



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**1st BATTALION, 8th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(FIGHTING EAGLES)**

Organized 1 July 1838 as a detachment of recruits at Detroit, Michigan

Designated 5 July 1838 as Company A, 8th Infantry (concurrently constituted in the Regular Army)

Consolidated in May 1869 with Company A, 33d Infantry (see ANNEX), and consolidated unit designated as Company A, 8th Infantry

(8th Infantry assigned 17 December 1917 to the 8th Division; relieved 24 March 1923 from assignment to the 8th Division and assigned to the 4th Division [later redesignated as the 4th Infantry Division])

Inactivated 25 February 1946 at Camp Butner, North Carolina

Activated 15 July 1947 at Fort Ord, California

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battle Group, 8th Infantry, and remained assigned to the 4th Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1963 as the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry

Inactivated 10 April 1970 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Activated 13 September 1972 at Fort Carson, Colorado

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Relieved 16 December 2004 from assignment to the 4th Infantry Division and assigned to the 3d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment

### **ANNEX**

Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as Company A, 3d Battalion, 15th Infantry

Organized by March 1864 at Fort Adams, Rhode Island

Reorganized and redesignated 21 September 1866 as Company A, 33d Infantry

Consolidated in May 1869 with Company A, 8th Infantry, and consolidated unit designated as Company A, 8th Infantry

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### Mexican War

- \*Palo Alto
- \*Resaca de la Palma
- \*Monterey
- \*Vera Cruz
- \*Cerro Gordo
- \*Churubusco
- \*Molino del Rey
- \*Chapultepec

#### Civil War

- Peninsula
- \*Manassas
- \*Antietam
- \*Fredericksburg
- \*Chancellorsville
- \*Gettysburg
- \*Wilderness
- \*Atlanta
- \*Spotsylvania
- \*Cold Harbor
- \*Petersburg
- \*Texas 1861

## **1st BATTALION, 8th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIGHTING EAGLES)**

### Indian Wars

Seminoles

\* Apaches

New Mexico 1858

New Mexico 1860

\* Montana 1872

Arizona 1876

### War with Spain

\* Santiago

### Philippine Insurrection

Luzon 1901

### World War I

\* Streamer without inscription

### World War II

\* Normandy (with arrowhead)

\* Northern France

\* Rhineland

\* Ardennes-Alsace

\* Central Europe

### Vietnam

\* Counteroffensive, Phase II

\* Counteroffensive, Phase III

\* Tet Counteroffensive

\* Counteroffensive, Phase IV

\* Counteroffensive, Phase V

\* Counteroffensive, Phase VI

\* Tet 69/Counteroffensive

\* Summer-Fall 1969

\* Winter-Spring 1970

### War on Terrorism

#### *Iraq:*

\* Iraqi Governance

\* National Resolution

\* Iraqi Surge

\* Iraqi Sovereignty

\* New Dawn

## **DECORATIONS**

\* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BEACHES OF NORMANDY

\* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE

\* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DAK TO DISTRICT

\* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003-2004

\* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered NINEVEH PROVINCE 2007-2009

\* Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005-2006

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\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA  
2010-2011

\*Belgian Fourragere 1940

\*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in Belgium

\*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the Ardennes

\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1966-1969

\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1969-1970

\*Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered  
VIETNAM 1966-1969

Company A and Company C each additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered KONTUM PROVINCE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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