

HISTORY
OF THE
153RD INFANTRY
ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

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COLONEL 153RD INFANTRY
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COAT OF ARMS

On January 6, 1930, the following coat of arms for the 153rd Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, under the provisions of paragraph 3, AR 260-10, June 30, 1926, was approved by the Secretary of War.

Shield--Azure, a bend wavy between a fleur-de-lis and a giant cactus argent.

Crest--That for the regiments of the Arkansas National guard: On a wreath of the colors (argent and azure) above two sprays of apple blossoms proper a diamond argent charged with four mullets azure, one in upper point and three in lower, within four mullets azure, one in upper point and three in lower, within a border of the last bearing twenty-five mullets of the second.

Motto-- Let's Go.

Description--The 153rd Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, was organized in 1898 as the First Infantry, Arkansas State Guard. In 1907, the regiment was redesignated the First Infantry, Arkansas National Guard. The regiment remained in the service of the state until June 1917, when it was mustered into federal service for service on the Mexican Border. It served on the Mexican Border during the disturbances of 1916-17 and was mustered out in February, 1917.

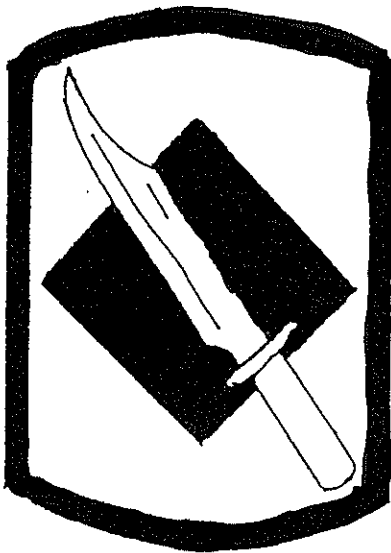
The regiment was again mustered into federal service for the World War and was redesignated the 153rd Infantry of

the 39th Division. The 153rd Infantry served overseas during the World War but was not engaged in combat. It was disbanded at Camp Beauregard, La., in January, 1919.

The First Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, which served during the World War as the 153rd Infantry, 39th Division, is now reconstituted in the National Guard of Arkansas as the 153rd Infantry.

Under the provisions of G.O. 16, W. D., 1921, as amended, the 153rd Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, is entitled to bear on its color a streamer denoting service in the World War with no inscription.

39th Infantry Brigade (Sep)

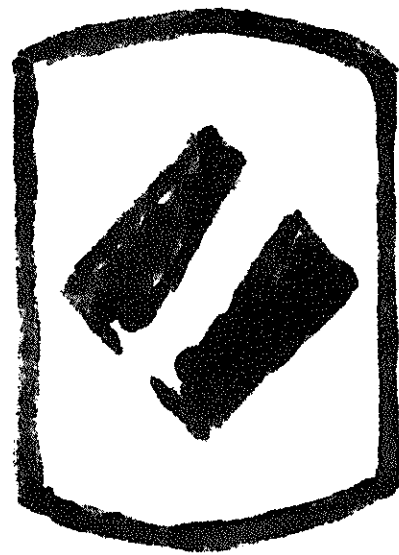


The Brigade patch is worn by all members of the 39th Brigade on the upper left sleeve. On it, the Bowie knife alludes "The Bowie State", a nickname used for Arkansas, home station of the Brigade. The Bowie knife, a weapon used for close fighting and implying hand-to-hand combat, is also indicative of the aggressive spirit of the Infantry. The lozenge or diamond refers to the unique aspect of the state as having the only diamond field in North America.

153rd Infantry



The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 153rd Infantry share the motto of "Let's Go" on their crest of blue and silver. The shield is blue for Infantry. The wavy band, representing the Arkansas River, refers to the geographic location of the regiment. The cactus symbolized service on the Mexican border and the fleur-de-lis, service in France during World War I. The Polar Bear represents the World War II Alaskan campaign.



OUTLINE OF HISTORY OF 153RD INFANTRY

ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

1. First Arkansas Infantry, State Guard, mobilized May 16, 1898, and assigned to First Brigade, Second Division, Third Army Corps. Mustered out October 25, 1898. Spanish-American War service.

