



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**2d BATTALION, 8th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(FIGHTING EAGLES)**

Constituted 5 July 1838 in the Regular Army as Company B, 8th Infantry, and organized at Detroit, Michigan

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

Inactivated 1 April 1957 at Fort Lewis, Washington, and relieved from assignment to the 4th Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 August 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battle Group, 8th Infantry, assigned to the 8th Infantry Division, and activated in Germany (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Relieved 1 January 1959 from assignment to the 8th Infantry Division and assigned to the 1st Infantry Division

## **2d BATTALION, 8th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIGHTING EAGLES)**

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1963 as the 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry; concurrently relieved from assignment to the 1st Infantry Division and assigned to the 4th Infantry Division

Inactivated 13 September 1972 at Fort Carson, Colorado

Activated 1 August 1984 at Fort Carson, Colorado

Inactivated 15 December 1989 at Fort Carson, Colorado, and relieved from assignment to the 4th Infantry Division

Assigned 16 December 1995 to the 2d Armored Division and activated at Fort Hood, Texas

Relieved 16 January 1996 from assignment to the 2d Armored Division and assigned to the 4th Infantry Division

Relieved 16 December 2004 from assignment to the 4th Infantry Division and assigned to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment

### **ANNEX**

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

Organized by March 1864 at Fort Adams, Rhode Island

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

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

## **2d BATTALION, 8th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIGHTING EAGLES)**

### **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

#### 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
- \* Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- \* Counteroffensive, Phase VII

#### War on Terrorism

##### *Iraq:*

- \* Liberation of Iraq
- \* Transition of Iraq
- \* Iraqi Surge
- \* Iraqi Sovereignty

## **2d BATTALION, 8th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIGHTING EAGLES)**

### **DECORATIONS**

- \*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BEACHES OF NORMANDY
- \*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003-2004
- \*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered WESTERN AND SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN 2011-2012
- \*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2008-2009
- \*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 B and Company C each additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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