

**The Tank Killers: Images, 1944 Part 2**



SC-194075: A tank destroyer gives doughboys a lift during the race through northern France. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-2188\_1: A TD crew consults with doughs in Chambois, France, in September 1944. The driver or assistant driver, who is wearing a tanker leather helmet, stands in the front of the turret. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-CB-18\_1: M10s fire at a target near St. Tropez shortly after the Operation Dragoon landings on 15 August 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-CB-18\_2: This M10 in southern France has sandbags and extra track on the glacis for greater protection against German bazookas. The radio antenna mounted next to the assistant driver's position in the front right is clearly visible. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-ADC-2920\_1: The German *Landser* to the rear holds a panzerfaust, a commonly encountered "bazooka" that could easily disable a tank destroyer. The man in the foreground holds the famous burp-gun. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-193393: 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion M10s carry doughboys of the 45th Infantry Division northward through southern France during the "Champaign Campaign," 18 August 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-2264\_2: An M20 utility armored car sporting a field expedient steel superstructure passes a column of French Resistance fighters in southern France in August 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-193961: One of the Panthers dispatched by the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion during the battle in Meximieux, France, on 1 September 1944. The panzer ran into a building after being hit. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)





SC-194418: Back in Brittany, an M18 crew gets ready in the streets of Brest in September 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



111-CB-22\_1: Possibly the same M18 crew is captured a short while later in this U.S. Army combat footage using the 76mm main gun to root out snipers. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-ADC-10449\_2: A sandbagged M10 crosses a temporary bridge somewhere in Holland in September 1944. German resistance was about to stiffen. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



ADC-10449\_3: Recon men consult with a member of the Dutch Resistance as they dismount from their M8 to secure a German-occupied building. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-194148: Tank destroyers cross a stream near Hammeras, Germany, in September 1944. Note the hedge cutters mounted on the final drive housing, and that a crewman must ride on the rear deck in order to use the machine gun against ground targets in the direction of main gun. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-194876: Black crewmen from the 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion fire their 3" gun in England before heading to the Continent, September 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-194846: The battle for the border begins. An M10 fires on enemy positions at Riesdorf, Germany, on 14 September 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



ADC-10451\_1: An M10 advances with 4th Armored Division riflemen through Lorraine in September 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)





242-MID-3425\_2: A Panther rolls toward Luneville during the counterattack against Patton's Third Army. The TDs manhandled these new panzer brigades. (National Archives, German newsreel)



SC-195380: M10 sunk in the mud in the Vosges region, 23 September 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-10453\_1: An M18 hits German positions in Italy during operations against falschirmjäger holding the Gothic Line on 17 September 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-ADC-10453\_2: The same action from the TD's perspective.  
(National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-359023: A 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion M10 passes the Leaning Tower of Pisa in September 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-195779: Surrounded by spent shell casings, an M10 from Company A, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, bombards the Germans near Sabiana, Italy, in early October 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)