Location of organizations composing the First Arkansas Infantry volunteers, 1898: Company A, Hot Springs; Company B, Pine Bluff; Company C, Fort Smith; Company D, Fort Smith; Company E, Hope; Company F, Springdale; Company G, Helena; Company H, Arkadelphia; Company I, Van Buren; Company K, Paris; Company L, Texarkana; Company M, Camden; Field and Staff, Band and Medical Detachment, Little Rock.

2. Re-organization of First Arkansas State Guard, Infantry, continued after muster out of Federal service as shown by State appropriation made to care for same. Act CXVII, April 13, 1899.

Roster of towns showing location of units as provided for in appropriation of the Legislature of April 13, 1899, not available. The old records seem to have lost pages 3 to 26 inclusive. Page 36, however, shows the organization in 1901 and 1902 as follows: Headquarters, Helena; Company A, Morrilton; Company B, Denning; Company C, Siloam Springs; Company D, Eureka; Company E, Beebe; Company F, Harrison; Company G, Newport; Company H, Walnut Ridge; Company I, Paragould; Company K, Jonesboro; Company L, Black Rock; Company M, Newark; these towns are no doubt the same as in reorganization of regiment in 1899.

3. First Infantry organization, re-organized in accordance with G.O. 222, W. D. 1907, per G.O. 30, A.G.O.,

Dec. 10, 1907, designated as First Regiment Arkansas National Guard, Infantry.

4. First Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, mobilized June 19, 1916, per G. O., A.G.O. No.10 for Mexican Border service. Mustered out in February, 1917.

5. First Infantry Arkansas National Guard mobilized March 31, 1917, for World War service and designated as 153rd Infantry, by order of War Department upon creation of 39th Infantry Division. Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. Records not available.

*** (pages 6 & 7 were missing) ***

Major W. C. Bradford, Assistant Adjutant General.

Major Eugene B. Jett, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Captain Henry F. Fredeman, Assistant Quartermaster.

Major W. H. Abington, Medical Corps.

3. Company commanders are charged with subsisting the enlisted men of the National Guard reporting at their respective home stations, and for this purpose they will be limited to an allowance of seventy-five cents per day for each enlisted man actually present for duty as shown by the morning report. Vouchers to cover subsistence will be rendered to Major Eugene B. Jett, U. S. Disbursing Officer, Little Rock, every four days. Upon receipt of same by the disbursing officer, check to cover will be forwarded. All vouchers must be made out in the name of persons furnishing the meal, and signed by him and properly certified by Company Commander. Enlisted men of battalion and regimental headquarters will be attached for rations to the company located at their home station. Where there are no companies at their home station, battalion and regimental commanders will provide for commutation of ration for the enlisted men of their headquarters, as do company commanders for the commutation of the ration for their companies.

4. All officers and enlisted men should be examined by a physician, preferably by an officer of the Medical Corps, prior to their leaving their company rendezvous with a view to determining the presence of any infectious diseases. As it is probable that it will be impossible to have this examination made by an officer of the Medical Corps, an effort should be made to obtain the services of some patriotic physician or physicians for this purpose. There are no funds available for this expenditure.

5. The drill and instruction of all organizations will be commenced at once, company commanders arranging the schedule of drills, so as to have at least five hours drill each day. The Articles of War will be read at the first assembling of organizations in pursuance of this order, and will be read to all men subsequently joining by enlistment or otherwise.

6. Commanding officers of organizations will cause them to be recruited to the minimum strength given below:

Company of Infantry: Three officers and 141 enlisted men. Before leaving the home station, every effort should be made to reject all members of the company who do not meet the physical standard of the army; a physical examination will be made at the mobilization camp when all falling below this standard will be rejected. Here again the services of patriotic physician will be of value to a company commander. As there are no funds available for this expenditure, the accomplishment of this will depend upon the enterprise of the company commander.

