

HEADQUARTERS
2D BATTALION 35TH INFANTRY
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HISTORICAL SUMMARY

The 2d Battalion 35th Infantry has a proud and distinguished lineage in the United States Army. The 35th Infantry Coat of Arms contains a giant Saguaro Cactus which represents the activation of the Regiment at Douglas, Arizona on 13 July 1916. The 35th Infantry was formed with personnel from three other Infantry Regiments which are also represented on the Coat of Arms. The 11th Infantry is represented by a white maltese cross, the 18th Infantry by a red acorn, and the 22nd Infantry by the embattled partition line.

The 35th Infantry was assigned to the 18th Infantry Division on 7 August 1918 and shortly thereafter had its baptism of fire at the Nogales Customs House when a strong detachment of Mexican soldiers fired on a 35th Infantry guard post. The Regiment remained with the 18th Division until it was demobilized 14 February 1919 at Camp Travis, Texas.

On 17 October 1922 the 35th Infantry was deployed to Hawaii where it was assigned to the Hawaiian Division until 26 August 1941 when it became an organic element of the 25th Division.

During World War II the Regiment fought in the Pacific Theater until victory was achieved over Japan. Fighting as one of the key combat units in the Central Pacific Campaign, the 35th Infantry gained distinction at Guadalcanal where it was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. Achieving distinction throughout the island battles in the Solomons, where the Cacti Regiment maintained its tradition of gallantry in action thus winning the Phillippine Presidential Unit Citation for actions on Luzon. Having sustained a record of 605 days of consecutive combat, General Douglas MacArthur said of the 35th Infantry, "They're the best damn jungle fighters in the world"

In 1950 the Cacti Regiment was among the first to respond to halt the aggression of the North Korean Army. Landing at Pusan on 13 July, the 35th Infantry helped to sustain the "Pusan Perimeter," and thereafter participated in every campaign during the Korean War. Additional honors were added to the unit's decorations with the awarding of three Korean Presidential Unit Citations.

Returning to Hawaii in 1954 after the Korean campaigns, the 35th Infantry remained a part of the 25th Infantry Division, training in peace for whatever combat role the future might bring.

Again "taking arms," the 2d Battalion 35th Infantry deployed from Hawaii to the Republic of Vietnam in early 1966, and achieved a remarkable combat record as a part of the 3d Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division. The 3d Brigade Task Force, composed of the 2d Battalion and 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, with the 1st Battalion 14 Infantry, as well as the 2d Battalion 9th Artillery went into action in the II Corps Tactical Zone, operating from a base at Pleiku. The 2d Battalion 35th Infantry participated in Operations Taylor, Garfield, Longfellow, Suchanan I and II, and Paul Revere I, II, III, and IV which saw the 3d Brigade Task Force achieving a new U. S. Army record for total number of sustained days of combat in Operation Paul Revere.

During 1967, the 2d Battalion 35th Infantry continued to conduct search and destroy operations in II Corps and I Corps Tactical Zones, participating in Operations Sam Houston, Baker, Muscatine, and Wheeler/Wallowa.

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CAMPAIGN STREAMERS

WORLD WAR II

Central Pacific -- Guadalcanal -- Northern Solomons (with Arrowhead) -- Luzon

KOREAN WAR

UN Defensive -- UN Offensive -- CCF Intervention -- First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive -- UN Summer-Fall Offensive -- Second Korean Winter --
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952 -- Third Korean Winter -- Korean, Summer-Fall 1953.

VIETNAM

Vietnam Counter-Offensive -- Vietnam Counter-Offensive Phase II

DECORATIONS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Guadalcanal -- Nam River

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATIONS

Masan-Chinju -- Munsan-Ni -- Korea

PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

7 October 1944 to 4 July 1945

VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

Pleiku Province RVN

HISTORICAL DATES

13 July 1916 - Organized in the Regular Army at Douglas Arizona
7 August 1918 - Assigned to the 18th Infantry Division
17 October 1922 - Assigned to the Hawaiian Division
26 August 1941 - Assigned to the 25th Infantry Division
1 February 1957 - Reorganized as a "parent regiment" under the Combat Arms
Regimental System
19 February 1962 - 2d Battle Group, 35th Infantry activated
13 August 1963 - Reorganized as the 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry
1 August 1967 - Relieved from assignment to 25th Infantry Division and
assigned to 4th Infantry Division.