



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

201st ENGINEER BATTALION (KENTUCKY WORKHORSE BATTALION)

Constituted 22 May 1846 in the Kentucky Militia as the 1st Kentucky Cavalry and the 2d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry

Organized from volunteers of the enrolled militia, principally from counties in central Kentucky, and mustered into Federal service 9 June 1846 at Louisville; mustered out of Federal service 7 and 9 June 1847, respectively, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and continued in state service as separate volunteer militia companies

Reorganized 15 June 1860 in the Kentucky State Guard as the Lexington Battalion, to include the Lexington Rifles (organized in 1857 by Captain John Hunt Morgan)

Expanded 6 November 1860 to form the Lexington Battalion (to include the Lexington Rifles) and the Kentucky River Battalion

Lexington and Kentucky River Battalions broken up in 1861 and their elements reorganized as follows:

Elements with Union sympathy reorganized April-June 1861 primarily as the 1st and 2d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry Regiments

Mustered into Federal service 4 and 13 June 1861, respectively, at Camp Clay, Ohio; mustered out of Federal service 18 and 19 June 1864 respectively, at Covington

Elements with Confederate sympathy (less Lexington Rifles) defected in July 1861 and organized as elements of the *1st Kentucky Brigade (The Orphan Brigade)* and mustered into Confederate service at Camp Boone, Tennessee

Surrendered 4 May 1865 at Washington, Georgia

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Lexington Rifles defected 20 September 1861 from the Kentucky State Guard, reorganized as a separate company of cavalry, and mustered into Confederate service at Bowling Green

Consolidated in October 1861 with two other cavalry companies and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as *Morgan's Squadron, Kentucky Cavalry*

Expanded, reorganized and redesignated in June 1862 as the *2d Kentucky Cavalry Regiment (Morgan's Men)*

Surrendered 8 May 1865 near Woodstock, Georgia

Former Lexington and Kentucky River Battalions reorganized 18 May 1881 in the Kentucky State Guard as the 3d Battalion with Headquarters at Lexington

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated in 1883 as the 2d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Lexington

Mustered into Federal service 14-25 May 1898 as the 2d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 31 October 1898 at Lexington

Reorganized 24 April 1899 in the Kentucky State Guard as the 1st Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Lexington

Redesignated 31 July 1899 as the 2d Regiment of Infantry

(Kentucky State Guard redesignated 19 March 1912 as the Kentucky National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 25 June 1916 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky; mustered out of Federal service 15 February 1917 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Mustered into Federal service 21 April 1917 at Camp Stanley, Kentucky; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Consolidated 1 October 1917 with the 3d Regiment of Infantry (less 3d Battalion [see ANNEX]); consolidated unit concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 149th Infantry and assigned to the 38th Division

Demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky

Former 2d and 3d Regiments of Infantry reorganized 1920-1921 in the Kentucky National Guard as the 1st Infantry and the 53d and 54th Machine Gun Squadrons (53d and 54th Machine Gun Squadrons – hereafter separate lineages)

1st Infantry redesignated 1 July 1921 as the 149th Infantry and assigned to the 38th Division; Headquarters Federally recognized 1 July 1922 at Frankfort

(Location of Headquarters changed 13 December 1927 to Louisville)

Inducted into Federal service 17 January 1941 at home stations

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(38th Division redesignated 1 March 1942 as the 38th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 9 November 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Relieved 13 May 1946 from assignment to the 38th Infantry Division

Reorganized and Federally recognized 25 September 1946 with Headquarters at St. Matthews

Regiment broken up 1 September 1955 and its elements converted and redesignated as follows:

2d Battalion as the 242d Tank Battalion with Headquarters at Ashland

(Headquarters and the 1st Battalion [less Company A] as the 241st Tank Battalion; Headquarters Company as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 149th Armor Group; 3d Battalion as the 240th and 243d Tank Battalions; and Company A as the 917th Medical Company-hereafter separate lineages)

242d Tank Battalion converted and redesignated 1 October 1959 as the 201st Engineer Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 1 August 2002 at home stations; released from active Federal service 30 July 2004 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 2 March 2008 at home stations

Reorganized 1 September 2008 to consist of Headquarters Company and the Support Company (concurrently, former Companies B and C reorganized and redesignated as the 149th Engineer Company-hereafter a separate lineage)

Released from active Federal service 5 April 2009 and reverted to state control

ANNEX

Organized 8 May 1882 in the Kentucky State Guard in western Kentucky as the 4th Battalion with Headquarters at Bowling Green

Expanded, reorganized and redesignated in 1883 as the 3d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Bowling Green

Mustered into Federal service 21-31 May 1898 at Lexington as the 3d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 16 May 1899 at Savannah, Georgia

Reorganized 10 October 1899 in the Kentucky State Guard as the 3d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Bowling Green

(Kentucky State Guard redesignated 19 March 1912 as the Kentucky National Guard)

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Mustered into Federal service 6 July 1916 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky; mustered out of Federal service 12-15 March 1917 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Mustered into Federal service 21 April 1917 at Camp Stanley, Kentucky; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

3d Regiment of Infantry (less 3d Battalion) consolidated 1 October 1917 with the 2d Regiment of Infantry to form the 149th Infantry and assigned to the 38th Division, 3d Battalion, 3d Regiment of Infantry, concurrently reorganized and redesignated as Companies A and B, 138th Machine Gun Battalion, Company F, 113th Ammunition Train, and Company B, 113th Engineers, elements of the 38th Division

Above units demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky

HEADQUARTERS: Ashland

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Mexican War

Buena Vista

Civil War

Shiloh

Murfreesborough

Chickamauga

West Virginia 1861

Mississippi 1862

Kentucky 1862

Kentucky 1864

Tennessee 1863

World War I

Streamer without inscription

World War II

New Guinea

Leyte

Luzon

War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:

Consolidation II

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DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered EASTERN AFGHANISTAN 2008-2009

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation; Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER TO 4 JULY
1945

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