



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**2d BATTALION, 16th INFANTRY REGIMENT
(SEMPER PARATUS)**

Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as Company B, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry

Organized in September 1861 at Fort Independence, Massachusetts

Reorganized and redesignated 5 December 1866 as Company B, 11th Infantry

Consolidated 31 March 1869 with Company B, 34th Infantry (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit redesignated as Company B, 16th Infantry

(16th Infantry assigned 8 June 1917 to the 1st Expeditionary Division [later redesignated as the 1st Infantry Division])

Inactivated 15 February 1957 at Fort Riley, Kansas, and relieved from assignment to the 1st Infantry Division; concurrently, redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battle Group, 16th Infantry

Assigned 1 October 1963 to the 1st Infantry Division and activated at Fort Riley, Kansas (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Reorganized and redesignated 2 March 1964 as the 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry

Inactivated 19 August 1974 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Activated 1 May 1976 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Inactivated 21 September 1976 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Activated 16 December 1979 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Inactivated 15 February 1996 at Fort Riley, Kansas, and relieved from assignment to the 1st Infantry Division

2d BATTALION, 16th INFANTRY REGIMENT (SEMPER PARATUS)

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment

Assigned 16 January 2006 to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Riley, Kansas

ANNEX

Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as Company B, 3d Battalion, 16th Infantry

Organized in April 1864 at Madison Barracks, New York

Reorganized and redesignated 21 September 1866 as Company B, 34th Infantry

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Civil War

- *Peninsula
- *Manassas
- *Antietam
- *Fredericksburg
- *Chancellorsville
- *Gettysburg
- *Wilderness
- *Spotsylvania
- *Cold Harbor
- *Petersburg
- *Virginia 1862
- *Virginia 1863

Indian Wars

- Cheyennes
- Utes
- Pine Ridge

War with Spain

- *Santiago

Philippine Insurrection

- Luzon 1899
- *Luzon 1900

Mexican Expedition

- *Mexico 1916-1917

World War I

- *Montdidier-Noyon
- *Aisne-Marne
- *St. Mihiel
- *Meuse-Argonne
- *Lorraine 1917
- *Lorraine 1918
- *Picardy 1918

World War II

- *Algeria-French Morocco
(with arrowhead)
- *Tunisia
- *Sicily (with arrowhead)
- *Normandy (with arrowhead)
- *Northern France
- *Rhineland
- *Ardennes-Alsace
- *Central Europe

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Vietnam

- * Defense
- * Counteroffensive
- * Counteroffensive, Phase II
- * Counteroffensive, Phase III
- * Tet Counteroffensive
- * Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- * Counteroffensive, Phase V
- * Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- * Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- * Summer-Fall 1969
- * Winter-Spring 1970

Southwest Asia

- * Defense of Saudi Arabia
- * Liberation and Defense of Kuwait
- * Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism

Campaigns to be determined

DECORATIONS

- * Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MATEUR, TUNISIA
- * Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SICILY
- * Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- * Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered HURTGEN FOREST
- Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered HAMICH, GERMANY
- * Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ-KUWAIT 1991
- * Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered BAGHDAD 2007-2008
- * French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, Streamer embroidered AISNE-MARNE
- * French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, Streamer embroidered MEUSE-ARGONNE
- * French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered KASSERINE
- * French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- * French Medaille Militaire, Fourragere

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*Belgian Fourragere 1940

*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at Mons

*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at Eupen-Malmedy

*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM
1965-1968

*Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered
VIETNAM 1965-1970

Company C additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered COURTENAY PLANTATION

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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