

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF LINEAGE AND BATTLE HONORS		STATUS
DESIGNATION	453d ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION	Active
LINEAGE		COMPONENT
		AR (83d Inf Div)
<p>Constituted 9 May 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 453d Coast Artillery Battalion (Separate)(Antiaircraft)(Automatic Weapons)(Semimobile).</p> <p>Activated 1 August 1942 at Fort Bliss, Texas</p> <p>Redesignated 453d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion 5 June 1943</p> <p>Inactivated 26 January 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey</p> <p>Allotted to the Organized Reserves and assigned to the Second Army</p> <p>Activated 22 September 1948 with Headquarters at Fort Myer, Virginia</p> <p>Inactivated 14 September 1950 at Fort Myer, Virginia</p> <p>(Organized Reserve Corps redesignated Army Reserve in 1952)</p> <p>Allotted to the Army Reserve and assigned as an organic element of the 83d Infantry Division</p> <p>Activated 20 May 1952 with Headquarters at Columbus, Ohio</p> <p>Redesignated 453d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (Automatic Weapons)(Self-Propelled) 27 December 1952</p> <p>Headquarters moved to Mansfield, Ohio 23 February 1955</p> <p>HOME AREA: Ohio with Headquarters at Mansfield, Ohio</p> <p>CAMPAIGN STREAMERS: <u>World War II</u> Normandy Northern France Rhineland Ardennes-Alsace Central Europe</p> <p>DECORATIONS: None</p> <p>ECP/1b/17 May 55</p>		
<p>AUTHORITIES FOR ALL STATEMENTS OF FACT ARE CITED IN THE ORIGINAL NOTES ON FILE IN THE OFFICE, CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY.</p>		

453d Sep CA Bn

453D AAA AWpns Bn

453D CA Bn (SEP)(AW)(AA)

(formerly)

Activated: 1 Aug 1942 at Ft Bliss, Texas.

Inactivated: 26 Jan 1946 at Cp Kilmer, N.J.

Redesignated: 453d CA Bn (Sep)(AW)(AA) redesignated 453d AAA AWpns Bn, 5 June 1943.

BATTLE CREDITS: Normandy; Northern France; Ardennes-Alsace; Rhineland; Central Europe

STATIONS

Departed NY POB	2-11-44	to	2-11-44
England	2-23-44		6-17-44
France	6-18-44		9-23-44
Luxembourg	9-24-44		12-4-44
Germany	12-4-44		12-26-44
Belgium	12-27-44		2-16-45
Germany	2-16-45		7-20-45
France	7-20-45		1-15-46
NY POB	1-25-46		1-25-46
Cp Kilmer, N.J.	1-25-46		1-26-46 (Inactivated)

COMBAT HIGHLIGHTS

Crossed on Dominion Monarch

23 Feb 44

Stationed in England.

17 Jun 44

*X BATTERY FORMED AND TEMP ATTACHED TO LAND AT
UTAH BEACH 12 JUNE SUPPORT FOR 4TH DIVISION*

18 Jun 44

Normandy campaign. Unit landed at Utah Beach 18 June. Mission was AA protection of VII Corps Artillery. Bn remained in positions around Valognes until fall of Cherbourg, then moved south of St. Mere Eglise. Most action against enemy aircraft was during week of 18-24 June. On 2 July, mission changed to protection of 83d Div Arty. Enemy artillery fire increased. Elements of Bn participated in Infantry-Antiaircraft combined operations in the Periers sector. *(Requiring of XBTY)*

31 Jul 44

Aug 44

Bn moved with 83d Div from vic Feuges to la Gousiniere. Unit assisted in capture of St. Malo and Dinard.

Sep 44

Remained attached to 83d Inf Div and moved with it from Dinard area via Chateaubriant, Vendome, and the Foret de Montargis to Luxembourg, with Headquarters located near Betzdorf at end of month.

Oct 44

With 83d Inf Div, Bn continued to protect field artillery positions and also provided AA protection to Radio Luxembourg at Junglinster.

Nov 44

Quiet period with no change in mission.

Dec 44

During 1-6 Dec, Bn moved north to Gressenich, between Aachen and Duren, Germany. Enemy air activity increased. Very heavy enemy

453d Sep OA Bn (Cont'd)

air raids occurred over Duren sector on 18 Dec, when 131 aircraft were engaged by the Battalion. Twenty-eight enemy planes were destroyed and an additional nine probably destroyed. On 26 Dec, Bn moved with 83d Div Artillery from positions in Huertgen Forest to assembly area in Bois Bassin, Belgium, and at month's end it was deployed south of Barvaux.

- Jan 45 Quiet month spent in Belgium. Bn moved into concentration area on 22 Jan and spent rest of month in rehabilitation and training.
- Feb 45 Several enemy bombing and strafing raids occurred during latter half of month. Eight enemy planes believed destroyed.
- Mar 45 All batteries now stationed in Germany. Numerous enemy planes engaged and total of 8 destroyed. On 22 March, Bn was relieved of tactical mission and moved to Birgden, Germany, for period of training.
- Apr 45 Bn accompanied 83d Inf Div in drive from the Rhine to the Elbe River. Only scattered raids by enemy aircraft in early part of month. During 14-20 April, enemy planes made frequent attacks on the Elbe River bridge and the bridgehead area. Five men were killed and 21 other casualties sustained.
- May 45 Little or no activity. Bn was relieved of its combat mission on 6 May and moved from Calbe to Kongslutter, Germany. On 8 May it moved into Kreis Blankenburg, where it was assigned a military government mission.
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