



41st Armored Infantry Regiment

The 41st was constituted as 41st Infantry Regiment 15 May 1917, and organized at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, from the personnel of the 36th Infantry Regiment. The regiment was inactivated at Camp Meade, Maryland, 22 Sept. 1921. It was reactivated and assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Benning, Georgia, 15 July 1940. and redesignated 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1942. The 41st participated in the assault on Sicily, landing at Licata, Sicily and engaged in the battle for Canicati, Sicily. Vire-Mortain-Domfront Operations-France--From the breakout sector, the entire 2nd Armored Division joined in the operation to reduce the enemy's threat in the vicinity of Mortain, Vire, Flers, Domfront. Throughout the first half of August, 1944, the Division held its ground on the north and south flanks of the German thrust and by steady pressure drove the enemy back, aiding materially in the eventual closing the Falaise gap. Co. H., 41st Armored Infantry Regiment held a hill east of Mortain for five rugged days and nights, driving back repeated enemy counterattacks. Co. H, 41st Inf. also received the Presidential Citation for its valiant stand in this engagement. CC"A" pushed from the Vire area toward Flers and rejoined the Division in the Domfont area. The 41st also was cited in the drive to break the Siegfried line east of the Roer river. Lt. Col. Etter, the commander and Major Berra Battalion Executive were killed in this period of time, when the Battalion was under artillery and mortar fire. The Battalion also was in the Battle of the Bulge, and in heavy combat near Samree, Belgium. The Battalion took part in the Rhine crossing and the advance into and the capture of Magdeburg on the Elbe River. Awards: Distinguished Unit Puffendorf-Roer, Belgian Croix de Guerre, Belgium and Ardennes., Belgian Fourragere, French Croix de Guerre with Silver-Gilt Star Puffendorf-Roer. Battle Stars won: Sicily (with Arrowhead), Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland, Central Europe.

The 2nd ARMORED DIVISION WAS COMMANDED BY MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD H. BROOKS

Combat Command "B": Commanded by Brigadier General I.D. White, Headquarters Combat Command "B", 67th Armored Regiment (less 3rd Battalion), 1st and 3rd Battalions, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 78th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Company "B", Detachment Company "E", 17th Armored Engineer Battalion, Company "B", 702 Tank Destroyer Battalion, Company "B", 48th Armored Medical Battalion, Battery "A", 195th AAA (AW) Battalion (SP), 502nd CIC Det. (2 Officers, 14 enlisted Men)