

**The Tank Killers: Images, 1944 Part 3**



111-ADC-2447\_1: M10s from the 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion pick off German observation posts in the outskirts of Aachen, Germany, on 13 October 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-CB-26\_3: The 1st Infantry Division's assault penetrates deeper into the city. A tank destroyer blasts the defenders. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-195736: A Sherman and a tank destroyer work in tandem during street fighting in Aachen. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-2656\_2: A doughboy with a rifle grenade ready follows an M10 up a street in central Aachen. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-195873: The TDs engage in fierce fighting inside Aachen on 15 October. The image graphically illustrates the vulnerability of crews in open turrets to fire from upper stories during urban warfare. The wartime censor's pen has obscured the unit designator on the M10. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-195751: Some of the first M36 Jacksons issued in the ETO fire their 90mm guns during training in late October 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-195752: Loading a 90mm round in an M36. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-195760: Men from the 818th Tank Destroyer Battalion fuel up and perform maintenance on their M10s in late October 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)





SC-195863: An M10 from the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion takes up position on the edge of the Vosges Forest during fighting at St. Benoit on 31 October 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-197366: M10s from the 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion advance down one of the better roads in the Hürtgen Forest on their way to Schmidt on 4 November 1944. Few would come back. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC\_1: M10s negotiate one of the typical tracks through the Hürtgen Forest in November 1944. (Signal Corps photo)



111-HRB-30\_8: A tank destroyer roars free of the Hürtgen Forest. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-195548: A TD crosses the Moselle River on 8 November 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



111-HRB-30\_11: An M36 passes through a destroyed village during the drive toward the Roer River in late November 1944. The vehicle has an extra machine gun mounted on the turret front for use against ground targets, a field solution that was becoming popular in TD outfits. The anti-aircraft machine gun is covered. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-HRB-30\_6: Army combat footage shows an M10 firing around the corner of a building during First Army's advance toward the Roer River. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



111-HRB-30\_7: The TD pulls rapidly back behind the wall after firing, which suggests that the target possesses a high-velocity gun. This M10 has a one-inch armor upgrade kit for a late-production Sherman tank welded onto the glacis. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)





111-CB-28\_1: A British Achilles advances through the Netherlands in November 1944. The British had up-gunned some of their Lend-Lease M10s with the deadly 17-pounder main gun, which made them as effective as the M36 long before the Americans gained such firepower. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-196660: An M36 from the 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion in the streets of Metz in November 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



CB-35\_1: An 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion 3" gun crew fires on Siegfried Line fortifications near Dillingen, Germany, in December 1944. A spotter on a hill behind the gun is sensing the rounds and correcting the aim. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-198468: A panzer crewman surrenders near his burning Panther—just knocked out by the 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion in Krinkelt, Belgium—on 17 December 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



Hofen801stTD: The crewmen of an 801st Tank Destroyer Battalion 3" gun reposition their weapon in Hofen. The battalion lost seventeen guns in the first day of fighting. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



SC-198341: A Royal Tiger knocked out in Stavelot, Belgium. It appears to be the one nailed by the men of the 825th Tank Destroyer Battalion—who had been assigned to security duties—in their only combat action of the war. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)



111-ADC-2935\_1: American forces north of the Bulge go over to the defensive. An M10 supporting the 29th Infantry Division sits in a hull defilade position behind a wall circa 21 December 1944. (National Archives, Signal Corps film)



SC-279920: An M36 crewman from the 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion scans the countryside near Manhay, Belgium, on 27 December 1944. The pioneer platoon dug TDs in whenever possible. (National Archives, Signal Corps photo)