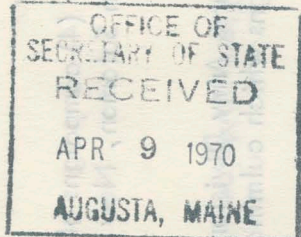


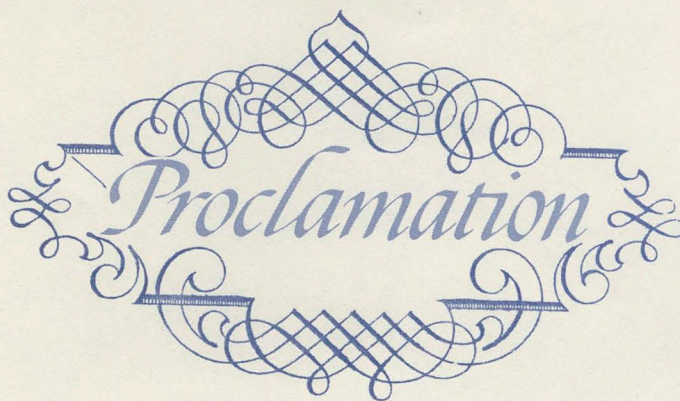
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

103RD INFANTRY DAY





State of Maine



WHEREAS, on the 24th day of February, 1941, the 103rd Infantry of the Maine National Guard was federalized as an Infantry Regiment of the 43rd Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, the 103rd Infantry consisted of over 1,200 Maine Citizen Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the 43rd Infantry Division after extensive military training in Florida and Mississippi and participating in the Louisiana and North and South Carolina maneuvers and after a period of over Twenty (20) months; and

WHEREAS, the 43rd Infantry Division took active part in Four (4) campaigns of the Asiatic and Pacific Theatre of Operation, Guadalcanal, Northern Solomon, New Guinea and Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the 43rd Infantry Division was the only United States Army Division to have participated in the initial offensive campaign and other campaigns which culminated in the occupation of the enemy's homeland; and

WHEREAS, the 103rd Infantry, having kept its regimental colors unblemished during the entire period of active duty from February 24, 1941, to October 15, 1945, was instrumental in bringing the high honor of raising over the conquered homeland of the Japanese Empire, the battle flag that had been assigned to the 103rd Infantry, and said flag, covered with four additional victorious battle streamers, was returned to the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Company "F" of Augusta are now sponsoring the 15th Reunion and 29th Anniversary of the 103rd Infantry Veterans Association of World War II to be held in Augusta, on April 11, 1970;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 11, 1970, as

103RD INFANTRY DAY

in the State of Maine in memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice and a tribute to the living members of the 103rd Veterans Association of World War II.



By the Governor

*Joseph V. Edgar*  
Secretary of State

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this Nineth day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth.

*Kenneth M. Curtis*  
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