



*The 612<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion was activated as a light battalion at Camp Swift, Texas, on 25 June 1942, under the command of Lt. Col. W.A. Hedden. The Battalion was then assigned to Third Army, attached to VIII Corps, and in turn attached to the 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Later detached from VIII Corps and attached to Fifth Headquarters, Special Troops, Third Army. A cadre of two (2) officers and seventy-three (73) enlisted men was furnished by the 631<sup>st</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion. Three hundred and twenty-five (325) fillers were received from various replacement training centers during the period July to December 1942. In July 1942, the Battalion was designated as self-propelled. Eleven (11) officers were received from the 1<sup>st</sup> Student Training Regiment, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, during November 1942, and thirteen (13) officers from TD, OCS, on 9 November 1942.*

*On 4 December 1942, the Battalion was assigned to Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, and was on that date moved to Camp Bowie, Texas, and attached to basic unit training center, 9<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Group, where fillers were received as follows: 112 on 31 December 1942, from TD, RTC and 504 from induction centers on 6 January 1943. Basic training was completed at Camp Bowie, Texas. Major Jos. N. Deeley assumed command of the Battalion on 27 February 1943.*