



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

121st INFANTRY REGIMENT

Organized 20 December 1860 as the Independent Volunteer Battalion of Macon

Defected from the Georgia Volunteer Militia 20-22 April 1861 and reorganized as elements of the *2d Battalion, Georgia Infantry*

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

Reorganized 15 June 1874 in the Georgia Volunteers as the 2d Battalion

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 23 January 1891 as the 2d Regiment of Infantry

Elements consolidated with elements of the 1st and 4th Regiments of Infantry, Georgia Volunteers, and mustered into Federal service 11-14 May 1898 at Griffin as the 1st Georgia Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 18 November 1898 at Macon and resumed state status as elements of the 2d Regiment of Infantry

(Georgia Volunteers redesignated 21 December 1899 as the Georgia State Troops; redesignated 1 October 1905 as the Georgia National Guard)

Consolidated 1 August 1912 with the 4th Battalion of Infantry (see ANNEX 1) and consolidated unit designated as the 2d Regiment of Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 2 July 1916; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

(Companies B, C, and F withdrawn, reorganized, and redesignated 20 August 1917 as the 151st Machine Gun Battalion and assigned to the 42d Division; demobilized in May 1919 at Camp Gordon, Georgia)

121st INFANTRY REGIMENT

Regiment (less Companies B, C, and F) consolidated 1 October 1917 with Companies F, H, and I (formerly 3d Battalion of Infantry); consolidated unit designated as the 121st Infantry, and assigned to the 31st Division

121st Infantry demobilized 14 January 1919 at Camp Gordon, Georgia

Former 2d Regiment of Infantry reorganized 1920-1921 in the Georgia National Guard as the 1st Infantry; Headquarters Federally recognized 31 May 1921 at Macon

Redesignated 27 April 1922 as the 122d Infantry

Redesignated 9 June 1924 as the 121st Infantry and assigned to the 30th Division

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at home stations

Relieved 22 November 1941 from assignment to the 30th Division and assigned to the 8th Division

8th Division redesignated 9 April 1942 as the 8th Motorized Division; on 15 May 1943 as the 8th Infantry Division

Inactivated 20 October 1945 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Relieved 5 July 1946 from assignment to the 8th Infantry Division and assigned to the 48th Infantry Division

Reorganized and Federally recognized 12 December 1946 with Headquarters at Macon

Regiment broken up 1 November 1955 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters, 3d Battalion (less Companies K and M), Tank Company, and Company F as the 121st Armored Infantry Battalion, an element of the 48th Armored Division

Companies E and G as the 171st Armored Infantry Battalion, an element of the 48th Armored Division

(Remainder of regiment - hereafter separate lineages)

121st and 171st Armored Infantry Battalions consolidated 1 July 1959 with the 160th Tank Battalion (see ANNEX 2) to form the 121st Infantry, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st and 2d Armored Rifle Battalions, elements of the 48th Armored Division

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Reorganized 16 April 1963 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Battalions, elements of the 48th Armored Division

Reorganized 1 January 1968 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 30th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 December 1973 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 48th Infantry Brigade

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

1st and 2d Battalions ordered into active Federal service 11 November 1990 at home stations; released from active Federal service 10 April 1991 and reverted to state control

Consolidated 1 September 1992 with the 122d Infantry (see ANNEX 3) and consolidated unit designated as the 121st Infantry, to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 48th Infantry Brigade, and Company H

1st and 2d Battalions ordered into active Federal service 3 February 2001 at home stations; released from active Federal service 30 October 2001 and reverted to state control

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 4 January 2005 at home stations

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 121st Infantry Regiment

Company H ordered into active Federal service 4 June 2006 at Fort Gillem

2d Battalion released from active Federal service 2 July 2006 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2007 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and Company H

Company H released from active Federal service 30 September 2007 and reverted to state control

1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 27 March 2009 at home stations

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 10 April 2009 at home stations

1st Battalion released from active Federal service 30 April 2010 and reverted to state control

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2d Battalion released from active Federal service 14 May 2010 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 December 2011 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 29 November 2013; released from active Federal service 2 January 2015 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2016 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and Company H

Reorganized 1 September 2018 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions ordered into active Federal service 26 November 2018 at home stations; released from active Federal service 25 November 2019 and reverted to state control

1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 25 January 2024 at home stations; released from active Federal service 27 February 2025 and reverted to state control

ANNEX 1

Organized 16 July 1884 in the Georgia Volunteers as the 7th Battalion

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 11-17 August 1891 as the 4th Infantry Regiment

Elements consolidated with elements of the 1st and 2d Infantry Regiments and mustered into Federal service 11-14 May 1898 at Griffin as the 1st Georgia Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 18 November 1898 at Macon and resumed state status as the 4th Regiment of Infantry

(Georgia Volunteers redesignated 21 December 1899 as the Georgia State Troops; redesignated 1 October 1905 as the Georgia National Guard)

Reorganized and redesignated 2 December 1907 as the 4th Battalion of Infantry

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ANNEX 2

Constituted 1 March 1953 in the Georgia Army National Guard as the 286th Infantry Battalion

Organized and Federally recognized 11 January 1954 with Headquarters at Dublin

Converted and redesignated 1 November 1955 as the 160th Tank Battalion

ANNEX 3

Organized 1 October 1980 in the Georgia Army National Guard in northern Georgia from new and existing units as the 122d Infantry, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Battalion

Reorganized 1 September 1987 to consist of the 1st Battalion and Company H

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

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

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World War II

Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:
Consolidation II
Consolidation III
Transition II
(Additional campaigns to be determined)

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2d Battalion additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Iraq:
Iraqi Governance
National Resolution

3d Battalion additionally entitled to:

Kosovo
Kosovo Defense

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Winder), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Iraq:
Iraqi Governance
National Resolution

Company C, 1st Battalion (Gainesville), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Iraq:
Iraqi Governance
National Resolution

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

World War II
Guadalcanal
New Guinea

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion (Forsyth), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Afghanistan:
Transition I

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Company A, 3d Battalion (Cumming), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism

Company C, 3d Battalion (Atlanta), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered HURTGEN FOREST (earned as the 121st Infantry)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2009-2010 (earned by the 1st Battalion and the 2d Battalions, 121st Infantry Regiment)

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star, Streamer embroidered BRITTANY (earned the 3d Battalion, 121st Infantry)

Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, Streamer embroidered LUXEMBOURG (earned as the 121st Infantry)

1st Battalion additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 2024 (earned as the 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment)

Company C, 1st Battalion (Gainesville), additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA SEP 2005- APR 2006 (earned as Company C, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment)

121st INFANTRY REGIMENT

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion (Griffin), additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MORTAIN (earned as Headquarters Company, 30th Infantry Division)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER (earned as Headquarters Company, 30th Infantry Division)

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered FRANCE (earned as Headquarters Company, 30th Infantry Division)

Belgian Fourragere 1940 (earned as Headquarters Company, 30th Infantry Division)

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

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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