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73d INFANTRY

(inactive)

Constituted 16 February 1942 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2d Tank Group

Activated 1 March 1942 at Camp Bowie, Texas

Reorganized and redesignated 19 March 1944 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Armored Group

Disbanded 14 January 1945 at Montecatini, Italy; concurrently, reconstituted in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 473d Infantry, and activated at Montecatini, Italy, and remainder of regiment organized from the 435th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (see ANNEX 1), the 532d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (see ANNEX 2), and the 900th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (see ANNEX 3)

473d Infantry inactivated 14 September 1945 at Montecatini, Italy

Redesignated 21 June 1954 as the 73d Infantry

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ANNEX 1

435th Coast Artillery Battalion constituted 31 January 1942 in the Army of the United States

Activated 1 March 1942 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Reorganized and redesignated 12 December 1943 as the 435th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Disbanded 14 January 1945 at Montecatini, Italy; concurrently, reconstituted in the Army of the United States as the 1st Battalion, 473d Infantry, and activated at Montecatini, Italy

ANNEX 2

532d Coast Artillery Battalion constituted 6 July 1942 in the Army of the United States

Activated 15 July 1942 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Reorganized and redesignated 12 December 1943 as the 532d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Disbanded 14 January 1945 at Montecatini, Italy; concurrently, reconstituted in the Army of the United States as the 2d Battalion, 473d Infantry, and activated at Montecatini, Italy

ANNEX 3

2d Battalion, 505th Coast Artillery, constituted 13 April 1942 in the Army of the United States

Activated 1 June 1942 at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Reorganized and redesignated 24 March 1944 as the 900th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Disbanded 14 January 1945 at Montecatini, Italy; concurrently, reconstituted in the Army of the United States as the 3d Battalion, 473d Infantry, and activated at Montecatini, Italy

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
North Apennines
Po Valley

1st Battalion additionally entitled to:

World War II
Anzio (with arrowhead)

2d Battalion additionally entitled to:

World War II
Tunisia

DECORATIONS

French Croix de Guerre with Silver-gilt Star, Streamer embroidered ITALY
(Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Armored Group, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

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HEADQUARTERS
532d Sep CA Bn AW (AA) (M)
Fort Bliss, Texas

February 16, 1943

MOVEMENT ORDER:

NUMBER 2:

1. Paragraph 5, M.O. #1, February 5, 1943, this Headquarters, is rescinded and the following will apply:

Battalion Entraining Officer
Entraining Officer, Train 1
Entraining Officer, Train 2

Captain Fred L. Beard
Lt. Joseph F. Kuban
Lt. J.A. Zahl

TRAIN, NO. 1

Train Commander
Train Quartermaster
Kitchen QM (A) Battery
Kitchen QM (B) Battery
Train Provost Marshall

Captain Arthur G. Weisfield
Lt. W.R. Houston
Lt. J.E. Floyd
Lt. J.E. Moreland
Lt. S.L. Lind

TRAIN, NO. 2

Train Commander
Train Quartermaster
Kitchen QM (C) Battery
Kitchen QM (D) Battery
Train Provost Marshall

Captain Fred L. Beard
Lt. L.O. Paine
Lt. J.J. Luttrell
Lt. C.W. Wood
Lt. C.W. Johnson

The following named O and WO will be assigned to Train #1:

Capt. Arthur G. Weisfield, Hq.	2nd Lt. W.L. Monahan, Btry A
1st Lt. James F. Gunter, Hq.	2nd Lt. Byron R. Snider, Atry A
1st Lt. Joseph F. Kuban, Hq.	1st Lt. Robert V. Sharkey, Btry B, CO
1st Lt. Thomas R. Connor, HQ.	1st Lt. W.R. Houston, Btry B
1st Lt. John E. Heckert, Hq. Btry, CO	2nd Lt. D.R. Nordenskjold, Btry B
Capt. Chester R. Campbell, Med. Det.	2nd Lt. S.L. Lind, Btry B
W.O. George R. Banks	2nd Lt. J.E. Moreland, Btry B
1st Lt. J.A. Macnak, Btry A, CO	2nd Lt. C.L. Fox, Btry B
2nd Lt. John F. Floyd, Btry A	
2nd Lt. Allyn S. Hughes, Btry A	

