

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

153d INFANTRY (FIRST ARKANSAS)

Organized 1890-1894 in the Arkansas State Guard as the 1st Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Little Rock

Consolidated in part with the 2d, 3d, and 4th Regiments of Infantry, Arkansas State Guard, reorganized, redesignated, and mustered into Federal service 14-25 May 1898 at Little Rock as the 1st and 2d Arkansas Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 25 October 1898 and 25 February 1899 at Little Rock and Anniston, Alabama, respectively

Former 1st Regiment of Infantry reorganized in 1899 in the Arkansas State Guard with Headquarters at Helena

(Arkansas State Guard redesignated 31 March 1907 as the Arkansas National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 3-9 July 1916 at Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas; mustered out of Federal service 19-24 February 1917 at Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas

Mustered into Federal service 1 April 1917 at Camp Pike, Arkansas

Assigned 18 July 1917 to the 39th Division

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 27 September 1917 as the 153d Infantry

Demobilized 23 January 1919 at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana

Reorganized 1920-1921 in the Arkansas National Guard as the 5th Regiment of Infantry; Headquarters Federally recognized 25 June 1921 at Beebe

Redesignated 25 October 1921 as the 153d Infantry

(Location of Headquarters changed 16 June 1924 to Russellville; on 28 April 1928 to Conway)

Inducted into Federal service 23 December 1940 at home stations

Inactivated 30 June 1944 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Assigned 27 May 1946 to the 39th Infantry Division

Reorganized and Federally recognized 20 November 1946 with Headquarters at Little Rock

Ordered into active Federal service 24 September 1957 at home stations; released by elements 17 October 1957 to 23 May 1958 from active Federal service and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 June 1959 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System to consist of the 1st and 2d Battle Groups, elements of the 39th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 May 1963 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 39th Infantry Division

Consolidated 1 December 1967 with the 206th Armor (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit designated as the 153d Infantry to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 39th Infantry Brigade

Withdrawn 1 May 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

ANNEX

Constituted 27 May 1946 in the Arkansas National Guard as the 206th Tank Battalion

Organized and Federally recognized 6 February 1947 from new and existing units with Headquarters at El Dorado

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1949 as the 206th Heavy Tank Battalion and assigned to the 39th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1950 as the 206th Tank Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 24 September 1957 at home stations; released 23 October 1957 from active Federal service and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1959 as the 206th Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Medium Tank Battalion, an element of the 39th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 May 1963 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 39th Infantry Division

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Streamer without inscription

World War II

Aleutian Islands

Company B (Texarkana), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

World War II - EAME

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Company C (Mena), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

World War II - EAME

Naples-Foggia

Rome-Arno

Southern France (with arrowhead)

Rhineland

Central Europe

Korean War

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

Second Korean Winter

Korea, Summer-Fall 1952

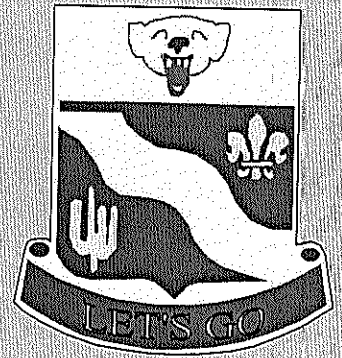
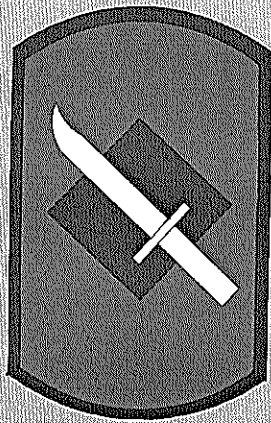
Third Korean Winter

