



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

197th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments organized from existing volunteer militia companies and mustered into Federal service as follows:

1st Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry 29 April-7 May 1861 at Concord; mustered out of Federal service 9 August 1861 at Concord

2d Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry 31 May-8 June 1861 at Portsmouth; mustered out of Federal service 19 December 1865 at Cabin Point, Virginia

3d Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry 22-24 August 1861 at Concord; mustered out of Federal service 20 July 1865 at Goldsboro, North Carolina

4th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry 18 September 1861 at Manchester; mustered out of Federal service 23 August 1865 at Raleigh, North Carolina

5th Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry 12-19 October 1861 at Concord; mustered out of Federal service 28 June 1865 at Alexandria, Virginia

Existing companies in western New Hampshire reorganized 24 September 1866 in the New Hampshire Volunteer Militia as the 1st Regiment with Headquarters at Manchester; existing companies in eastern New Hampshire reorganized 26 September 1866 as the 2d Regiment with Headquarters at Dover

Expanded 18 April 1878 to form the 1st Regiment in southeastern New Hampshire with Headquarters at Manchester; the 2d Regiment in southwestern New Hampshire with Headquarters at Peterborough; and the 3d Regiment in northern New Hampshire with Headquarters at Concord

(New Hampshire Volunteer Militia redesignated 1 April 1879 as the New Hampshire National Guard)

(3d Regiment, plus Companies A and B, 1st Regiment, and Companies C and F, 2d Regiment, mustered into Federal service 7-14 May 1898 at Concord as the 1st New Hampshire Volunteer

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Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 31 October 1898 at Concord and resumed state status under their former designations)

1st, 2d, and 3d Regiments consolidated 20 January 1900 to form the 1st Regiment in southwestern New Hampshire with Headquarters at Manchester and the 2d Regiment in northeastern New Hampshire with Headquarters at Concord

Reorganized 15 April 1909 as the 1st Infantry with Headquarters at Nashua and the Coast Artillery Corps with Headquarters at Portsmouth

1st Infantry mustered into Federal service 20-21 June 1916 at Concord; mustered out of Federal service 20 February 1917 at Concord

1st Infantry and the Coast Artillery Corps (less 1st Company) mustered into Federal service 25 July 1917 at home stations; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

1st Infantry reorganized and redesignated 11 February 1918 as the First Army Headquarters Regiment

Demobilized 26 January 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Coast Artillery Corps reorganized and redesignated 6 August 1917 as the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Companies, Fort Constitution, New Hampshire

(1st Company, Coast Artillery Corps, mustered into Federal service 12 April 1917 at Concord)

Redesignated 20 August 1917 as the 9th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Companies, Coast Defenses of Portsmouth

Demobilized 18-20 December 1918 at Fort Constitution, New Hampshire

Former 1st Infantry (less Manchester elements) and Coast Artillery Corps consolidated, reorganized, and Federally recognized 30 June 1922 in the New Hampshire National Guard as the 197th Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps) with Headquarters at Concord (former Manchester elements, 1st Infantry – see ANNEX)

Redesignated 23 April 1924 as the 197th Coast Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at home stations

Regiment broken up 15 May 1943 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and the 1st Battalion as the 744th Coast Artillery Battalion; 2d Battalion as the 210th Coast Artillery Battalion (remainder of regiment – hereafter separate lineages)

744th Coast Artillery Battalion reorganized and redesignated 15 June 1944 as the 744th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

Inactivated 29 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 4 April 1947 with Headquarters at Laconia

Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 744th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

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210th Coast Artillery Battalion reorganized and redesignated 15 June 1944 as the 210th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Inactivated 29 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 10 October 1947 with Headquarters at Berlin

Reorganized and redesignated 16 October 1950 as the 210th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 210th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

744th and 210th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions consolidated 1 February 1959 with the 421st Field Artillery Battalion (organized 1 December 1954 from existing units with Headquarters at Claremont) and the 737th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (organized 1 December 1954 from existing units with Headquarters at Portsmouth) to form the 197th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of Battery A and the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Howitzer Battalions

