

## *Division Organization*

During World War II, the 10th Mountain Division had the standard U.S. Army organization of an **infantry division**. Thus it had three infantry regiments (the 85th , 86th , and 87th ) each with 12 line companies labeled A - M, omitting J; three artillery battalions (604th , 605th , and 616th Artillery); medical units, quartermaster units, and numerous specialized units such as the 126th Engineer Bn. and an MP (Military Police) Platoon. A nearly complete listing of the indigenous units is given on the next page. Many other units were temporarily attached on Kiska and in Italy. These are listed in every edition of our National Association Roster.

Each **infantry regiment** was commanded by a Colonel and consisted of three **infantry battalions**, commanded by Lt. Colonels. Each battalion was comprised of four **line companies**. ("Line" companies were on the front line during an attack, rather than being back a bit as a headquarters company or service company.) The battalions in each regiment were designated the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions.

The table below shows the companies in a typical infantry regiment, in this case the 85th:

85-HQ (headquarters company)		
85-SVC (service company; motor pool for ammunitions and rations)		
85-MED (a medical unit attached to the regiment)		
<b>1st Bn. 85th</b>	<b>2nd Bn. 85th</b>	<b>3rd Bn. 85th</b>
85-HQ-1	85-HQ-2	85-HQ-3
<i>85-A</i>	<i>85-E</i>	<i>85-I</i>
<i>85-B</i>	<i>85-F</i>	<i>85-K</i>
<i>85-C</i>	<i>85-G</i>	<i>85-L</i>
<i>85-D</i>	<i>85-H</i>	<i>85-M</i>

(The third battalion was sometimes humorously called the milk battalion - I, K, L & M = MILK)

Companies in this list in italic type are heavy weapons companies, with 30 cal. liquid cooled and 50 cal. air cooled machine guns and 81 mm mortars.

Note that each battalion also had a detachment of medics attached to its HQ Company. They set up and manned an **Aid Station** for each battalion very near the front line.

A **line infantry company** had about 200 men and was commanded by a Captain. Typically a 1st Lieutenant served as Executive Officer, and 2nd Lieutenants led each of the four **platoons**. Each platoon had three **rifle squads** of 12 men, each led by a S/Sgt. The 4th platoon was a **weapons platoon** which was equipped with light (30 cal. air cooled) machine guns and 60 mm mortars. In addition, each platoon had a **medic** assigned to it; e.g., Frank Kurzinger was the 1st Platoon medic in C Company of the 85th Regiment. He was killed on Mt. Belvedere and is listed as 85-MED-C.

The 10th had three **field artillery battalions**: the 604th FA, 605th FA, and 616th FA. In combat, each battalion normally supported a particular infantry regiment, respectively the

85th , 86th , and 87th . Each was commanded by a Lt. Colonel and had four **batteries** (not "companies"), as follows:

604-HQ The HQ company of the 604th

604-A A battery

604-B B battery

604-C C battery

Sometimes the HQ and SVC functions were combined, as 604-HQ & SVC, but for our purpose we call them 604-HQ.

In addition, the 10th had a **Division Artillery** company in command of all the artillery, designated 10-DIV-ART.

## **LIST OF UNITS INDIGENOUS TO THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION**

HQ & HQ Company, 10th Mountain Division

85th Mountain Infantry Regiment (15 May 43 - 26 Nov. 45)

86th Mountain Infantry Regiment (20 Dec. 42 - 23 Nov. 45)

87th Mountain Infantry Regiment (15 Nov. 41 - 20 Oct. 45)

90th Mountain Infantry Regiment (15 May 43 - 22 Feb. 44)

10th Mountain Division Artillery

604th Field Artillery Battalion (Pack)

605th Field Artillery Battalion (Pack)

616th Field Artillery Battalion (Pack)

10th Mountain Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (horse-mounted, later motorized)

10th Mountain Antitank Battalion (727th AAA MG Bn. & 576th AT Bty.)

10th Mountain Medical Battalion ("Light" & 680th Med. Collection Co.)

10th Mountain Veterinary Company (attached to 10th Mtn. Med. Bn.)

10th Mountain QM Battalion (255th , 256th , & 257th QM Pack Cos. & 137th Pack Co.)

126th Mountain Engineer Battalion, Light, Combat; 226th & 299th Engr. Combat Pack Cos.)

