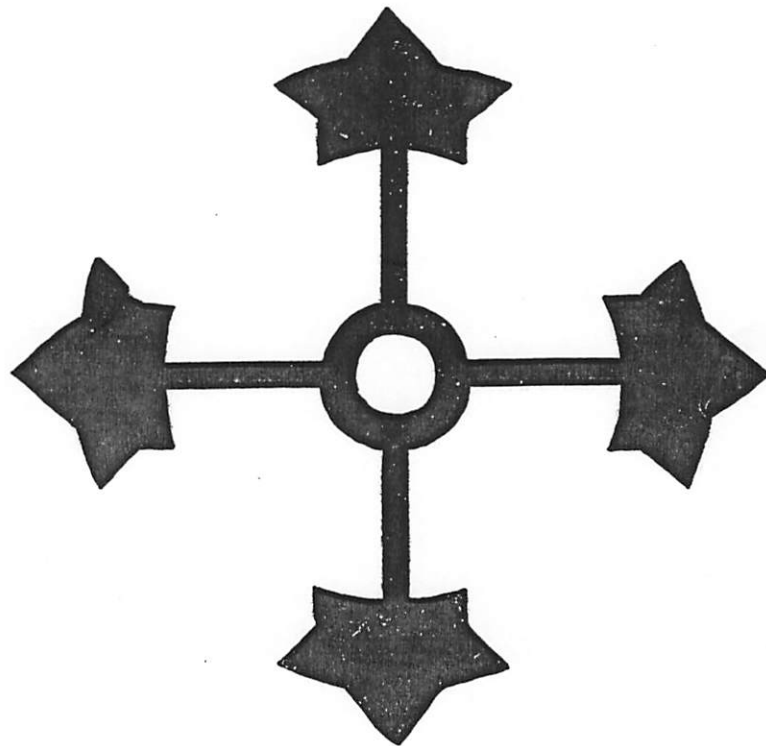
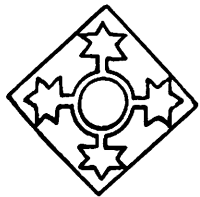


4TH
INFANTRY
DIVISION



4th Infantry Division



1 Jun 40 activated as the 4th Division at Ft Benning Ga and reorganized as 4th Division (Motorized) 1 Aug 40 and 4th Motorized Division 11 Jul 41; moved to Dry Prong La 1 Aug 41 for IV Corps Louisiana Maneuvers and returned to Ft Benning Ga 27 Aug 41; moved to Ft Jackson S.C. 30 Oct 41 for First Army Carolina Maneuvers and arrived back to Ft Benning Ga 3 Dec 41; arrived Cp Gordon Ga 29 Dec 41 and went to Carolina Maneuver Area 7 Jul 42; returned to Cp Gordon Ga 31 Aug 42 and moved to Ft Dix N.J. 12 Apr 43 where redesignated 4th Infantry Division 4 Aug 43; sent to Cp Gordon Johnston Fla 19 Sep 43 for III Corps Carrabelle Maneuvers; arrived Ft Jackson S.C. 1 Dec 43 and staged at Cp Kilmer N.J. 4 Jan 44 until departed New York P/E 18 Jan 44; arrived England 26 Jan 44 and assaulted Normandy France 6 Jun 44; crossed into Belgium 6 Sep 44 and into Germany 11 Sep 44; went to Luxembourg 12 Dec 44 and returned to Belgium 28 Jan 45 and to Germany 7 Feb 45; returned to France 10 Mar 45 and entered Germany again 29 Mar 45; returned New York P/E 10 Jul 45 and moved to Cp Butner N.C. 13 Jul 45 where inactivated 12 Mar 46.

Campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe
Aug 45 Loc: Camp Butner North Carolina

Typical Organization (1941):

8th Infantry Regiment (Motorized)
12th Infantry Regiment (Motorized)*
22nd Infantry Regiment (Motorized)
HHB Division Artillery
20th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm)
29th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)
42nd Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)
44th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)

*Assigned 24 Oct 41.