The following named O and WO will be assigned to Train #2:

Capt. Fred L. Beard, Exec.	2nd Lt. David Streger, Btry C
1st Lt. H.B. Witten, Surgeon	2nd Lt. T. Henrikson, Btry C
1st Lt. H.G. Lieberman, Dentist	2nd Lt. J.J. Luttrell, Btry C
2nd Lt. T.A. O'Boyle, S-2	2nd Lt. C.W. Johnson, Btry C
1st Lt. A.J. Sanders, MMO	1st Lt. J.W. Maxfield, Btry C, CO
1st Lt. J.A. Stuart, Chaplain	1st Lt. J.S. Grady, Btry D
W.O. R.L. Boots	2nd Lt. C.F. Robertson, Btry D
1st Lt. W.D. Reyburn, Btry C, CO	2nd Lt. W.H. Searight, Btry D
1st Lt. L.O. Paine, Btry A	2nd Lt. C.W. Wood, Btry D
2nd Lt. J.A. Zahl, M.O.	2nd Lt. L.A. Miller, Btry D

ROSTER BY PLATOONS

HEADQUARTERS

BTRY. COMMANDER: CAPT. MAXFIELD		EX OFFICER: LT. GRADY		1st SGT. DONAHUE
CL TROMPETER	MS PASSMAN	LM RUSTAD	MS FOEHRKOLB	SUP DUNLAP
CL POTTER	MM BAZAR	SB ORTIZ	CK BROWN, R.J.	CF TIPTON
MO KRANZELR	MM BROWN, D.W.	SB AVERILL	CK ECKMAN	CF PETERSON
CF ADKINS	CS VANDERROSTYNE	CP SHIELER	CK BERENT	CF JUSWICK
CF ESTES	RM BOKER	PS PETTIT	CK LEWIS	CF SHADWICK
CF LOCK	RO REITE	EM WEST	CK WARREN	CF HAMILTON
CF BARLOW	RO PRINZE	GM SALGOT	CK ZUMWALT	CF RUSH
OR JONES, C.E.	LM KUNAR	CF ROZELLA	CK BOYKIN	CF HAISMAN
		CF JOHNSON		

FIRST PLATOON

PLATOON COMMANDER: LT. ZAHL		PLATOON EX. LT. ROBERTSON		PLATOON SGT. FERGUSON
<u>RANGE SECTION</u>				
D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4	HQ
CS BRESHEARS	CS STEARNS	CS KITCHEN	CS CHICHESTER	CF PENNAY
RS BLACKLER	RS COPELAND	RS STEHLE	RS DVORAK	SM YOUNG, D.C.
EL HALL	EL PISKOBORSKI	EL WELLMAN	EL SCHOON	TEL CATANESE
AZ YOUNG, L.	AZ LATTEA	AZ MATLACK	AZ BENEDICK	RO MCVEIGH
PP AUBUCHON	PP RAUSCH	PP LISK	PP FREDRICH	
TEL MURPHY	TEL THIEME	TEL TAYLOR	TEL WEISS	
MG HILL	MG KARY	MG JONES, D.T.	MG YOUNG, J.W.	
MG DAVENPORT	MG FALLS	MG BROOKER	MG MEYERS	

GUN SECTION

GUN PEDERSON	GUN BROWN, C.	GUN MEINZ	GUN DALY	
L&F FLETCHER	L&F FLOWERS	L&F ROTHLSBERGER	L&F FULKROD	
AZ MOESSEL	AZ CLAY	AZ CHEROCK	AZ WILCOCK	
EL JUSWICK	EL	EL GORMAN	EL DYSART	
AMM COLE	AMM SHADWICK	AMM OWLIG	AMM TRENT	
AMM MASON	AMM HOYT	AMM HAMILTON	AMM RUSH	
BS BAKER	BS ANDERSON, T	BS NOLAN	BS EDWARDS	
BS ZAGORSKI	BS MULENHOPP	BS BUCCHIERI	BS BOERCKEL	BS KOELOWSKI

