



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

3d BATTALION, 502d INFANTRY

Constituted 14 March 1941 in the Army of the United States as Company C, 502d Parachute Battalion

Activated 1 July 1941 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Consolidated 24 February 1942 with Company C, 502d Parachute Infantry (concurrently constituted in the Army of the United States), and consolidated unit designated as Company C, 502d Parachute Infantry

(502d Parachute Infantry assigned 15 August 1942 to the 101st Airborne Division)

Inactivated 30 November 1945 in France

Redesignated 18 June 1948 as Company C, 502d Airborne Infantry

Allotted 25 June 1948 to the Regular Army

Activated 6 July 1948 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 April 1949 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 25 August 1950 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 December 1953 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 15 May 1954 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Inactivated 25 April 1957 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and relieved from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division; concurrently redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Airborne Battle Group, 502d Infantry

3d BATTALION, 502d INFANTRY

Redesignated 5 June 1984 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 502d Infantry, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

- *Normandy (with arrowhead)
- *Rhineland (with arrowhead)
- *Ardennes-Alsace
- *Central Europe

Southwest Asia

- *Defense of Saudi Arabia
- *Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

DECORATIONS

- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE
- *Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1985
- *French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- *Netherlands Orange Lanyard
- *Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm, Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE; cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at BASTOGNE
- *Belgian Fourragere 1940
- *Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in FRANCE AND BELGIUM

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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