



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**118th INFANTRY REGIMENT
(FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA)**

Organized in November 1846 in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the Palmetto Regiment

Mustered into Federal service 22 December 1846 at Charleston; mustered out of Federal service 1 July 1848 at Mobile Alabama; elements continued as independent companies in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia

Reconstituted 17 December 1860 in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the 2d (Palmetto) Regiment

Mustered into active state service 9 April 1861

Defected from the South Carolina militia in May 1861

Surrendered 26 April 1865 near Greensboro, North Carolina, with the *Army of the Tennessee*

Reorganized 1875-1878 as separate companies following provisional existence as rifle clubs; assigned 9 January 1878 to the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as elements of the 2d Division

Reorganized in 1881 in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the 2d (Palmetto) Regiment of Infantry

(South Carolina Volunteer Militia redesignated about 1895-1905 as the South Carolina State Volunteer Troops, South Carolina Volunteer Troops, or South Carolina State Troops; redesignated in 1905 as the South Carolina National Guard)

118th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA)

Mustered into Federal service 13 July 1916 at Camp Moore, South Carolina, mustered out of Federal service 20 March 1917 at Camp Moore, South Carolina

Ordered into Federal service 20 July 1917; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Converted and redesignated (less 3d Battalion and other elements) 12 September 1917 as the 105th Ammunition Train, an element of the 30th Division; remainder of regiment concurrently reorganized and redesignated as other elements of the 30th Division

Demobilized 1 April 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina; 30th Division demobilized 7 May 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

Former 2d Regiment of Infantry consolidated with the 118th Infantry (see ANNEX 2) and consolidated unit reorganized 1919-1921 in the South Carolina National Guard as the 118th Infantry and assigned to the 30th Division; Headquarters Federally recognized 28 July 1921 at Columbia

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at home stations

Relieved 24 August 1942 from assignment to the 30th Division

(3d Battalion, 118th Infantry, inactivated 24 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey)

Inactivated (less 3d Battalion) 15 January 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

118th Infantry reorganized (less 2d and 3d Battalion) and Federally recognized 14 May 1947, with Headquarters at Columbia, and assigned to the 51st Infantry Division (2d and 3d Battalions reorganized and Federally recognized 3 February 1947 as the 218th Infantry, with Headquarters at Spartanburg, and assigned to the 51st Infantry Division)

118th Infantry and 218th Infantry consolidated 1 April 1959 and consolidated unit designated as the 118th Infantry, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battle Groups, elements of the 51st Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 April 1963 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battle Groups as the 3d Battalion

Reorganized 30 April 1964 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Battalions, elements of the 30th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 January 1968 to consist of the 1st and 4th Battalions, elements of the 30th Infantry Division

118th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA)

Reorganized 1 January 1974 to consist of the 1st and 4th Battalions, elements of the 218th Infantry Brigade

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

Reorganized 1 October 2004 to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 118th Infantry Regiment

Ordered into active Federal service 29 January 2007 at Mount Pleasant; released from active Federal service 26 July 2008 and reverted to state control

Relieved 1 March 2009 from assignment to the 218th Infantry Brigade

Consolidated 1 September 2009 with the 263d Armored Regiment (see ANNEX 3), and consolidated unit designated as the 118th Infantry Regiment, to consist of the 1st and 4th Battalions

4th Battalion ordered into active Federal service 28 January 2012 at Mullins; released from active Federal service 2 March 2013

Elements of 1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 12 July 2012 at Union; released from active Federal service 15 August 2013 and reverted to state control

4th Battalion ordered into active Federal service 12 August 2019 at Union; released from active Federal service 6 December 2020 and reverted to state control

ANNEX 1

Constituted 20 December 1853 in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the Charleston Rifle Battalion and organized from existing companies

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 22 December 1859 as the 1st (Charleston) Regiment of Rifles and attached to the 4th Brigade

Defected from the South Carolina Volunteer Militia 27 December 1860

(Additionally furnished elements of the *11th South Carolina Infantry Battalion* and *25th (Eutaw) Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers*; all elements disbanded in 1865)

1st (Charleston) Regiment of Rifles disbanded in 1865

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Former companies reconstituted 1866-1876 as independent rifle clubs and charitable organizations

Reconstituted 9 January 1878 in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the 1st Regiment of Rifles and organized from existing companies

Consolidated 11 February 1881 with the 17th Regiment and consolidated unit designated as the 1st Regiment of Infantry (Rifles)

