

BEGINNING OF UNIT HISTORIES

1st Battalion, 327th Infantry

The 1st Battalion 327th Infantry is one of the oldest units in the 101st Airborne Division. It was first organized as an organic regiment of the 82d Infantry Division on 17 September 1917. The regiment fought valiantly at Saint Mihiel, Meuse - Argonne, and Lorraine during World War I.

In August of 1942, the 1st Battalion 327th Infantry became a Glider Infantry Regiment and was reassigned to the newly formed 101st Airborne Division.

On D-Day, 6 June 1944, the 1/327th landed at Utah Beach and fought its way eastward to cut off fleeing German forces until Carentan fell.

On 17 December 1944, the Battalion moved into Bastogne and held it through one of the bitterest and hardest fought battles of World War II.

In January of 1965 the 1/327 began actively preparing to deploy to Southeast Asia. The Battalion, as an organic element of the 1st Brigade, 101st Abn Div, departed Fort Campbell on 6 July 1965 and arrived at Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of South Vietnam on 29 July 1965.

The 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry was joined in Vietnam by the rest of the 101st Airborne Division on 13 December 1967. During the period the Battalion was in Vietnam, it was involved in numerous operations contributing to the success of the 101st Airborne Division and the overall military effort.

The 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry returned to Fort Campbell on 24 January 1972 to begin a new period in its proud history. The 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry has received numerous unit decorations which include a Presidential Unit Citation for Bastogne, a Presidential Unit Citation for

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Dak To, Vietnam 1966, a Valorous Unit Award for Tuy Hoa, Vietnam, a French Croix de Guerre with Palm for Normandy, a Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm for Bastogne and 2 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry with Palm for the period 1966 through 1969 in Vietnam.