



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

1st BATTALION, 509th INFANTRY REGIMENT

Constituted 14 March 1941 in the Army of the United States as Company A, 504th Parachute Battalion

Activated 5 October 1941 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Reorganized and redesignated 24 February 1942 as Company D, 503d Parachute Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 2 November 1942 as Company D, 509th Parachute Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 10 December 1943 as Company A, 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion

Disbanded 1 March 1945 in France

Reconstituted 12 May 1947 in the Regular Army as Company A, 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion

Redesignated 27 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry, and assigned to the 8th Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently constituted)

Battalion activated 1 April 1963 in Germany

Relieved 1 September 1973 from assignment to the 8th Infantry Division

Inactivated 1 July 1983 in Italy

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Headquarters transferred 18 December 1987 to the United States Training and Doctrine Command and activated at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas

Inactivated 31 May 1993 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, and withdrawn from the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

Battalion activated 15 January 1994 at Fort Polk, Louisiana

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

- *Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- *Tunisia (with arrowhead)
- *Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead)
- *Anzio (with arrowhead)
- *Rome-Arno
- *Southern France (with arrowhead)
- *Rhineland
- *Ardenes-Alsace

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

- *Transition of Iraq
- *Iraqi Governance

DECORATIONS

- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered CARANO, ITALY
- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LIEGE, BELGIUM
- *Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1993-1994
- *Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2009-2010
- *Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2011-2012

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*French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered MUY EN PROVENCE

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

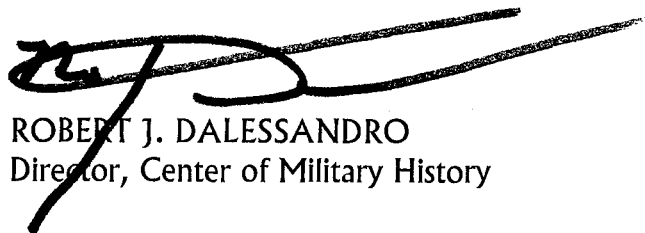
*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at St. Vith

*Personnel authorized to wear the insignia of the French 3d Zouaves Regiment

Company B additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ
2004-2005

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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