OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF LINEAGE AND BATTLE HONORS

**DESIGNATION**

453d ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION

**STATUS**

Active

**COMPONENT**

AR (83d Inf Div)

**LINEAGE**

Constituted 9 May 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 453d Coast Artillery Battalion (Separate)(Antiaircraft)(Automatic Weapons)(Semimobile).

Activated 1 August 1942 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Redesignated 453d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion 5 June 1943

Inactivated 26 January 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Allotted to the Organized Reserves and assigned to the Second Army

Activated 22 September 1948 with Headquarters at Fort Myer, Virginia

Inactivated 14 September 1950 at Fort Myer, Virginia

(Organized Reserve Corps redesignated Army Reserve in 1952)

Allotted to the Army Reserve and assigned as an organic element of the 83d Infantry Division

Activated 20 May 1952 with Headquarters at Columbus, Ohio

Redesignated 453d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (Automatic Weapons)(Self-Propelled) 27 December 1952

Headquarters moved to Mansfield, Ohio 23 February 1955

**HOME AREA:**

Ohio with Headquarters at Mansfield, Ohio

**CAMPAIGN STREAMERS:**

World War II

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

**DECORATIONS:**

None

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453d Sep CA Bn

453d AAA AWpns BN
453d CA BN (SEP)(AW)(AA) (former)

Activated: 1 Aug 1942 at Ft Bliss, Texas.
Inactivated: 26 Jan 1946 at Cp Kilmer, N.J.

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

STATIONS

Departed NY FOB

England

2-11-44 to 2-11-44

2-23-44 to 6-17-44

6-18-44 to 9-23-44

France

Luxembourg

Germany

Belgium

Germany

France

NY FOB

Cp Kilmer, N.J.

2-12-44

6-17-44

9-23-44

12-4-44

12-26-44

12-24-44

12-26-44

12-4-44

12-26-44

12-16-45

12-27-44

12-26-44

12-16-45

2-16-45

7-20-45

1-25-46

1-25-46

1-26-46 (Inactivated)

COMBAT HIGHLIGHTS

Crossed on Dominion Monarch

23 Feb 44

Stationed in England.

17 Jun 44

A Battery formed and temp attached to Landry. June Support for 4th Division.

18 Jun 44

Normandy campaign. Unit landed at Utah Beach 18 June. Mission was

31 Jul 44

AA protection of VII Corps Artillery. Bn remained in positions

Aug 44

around Valognes until fall of Cherbourg, then moved south of St.

Sep 44

Mere-Eglise. Most action against enemy aircraft was during week of

Oct 44

16-24 June. On 2 July, mission changed to protection of 83d Div

Nov 44

Arty. Enemy artillery fire increased. Elements of Bn participated

Dec 44

in Infantry-Antiaircraft combined operations in the Periers sector.

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Bn moved w/ 83d Div from vio Peugeres to la Cousiniere. Unit

Remained attached to 83d Inf Div and w/ it from Dinard area
via Chateaubriant, Vendome, and the Forêt de Montaigris to Luxembourg,
with Headquarters located near Betsdorf at end of month.

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

Quiet period with no change in mission.

During 1-6 Dec, Bn moved north to Grussenich, between Aschen and
Duren, Germany. Enemy air activity increased. Very heavy enemy
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, En moved with 63d Div Artillery from positions in Viertgen 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. En 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 6 destroyed. On 22 March, En was relieved of tactical mission and moved to Kirgden, Germany, for period of training.

Apr 45 En accompanied 63d 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. En was relieved of its combat mission on 6 May and moved from Calbe to Königslutter, Germany. On 8 May it moved into Kreis Blankenburg, where it was assigned a military government mission.