



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**3d BATTALION, 505th INFANTRY  
(PANTHERS)**

Constituted 24 June 1942 in the Army of the United States as Company C, 505th Parachute Infantry

Activated 6 July 1942 at Fort Benning, Georgia

(505th Parachute Infantry assigned 10 February 1943 to the 82d Airborne Division)

Reorganized and redesignated 15 December 1947 as Company C, 505th Airborne Infantry

Allotted 15 November 1948 to the Regular Army

Inactivated 1 September 1957 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and relieved from assignment to the 82d Airborne Division; concurrently redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry

Redesignated 3 July 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 505th Infantry (organic elements concurrently constituted)

Assigned 15 July 1968 to the 82d Airborne Division and activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Inactivated 15 December 1969 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and relieved from assignment to the 82d Airborne Division

Assigned 3 October 1986 to the 82d Airborne Division and activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

### World War II

- \* Sicily (with arrowhead)
- \* Naples-Foggia
- \* Normandy (with arrowhead)
- \* Rhineland (with arrowhead)
- \* Ardennes-Alsace
- \* Central Europe

### Southwest Asia

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

Company A additionally entitled to:

### Armed Forces Expeditions

Panama (with arrowhead)

## DECORATIONS

- \* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered STE. MERE EGLISE  
Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NIJMEGEN
- \* Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA
- \* French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered STE. MERE  
EGLISE
- \* French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered COTENTIN
- \* French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Fourragere
- \* Military Order of William (Degree of the Knight of the Fourth Class), Streamer  
embroidered NIJMEGEN 1944
- \* Netherlands Orange Lanyard

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\* Belgian Fourragere 1940

\* Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the  
ARDENNES

\* Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in BELGIUM  
AND GERMANY

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. Mountcastle".

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