



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**3d BATTALION, 15th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(THE OLD CHINA HANDS)**

Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as Company C, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry

Organized 17 October 1861 at Newport Barracks, Kentucky

Reorganized and redesignated 21 September 1866 as Company C, 15th Infantry

Consolidated 12 August 1869 with Company C, 35th Infantry (see ANNEX 1), and consolidated unit designated as Company C, 15th Infantry

(15th Infantry assigned 17 July 1922 to the Philippine Division)

Inactivated 1 April 1929 in the Philippines

(1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, relieved 26 June 1931 from assignment to the Philippine Division; assigned 12 January 1940 to the 3d Division [later redesignated as the 3d Infantry Division])

Activated 23 May 1940 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Inactivated 1 July 1957 at Fort Benning, Georgia, and relieved from assignment to the 3d Infantry Division; concurrently redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battle Group, 15th Infantry

Withdrawn 31 March 1959 from the Regular Army, allotted to the Army Reserve, and assigned to the 63d Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently constituted)

## **3d BATTALION, 15th INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE OLD CHINA HANDS)**

Battle Group activated 1 May 1959 with Headquarters at Santa Ana, California (Headquarters and Headquarters Company concurrently consolidated with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 254th Infantry [see ANNEX 2], and consolidated unit designated a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battle Group, 15th Infantry)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as the 3d Battalion, 15th Infantry

Inactivated 31 December 1965 at Santa Ana, California, and relieved from assignment to the 63d Infantry Division

Withdrawn 16 June 1989 from the Army Reserve and allotted to the Regular Army; concurrently assigned to the 24th Infantry Division and activated at Fort Stewart, Georgia

Relieved 16 February 1996 from assignment to the 24th Infantry Division and assigned to the 3d Infantry Division; relieved 16 March 2004 from assignment to the 3d Infantry Division and assigned to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 3d Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment

Inactivated 16 July 2006 at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and relieved from assignment to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division

Assigned 16 March 2009 to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Stewart, Georgia

Relieved 16 June 2015 from assignment to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division and assigned to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division

### **ANNEX 1**

Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as Company C, 3d Battalion, 17th Infantry

Organized 29 October 1865 at Hart Island, New York

Reorganized and redesignated 21 September 1866 as Company C, 35th Infantry

Consolidated 12 August 1869 with Company C, 15th Infantry, and consolidated unit designated as Company C, 15th Infantry

## **3d BATTALION, 15th INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE OLD CHINA HANDS)**

### **ANNEX 2**

Constituted 18 January 1943 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 254th Infantry, an element of the 63d Infantry Division

Activated 15 June 1943 at Camp Blanding, Florida

Inactivated 29 September 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Allotted 22 February 1952 to the Organized Reserve Corps

Activated 1 March 1952 at Santa Ana, California

(Organized Reserve Corps redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve)

Consolidated 1 May 1959 with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battle Group, 15th Infantry, and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battle Group, 15th Infantry

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### Civil War

- \*Shiloh
- \*Murfreesborough
- \*Chickamauga
- \*Chattanooga
- \*Atlanta
- \*Alabama 1862
- \*Kentucky 1862
- \*Mississippi 1862
- \*Tennessee 1862
- \*Tennessee 1863
- \*Georgia 1864

#### Indian Wars

- Utes
- \*New Mexico 1880

#### China Relief Expedition

- \*Streamer without inscription

#### Philippine Insurrection

- Luzon 1900
- Luzon 1901

#### World War II

- \*Algeria-French Morocco  
(with arrowhead)
- \*Tunisia
- \*Sicily (with arrowhead)
- \*Naples-Foggia
- \*Anzio (with arrowhead)
- \*Rome-Arno
- \*Southern France (with arrowhead)
- \*Rhineland
- \*Ardennes-Alsace
- \*Central Europe

## **3d BATTALION, 15th INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE OLD CHINA HANDS)**

### Korean War

- \*CCF Intervention
- \*First UN Counteroffensive
- \*CCF Spring Offensive
- \*UN Summer-Fall Offensive
- \*Second Korean Winter
- \*Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
- \*Third Korean Winter
- \*Korea, Summer 1953

### Southwest Asia

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

### War on Terrorism

#### Iraq:

- \*Iraqi Sovereignty
- \*New Dawn

(Additional campaigns  
to be determined)

Company A additionally entitled to:

### Armed Forces Expeditions Somalia

## **DECORATIONS**

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SAN FRATELLO

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MONTELIMAR

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered COLMAR

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered JEBSHEIM, FRANCE

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered KOWANG-NI

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered HWACHON RESERVOIR

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005-2006

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2010-2011

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN

### **3d BATTALION, 15th INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE OLD CHINA HANDS)**

- \*Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered PANMUNJOM
- \*French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered COLMAR
- \*French Croix de Guerre, World War II, Fourragere
- \*Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered UIJONGBU  
CORRIDOR
- \*Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered IRON TRIANGLE
- \*Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-  
1952
- \*Chryssoun Aristion Andrias (Bravery Gold Medal of Greece), Streamer embroidered  
KOREA

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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