



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
*Lineage and Honors*

**HEADQUARTERS  
3d BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION  
(THE GOLDEN BRIGADE)**

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as Headquarters, 156th Infantry Brigade, and assigned to the 78th Division

Organized 25 August 1917 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Demobilized 3 June 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 156th Infantry Brigade, and assigned to the 78th Division

Organized in November 1921 at Newark, New Jersey

Redesignated 23 March 1925 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 156th Brigade

Redesignated 24 August 1936 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 156th Infantry Brigade

Converted and redesignated 20 February 1942 as the 3d Platoon, 78th Reconnaissance Troop, 78th Division (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry Brigade, concurrently converted and redesignated as the 78th Reconnaissance Troop [less 3d Platoon], 78th Division)

Troop ordered into active military service 15 August 1942 and reorganized at Camp Butner, North Carolina, as the 78th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, an element of the 78th Infantry Division

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Reorganized and redesignated 9 August 1943 as the 78th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized

Reorganized and redesignated 7 August 1945 as the 78th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Inactivated 22 May 1946 in Germany

Activated 21 February 1947 at Plainfield, New Jersey

Location changed 20 June 1947 to Newark, New Jersey

(Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve)

Reorganized and redesignated 21 February 1949 as the 78th Reconnaissance Company

Location changed 5 June 1951 to Irvington, New Jersey

Inactivated 29 April 1953 at Irvington, New Jersey

Disbanded 1 May 1959

3d Platoon, 78th Reconnaissance Company, reconstituted 22 October 1963 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 156th Infantry Brigade (remainder of company -- hereafter separate lineage)

Redesignated 6 March 1964 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division

Activated 25 May 1964 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Headquarters, 3d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, reorganized and redesignated 16 January 2006 as Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division (Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division -- hereafter separate lineage)

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**CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

**World War I**

St. Mihiel  
Meuse-Argonne  
Lorraine 1918

**World War II**

Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

**Vietnam**

Tet Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase IV  
Counteroffensive, Phase V  
Counteroffensive, Phase VI  
Tet 69/Counteroffensive  
Summer-Fall 1969  
Winter-Spring 1970

**Armed Forces Expeditions**

Dominican Republic  
Grenada

**Southwest Asia**

Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait  
Cease-Fire

**War on Terrorism**

Campaigns to be determined

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**DECORATIONS**

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003-2004

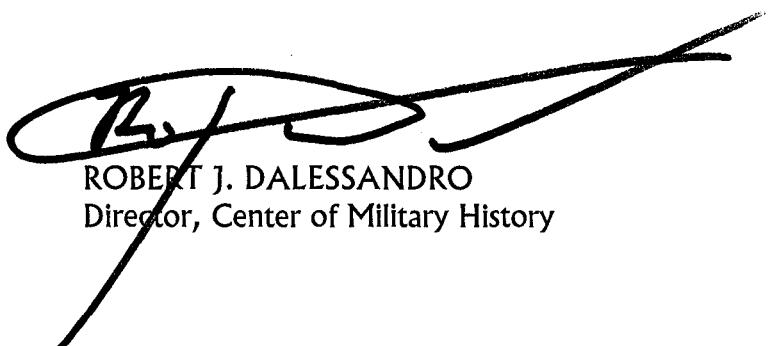
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA  
1990-1991

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2006-2007

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1968-1969

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered  
VIETNAM 1968

**BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**



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