

NOTES FOR CORRESPONDENTS

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This is the 3rd Armored Division.

It stems from the old 2nd Armored Division and was activated at Camp Beauregard, La., 15 April 1941. This makes it the third oldest armored division in the army. During the nearly three years of its life it has trained at the following camps in the States: Camp Beauregard, La.; Camp Polk, La.; The Desert Training Center, Calif.; Camp Pickett, Va., and Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Although the cadre for the division came from the 2nd Armored, the bulk of our personnel - selectees - lived in the Middle West. However, all states are represented within the division.

From the beginning our aim has been to perfect ourselves in the use of our weapons and machines, the maintenance of those machines, to work together. In working together and maintaining our vehicles - thousands of them - we have succeeded. How well we use our weapons will be demonstrated later.

The division has in the past nearly three years provided cadres for numerous other divisions and other formations. It outfitted one of the tank battalions lost in the Philippines. It was the first division on the Desert Training Center, the first to get our new self propelled 105 howitzer known to us as the M7 and to the British as the Priest.

During this time we have sent on some 1,200 officers to armored organizations and other branches of the army, and provided some 14,000 enlisted men in cadres. These officers and men have spread the training and doctrine which they learned within the 3rd Armored.

At every place where we have been we have lived in harmony with the civilian population. The division commander has a collection of letters from mayors, governors and other officials attesting to the behavior of our soldiers.

During your short stay with us you will see some of the training we are now doing against the day when that training will be put to use.