7. Company commanders are designated as the representatives of the Governor to act with the designated mustering officers of the United States to inventory and inspect all property belonging to United States taken by the

National Guard into the Federal Service. Preparatory to making this transfer every company commander will take before leaving his home station, or cause to be taken, an inventory by actual count, of all the property now in his possession, or with which he is charged. This inventory by actual count shall cover all the property issued to the company from whatever source. All property not be taken into the service of the United States will be promptly shipped to the State Arsenal and invoiced to and receipt for by Major E. B. Jett. All property to be taken into the service of the United States will, as soon as a regiment or other separate organization has been mustered into the service of the United States, be invoiced by the company commander, or commanding officer of each separate organization as follows:

(a) Clothing, camp and garrison equipage, subsistence and quartermaster supplies to the quartermaster.

(b) Property pertaining to the Medical Department to the senior Medical Officer.

(c) Property pertaining to the Corps of Engineers, Ordnance Department, and the Signal Corps to an accountable officer detailed by the regimental or their commander of a separate organization from his Staff.

Property pertaining to each department will be invoiced separately.

Receipts will be obtained in triplicate, one copy to be retained by the company commander, and two copies to be forwarded direct to the Adjutant General of the State. When the property is transferred in accordance with the foregoing authority, the company commander upon invoicing the same and obtaining the prescribed receipts therefor, and sending same to the Adjutant General, is relieved of further accountability for the property so transferred.

All other property belonging to the United States in the hands of other officers of the National Guard, will be in a similar way transferred to the proper U. S. Army officer. The duplicate receipts being sent to the Adjutant General.

8. Regimental and other commanders of separate organizations will forward direct to the Adjutant General of the State requisitions for clothing, equipment, and supplies necessary to care for their organization at the strength stated in paragraph 6.

9. Regimental commanders will detail the necessary number of officers to locate as many suitable animals as practicable and to obtain options to purchase same; options so obtained will be forwarded direct to the Adjutant General of the State.

10. As soon as an organization has been raised to the maximum practicable at its home station, and in no case until it shall have reached its prescribed peace minimum strength of sixty-five men, its property inventories completed, suitable arrangements made for caring for the armory and property to be left behind-in short, as soon as an organization is really ready to move to the mobilization camp, telegraphic notification to that effect will be furnished the Adjutant General, in order that appropriate orders may be issued from this office.

11. The oath of enlistment to be subscribed to by enlisted men is with the understanding that credit will be given in the extension of this contract for the period which he has already served under his current enlistment in the organized militia of this state.

12. Muster-in rolls will be prepared upon the blank forms supplied for that purpose and in accordance with models and detailed instructions accompanying the same.

Commanding officers will see that these rolls contain all information that might in any way effect pay, or which it might be necessary to consider in the settlement of claim for pensions. The muster in to the service of the United States therefor prescribed by the Secretary of War.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

Lloyd England,
The Adjutant General.

Official: W. C. Bradford
Major Asst. Adjt. General

STATE OF ARKANSAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL' S DEPARTMENT

Little Rock, Arkansas, January 3, 1920

General Orders

No. 1

1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter 325.4-E-Arkansas, Militia Bureau, War Department, December 17, 1919, the organization of a new unit to be designated "5th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, National Guard" is authorized.

2. Colonel Ebenezer L. Compere, Infantry, Arkansas National Guard Reserve, is hereby transferred to active duty in his present grade and arm and assigned command of the 5th Arkansas Infantry.

3. Major Heber L. McAlister, I.G.D., Arkansas National Guard, is hereby relieved as State Inspector, appointed Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, and assigned duty with the 5th Arkansas Infantry.

4. Major Phillip E. Sisney, Infantry, Arkansas National Guard Reserve, is hereby transferred to active duty in his present grade and arm, and assigned duty with the 5th Arkansas Infantry.

5. Walton M. Brooks, of Mississippi County, is hereby appointed a Major of Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, and assigned duty with the 5th Arkansas Infantry.

6. Thomas A. Jackson, of Pulaski County, is hereby appointed a Captain of Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, and assigned duty as Adjutant of the 5th Arkansas Infantry.

7. John G. Lewis, of Lee County, is hereby appointed a Captain of Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, and assigned duty as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 5th Arkansas Infantry.