Korea, Summer 1953

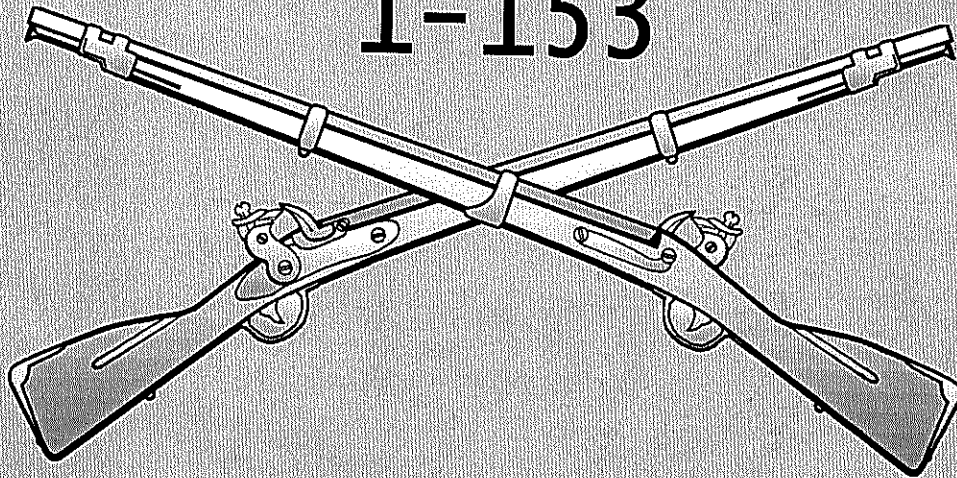
DECORATIONS

Company C (Mena), 1st Battalion, entitled to:

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-1952



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Arkansas Army National Guard

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 153RD INFANTRY

The forerunner of the 153rd Infantry, the 1st Regiment of Infantry, was first organized in 1889 and located at Little Rock as a part of the Arkansas State Guard. It was later consolidated with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Regiments of Infantry. Officially the 153rd Infantry was organized on May 16, 1898 when the mobilization of Arkansas Troops for the Spanish American War Service took place. Two regiments in 1898 were made up from selected companies from State Guard and mustered in as United States Volunteers. The First Arkansas Infantry, State Guard, was mobilized May 16, 1898, and assigned to First Brigade, Second Division, Third Army Corps. It was ordered first to Chickamauga Park, Georgia where they were stationed and then ordered to Puerto Rico. However, the order to Puerto Rico was countermanded due to cessation of hostilities. The men were then sent to Fort Logan H. Roots, Little Rock, Arkansas where they were mustered out on October 25, 1898, without having seen active federal service. The Arkansas State Guard was redesignated as the Arkansas National Guard in 1907.

The First Regiment of Infantry was called to federal service in 1916 for Mexican Border Service. The 1916 Mexican border mobilization was the first nation wide call up of the National Guard in U.S. History. They were again called in 1917 for assignment to the 39th Infantry Division, and were redesignated as the 153rd Infantry. The 153rd served overseas during World War I, but was not involved in combat. The unit was demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. The unit was reorganized in 1920-21 in the Arkansas National Guard. The 153rd Infantry Regiment served in World War II from December 23, 1940 to June 30, 1944. The 153rd was inducted into federal service at Conway, Arkansas and assigned to the 2nd Army and moved to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas in January 1941. They were transferred to Camp Forrest,

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Tennessee on May 28, 1941 and returned to Camp Joseph T. Robinson on July 1, 1941 and assigned to 4th Army. They then staged at Camp Murry, Washington. The 1st and 3rd Battalions departed September 1, 1941 for duty at Seward, Nome, Yakutat, and Annette, Alaska. Regimental Headquarters departed Seattle for Fort Glenn, Alaska on April 25, 1942. The 2nd Battalion arrived at Adak, Alaska in February of 1943 and Kiska on August 19, 1943. The Regiment departed Alaska in February 1944 for Price Rupert, Canada. They inactivated in June 1944 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In 1946, they were assigned to the 39th Infantry Division. The 153rd was again ordered to Federal Service in 1957 at home stations during the Little Rock school crisis and released from federal service in 1958.