Headquarters, 4th Motorized Division
Headquarters & Military Police Company
4th Engineer Battalion
4th Medical Battalion
4th Quartermaster Battalion
4th Reconnaissance Troop
4th Signal Company

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4th Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz

70th Tank Battalion (attached 9 Jun 44-23 Mar 45, 23-27 Mar 45, 6 Apr-9 May 45)

610th Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 25 Jan 45-10 Mar 45, 17 Mar 45-8 May 45)

776th Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 9 Apr 45-18 Apr 45)

801st Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 13 Jun 44-15 Oct 44, 30 Oct 44-8 Nov 44)

802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 9 Dec 44-27 Jan 45)

803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 9 Nov 44-25 Dec 44)

893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 23 Aug 44-29 Sep 44)

377th AAA Auto Wpns Battalion (attached 14 Jun 44-23 Mar 45, 23-27 Mar 45, 6 Apr-9 May 45)

4th Engineer Combat Battalion
4th Medical Battalion
4th Counter Intelligence Corps Det
Headquarters Special Troops
Hqs Company, 4th Infantry Division
Military Police Platoon
704th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company
4th Quartermaster Company
4th Signal Company

Overseas Wartime Assignments:

VII Corps - 2 Feb 44

VIII Corps - 16 Jul 44

VII Corps - 19 Jul 44

V Corps - 22 Aug 44

VII Corps - 8 Nov 44

VIII Corps - 7 Dec 44

III Corps - 20 Dec 44

XII Corps - 21 Dec 44

VIII Corps - 27 Jan 45

12th Army Group - 10 Mar 45

VI Corps - 20 Mar 45

XXI Corps - 25 Mar 45

Seventh Army - 8 Apr 45

Third Army - 2 May 45

III Corps - 6 May 45

Commanders: MG Walter E. Prosser: Jun 40
 MG Lloyd R. Fredendall: Oct 40
 MG Oscar W. Griswold: Aug 41
 MG Harold R. Bull: Oct 41
 MG Terry de la Mesa Allen: Dec 41

MG Fred C. Wallace: Jan 42
 MG Raymond O. Barton: Jul 42
 MG Harold W. Blakeley: Dec 44
 MG George P. Hays: Nov 45

Killed in Action: 4,097 Wounded in Action: 17,371 Died of Wounds: 757

4th Infantry Division Combat Narrative

The division, reinforced by the 359th Inf of 90th Inf Div, assaulted Utah Beach France with the 8th Inf leading against light resistance 6 Jun 44. The 8th Inf relieved the isolated 82nd A/B Div at Ste Mere-Eglise and countered several German attacks 7 Jun 44. The following day the division began its drive on the Cotentin Peninsula toward Cherbourg, and the 22nd Inf took Azeville fort and Ozeville 9 Jun 44 with naval gunfire support. The division reached Cherbourg's main defenses by 21 Jun 44 and on 22 Jun 44 began its assault with the 12th Inf augmented by tank support. On 25 Jun 44 it breached the fortress-city and garrisoned it until relieved at the end of the month by the 101st A/B Div. The division then went south to participate in the general offensive in France.

On 6 Jul 44 it attacked toward Périers and participated in the COBRA breakout 25 Jul 44. The division sped south and took St Pois after a furious battle on 5 Aug 44, countered German attacks at Avranches and committed the 22nd Inf in the Le Teilleu area. The division entered Paris with French army units 25 Aug 44. On 1 Sep 44, riding on tanks of the 5th Armd Div's CCA, the division pushed to Chauny and assembled near Mézières, moving forward from the Meuse River 6 Sep 44. On 14 Sep 44 it penetrated the *West Wall* in the Schnee Eifel, but the 12th Inf was stopped after small gains over the next few days despite costly attacks. The 8th and 22nd Inf also failed to take Brandscheid and the offensive halted 17 Sep 44 in the face of German counterattacks. Making slow progress through October, the division moved into the Zweitfall area and relieved the 28th Inf Div on 6 Nov 44. Fighting in the Huertgen Forest, the 12th Inf was subjected to a strong German counterattack on 10 Nov 44 which cut off regimental elements until 15 Nov 44. The 8th and 22nd Inf had a gap wedged between them in forest fighting which stopped the offensive 19 Nov 44. During five costly days of combat in the Huertgen Forest the division had only gained 1½ miles. Attacks were renewed 22 Nov 44 and the 12th Inf finally closed the gap on 28 Nov 44. After severe fighting the 22nd Inf took Grossahau by frontal assault the following day. The 8th Inf reached the edge of Huertgen Forest 30 Nov 44 but failed in further advances, and on 3 Dec 44 the division was relieved by the 83rd Inf Div and moved to Luxembourg.

While in Luxembourg the division was subjected to the fury of the German Ardennes Counteroffensive on 16 Dec 44. Despite heavy losses and the loss of several isolated components, it managed to hold its lines at Dickweiler and Osweiler. Reinforced by tanks, the 12th Inf made several unsuccessful efforts to rescue trapped elements near Echternach. On 22 Dec 44 the division renewed attacks there which finally took the town 27 Dec 44.

