

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Lineage and Honors

109th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT (WYOMING VALLEY GUARDS)

Constituted 11 May 1775 in the Connecticut Militia as the 24th Regiment

Organized 17 October 1775 in the Wyoming Valley region

(1st and 2d Independent Westmoreland Companies [also known as Wyoming Companies] authorized 23 August 1776 in the Continental Army; organized 26 August-21 September 1776 in Westmoreland County, Connecticut [Wyoming Valley region]; consolidated 23 June 1778 as Captain Simon Spaulding's Wyoming Independent Company; disbanded 1 January 1778 at Fort Wyoming [Wilkes-Barre], Connecticut, and personnel reverted to the 24th Regiment, Connecticut Militia)

24th Regiment reorganized in 1781 as the 1st Company, 5th Regiment

(Wyoming Valley region awarded 30 December 1782 to Pennsylvania)

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated in 1787 in the Pennsylvania Militia in Luzerne County as Colonel Hollenback's Battalion

Redesignated 11 April 1793 as the 3d Regiment, Luzerne County

Redesignated 9 April 1799 as the 35th Regiment

(Artillery Company, 35th Regiment, mustered into Federal service 5 May 1813 at Erie; mustered out of Federal service 5 November 1813 at Erie)

Redesignated 19 March 1816 as the 2d Regiment

Volunteer companies of the 2d Regiment reorganized and redesignated 9 August 1821 as the Wyoming Volunteer Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 22 February 1834 as the Wyoming Volunteer Regiment

(Wyoming Artillerists and Wyoming Yagers consolidated and mustered into Federal service 16 December 1846 at Pittsburgh as Company I, 1st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment; mustered out of Federal service 20 July 1848 at Pittsburgh)

Mustered into Federal service 22-24 April 1861 at Harrisburg as the 8th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment; mustered out of Federal service 29 July 1861 at Harrisburg

Reorganized and mustered into Federal service 18 October 1862 at Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg as the 143d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment; mustered out of Federal service 12 June 1865 at Hart Island, New York

(Pennsylvania Militia redesignated 9 April 1870 as the Pennsylvania National Guard)

Reorganized 11 January 1871 in the Pennsylvania National Guard in Luzerne County as the 15th Infantry Regiment

Consolidated 28 November 1873 with the 17th Infantry Regiment (constituted 23 November 1871 in the Pennsylvania National Guard and organized from new and existing companies in Luzerne County) and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 9th Infantry Regiment

Disbanded 23 September 1878 in Luzerne County

Reconstituted 24 June 1879 in the Pennsylvania National Guard as the 9th Infantry Regiment

Reorganized 25 July 1879 at Wilkes-Barre

Mustered into Federal service 11 May 1898 at Mount Gretna as the 9th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 29 October 1898 at Wilkes-Barre

Reorganized 5 January-28 March 1899 with Headquarters at Wilkes-Barre

Converted and redesignated 16 August 1916 as the 3d Field Artillery Regiment

Mustered into Federal service 8 September 1916 at Mount Gretna; mustered out of Federal service 23-27 March 1917 at Wilkes-Barre

Mustered into Federal service 16-19 July 1917 at home stations; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 11 October 1917 as the 109th Field Artillery and assigned to the 28th Division

Demobilized 17 May 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Reorganized 1919-1921 in the Pennsylvania National Guard in northern Pennsylvania as the 3d Field Artillery

Redesignated 1 April 1921 as the 109th Field Artillery and assigned to the 28th Division; Headquarters Federally recognized 29 June 1921 at Wilkes-Barre

Inducted into Federal service 17 February 1941 at home stations

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

Headquarters disbanded

Headquarters Battery consolidated with the Pioneer Company, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion (organized in 1941) and consolidated unit designated as the Pioneer Company, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion

1st Battalion as the 2d Battalion, 193d Field Artillery, and relieved from assignment to the 28th Division

2d Battalion as the 109th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division

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

Headquarters reconstituted 25 August 1945 in the Pennsylvania National Guard

Pioneer Company, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion, redesignated 22 July 1942 as the Reconnaissance Company, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Inactivated 14 November 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts

2d Battalion, 193d Field Artillery, reorganized and redesignated 23 February 1943 as the 688th Field Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 2 December 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts Reorganized and Federally recognized 11 May 1948 as the 967th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, with Headquarters at Wilkes-Barre

Ordered into active Federal service 1 May 1951 at home stations; released 19 March 1955 from active Federal service and reverted to state control

Federal recognition withdrawn 15 January 1956

109th Field Artillery Battalion inactivated 30 October 1945 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Consolidated 17 December 1946 with Headquarters, 109th Field Artillery, and the Reconnaissance Company, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion, and consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized as the 109th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division, with Headquarters at Wilkes-Barre

Ordered into active Federal service 5 September 1950 at Wilkes-Barre

(109th Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 27 July 1953 at Wilkes-Barre)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 109th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

Consolidated 15 January 1956 with the 967th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (see above) and consolidated unit designated as the 109th Field Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1959 as the 109th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st and 2d Howitzer Battalions, elements of the 28th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 April 1963 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 May 1972 as the 109th Field Artillery

Reorganized 1 September 1977 to consist of the 1st Battalion and Battery F, elements of the 28th Infantry Division

Withdrawn 5 April 1988 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Ordered into active Federal service 18 December 2003 at home stations; released from active Federal service 14 June 2005 and reverted to state control

Redesignated 1 September 2005 as the 109th Field Artillery Regiment

Reorganized 1 September 2007 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 55th Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Revolutionary War Brandywine Germantown New Jersey 1777 Pennsylvania 1777 Pennsylvania 1778 Pennsylvania 1779 New York 1779

Mexican War Vera Cruz Cerro Gordo

<u>Civil War</u> Chancellorsville Gettysburg Wilderness Spotsylvania Cold Harbor Petersburg Virginia 1861 Virginia 1863 World War I Oise-Aisne Ypres-Lys Meuse-Argonne Champagne 1918 Lorraine 1918

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

War on Terrorism Campaigns to be determined

Battery B (Nanticoke,) 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism *Iraq:* Iraqi Sovereignty (Additional campaigns to be determined)

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered ARDENNES

Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, Streamer embroidered LUXEMBOURG

Headquarters Battery (Wilkes-Barre), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER

Battery B, 1st Battalion (Nanticoke), additionally entitled to:

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

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ FEB – SEP 2009

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