8. The resignation of Lt. Col James R. Wayne, Medical Corps, Arkansas National Guard Reserve, is hereby accepted.

9. James R. Wayne, of Pulaski County, is hereby appointed Major, Medical Corps, Arkansas National Guard and assigned duty as Surgeon, 5th Arkansas Infantry.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

Joe S. Harris,

The Adjutant General

Official: Henry F. Fredeman,
Major, Asst. Adjt. General

STATE OF ARKANSAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Little Rock, Arkansas, October 25, 1921

General Orders

No. 63

1. In conformity with letter, Militia Bureau, War Department, dated October 21, 1921, the numerical designations of existing organizations of the National Guard of Arkansas are changed as follows:

Present designation: 5th Infantry Regiment.

New designation: 153rd Infantry (1st Arkansas).

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

Virgil A. Beeson,
The Adjutant General

Official: Henry F. Fredeman,
Major, Asst. Adjt. General

STATE OF ARKANSAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Little Rock, Arkansas, October 7, 1928

General Orders

No. 13

1. Under authority of Section 3A, National Defense Act, as amended; the First Infantry, Arkansas National Guard, which served during the World War as the 153rd Infantry of the 39th Division and which was disbanded in January, 1919, is hereby reconstituted and consolidated with the 153rd Infantry, Arkansas National Guard.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

Joe S. Harris,
Brigadier General,
The Adjutant General

Official: Chas. S. Garrett,
Lt. Col, C.A.C., Ark, N.G.,
Asst. Adjt. General

ROSTER

The following is a roster of the 153rd Infantry showing the date of federal recognition of the unit and its home station, together with a list of officers of each unit and date of federal recognition.

153RD INFANTRY ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD	
REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS (Conway)	Jun 25, 1921
Colonel:	
Heber L. McAlister	May 11, 1928
Lieutenant Colonel:	
Neil N. Snyder	Nov 28, 1925
Major:	
Ivy W. Crawford	Jul 13, 1931
Captains:	
Daniel B. Byrd	Jan 28, 1926
Frank H. Fredeman	Jun 21, 1921
Jesse H. Crossett	Jun 12, 1929
Patrick C. Harris	Sep 01, 1925
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (Russelville)	Jan 28, 1826
Captain:	
George K. Dodd	Nov 28, 1925
Second Lieutenant:	
Silas B. Helms	Oct 25, 1929
SERVICE COMPANY (Searcy)	Jul 02, 1924
Captain:	
Charles H. Andrews	Apr 19, 1925
Second Lieutenants:	
Elbert E. Eubanks	Jun 10, 1931
Joseph A. Jones	Nov 02, 1931
Louis T. Bell	Nov 20, 1931
BAND SECTION (North Little Rock)	Oct 25, 1927
Warrant Officer:	
Charles A. Bush	Oct 25, 1927
HOWITZER COMPANY (Mena)	Oct 25, 1921
Captain:	
Jesse E. Bishop	Apr 01, 1925
First Lieutenant:	
Harry E. Dean	Jul 19, 1926

Second Lieutenant: Edward W. Watkins	Jul 19, 1926
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT DETACHMENT (Hot Springs)	Apr 01, 1928
Major: Howell Brewer	Sep 15, 1922
Captains: Hugh C. Brooke	Jan 16, 1924
Hamilton J. Carrington	Aug 26, 1930
Oscar J. MacLaughlin	Aug 17, 1931
Clarence C. Roberts	Jan 01, 1924
HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION (Little Rock)	May 05, 1921
Major: Basil E. Newton	Nov 26, 1923
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FIRST BATTALION (Texarkana)	Jun 01, 1923
First Lieutenant: John W. Mayo	Jun 01, 1931
Second Lieutenant Burt L. Faison	Jun 01, 1931
COMPANY "A" (Hope)	Dec 30, 1920
Captain: John M. Duffie	Sep 02, 1930
First Lieutenant: Garnett W. Martin	Dec 14, 1930
Second Lieutenant: Milton C. Eason	Jun 24, 1931
COMPANY "B" (Magnolia)	Mar 29, 1921
Captain: Joe L. Davis	Dec 02, 1930
First Lieutenant: Ves W. Godley	Sep 03, 1928
Second Lieutenant: Henry B. Whitley	Feb 03, 1931
COMPANY "C" (Prescott)	Feb 21, 1921
Captain: James E. Barham	Nov 24, 1922
First Lieutenant: Ceral P. Munn	Aug 16, 1926
Second Lieutenant James C. Williams	Sep 12, 1932
COMPANY "D" (Magnolia)	Oct 24, 1928
Captain: Edgar L. Watson	Oct 24, 1928