On 17 Jan 45 the 87th Div took over the division's zone along the Sauer from Echternach to Wasserbillig, releasing the division to seize the heights overlooking the Our and cross the river at Bettendorf 22 Jan 45. It resumed the offensive 29 Jan 45 and advanced into Germany 1 Feb 45, breaching the outer defenses of the *West Wall* along the Schnee Eifel River near Brandscheid on 4 Feb 45. On 9 Feb 45 the division crossed the Pruem River with the 8th Inf and stormed the town itself 12 Feb 45. It then went onto the defensive 11 Feb 44 defending the river from Olzheim to Wutzerath against counterattacks. On 28 Feb 44 the division crossed the river in force but the 12th Inf was only able to make negligible gains. Gondelsheim was finally taken 4 Mar 45 and the division raced out of the Pruem bridgehead behind the 11th Armd Div to the Kyll 6 Mar 45. The 8th Inf reached the Honerath area by 8 Mar 45, and on 30 Mar 45 the division completed crossing the Rhine and followed behind 12th Armd Div, and was ferried across the Main at Ochenfuhr 2 Apr 45. The 12th and 22nd Inf fought determined opposition up the wooded slopes in the Koenigshofen area, and the general offensive was resumed 10 Apr 45. The drive toward Rothenburg started 11 Apr 45 against strong German defenses and the city was taken by the 12th Inf on 17 Apr 45 as the 8th Inf reached Ansbach the same day.

The division then moved north toward the Danube, and forward elements crossed it on 25 Apr 45. The 8th Inf established a bridgehead across the Lech at Schwabstadl on 27 Apr 45, and by the end of the month the 12th and 22nd Inf had reached the Isar River bridges at Miesbach. The division was relieved by the 101st A/B Div in that sector on 2 May 45. On 4 May 45 it was moved to Neumarkt for occupation duty under Third Army.

BATTLE STATISTICS

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Recipients of Medal of Honor 3

Recipients of Silver Stars 1200

Recipients of Bronze Stars 6553

Recipients of Air Medals 100

Recipients of Soldier Medals 25



Recipient of Distinguished Service Medal

RAYMOND O. BARTON, Major General, 4th Infantry Division



Recipients of Distinguished Service Cross

JOHN L. AHEARN, First Lieutenant, 70th Tank Battalion.

DANIEL E. ATWELL, Technician 4th Grade, 4th Medical Battalion.

ODELL BAKER, Private, 8th Infantry.

KENNETH E. BEITLER, Captain, 58th Arm F. A. Battalion.

HOWARD C. BLAZZARD, Major, 22nd Infantry.

PEDRO CANO, Private, 8th Infantry.

MIKE CERMAK, Private First Class, 8th Infantry.

DONALD L. CHASE, Staff Sergeant, 22nd Infantry.

FRED W. COLLINS, Lieutenant Colonel, 8th Infantry.

HAROLD B. CORDES, Sergeant, 22nd Infantry.

DONALD DAVIES, Private, 12th Infantry.

FRANCISCO G. DELGADO, Sergeant, 8th Infantry.

MICHAEL H. DONOVAN, Sergeant, 8th Infantry.

JOHN DOWDY, Lieutenant Colonel, 22nd Infantry.

THADDEUS R. DULIN, Lieutenant Colonel, 12th Infantry.

DEWITT C. FAIR, First Lieutenant, 70th Tank Battalion.

CHARLES A. EARNEST, III, Captain, 22nd Infantry.

JAMES R. FLANNIGAN, Technician 4th Grade, 29th Field Artillery.

JOHN R. GARRABRANT, Captain, 8th Infantry.

MALCOLM L. GEORGE, Captain, 8th Infantry.

JOSEPH J. GIORDANO, Private, 8th Infantry.

EDWARD P. GOYETTE, Staff Sergeant, 12th Infantry.

LOUIS B. GREENBERG, Private First Class, 22nd Infantry.

JAMES W. HALEY, Major, 8th Infantry.

ELBERT J. HALL, Private, 8th Infantry.

CHRISTY A. HAMPE, Private First Class, 12th Infantry.

EUGENE HIX, Private, 22nd Infantry.

NOAH HORTON, Technician 3rd Grade, 12th Infantry.

WILEY J. INGRAM, Staff Sergeant, 4th Engineer Combat Battalion.

CHARLES L. JACKSON, Lieutenant Colonel, 12th Infantry.

AMOS S. JOHNSON, First Lieutenant, 8th Infantry.

CHARLES H. JONES, First Lieutenant, 8th Infantry.

JOHN A. KULP, Captain, 8th Infantry.

DONALD H. LANGMAN, 2nd Lieutenant, 8th Infantry.

CHARLES T. LANHAM, Colonel, 22nd Infantry.

DELBERT D. LEE, Sergeant, 610 T. D. Battalion.

GAIL B. LEE, Captain, 8th Infantry.

LEWIS, W. LEENEY, Lieutenant Colonel, 8th Infantry.

