

THE 90TH "TOUGH 'OMBRES" DIVISION

Dewald

WW I:

- The 90th Division's first baptism under fire came during the St. Mihiel campaign.
- 90th Division Troops were the first to attack from the trenches on September 12, 1918.
- The other great offensive in which the 90th Division played an important role was the Meuse-Argonne campaign.
- The 90th Division's total casualties in WW I were: 1,387 killed; 6,623 wounded; and more than 2,000 gassed.
- When WWI ended, the 90th Division served in the army of occupation in Germany from December, 1918 to May 1919.

WW II:

World War II
A TRIBUTE TO THE 90TH DIVISION: "Sometimes I think you don't know how...

...good you are. You are the best soldier's in the world. It was a great honor to command

you." General George S. Patton, Weidon, Germany, July 13, 1945.

- The 90th had more days of combat than any other Division in the ETO.
- The 90th had at least one unit in contact with the enemy every day from D-Day to VE-Day.
- The 90th included more than 35,000 men at one time or another (not more than 14,000 at any one time).
- The 90th earned the Invasion Arrowhead and all five Battle Stars for Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Rhineland, Central Europe, and also the French Croix de Guerre.
- The 90th is a highly decorated Division with four Medal of Honor recipients; 85 Distinguished Service Cross recipients; 115 Air Medals; 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses; 1,311 Silver Star recipients; 40 Soldier's Medal recipients; 5,057 Bronze Star recipients; and 21,371 Purple Hearts, 3,889 of which were awarded posthumously.
- The 90th took 83,437 prisoners (the equivalent of 6 Divisions) and knocked out 501 German tanks; 195 self-propelled guns, 1,228 other artillery pieces; 5,572 other German vehicles; 82 locomotives; 134 airplanes; and 3 steam boats.
- The 90th crossed dozens of rivers, liberated hundreds of towns and several million people.
- The 90th liberated Flossenburg Concentration Camp and captured the Merkers Salt Mine intact with all of Germany's store of gold and art treasures.
- The 90th forced the surrender of the German 11th Panzer Division en masse and met the Russians in Czechoslovakia.
- The 90th suffered over 15,000 battle wounds. The total number of men treated by medics to include all injuries (trench foot and frostbite) was 25,998.

TODAY:

- In 1990, the 90th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) mobilized approximately 3,000 troops to participate in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.
- Today, the 90th Regional Support Command (RRC) has mobilized more than 12,000 soldiers in support of the American efforts against terrorism in the Middle East.
- During Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, there were almost 400 mobilization actions of from just one soldier to an entire battalion of almost 460 soldiers.
- The TOUGH 'OMBRE soldiers are serving wherever they are needed in the United States, Europe, and all the Middle East.

Originally, the red T-O stood for Texas-Oklahoma, since the division was made up almost entirely of men from those two states. Later, however, men were drawn from every state in the nation, and the T-O came to represent, by common consent, "TOUGH 'OMBRES".