Regiment broken up 10 March 1884 and reorganized as the 1st and 2d Infantry Battalions of Charleston

Expanded 4 April 1889 as the 1st, 2d, and 3d Infantry Battalions to form the 3d Regiment of Infantry

ANNEX 2

Constituted 7 January 1861 in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the 1st Regiment (Gregg's)

Organized 1 February 1861 from existing volunteer militia companies

Defected from the South Carolina Militia in May 1861

Surrendered 9 April 1865 at Appomattox, Virginia, with the *Army of Northern Virginia*

Reorganized 1875-1878 as separate companies following provisional existence as rifle clubs; assigned 9 January 1878 to the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the 3d Division

Reorganized in 1883 in the South Carolina Volunteer Militia as the 3d Regiment of Infantry

(South Carolina Volunteer Militia redesignated about 1895-1905 as the South Carolina State Volunteer Troops, South Carolina Volunteer Troops, or South Carolina State Troops; redesignated in 1905 as the South Carolina National Guard)

Redesignated about 1900 as the 1st Regiment of Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 1 July 1916 at Camp Moore, South Carolina; mustered out of Federal service

Called into Federal service 12 April 1917; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

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Reorganized and redesignated 12 September 1917 as the 118th Infantry and assigned to the 30th Division

Demobilized 1 April 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

ANNEX 3

Organized and Federally recognized 6 March 1947 in the South Carolina National Guard as the 263d Coast Artillery Battalion with Headquarters at Florence

Converted and redesignated 1 February 1949 as the 263d Heavy Tank Battalion and assigned to the 51st Infantry Division

(Location of Headquarters changed 17 March 1949 to Mullins)

Redesignated 1 September 1950 as the 263d Tank Battalion

Consolidated 1 April 1959 with the 2d Battalion, 218th Infantry (organized and Federally recognized 7 February 1947 with Headquarters at Rock Hill), and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 263d Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Medium Tank Battalion and 2d Reconnaissance Squadron, elements of the 51st Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 April 1963 to consist of the 1st Medium Tank Battalion and 2d Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 51st Infantry Division

Reorganized 30 April 1964 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions

Reorganized 1 January 1968 to consist of the 1st Battalion and the 2d Battalion, an element of the 30th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 January 1974 to consist of the 1st Battalion and the 2d Battalion, an element of the 218th Infantry Brigade

Withdrawn 6 June 1986 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

(1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 30 November 1990 at home stations; released 10 April 1991 from active Federal service and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 October 1995 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 218th Infantry Brigade

118th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA)

Ordered into active Federal service 2 September 2002 to 3 January 2003 at Mullins;
released from active Federal service 2 September 2003 to 3 January 2004 and reverted to
state control

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 263d Armored Regiment

Elements ordered into active Federal service 15 October 2006 at Mullins; released from
active Federal service 11 April 2008 and reverted to state control

Relieved 1 March 2009 from assignment to the 218th Infantry Brigade

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Indian Wars
Seminoles

Mexican War
Vera Cruz
Contreras
Churubusco
Chapultepec

World War I
Somme Offensive
Ypres-Lys
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Flanders 1918
Lorraine 1918

World War II
Northern France
Rhineland

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism
Afghanistan:
Consolidation II

Company A (Washington Light Infantry-Moncks Corner), 1st Battalion, additionally
entitled to:

War of 1812
Streamer without inscription

118th INFANTRY REGIMENT (FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA)

Company D (Marion), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

World War II
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
North Apennines
Po Valley

Headquarters Company (Union), 4th Battalion additionally entitled to:

World War II
Normandy
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Company A (Dillon), 4th Battalion additionally entitled to:

World War II
Tunisia
Rome-Arno
Sicily (with Arrowhead)
England 1944
Normandy
Southern France (with Arrowhead)
Central Europe

Company B (Gaffney), 4th Battalion additionally entitled to:

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

DECORATIONS

Company D (Marion), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered
CASSINO

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Headquarters Company (Union), 4th Battalion additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered MORTAIN

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered EUROPE 1944

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered FRANCE

Belgian Fourragere 1940

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in Belgium

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the Ardennes

Company B (Gaffney), 4th Battalion additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered MORTAIN

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered EUROPE 1944

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered FRANCE

Belgian Fourragere 1940

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Company C (Fountain Inn), 4th Battalion additionally entitled to:

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2003

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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