

29th Transportation Battalion

The 29th Quartermaster Regiment (Truck) was constituted on 1 May 1936 and activated as an African-American unit with three battalions and 12 truck companies at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on 10 June 1941. It was redesignated the 29th Quartermaster Truck Regiment on 20 August 1942.

On 28 February 1942, the 29th Quartermaster Regiment received orders to move to San Francisco Port of Embarkation on 12 March. It boarded the Queen Elizabeth and arrived in Australia on 7 April where it operated until 29 May 1943. It then deployed to New Guinea on 6 June.

On 2 December 1943, the Regiment was broken up and the 1st Battalion reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 29th Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile. Its companies A, B, C, and D were also given numerical designations and each company would follow its own separate lineage.

The 29th Quartermaster Battalion then deployed to the Philippine Islands on 30 December 1944 and arrived on 20 January 1945. It was inactivated in Luzon on 30 April 1946.

Effective 1 August 1946, the Quartermaster Corps transferred functions and responsibilities of truck and aviation units to the Transportation Corps. GO No 77, War Dept. 24 July 1946; and the 29th Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile was redesignated the 29th Transportation Corps Truck Battalion. It was again redesignated as the 29th Transportation Truck Battalion on 23 December 1948.

On 20 January 1949, the 111th Transportation Truck Battalion at Munich Military Post was redesignated as the 29th Transportation Truck Battalion under the European Command.

The 29th Transportation Truck Battalion was shipped back to Continental United States on the *Upshur* on 22 March 1957 and arrived on 31 March as part of the Gyroscope program. It then moved to McGuire Air Force Base on 9 November 1959 and flew back to Germany on 11 November as part of Gyroscope program where it was stationed at Boeblingen, Germany.

In 1968, the HHD, 29th Transportation Battalion returned to the United States where it was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in support of the 101st Airborne Division.

The 29th Transportation Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky deployed to Saudi Arabia on 14 October 1990 and assigned to the 101st Corps Support Group, which provided direct support to the 101st Airborne Division. The division was stationed at Camp Eagle II during Operation Desert Shield. One of its brigades provided the covering force against a possible Iraqi attack. The 101st Airborne Division was part of the XVIII Airborne Corps sweeping attack into Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. The 29th Transportation Battalion redeployed on 3 May 1991.

After Hurricane Andrew, the 29th Transportation Battalion deployed to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida to support the relief operation as part of Joint Task Force Andrew.

On 16 October 1992, HHD, 29th Transportation Battalion was redesignated as HHD, 129th Support Battalion. The new battalion retained the lineage and honors of the previous transportation battalion.