SECOND PLATOON

PLATOON COMMANDER: LT. WOOD		PLATOON EX. LT. BISKUP		PLATOON SGT. KINZEY
<u>RANGE SECTION</u>				
D-5	D-6	D-7	D-8	
CS PRYBUSKI	CS SCHOETEN	CS ZIGLAR	CS BUNSE	CF AUER
RS RODDA	RS BRIESE	RS WHITTALL	RS TRACY	BS STALCUP
EL BESSEY	EL TUCCI	EL WELLS	EL MATTHEWS	RO GAUGER
AZ MAJOR	AZ YARBER	AZ CLUTTS	AZ WAMPOLE	TEL ILLIGASN
PP SHARAK	PP LEONE	PP MINER	PP ROCKADAY	LEA
TEL LEVRY	TEL CRISPELL	TEL HASSENBURG	TEL WYDO	
MG KNECHT	MG HANNA	MG FISHEL	MG BENENSKY	
MG ROBINSON	MG REMINGTON	MG COLLINS	MG ROSWELL	

GUN SECTION

GUN TALO	GUN HOAGLIN	GUN SWEARINGEN	GUN EKREN
L&F KAZY	L&F TILLMAN	L&F VOLLNER	L&F COOKE
AZ PUGE	AZ PARKER	AZ DOWLESS	AZ MOATS
EL MORGAN	EL MIHAL	EL WYDAWSKI	EL WOOLNEY
AMM DE LELLIS	AMM STROUD	AMM CARLSON	AMM NELSON
AMM HAISMAN	AMM PETERSON	AMM JOHNSON	AMM ROZELLA
BS DOWNES	BS PUTTS	BS ZEMAJDUK	BS FAUERBACH
BS WEBER	BS HARTNETT	BS MORENC	BS ANDERSON

NOTE: SEE BACK SIDE FOR JOB CODE

JOB CODE

BATTERY HEADQUARTERS

CL - Clerk
MO - Mail Orderly
CF - Driver
OR - Orderly
MS - Master Sgt.
MM - Master Mechanic
CS - Section Chief, Com.
RM - Radio Mechanic
RO - Radio Operator
LM - Lineman
SB - Switchboard Operator
CP -
PS - Capt.'s Orderly
EM - Director Mechanic
GM - Gun Mechanic
MS - Mess Sgt.
CK - Cook, Kitchen
SUP - Supply Sgt.