First Lieutenant:	
William R. Kelley	Oct 04, 1928
Second Lieutenant:	
Truman O. Garringer	Oct 04, 1928
HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION (Conway)	Jun 25, 1921
Major:	
Girard S. McHenry	Nov 28, 1925
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY SECOND BATTALION (Conway)	Jan 27, 1926
First Lieutenant:	
William M. Harton	Apr 01, 1926
Second Lieutenant:	
Robert M. McHenry	Aug 23, 1929
COMPANY "E" (Clarksville)	Jun 05, 1925
Captain:	
Charles F. Brown	Feb 25, 1927
First Lieutenant:	
Clarence W. McLane	Sep 25, 1930
Second Lieutenant	
Robert M. Taylor	Oct 14, 1928
COMPANY "F" (Dardanelle)	Apr 28, 1923
Captain:	
Morris R. Moore	Apr 28, 1923
First Lieutenant:	
Theodore H. Cox	Apr 28, 1923
Second Lieutenant:	
Murrell L. Eikleberry	Jul 02, 1930
COMPANY "G" (Conway)	Apr 21, 1921
Captain:	
Arvor M. Ledbetter	May 16, 1921
First Lieutenant:	
Gail S. Robbins	Apr 22, 1933
COMPANY "H" (Forrest City)	May 25, 1921
Captain:	
John G. Dillon	Nov 01, 1928
First Lieutenant:	
Charles W. Hulen	Nov 01, 1928
Second Lieutenant:	
Dennis W. Horton	Nov 01, 1928
HEADQUARTERS THIRD BATTALION (Cotton Plant)	Jul 01, 1921
Major:	
James H. Rayburn	Sep 01, 1925

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY THIRD BATTALION (Beebe)	Jun 25, 1921
First Lieutenant:	
Mart M. Young	Jan 08, 1926
Second Lieutenant:	
Dave C. Abington	Oct 19, 1926
COMPANY "I" (Pine Bluff)	Jul 31, 1920
Captain:	
Randolph M. Roe	Jun 10, 1930
Second Lieutenant:	
Walter C. Tillman	Jun 22, 1931
Company "K" (Hoxie)	May 08, 1929
Captain:	
Boas E. Gibson	May 08, 1929
Second Lieutenant:	
Alfred L. King	May 08, 1929
Second Lieutenant:	
Julian Beakley	Jan 31, 1931
Company "L" (Batesville)	Oct 02, 1924
Captain:	
Lucien Abraham	Jun 02, 1928
First Lieutenant:	
Edward C. Linebarger	Jan 13, 1929
Second Lieutenant:	
George M. Evans	Jul 06, 1929
Company "M" (Blytheville)	May 08, 1921
Captain:	
Wendell M. Phillips	Jul 20, 1931
First Lieutenant:	
Arden B. Crowder	Jul 20, 1931
Second Lieutenant:	
Guy T. McHenry	Aug 01, 1931

ALLOTMENT OF OFFICERS AND MEN
TO THE 153RD INFANTRY, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

ORGANIZATION	OFFICERS	WARRANT OFFICER	ENLISTED MEN
Regimental Staff	7		
Headquarters Company	2		60
Service Company	4		67
Band Section		1	45
Howitzer Company	3		60
Medical Detachment	5		31
Headquarters, First Bn.	1		
Headquarters CO. 1st Bn.	2		19
Company "A"	3		60
Company "B"	3		67
Company "C"	3		60
Company "D"	3		67
Headquarters Second Bn.	1		
Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn.	2		19
Company "E"	3		67
Company "F"	3		60
Company "G"	3		60
Company "H"	3		66
Headquarters Third Bn.	1		
Headquarters Company, 3rd Bn	2		19
Company "I"	3		60
Company "K"	3		60
Company "L"	3		66
Company "M"	3		60
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TOTAL	66	1	1073