



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

123d FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

Constituted 4 May 1882 in the Illinois National Guard as the 6th Infantry Regiment and organized from existing units in northwestern Illinois

Mustered into Federal service 11 May 1898 as the 6th Illinois Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 25 November 1898 at Springfield

Reorganized in 1903 in the Illinois National Guard as the 6th Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 25 April 1917 at home stations; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Converted and redesignated 19 September 1917 as the 123d Field Artillery and assigned to the 33d Division

Demobilized 9 June 1919 at Camp Grant, Illinois

Reorganized 17 August 1921 in the Illinois National Guard as the 1st Battalion, 123d Field Artillery, an element of the 33d Division

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 3 June 1936 as the 123d Field Artillery; Headquarters Federally recognized 26 July 1936 at Monmouth

Inducted into Federal service 5 March 1941 at home stations

Regiment broken up 12 February-18 April 1942 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery on 12 February 1942 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 208th Field Artillery, and relieved from assignment to the 33d Division

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1st Battalion on 12 February 1942 as the 123d Field Artillery Battalion and remained assigned to the 33d Division (later redesignated as the 33d Infantry Division)

2d Battalion on 18 April 1942 as the 2d Battalion, 200th Field Artillery, and relieved from assignment to the 33d Division

After 18 April 1942 the above units underwent changes as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 208th Field Artillery, reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1943 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 208th Field Artillery Group

Inactivated 27 March 1945 at Camp Shanks, New York

Reorganized and Federally recognized 17 December 1946 in the Illinois National Guard at Monmouth as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 44th Division Artillery

Ordered into active Federal service 15 February 1952 at Monmouth

Released from active Federal service 10 October 1954 and reverted to state control; concurrently consolidated with Headquarters Battery and Service Battery, 210th Field Artillery Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 1 March 1954 at Monmouth), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters Battery and Service Battery, 210th Field Artillery Battalion, elements of the 33d Infantry Division

123d Field Artillery Battalion inactivated 5 February 1946 in Japan

Relieved 5 July 1946 from assignment to the 33d Infantry Division and assigned to the 44th Infantry Division

Expanded, reorganized, and Federally recognized 4 and 10 April 1947 in the Illinois National Guard as the 223d Field Artillery Battalion, with Headquarters at Rock Island, and the 123d Field Artillery Battalion, with Headquarters at Monmouth, elements of the 44th Infantry Division

Location of Headquarters, 123d Field Artillery Battalion, changed 16 June 1949 to Galesburg

123d and 223d Field Artillery Battalions ordered into Federal service 15 February 1952 at home stations

Released from active Federal service 10 October 1954 and reverted to state control; 223d Field Artillery Battalion concurrently consolidated with the 133d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 1 March 1954 with Headquarters at Rock Island) and consolidated unit designated as the 133d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, an element of the 33d Infantry Division

123d Field Artillery Battalion consolidated 1 December 1954 with the 209th Field Artillery Battalion (see below) and the 210th Field Artillery Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 1 March 1954 with Headquarters at Monmouth) and consolidated unit designated as the 123d Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 33d Infantry Division

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2d Battalion, 208th Field Artillery, reorganized and redesignated 15 August 1942 as the 223d Field Artillery Battalion

Assigned 6 December 1942 to the Americal Division

Relieved 26 February 1943 from assignment to the Americal Division

Inactivated 24 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 17 March 1947 in the Illinois National Guard as the 209th Field Artillery Battalion, with Headquarters at East St. Louis, and assigned to the 44th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 15 February 1952 at home stations; released from active Federal service 10 October 1954 and reverted to state control

123d Field Artillery Battalion and the 133d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion consolidated 1 March 1959 to form the 123d Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Rocket Howitzer Battalion and the 2d Howitzer Battalion, elements of the 33d Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 April 1963 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 33d Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 February 1968 to consist of the 2d Battalion, an element of the 47th Infantry Division

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 7 April 1968 at home stations; released from active Federal service 12 April 1968 and reverted to state control

Redesignated 1 May 1972 as the 123d Field Artillery

Withdrawn 5 February 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Reorganized 10 February 1991 to consist of the 2d Battalion, an element of the 34th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 October 1996 to consist of the 2d Battalion, an element of the 34th Infantry Division, and the 3d Battalion

Reorganized 1 October 1997 to consist of the 2d and 3d Battalions

3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 30 January 2003 at home stations

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 24 October – 27 December 2004 at home stations

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3d Battalion released from active Federal service 28 January 2005 and reverted to state control

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 123d Field Artillery Regiment

2d Battalion released from active Federal service 21 April – 26 June 2006 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2006 to consist of the 2d Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 20 May 2010 at home stations; released from active Federal service 23 June 2011 and reverted to state control

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War with Spain
Puerto Rico

World War I
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

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

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism
Iraq:
Iraqi Governance
National Resolution

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DECORATIONS

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945

Battery A (Milan), 2d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005

Battery B (Macomb), 2d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

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

Battery C (Galesburg), 2d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005-2006

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered PACIFIC THEATER 1944-1945

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered PACIFIC THEATER 1945

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