



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**103D ENGINEER BATTALION  
(THE DANDY FIRST)**

Constituted 7 December 1747 by official recognition of the Military Association of the City of Philadelphia, founded 21 November 1747 at Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin

Organized 29 December 1747 as the Train of Artillery from new and existing elements

Reorganized and redesignated 26 May 1748 as the Train of Artillery, to consist of the following companies:

Associator Fort Company  
Grand Battery Company

Reorganized and redesignated 15 October 1754 in the Philadelphia Military Association as the Train of Artillery, to consist of the following companies:

Artillery Company  
Grand Battery

Reorganized, redesignated, and expanded May-August 1775 as the Philadelphia Artillery Battalion, to consist of the following companies:

1st Company, Captain Benjamin Loxley  
2d Company, Captain Joseph Moulder  
3d Company, Captain James Biddle  
4th Company, Captain Thomas Procter

While remaining in state service the Philadelphia Artillery additionally formed the following units for Continental service:

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Philadelphia Artillery Battalion, mustered into Continental service 2 July 1776,  
mustered out of Continental service 23 January 1777 at Morristown, New Jersey

Fort Mud Garrison organized 27 October 1775 at Philadelphia  
Expanded 14 August 1776 as the Pennsylvania State Artillery Battalion  
Assigned 23 September 1776 to the main Continental Army  
Expanded 6 February 1777 as the Pennsylvania State Artillery Regiment and  
relieved from assignment to the main Continental Army

Adopted 10 June 1777 into the Continental Army as Procter's Continental  
Artillery Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1783 as the 4th Continental Artillery  
Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 25 July 1777 in the Pennsylvania Militia as the First  
Artillery Battalion, Colonel Jehu Eyre commanding, to consist of the following companies:

1st Company, Captain Samuel Massey  
2d Company, Captain John McCullough  
3d Company, Captain Peter Browne  
4th Company, Captain William Prowell  
5th Company, Captain Andrew Summers  
6th Company, Captain John Ruper

Above units consolidated and reorganized 1784-1794 as the Regiment of Artillery of  
the City of Philadelphia

In Federal service from August 1814 to January 1815 as the Regiment of Artillery,  
Lieutenant Colonel Andrew M. Prevost commanding, comprising the following companies:

Junior Artillerists  
Company of Independent Artillerists  
Northern Liberty Artillerists  
Frankford Volunteer Artillerists  
Captain Landis' Company of Volunteer Artillery

Reorganized 2 April 1822 as the Artillery Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Division,  
Pennsylvania Militia

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Redesignated in 1828 as the 1st Artillery Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, comprising:

Junior Artillerists  
Jackson Artillery  
Pennsylvania Artillery  
State Artillery  
Phalanx Artillery  
Artillery Corps, Washington Grays

Reorganized and redesignated 19 April 1861 in part as the 1st Regiment Infantry, Gray Reserves

While remaining in state service the former 1st Artillery Regiment (also known as the Gray Artillery Battalion), 1st Brigade, 1st Division formed the following units for Federal service:

1st Artillery Regiment mustered into Federal service 25 April 1861 at Philadelphia to consist of the following companies:

Washington Grays (2 companies)  
Cadwalader Grays  
Philadelphia Grays  
West Philadelphia Grays  
Independent Grays  
State Guards  
National Artillery

Redesignated 15 May 1861 as the 17th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry

Mustered out of Federal service 2 August 1861 at Philadelphia

118th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Corn Exchange Regiment of Philadelphia) mustered into Federal service 15-30 August 1862 at Philadelphia  
Mustered out of Federal service 1 June 1865 at Philadelphia

119th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Gray Reserves) mustered into Federal service 15 August-17 September 1862 at Philadelphia  
Mustered out of Federal service 19 June 1865 at Philadelphia

32d Regiment (Gray Reserves), Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia mustered into Federal service 26 June 1863 at Harrisburg; mustered out of Federal service 1 August 1863 at Philadelphia

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Reorganized 18 September 1866 as the 1st Regiment of Infantry, Gray Reserves, Reserve Brigade, Pennsylvania Militia

