

## HARBOR DEFENSES OF LOS ANGELES

At the outbreak of war, the Harbor Defenses of Los Angeles became a part of the San Pedro Sub-sector of the Southern California Sector, Western Defense Command. The Following list shows the Disposition of command posts and troops throughout the San Pedro Sub-sector as of 28 December 1941.

### PASADENA:

Hq-Southern California Sector.

Hq-35th Infantry Division plus a hq company, an MP company,  
an ordnance hq company, a signal company detachment and  
a ? hq detachment.

Hq-35th Artillery Division plus a headquarters battery detachment.

695th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Company H, 302nd Ordnance Regiment.

Hq Company, 80th Ordnance Regiment.

Company C, 265th ? Regiment.

4th Platoon, 638th Engineer Company (Camouflage).

4th Platoon, 23rd ? Company.

### HORBS (sic?):

C.P. Company A, 29th Engineer Regiment.

### CORONA:

C.P. Company A, 302nd Ordnance Regiment.

### RIVERSIDE:

C.P. 231st Ordnance Company (?).

### ORANGE:

C.P. 3rd Battalion, 137th Infantry.

### HUNTINGTON BEACH:

C.P. Company C, 137th Infantry.

### SAN PEDRO:

C.P. Harbor defenses of Los Angeles.

### SANTA CATALINA ISLAND:

C.P. Section, Company B, 130th F.A.

C.P. Platoon, Company K, 134th Infantry.

### SANTA MONICA:

One Company, 35th Cavalry (Mtz).

### VAN NUYS:

One Company, 35th CM Regiment.

### SAWTELLE:

110th Medical Battalion.

### DOUGLAS PLANT, SANTA MONICA:

Companies C and D, 747th MP Battalion.

### MINES FIELD:

Hq 747th MP Battalion.

### BURBANK:

775th MP Battalion.

HAWTHORNE:

777th MP Battalion.

CENTINELA:

2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry.

GREEK THEATRE, HOLLYWOOD:

One Company, 7th Ordnance Regiment.

TORRANCE:

One Company, 13th Ordnance Regiment.

GRIFFITH PARK:

One Company, 314th Battalion and SCU 1937.

1708 TALMADGE AVENUE:

Company A, 747th MP Battalion.

5353 WEST THIRD STREET:

One Company 524th MP Battalion.

VERNON:

Company B, 775th MP Battalion.

COMPTON:

Company A, 110th Medical Regiment.

Company a, 204th QM Regiment.

Detachment Company C, 265th QM Regiment.

One Company 3459th Ordnance Regiment.

DOWNEY:

Company B, 775th MP Battalion.

BANNING PARK:

One Battalion 137th Infantry.

HOUGHTON PARK:

Hq 137th Infantry Regiment.

LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:

773rd MP Battalion.

RECREATION PARK:

Antitank Company 137th Infantry.

Service Company, 137th Infantry.

Companies C and D, 773rd MP Battalion.

The beginning of the year 1944 saw the Harbor Defenses again completely manned by the Third Coast Artillery. During this year, the War Department issued a new policy regarding Coast Artillery Regiments. It was decided to disband these regiments, as units and to redistribute their personnel into smaller and independent Coast Artillery Battalions. Under authority of General Order No. 13, HDLA, dated 17 October 1944, the several batteries of the Third Coast Artillery were redesignated as batteries of the new battalions and the regiment, as such, officially disbanded. Hq & Hq Btry HDLA did not change, and Btry K, 3rd CA became Btry A, HDLA. The rest of the batteries of the 3rd CA became batteries of the 520th, 521st and 522nd CA Battalions (HD) as follows:

OLD DESIGNATION

Hq & Hq Btry 1st Bn, 3rd CA ---  
 Btry E 3rd CA -----  
 Btry B 3rd CA -----  
 Btry A 3rd CA -----  
 Hq & Hq Btry 2nd Bn 3rd CA---  
 Btry G 3rd CA -----  
 Hq & Hq Btry 3rd CA -----  
 Hq & Hq Btry 3rd Bn 3rd CA---  
 Btry C 3rd CA -----  
 Btry H 3rd CA -----  
 Btry F 3rd CA -----

NEW DESIGNATION

Hq & Hq Det 520th CA Bn  
 Btry A 520th CA Bn  
 Btry B 520th CA Bn  
 Btry C 520th CA Bn  
 Hq & Hq Det 521st CA Bn  
 Btry A 521st CA Bn  
 Btry B 521st CA Bn  
 Hq & Hq Det 522nd CA Bn  
 Btry A 522nd CA Bn  
 Btry B 522nd CA Bn  
 Btry C 522nd CA BN

General Orders No. 15, HDLA, dated 6 December 1944, changed the designation of the 520th CA bn to the 3rd CA Bn which in turn changed the official designations of the four batteries comprising the battalion.

The cessation of hostilities in Europe, in May 1945, made it unnecessary to man as many batteries as before. As a result, Batteries B and C of the 522nd CA Bn were disbanded respectively on 10 and 5 July 1945. The unconditional surrender of Japan, in August 1945, made further disbandments necessary. Consequently, under authority of General Orders No. 11, HDLA, dated 5 September 1945, the Hq & Hq Detachments of the 3rd, 521st and 522nd CA Battalions were disbanded as of 15 September and the remaining batteries of the Harbor Defenses redesignated as follows:

OLD DESIGNATION

Hq & Hq Btry HDLA -----  
 Btry A HDLA -----  
 Btry A 3rd CA Bn-----  
 Btry B 3rd CA Bn-----  
 Btry A 522nd CA Bn-----  
 Btry A 521st CA Bn-----

NEW DESIGNATION

Hq & Hq Btry HDLA  
 Btry A HDLA  
 Btry B HDLA  
 Btry C HDLA  
 Btry D HDLA  
 Btry E HDLA

APPENDIX

UNITS THAT SERVED WITH THE HARBOR DEFENSES OF LOS ANGELES  
 1941 TO 1944

On 7 December 1941, the following units were present for duty:

- HDLA Headquarters
- 3rd CA Batteries A, B, C, D, E, F, and K  
 (Later Batteries G, H and I were added)
- CASC (SCU) 1943
- CASC (SCU) 1959
- 524th MP Bn Company A
- 53rd Inf. Company C

From 8 December on, the units listed below served for varying periods:

78th CA (AA)  
160th Inf. Company H  
185th Inf. 1st Bn  
145th FA Batteries A and C  
115th Engrs 1st Platoon  
265th CA 2nd Bn  
69th QM Bn, 1st Platoon, Company C  
40th FA Battery H  
144th FA 2nd Bn  
52nd CA Battery E (less 2 sections)  
105th FA  
143rd FA Battery C  
164th FA Battery B  
154th FA Battery B  
83rd QM Bn Company C, Hq & Hq Det  
732nd CA (AA)  
161st FA Battery A  
8th signal Service Company Det  
9th Ordnance Service Company Det  
56th Ca 3rd Bn and Batteries D and G  
834th Signal Photo Det  
130th FA Battery A  
285th CA Battery A  
140th Cav Rcn Troop  
141st Cav Rcn Det

