

30th Adjutant General Battalion History

The 30th Adjutant General Battalion was constituted on 1 November 1942 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 30th Replacement Battalion. The 30th Replacement Battalion was activated on 10 December 1942 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Officer and enlisted cadre arrived on 28 December and trained until April 1943. At that time, the battalion was processed for overseas deployment. The 30th Replacement Battalion operated as a replacement unit in Algeria in June 1943. Its first mission was the processing of returnees from hospitals to units and the handling of combat replacements. The Battalion relocated to Tunisia where its mission became a reality. The average Replacement strength was approximately 2,400. In March 1944, the Battalion moved to Naples, Italy. Its main mission between October 1944 and March 1945 was the handling of rotation personnel.

The Battalion was inactivated on 1 December 1945. The Battalion was reactivated on 25 April 1963 at Fort Benning, Georgia, to receive, process, and ship Soldiers to Initial Entry Training. The Battalion was re-designated as the 30th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) on 28 August 1987 and activated as part of the United States Army Infantry Training Center, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Today, the 30th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) is one of four active Reception Battalions in the United States Army and is the only location that receives and trains male-only personnel for both Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Infantry/Armor One Station Unit Training (OSUT). With a projected annual rate of 35,000 Soldiers or more, the battalion supports the 192nd Infantry Brigade, 194th Armored Brigade, and the 198th Infantry Brigade with newly arrived personnel making the transition from Civilian to Soldier during a seven to fourteen day stay in the Battalion before being shipped to their respective training brigades. As a result of the BRAC realignment, the U.S. Army Armor School was moved to Fort Benning and 192d Infantry Brigade was realigned from the U.S. Army Infantry School to the U.S. Army Armor School which completed the transformation of Fort Benning from the U.S. Army Infantry Center to the Maneuver Center of Excellence, effective 1 October 2010. Since being activated on 28 August 1987, the Battalion has received, processed, and shipped to training hundreds of thousands new Soldiers.