(Pennsylvania Militia redesignated in 1870 as the Pennsylvania National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 10-11 May 1898 at Mount Gretna as the 1st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 26 October 1898 at Philadelphia

Mustered into Federal service 30 June 1916 at Mount Gretna as the 1st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 23 October 1916 at Mount Gretna

Mustered into Federal service 30 March 1917 at Philadelphia; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Consolidated 11 October 1917 with the 13th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard (organized in 1877); consolidated unit designated as the 109th Infantry, an element of the 28th Division

Demobilized 17-20 May 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Former 1st Infantry reorganized 15 October 1919 in the Pennsylvania National Guard at Philadelphia (former 13th Infantry Regiment - hereafter separate lineage)

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1921 as the 103d Engineer Regiment, an element of the 28th Division

Organized and Federally recognized 18 July 1921 at Philadelphia

Inducted into Federal service 17 February 1941 at Philadelphia

Regiment broken up 17 February 1942 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Regiment (less 2d Battalion) as the 103d Engineer Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division

2d Battalion as the 180th Engineer Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 28th Infantry Division (hereafter separate lineage)

After 17 February 1942 the above units underwent changes as follows:

103d Engineer Battalion redesignated 9 March 1943 as the 103d Engineer Combat Battalion

## **103D ENGINEER BATTALION (THE DANDY FIRST)**

Inactivated 27 October 1945 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Reorganized and Federally recognized 8 April 1947 at Philadelphia

Ordered into active Federal service 5 September 1950 at Philadelphia

Redesignated 5 June 1953 as the 103d Engineer Battalion

(103d Engineer Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 17 August 1953 with Headquarters at Philadelphia)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to State control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 103d Engineer Battalion (NGUS)

(Company C allotted 21 January 1968 to the Maryland Army National Guard; Company D allotted 1 February 1968 to the Virginia Army National Guard. Companies C and D reallocated 1 April 1975 to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1973 as the 103d Engineer Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 24 August 2002 at Philadelphia; released from active Federal service 20 May 2003 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2007 to consist of Headquarters Company and the Support Company

Expanded and reorganized 1 March 2017 and assigned to the 56th Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division

**HEADQUARTERS: Philadelphia**

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**CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

Revolutionary War

Trenton  
Princeton  
Brandywine  
Germantown  
Monmouth  
Yorktown  
Pennsylvania 1776  
New Jersey 1776  
New York 1776  
New Jersey 1777  
New Jersey 1778  
New York 1779

War of 1812

Streamer without inscription

Civil War

Antietam  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellorsville  
Gettysburg  
Wilderness  
Spotsylvania  
Cold Harbor  
Petersburg  
Shenandoah  
Appomattox  
Maryland 1862  
Maryland 1864  
Pennsylvania 1863  
Virginia 1863

World War I

Champagne-Marne  
Aisne-Marne  
Oisne-Aisne  
Meuse-Argonne  
Champagne 1918  
Lorraine 1918

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World War II  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

Company A (Spring City), additionally entitled to:

World War II  
Normandy (with Arrowhead)  
Central Pacific  
Eastern Mandates  
Western Pacific

War on Terrorism  
*Iraq:*  
Iraqi Governance  
Iraqi Sovereignty

Company B (Philadelphia), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism  
*Afghanistan:*  
Consolidation II

Company C (Philadelphia), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism  
*Iraq:*  
Iraqi Sovereignty

Company D (Horsham), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism  
*Iraq:*  
Iraqi Sovereignty

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**DECORATIONS**

Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, Streamer embroidered LUXEMBOURG

Company A (Spring City), additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered ARDENNES (Earned as Company C, 103d Engineer Battalion)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005 (Earned as Company C, 103d Engineer Battalion)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009 (Earned as the 856th Engineer Company)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at St. Vith (Earned as Company C, 103d Engineer Battalion)

Company B (Philadelphia), additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2008 (Earned as Company E, 3d Battalion, 103d Armor)

Company C (Torrance), additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009 (Earned as the 656th Signal Company)

Company D (Torrance), additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009 (Earned as the 556th Military Intelligence Company)

**BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**



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