



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

972d MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

Organized 10 May 1787 in the Massachusetts Militia at Gloucester as the Gloucester Artillery, Battalion of Artillery, 1st Brigade, 2d Division

Mustered into Federal service 19 September 1814; mustered out of Federal service 29 October 1814

Reassigned 25 April 1840 to the 4th Battalion of Artillery, 3d Brigade, 2d Division; on 4 January 1842 to the 7th Regiment of Artillery

Redesignated 25 April 1842 as Company B, 2d Regiment of Artillery

Disbanded 24 February 1851

Reorganized 2 August 1852 in the Massachusetts Militia at Gloucester as Company E (American Guard), 2d Regiment of Artillery

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 26 February 1855 as Company G, 8th Regiment of Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 30 April 1861 at Annapolis, Maryland; mustered out of Federal service 1 August 1861 at Boston

While remaining in state service, Company G, 8th Regiment of Infantry, additionally organized the following unit for Federal service:

Company C, 23d Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, mustered into Federal service 28 September 1861 at Lynnfield; mustered out of Federal service 25 June 1865 at New Bern, North Carolina

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Mustered into Federal service 30 October 1862 at Wenham; mustered out of Federal service 7 August 1863 at Boston

Mustered into Federal service 26 July 1864 at Readville; mustered out of Federal service 10 November 1864 at Readville

Company G, 8th Regiment of Infantry, disbanded 2 December 1885

Reorganized 18 February 1886 in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia at Gloucester as Company G, 8th Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 11-14 May 1898 at Framingham; mustered out of Federal service 28 April 1899

(Massachusetts Volunteer Militia redesignated 15 November 1907 as the Massachusetts National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 25 June 1916 at Framingham; mustered out of Federal service 18 November 1916 at Gloucester

Called into Federal service 25 July 1917; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 24 August 1917 as Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry, and assigned to the 26th Division

Demobilized 29 April 1919 at Camp Devens, Massachusetts

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 20 November 1920 as Battery A, 2d Field Artillery

Redesignated 26 November 1920 as Battery A, 2d Field Artillery, an element of the 26th Division (later redesignated as the 26th Infantry Division); concurrently reorganized and Federally recognized at Gloucester

Redesignated 30 September 1921 as Battery A, 102d Field Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 16 January 1941 at Gloucester

Reorganized and redesignated 12 February 1942 as Battery A, 211th Field Artillery Battalion

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Inactivated 9 March 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Reorganized and Federally recognized 27 January 1947 in the Massachusetts National Guard at Gloucester as Battery A, 211th Field Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Battery A, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 102d Artillery, an element of the 26th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1963 as Battery A, 2d Battalion, 102d Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1972 as Battery A, 2d Battalion, 102d Field Artillery

Location changed 1 December 1974 to Lexington

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 1 April 1975 as the 972d Military Police Company and relieved from assignment to the 26th Infantry Division

Location changed 1 January 1980 to Newton

Ordered into active Federal service 22 November 1990 at Newton; released from active Federal service 18 May 1991 and reverted to state control

Location changed 1 October 1994 to Melrose

Ordered into active Federal service 17 June 2002 at Melrose; released from active Federal service 4 April 2003 and reverted to state control

Location changed 1 March 2007 to Reading

Ordered into active Federal service 10 July 2007 at Reading; released from active Federal service 12 August 2008 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Reading

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War of 1812

Massachusetts 1814

Civil War

Cold Harbor

Petersburg

Maryland 1864

North Carolina 1862

North Carolina 1863

North Carolina 1865

South Carolina 1863

Virginia 1864

World War I

Champagne-Marne

Aisne-Marne

St. Mihiel

Meuse-Argonne

Ile de France 1918

Lorraine 1918

World War II

Northern France

Rhineland

Central Europe

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

Iraq:

Iraqi Surge

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DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST
ASIA 1991

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2007-2008

French Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star, World War I, Streamer embroidered LORRAINE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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