

HISTORY OF III CORPS ("Phantom Warriors")

III Corps' colorful history dates from 1918 when the Corps served in World War I, winning battle streamers for the Aisne-Marne, Lorraine, and the Meuse-Argonne campaigns.

Inactivated in 1919, the Corps was reactivated in 1940 to train combat divisions. During World War II the Corps was deployed to The European Theater of Operations and earned the name "Phantom Corps" by hitting the enemy when and least expected. It won campaign streamers in Northern and Central Europe, and established the Remagen Bridgehead, enabling the Allies to secure a foothold in Germany.

Inactivated in 1946, III Corps was reactivated in 1951 and served on active duty until 1959. Inactivated that year, it quickly returned to duty at Fort Hood during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. In 1962 III Corps was designated as part of the U.S. Army Strategic Army Corps.

During the Vietnam conflict, III Corps trained and deployed two Field Force Headquarters and many combat and combat service support units totaling more than 100,000 personnel.

In recent years, III Corps forces have fought in and supported operations worldwide, to include Grenada, Panama, Honduras, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq, and provided humanitarian support for Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. III Corps elements provided support for Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

For many years, the primary focus of III Corps was the reinforcement of NATO. As the world and the U.S. Army have changed the Corps has also changed, and broadened its focus to be ready to deploy anywhere, anytime and win. III Corps major units comprise the 1st Cavalry Division and 4th Infantry Division; as well as the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the IIIrd Armored Corps Artillery; and the 13th Corps Support Command.

HISTORY OF 4 ID ("The Ivy Division")

The 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) has a long and distinguished history. It has seen combat in three wars, 16 of its soldiers have been awarded the Medal of Honor, and 21 campaign streamers adorn its colors. The Division was formed in December of 1917 and four months later embarked for Europe and combat in WWI.

By the end of the war, the 4th Infantry Division had suffered 11,500 soldiers killed and wounded and was the only division to serve in both the French and English sectors of the Western Front.

The 4th Infantry Division again distinguished itself during combat in WWII: On June 6, 1944 (D-Day), the 4th Infantry Division was the first allied unit to assault German forces on the Normandy beaches. Landing on Utah Beach, the 4th pushed forward for 26 days at the cost of 5,000 killed in action. The 4th was the first American unit to participate in the liberation of Paris. The 4th fought the bloody battle of the Hurtgen Forest, held it's ground during the Battle of the Bulge, and continued the attack onto German soil.

After WWII the 4th moved several times to better serve the Army, ending up in Western Europe as part of the United States forces in NATO. There, the Division stood as a bastion against the massing communist forces threatening Europe. The Division supplied many replacement soldiers to other units during the Korean War.

The Division next saw combat during the Vietnam War. In 1966, the Division embarked to Vietnam where its brigades were deployed to different locations and they fought like this until returning to America in 1970. With the First Brigade near the South China Sea, Second Brigade in the Central Highlands, and the Third Brigade in the Mekong Delta, the 4th took part in 11 major campaigns. Twelve 4th Infantry Division soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. The 4th had the largest area of operations in Vietnam and fought both the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army. The Division returned from Vietnam and moved to Ft. Carson, Colorado where it was reorganized as a mechanized unit, and remained there for the next 25 years.

In December 1995, the 4th moved to Ft. Hood, Texas and became the Army's Experimental Force. As the Army transforms into Force XXI, the 4th will lead the way into the 21st Century by developing and implementing new tactics, techniques and procedures for operations. This will be done utilizing the latest "information age" equipment and technology.

The 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) has three active duty maneuver Brigades along with its Aviation and Engineer Brigades, Division Artillery (DIVARTY), Division Support Command (DISCOM), and three separate Battalions. The Division's 1st and 2nd Brigades are at Ft. Hood while the 3rd Brigade remained at Ft. Carson, Colorado.

HISTORY OF 4th Forward Support Battalion ("Packhorse Support")
Strength Thru Support

Lineage and Heraldry

First Constituted 19 November 1917 as the 4th Support Trains, 4th Division
(Later 4th I.D.)

Organized 31 December 1917 at Camp Green, North Carolina

Reorganized 15 April 1921 as the 4th Division Transportation, Quartermaster
Corps

First Inactivated 21 September 1921 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Redesignated 23 March 1925 as the 4th Division Quartermaster Train

Redesignated 1 May 1936 as the 4th Quartermaster Regiment

Redesignated 16 October 1939 as the 4th Quartermaster Battalion

Activated 1 June 1940 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Reorganized and redesignated 19 September 1942 as the 4th Motorized
Quartermaster Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1943 (less the Quartermaster Gasoline
Support Corps) as the 4th Quartermaster Company

4th Quartermaster Company was inactivated 2 March 1946 at Camp Butner, North
Carolina

Activated 6 July 1948 at Fort Ord, California

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters
Company, 4th Supply and Transport Battalion (organic elements constituted 21
August 1963 in the Regular Army and activated 1 October 1963 at Fort Lewis
Washington.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion
inactivated 15 April 1985 at Fort Carson, Colorado

Redesignated 1 May 1987 as the 4th Support Battalion and activated at Fort
Carson, Colorado

**CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDITS
(4th Forward Support Battalion)**

World War I

Aisne-Marne
St Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne Champaign 1918
Lorraine 1918