JAMES S. LUCKETT, Colonel, 12th Infantry.

LESTER J. LYNCH, Private First Class, 610th T. D. Battalion.

GEORGE L. MABRY, Jr., Captain, 8th Infantry.

CARLTON, O. MacNEELY, Lieutenant Colonel, 8th Infantry.

IRVIN A. MAGER, Second Lieutenant, 8th Infantry.

WILLIAM M. MARSDEN, Captain, 8th Infantry.

GLENN T. MARTIN, Private First Class, 22nd Infantry.

EDWIN C. MATHUES, Private First Class, 8th Infantry.

IRA L. MEREDITH, Staff Sergeant, 8th Infantry.

MILAN M. MILLER, Private First Class, 8th Infantry.

ERWIN F. MITHMAN, Second Lieutenant, 22nd Infantry.

RICHARD C. MURRIN, Staff Sergeant, 70th Tank Battalion.

HENRY V. NOTHEL, Sergeant, 70th Tank Battalion.

EARNEST D. OROSCO, First Lieutenant, 8th Infantry.

WILLY I. PEDERSEN, Technician 4th Grade, 12th Infantry.

WILLIAM B. PHILLIPS, Sergeant, 8th Infantry.

DARVIN D. PURVIS, Staff Sergeant, 70th Tank Battalion.

JOHN C. REBARCHEK, First Lieutenant, 8th Infantry.

JOHN G. RECKORD, Captain, 8th Infantry.

RUSSELL P. REEDER, Colonel, 12th Infantry.

JAMES S. RODWELL, Brigadier General, 4th Infantry Division.

JOSEPH T. SAMUELS, Major, 22nd Infantry.
 THOMAS C. SHIELDS, Captain, 22nd Infantry.
 FRANCIS E. SONGER, First Lieutenant, 70th Tank Battalion.
 FRED A. STEINER, Lieutenant Colonel, 8th Infantry.
 ERNEST L. STONE, Private First Class, 8th Infantry.
 DOYLE C. STRICKLAND, First Lieutenant, 8th Infantry.

ERASMUS H. STRICKLAND, Lieutenant Colonel, 8th Infantry.
 JOHN C. SWEARINGEN, Captain, 8th Infantry.
 DEESIE H. TALLEY, Technical Sergeant, 12th Infantry.
 GEORGE A. TAYLOR, Colonel, 4th Infantry Division.
 ARTHUR S. TEAGUE, Lieutenant Colonel, 22nd Infantry.

JOHN N. TOWNSEND, Second Lieutenant, 70th Tank Battalion.
 JAMES A. VAN FLEET, Colonel, 8th Infantry.
 JOHN E. WADE, Staff Sergeant, 8th Infantry.
 JOHN F. WARD, First Lieutenant, 22nd Infantry.
 JOHN C. WELBORN, Lieutenant Colonel, 70th Tank Battalion.
 GERVIS WILLIS, First Sergeant, 12th Infantry.
 PHILIP W. WITTKOPF, Captain, 12th Infantry.

Recipients of Legion of Merit

HAROLD W. BLAKELEY, Major General, 4th Infantry Division.
 GARLEN, R. BRYANT, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Infantry Division.
 SEWELL W. CRISMAN, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Signal Company.
 THOMAS I. EDGAR, Lieutenant Colonel, 42nd Field Artillery.
 GEORGE W. FISHER, Lieutenant Colonel, 337th A.A. Battalion.

ULRICH G. GIBBONS, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Division Artillery.
 HENRY B. GREISEN, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Infantry Division.
 HARRY F. HANSEN, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Infantry Division.
 RICHARD S. MARR, Colonel, 4th Infantry Division.
 RICHARD G. MCKEE, Colonel, 8th Infantry.

HARDIN L. OLSON, Lieutenant Colonel, 345th Infantry.
 JOEL F. THOMASON, Lieutenant Colonel, 29th Field Artillery.
 ORLANDO C. TROXEL, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Infantry Division.
 HENRY C. WALKER, Lieutenant Colonel, 44th Field Artillery.
 JOHN C. WELBORN, Lieutenant Colonel, 70th Tank Battalion.

BATTLE CASUALTIES

Casualties—June 6, 1944—May 8, 1945

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| June 6-30, 1944 | 5,531 |
| July | 3,438 |
| August | 1,584 |
| September | 1,267 |
| October | 330 |
| November | 4,025 |
| December | 1,872 |
| January—1945 | 814 |
| February | 1,344 |
| March | 776 |
| April | 872 |
| May 1-8, 1945 | 26 |
| Total Battle Casualties | 21,879 |
| Total Non-Battle Casualties | 12,430 |
| Total Casualties | 34,309 |