

Four Arkansas National Guard units saw service in World War II, and all were called to duty before the start of the war on December 7, 1941.

- The first unit called to active duty was the 154th Observation Squadron on September 16, 1940. They had completed their one-year training, but were recalled to active duty on December 7, 1941. After extensive stateside training, the squadron flew combat missions from several airfields in North Africa and later from Bari Airdrome east of Naples, Italy. The squadron earned a distinguished unit citation for its service in operations over the Ploesti oil refineries in August 1944 .
- The 153rd Infantry Regiment was ordered to active duty December 23, 1940. After stateside training the regiment was posted to Alaska and took part in the occupation of Adak Island and the assault on Kiska. The 153rd returned to Camp Shelby, MS March 21, 1944 and was deactivated on June 30th and its soldiers assigned as replacements.
- The 206th Coast Artillery Regiment (Anti-aircraft) was ordered to active duty January 6, 1941. After extensive training at Fort Bliss the 206th arrived at Dutch Harbor, Alaska August 16, 1941. In June 1942 the 206th participated in the defense of Dutch Harbor against two attacks by carrier based Japanese planes. The regiment returned to Fort Bliss in March of 1944, deactivated and personnel were reassigned.
- The 142nd Field Artillery Regiment was ordered to active duty January 6, 1941, moved to Fort Sill, OK. and later to Camp Bowie, TX. On February 25, 1943 the 142nd Field Artillery Regiment was disbanded. The headquarters was redesignated the 142nd Field Artillery Group, the 1st Battalion became the 936th and the 2nd became the 937th. These were independent battalions equipped with the 155mm howitzer.
 - ▪ The 142nd FA Group left Camp Bowie September 25, 1943 and arrived in England on November 3, 1943. It crossed Utah Beach June 14, 1944 and participated in the European offensive with up to five battalions attached.
 - ▪ The 936th left Camp Bowie August 9, 1943, arrived in Algiers September 2, 1943 and landed in Naples, Italy November 11, 1943. It participated in the drive across the Rapido River, the liberation of Rome and the assault on Mount Cassino. It fired 139,364 rounds in combat.
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River and the liberation of Rome. It then prepared for and participated in the amphibious landings in southern France August 15, 1944. The 937th fired over 200,000 combat rounds.

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