PLATOON

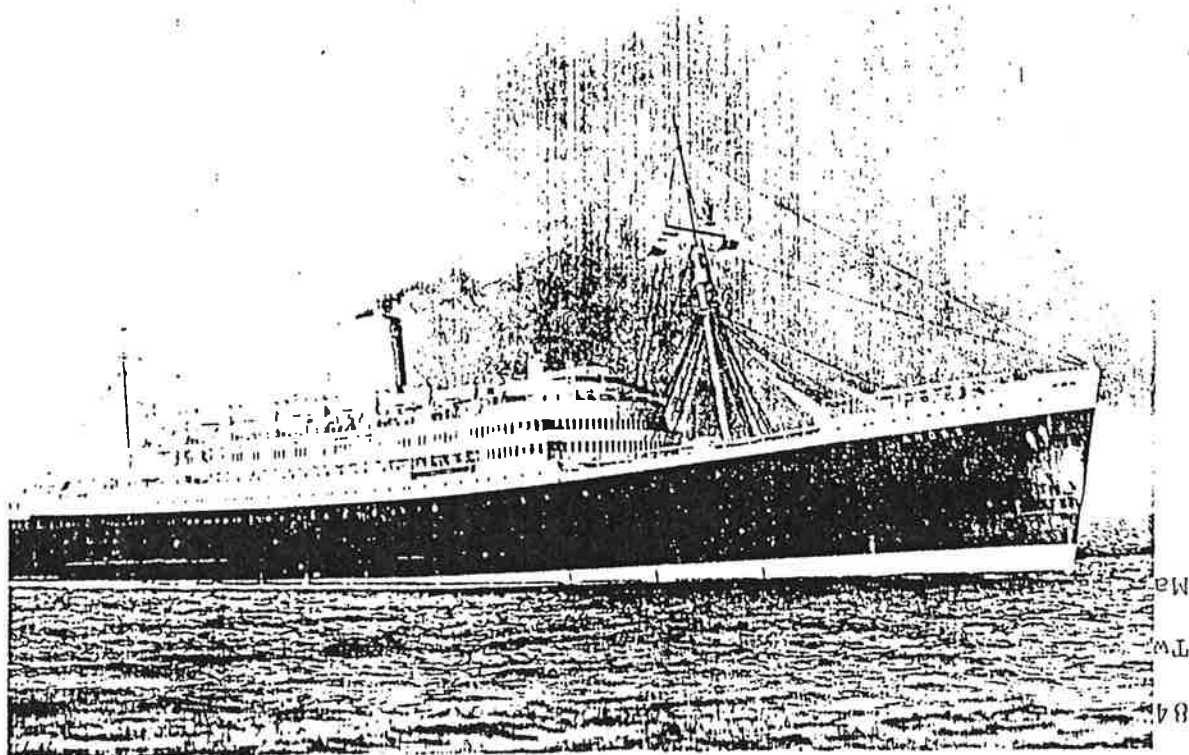
CS - Section Chief

RANGE SECTION (operate the director & 50 cal machine gun)

RS - Range Setter
EL - Elevation Tracker
AZ - Azimuth Tracker
PP - Power Plant Operator
TEL - Telephone Operator
MG - Machine Gunner

GUN SECTION (operate the 40mm AA gun)

GUN - Gunner
L&F - Load and Fire
EL - Elevation Tracker
AZ - Azimuth Tracker
AMM - Ammunition Handler
BS -



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VESSEL TYPE:	PASSENGER LINER
YARD NUMBER:	1005
KEEL LAID:	17 JUNE 1937
LAUNCHED:	7 MARCH 1939
DELIVERED:	24 SEPTEMBER 1939
GROSS TONNAGE:	25,688
OWNER:	ROYAL MAIL LINES
BUILDER:	HARLAND AND WOLFF LTD. Belfast

Other information that may be of interest:
She was known as a "TROOPER" or, His Majesty's Troop Ship.
She was made for and owned by the ROYAL MAIL LINES and was to be
a passenger and freighter between England and South America.
She was 25,700 tons in displacement
669 feet in length
84 feet in width
She was a twin screw turboprop capable of 21½ knots.
She was originally built for maximum of 500 passengers.
Passengers on our (533rd) passage across the Atlantic was,
more than 5,000, including everyone, crew and all.
She functioned long after the war and was finally sold to
Belgians 5th October 1971. I understand she is still afloat.

669 feet in length

The 532nd Sep. CA Bn. AW (AA) (M) was activated 1201 hours, 15 July 1942. Authorized strength was 39 officers and 800 enlisted men.

In September 1942 draftees arrived at Ft. Bliss for training. The arrivals were from everywhere. However, there were groups from upstate New York, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois and Colorado.

My first dress inspection on Saturday morning consisted of telling the new soldiers to button pockets and stand straight. One soldier had his head cocked to one side. I told him that the position of "attention" required the soldier to face the front and look straight ahead. Then I looked him in the face. He was looking straight ahead - he was cross-eyed. I didn't say another word the rest of the inspection.

