, C, and Recon. kept a daily record as did A Company, the Purple Heart award record would have exceeded the confirmed 129 listed above. The actual number may have approximated a conservative 145-150 range.