710th Mountain Ordnance Company (710th Ordnance Platoon, Light)

110th Mountain Signal Company (110th Signal Platoon, Light)

10th Mountain Military Police Platoon

HQ Special Troops, 10th Mountain Division

## **THE CURRENT 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION (L.I.) TABLE of ORGANIZATION**

- Special Troops Battalion
- **1st Brigade Combat Team ("Warrior")**
  - 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment
  - 2d Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment
  - 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment (RTSA)
  - 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment (Strike)
  - 10th Brigade Support Bn
  - 1st Brigade Special Troops Bn
- **2nd Brigade Combat Team ("Commandos")**
  - 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment
  - 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment
  - 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment(RSTA)
  - 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment(Strike)
  - 210th Brigade Support Battalion
  - 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion
- **3rd Brigade Combat Team "Spartans"**
  - 1st Battalion, 32d Infantry Regiment
  - 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment
  - 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment(RSTA)
  - 4th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment (Strike)
  - 710th Brigade Support Battalion
  - 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion
- **4th Brigade Combat Team "Patriots"**
  - 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment
  - 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment "Wild Boars"
  - 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment (RSTA)
  - 5th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment (Strike)
  - 94th Brigade Support Battalion
  - 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion
- **Combat Aviation Brigade "Falcons"**
  - 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment (Attack Helicopter)
  - 3rd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment (General Support)
  - 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment (Attack)
  - 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment
  - 277th Aviation Support Battalion
- **10th Sustainment Brigade**
  - Sustainment Brigade Special Troops Battalion
  - 548th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion
  - 10th Soldier Support Battalion
  - 91st Military Police Battalion
- **Division Special Troops Battalion**
  - HHC 10th Mountain Division
  - HHC DSTB
  - B Company
  - Network Support Company
  - 10th Mountain Division Band

The 256th Infantry Brigade was attached to the 10th Mountain Division during combat operations in Iraq 2004-2005. Many members of the 256th Infantry wear the 10th Mountain patch on their right

shoulder as a combat patch.

## RANKS

The hierarchy of military ranks used by the U.S. Army during World War II was:

<b>RANK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>NORMAL DUTIES</b>
Major General	MAG GEN	Commands a Division
Brigadier General	BRIG GEN	Assist Div. Commander or Artillery Commander
Colonel	COL	Commands a regiment
Lieutenant Colonel	LT COL	Commands a battalion
Major	MAJ	Special
Captain	CAPT	Commands a Company or Battery
1st Lieutenant	1ST LT	Executive Officer of a Company or Battery
2nd Lieutenant	2ND LT	Commands a platoon
Chief Warrant Officer	CWO	Special, mostly in artillery units
Warrant Officer Junior Grade	WOJG	Special, mostly in artillery units
Sergeant Major	SGT MAJ	Top enlisted rank, assigned to Regimental HQ
1st Sergeant	1ST SGT	Top enlisted rank in a company, normally ~200 men
Master Sergeant	M/SGT	Special duties at battalion or regimental level
Technical Sergeant	T/SGT	Top enlisted rank in a platoon of about 40 men
Staff Sergeant	S/SGT	Commands a squad of 12 men
Sergeant	SGT	Second in command of a squad
Corporal	CPL	Special
Private First Class	PFC	Satisfactory performance of duties, including KP
Private	PVT	Bottom of the heap
Technician 3rd Class	T/3	Special skills and duties; = S/SGT rank
Technician 4th Class	T/4	Special skills and duties; = SGT rank
Technician 5th Class	T/5	Special duties, such as Mail Clerk ; = CPL rank

**LIST OF COMMANDING GENERALS FOR THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
(L.I.)**

- MG Lloyd E. Jones Jul 1943 - Nov 1944
- MG George P. Hays Nov 1944 - Nov 1945
- MG Lester T. Whitlock Aug 1948 - Oct 1950
- MG [James Edward Moore](#) Nov 1950 - May 1951
- BG Marcus B. Bell May 1951 - Nov 1951
- MG George D. Shea Nov 1951 - Jan 1953
- MG Thomas L. Harrold Feb 1953 - Jun 1954
- MG Phillip Dew. Ginder Jun 1954 - Mar 1955
- MG George Martin Apr 1955 - Mar 1956
- MG [Barksdale Hamlett](#) Apr 1956 - Jun 1957
- MG Walter B. Yaeger Jul 1957 - Apr 1958
- MG Miller O. Perry May 1958 - Jun 1958
- MG William S. Carpenter, Jr. Feb 1985 - Apr 1988
- MG Peter J. Boylan Apr 1988 - Sep 1990
- MG James R. Ellis Sep 1990 - Sep 1991
- MG S. L. Arnold Sep 1991 - Aug 1993
- MG David C. Meade Aug 1993 - Jul 1995
- MG Thomas N. Burnette, Jr. Jul 1995 - Jun 1997
- MG Lawson W. Magruder III Jun 1997 - Mar 1999
- MG [James L. Campbell](#) Mar 1999 - Aug 2001
- MG [Franklin L. Hagenbeck](#) Aug 2001 - August 2003
- MG [Lloyd Austin](#) Sep 2003 - Aug 2005
- MG [Benjamin C. Freakley](#) Aug 2005 - Apr 2007
- MG [Michael Oates](#) Apr 2007 - Present