We had a case of spinal meningitis. Col. Coyne quarantined the group who were exposed. I got drafted to live with them in a group of shacks with a high mesh wire fence around it. The Chaplain, 1st Lt. J.A. Stuart, was afraid of contact with us. He preached Sunday sermon on a box about 50 ft. from the fence line. About a year later he asked me who I didn't attend his Sunday services. I told him that I had, to which he replied that I was in a position where I couldn't leave. Actually, I couldn't stand his position that he was a man of god and, as such, his teachings should be regarded on the same level as the bible. Later we had a rule - attend church or go through the obstacle course - I was the officer who lead the group through the course.

Some of the draftees with high ARS scores were asked if they wanted to go to O.C.S. (Officer Candidate School). Sgts. Stearns and Ferguson declined. They later received battlefield promotions to 2nd Lt. Ferguson was in charge of a heavy machine section and was attached to me when I commanded Company G (Btry C). More about him later.

The Bn. arrived at Ft. Dix 21 Feb 43 and left Pier 42 on the English ship Andeas 4 Mar 43; and arrived at Casa Blanca 9 Mar 43. All of the Bn. equipment and guns were shipped via Liberty ship in convey. That particular ship was sunk in the atlantic by a german submarine.

Prior to leaving Pier 42 in New York, we were in Camp Dix, N.J. staging area. Here each Btry would requisition additional soldiers to bring the Btry up to strength. However, the soldiers we received were professional deserters. I think we were short about six. I would receive them one day and they would be gone the next. The last bunch I got I put under guard. We shipped with a full compliment of personnel.

Two days before departure, I got a phone call from Bn. Hdq. requesting an officer from Btry D for an advance detail to prepare the boat for our arrival. Naturally I submitted my name. All we actually did was put our bed rolls on the boat and then see New York city. I didn't get much sleep till we sailed.

You know how sea sick everyone got on the boat. The English fed us beans & pork. A decent sandwich cost \$1.00. They saved our rations and sold them in England. The next day at sea we counted the life rafts. I figured we had enough to save about 50% of those aboard. For defense against air attack, we got two 50 cal machine guns set up the second day and the 3" aft gun to work with standby crews.

The first order of business at sea was to clean up the ship and have roll call. 1st Sgt. Donahue couldn't locate one man - Weston. He was one of the replacements I got at Camp Dix. He searched for him for 4 days before finding Weston. Of those issued rifles in the Bn., there was only one soldier who lost his in route to Casa Blanca - namely Weston.

About 25 wrist watches were issued to us at Ft. Bliss. Only Capt. Maxfield and I wore one. He put the rest in the Btry safe for safe keeping. As you know, the germans sunk it.

We discovered, after the "Andeas" left N. Africa for a return trip to N.Y., that all of Btry D's personnel records had been left on board. What this means is that no one gets paid until a duplicate is provided - in about 2 years, if ever. Ten days later the "Andeas" docked again in Casa Blanca with another load of troops. Pvt. Potter and I went on board and guess what we found down in the hole? All the lost personnel records that had been left there.

Since we had no A.A. guns, we tried to keep busy with training and work details at the dock unloading and warehouse storage areas. I located some 3 ft. square boxes labeled "Recreational Equipment" containing a spring loaded phonograph, radio, base ball equip., etc. So - I took a detail of dress uniform soldiers & posted them inside the storage area and at the entrance gate to pose as guards. Then I took a work detail in fatigues and loaded another truck with the boxes - 4 I think. The removal from the depot looked official when the loaded truck was checked by our guards. Anyway, I didn't have the boxes thirty minutes until someone called from Hdq. and told me Col Coyne wanted a box in front of his tent in 15 minutes.

Col Coyne decided that our encampment should operate by bugle calls. Each Btry would furnish the bugler for one week in turn. Since we were fourth, it gave 1st Sgt Donahue time to train one. His first choice drank too much wine during training - away from camp, of coarse. The second soldier to try was Pvt. Averell. His bugle calls were never completed - but he tried. His lastbugle call of the day - taps at 11:00 P.M. - was so bad that the whole camp gave a loud raspberry response. The next day Col Coyne cancelled the bugle call system.