World War II

Normandy (with arrowhead)
Northern France
Rineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Vietnam

Counteroffensive Phase II
Counteroffensive Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive Phase IV
Counteroffensive Phase V
Counteroffensive Phase VI
Tet '69 Counteroffensive
Summer/Fall '69
Winter/Spring '70
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive Phase VII

UNIT AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered *Vietnam 1967-1968* (4th S&T Bn cited for period 1 Jun 1967-30 Sep 1968; DAGO 48, 1969)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered *Vietnam 1968-1970* (4th S&T Bn cited for period 1 Oct 1968-31 Mar 1970; DAGO 24, 1972)

Belgian Fourragere 1940 (4th QM Co cited; DAGO 43, 1950)
Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for Action in Belgian (4th QM Co cited for period 7-13 Sep 1944; DAGO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for Action in Ardennes (4th QM Co cited for period 16-21 Dec 1944; DAGO 43, 1950)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered *Vietnam 1966-1969* (4th S&T Bn cited for period 1 Mar 1966-26 Mar 1967; DAGO 22, 1967)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered *Vietnam 1969-1970* (4th S&T Bn cited for period 29 Jul 1969-17 Nov 1971; DAGO 52, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, embroidered *Vietnam 1966-1969* (4th S&T Bn cited for period 1 Oct 1966-31 Oct 1969; DAGO 53, 1970)



DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA FOR THE 4TH SUPPORT BATTALION

The following is extracted

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY, UNITED STATES ARMY
CAMERON STATION, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22304-5050

DAPC-PDH-A

2 JUN 1987

SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the 4th Support Battalion

Commander
4th Support Battalion
Fort Carson, CO 80913

1. The distinctive unit insignia redesignated this date for the 4th Support Battalion, with description and symbolism revised, was originally approved for the 4th Supply and Transport Battalion by letter AGAH-A, The Institute of Heraldry, 2 December 1963.

2. The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches in height overall, blazoned: Or on a bend gules a fleur-de-lis of the field. Attached below the shield, a motto scroll inscribed "Strength Thru Support" in black.

SYMBOLISM

The shield is gold, the nearest heraldic equivalent to the Quartermaster buff, which is representative of the original service of the organization. The red bend is from the arms of Lorraine, the gold fleur-de-lis from the Arms of Ile-de-France.

3. This authorization is in accordance with the following authorities:

- a. Message, DAMO-ZA 071832Z Nov 86.
- b. Paragraph 31-21a, AR 670-1.

4. This authorization letter will become a part of the permanent organizational history files of the organization in accordance with File No. 870-5a, AR 25-400-2.

////////Original Signed////////
GERALD T. LUCHINO
Colonel, GS
Director

THE COAT OF ARMS FOR THE 4TH SUPPORT BATTALION

The following is extracted

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE INSTITUTE OF HARALDRY, UNITED STATES ARMY
CAMERON STATION, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22304-5050

DAPC-PDH-A

2 JUN 1987

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 4th Support Battalion

Commander
4th Support Battalion
Fort Carson, CO 80913

1. The coat of arms redesignated this date for the 4th Support Battalion, with the symbolism revised, was:

a. Originally approved for the 4th Division Train, Quartermaster Corps, by letter 424.5 - Coat of Arms (Misc Div) CCW/AVH/58, The Adjutant General's Office, 28 June 1921.

b. Redesignated for the 4th Quartermaster Regiment by letter AG 421.7 - 4th QM Regt. (11-8-37) Misc., The Adjutant General's Office, 30 December 1937.

c. Redesignated for the 4th Quartermaster Battalion by letter AG 421.7 - 4th QM Bn. (5-8-41) M (Ret) The Adjutant General's Office, 8 May 1941.

d. Rescinded by memorandum QMACH 424.2 - 4th QM Bn, Heraldic Services Division, Quartermaster Activities, 6 February 1957.

e. Rescinded and redesignated for the 4th Supply and Transport Battalion by letter AGAH-A, The institute of Heraldry, 2 December 1963.

d. Amended to add the motto, by letter AGAH-A, The institute of Heraldry, 2 December 1963

2. The blazon and symbolism of the design are as follows:

BLAZON

SHIELD: Or on a bend gules a fleur-de-lis of the field.

CREST: On a wreath of the colors a sword, point down, and key, wards down, in saltire or encircled by the shoulder insignia of the 4th Division proper, over all the winged helmet of Mercury of the first.

DAPAC-PDC-A

2 JUN 1987

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 4th Support Battalion

MOTTO: STRENGTH THRU SUPPORT.

SYMBOLISM

SHIELD: This organization took part in operations in Lorraine and in Ide-de-France. The shield is gold, the nearest heraldic equivalent to the Quartermaster buff, which is representative of the original service of the organization. The red bend is from the arms of Lorraine, the gold fleur-de-lis from the Arms of Ile-de-France.

CREST: The crest has the shoulder insignia of the division, the sword and key from the insignia of the Quartermaster Corps and Mercury's helmet from the insignia of the Motor Transport Corps during World War I.

3. This authorization is in accordance with the following authorities:

a. Message, DAMO-ZA 071832Z Nov 86.

b. Paragraph 5-50, AR 840-10

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