(4th Howitzer Battalion ordered into active Federal service 15 October 1961 at home stations; released 9 August 1962 from active Federal service and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 February 1963 to consist of Battery A and the 1st, 2d, and 3d Howitzer Battalions

Reorganized 1 November 1964 to consist of Battery A and the 2d and 3d Howitzer Battalions

Reorganized 1 November 1965 to consist of Battery A and the 2d and 3d Battalions

(3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 13 May 1968 at home stations; released 16 September 1969 from active Federal service and reverted to state control)

Redesignated 1 May 1972 as the 197th Field Artillery

Reorganized 1 September 1978 to consist of Battery A, an element of the 50th Armored Division, and the 2d and 3d Battalions

Withdrawn 1 June 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Reorganized 1 September 1992 to consist of Battery A, an element of the 50th Armored Division, and the 2d Battalion

Reorganized 1 September 1993 to consist of the 2d Battalion

(2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 5 January 2004 at home stations; released from active Federal service 1 July 2005 and reverted to state control)

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Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 197th Field Artillery Regiment

Consolidated 1 September 2008 with the 172d Field Artillery Regiment (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit designated as the 197th Field Artillery Regiment, to consist of the 3d Battalion

(3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 11 September 2010 at home stations; released from active Federal service 15 October 2011 and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 April 2012 to consist of the 3d Battalion and Battery E

(3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 21 February 2015 at home stations; released from active Federal service 2 January 2016 and reverted to state control)

(Battery E ordered into active Federal service 2 March 2016 at Portsmouth; released from active Federal service 5 April 2017 and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 June 2017 to consist of the 3d Battalion

ANNEX

Organized and Federally recognized 22 February 1922 in the New Hampshire National Guard from the Manchester elements of the former 1st Infantry as the 1st Battalion, 172d Field Artillery; with Headquarters at Manchester (remainder of former 1st Infantry and Coast Artillery Corps – hereafter separate lineages)

1st Battalion, 172d Field Artillery, expanded 15 May 1936 to form the 172d Field Artillery with Headquarters at Manchester

Inducted into Federal service 24 February 1941 at Manchester

Regimental Headquarters and the 1st Battalion reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1943 as the 172d Field Artillery Battalion (remainder of regiment – hereafter separate lineages)

Inactivated 19 November 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia

Reorganized and Federally recognized 2 April 1947 with Headquarters at Manchester

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1959 as the 172d Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st and 2d Howitzer Battalions

(1st and 2d Howitzer Battalions ordered into active Federal service 15 October 1961 at home stations; released 11 and 13 August 1962 from active Federal service and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 November 1965 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions

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Reorganized 1 December 1967 to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 May 1972 as the 172d Field Artillery

Withdrawn 1 June 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 172d Field Artillery Regiment

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Civil War

Bull Run
Peninsula
Manassas
Antietam
Fredericksburg
Chancellorsville
Gettysburg
Cold Harbor
Petersburg
Appomattox
Maryland 1861
Virginia 1861
Virginia 1862
Virginia 1863
Virginia 1864
South Carolina 1861
South Carolina 1862
South Carolina 1863
South Carolina 1864
Florida 1862
North Carolina 1864
North Carolina 1865

World War I

Streamer without inscription

World War II

New Guinea
East Indies
Leyte
Luzon
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969

War on Terrorism

Campaigns to be determined

Headquarters Battery (Sheridan Guards, Concord), 3d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Civil War

Mississippi River
Louisiana 1863
Louisiana 1864
Mississippi 1864
Mississippi 1865

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Battery B (Stratford Guards, Nashua), 3d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Revolutionary War
Boston

Civil War
Wilderness
Spotsylvania
Maryland 1863

World War I
Champagne-Marne
Aisne-Marne
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Ile de France 1918
Lorraine 1918

World War II
East Indies (with arrowhead)

DECORATIONS

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

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 2010-2011


Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (earned by the 210th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969 (earned by the 3d Battalion, 197th Artillery)

Headquarters Battery (Sheridan Guards, Concord), 1st Battalion, entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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