



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

## Lineage and Honors

### **198th SIGNAL BATTALION (FIRST DELAWARE)**

Authorized 9 September 1775 in the Continental Army as the Delaware Regiment (also known as Haslet's Regiment)

Organized 13 January 1776 to consist of the following companies under the command of Colonel John Haslet:

Captain Joseph Stidham's Company – New Castle County  
Captain Jonathan Caldwell's Company – Kent County  
Captain David Hall's Company – Sussex County  
Captain Henry Darby's Company – New Castle County  
Captain Charles Pope's Company – Kent County  
Captain Nathan Adams' Company – Kent County  
Captain Samuel Smith's Company – New Castle County  
Captain Joseph Vaughan's Company – Sussex County

Mustered into Continental Service 11 – 12 April 1776 at Dover and Lewistown

Reorganized 1 January 1777 as Colonel David Hall's Regiment as follows:

Captain John Patten's Company  
Captain Robert Kirkwood's Company  
Captain James Moore's Company  
Captain Enoch Anderson's Company  
Captain Thomas Holland's Company  
Captain John Learmonth's Company  
Captain Gord Hazzard's Company  
Captain Peter Jaquett's Company

## **198th SIGNAL BATTALION (FIRST DELAWARE)**

Reorganized September 1780 – August 1781 from new and existing companies as follows:

Captain Robert Kirkwood's Company  
Captain Peter Jaquett's Company  
Captain William McKennan's Company (mustered in August 1781 at Christiana Bridge)  
Captain Paul Quenoualt's Company (mustered in August 1781 at Christiana Bridge)

Mustered out of Continental service 3 November 1783 at Christiana Bridge

Reorganized in Delaware as follows:

Light Infantry, 1st Regiment organized by 10 October 1793 at Wilmington, under the command of Captain David Bush

Mustered into Federal service 23 May 1813 at Wilmington; mustered out of Federal service 31 July 1813; mustered into Federal service 28 August 1814; mustered out of Federal service 3 January – 13 March 1815

Artillery Company, 2d Brigade – prior to 9 April 1793 at Dover, under the command of Captain Furbee

Mustered into Federal service 23 May 1813 at Dover; mustered out of Federal service 2 September 1814

1st Company, Light Infantry, 8th Regiment – prior to 22 February 1799 at Georgetown, under the command of Captain Benton Harris

Mustered into Federal service 2 March 1813; mustered out of Federal service 4 May 1813 at Lewes; mustered into Federal service 6 May 1813; mustered out of Federal service 31 July 1813; mustered into Federal service 6 August 1814; mustered out of Federal service 11 January 1815

Reorganized 6 March 1827 as the 1st Company of Light Infantry, 1st Battalion

Reorganized in 1831 as the Light Infantry Battalion, attached to the 8th Regiment of Delaware Militia, with companies as follows:

Georgetown Minute Men – organized 19 July 1831, Captain Edward L. Wells commanding

Volunteer Company, Light Infantry – organized 14 September 1831, Captain Coulter commanding

Volunteer Company, Light Infantry – organized 14 November 1831, Captain Thomas McIlwain Commanding

## **198th SIGNAL BATTALION (FIRST DELAWARE)**

Volunteer Company, Light Infantry – organized 17 November 1831, Captain Gilley G. Short, commanding

Reorganized from 1849-1861 as separate companies as follows:

Kirkwood Rifle Corps – organized 30 June 1846 at Georgetown, Captain Caleb R. Layton, commanding; attached to the 13th Regiment of Militia

Company B, Artillery – organized 2 February 1849 at Wilmington; redesignated 29 February 1858 as the National Guards

Columbia Rifle Corps – organized prior to July 1858 at Wilmington

Companies A and B, Delaware Blues – organized prior to September 1860 as Bell and Everett Political Clubs

Union Volunteers – organized in 1861 at Camden

McLane Rifles – organized prior to 1861 at Wilmington

Reorganized 2-22 May 1861 as the 1st Delaware Volunteer Infantry Regiment and mustered into Federal service at Wilmington; mustered out of Federal service 2-26 August 1861

Reorganized 10 September-19 October 1861 and mustered into Federal service for three years at Wilmington; mustered out of Federal service 12 July 1865 near Munson's Hill, Virginia

Reorganized 4 April 1869 in the Delaware Volunteers as the 1st Zouave Regiment, with the organization of Company A (Smyth Zouaves)

Reorganized in 1880 in the Organized Militia of Delaware as the Regiment of Infantry

(Organized Militia of Delaware redesignated 17 April 1885 as the Delaware National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 9-19 May 1898 as the 1st Delaware Volunteer Infantry at Middletown; mustered out of Federal service (less Companies A, B, G, and M) 16 November 1898 at Wilmington (Companies A, B, G, and M mustered out of Federal service 19 December 1898 at Wilmington)

Reorganized during 1899-1900 in the Delaware National Guard as the 1st Infantry Regiment

## **198th SIGNAL BATTALION (FIRST DELAWARE)**

Mustered into Federal service 8-9 July 1916 at New Castle; mustered out of Federal service 15-16 February 1917

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

Regiment (less Headquarters elements and Companies A, D, and K) reorganized and redesignated 9-14 October 1917 as the 3d Battalion, 114th Infantry and assigned to the 29th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 27 February 1918 as the 59th Pioneer Infantry and relieved from assignment to the 29th Division

Demobilized (less Companies B, C, and D) 8 July 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey (Companies B, C, and D demobilized 7 August 1919 at Camp Upton, New York)

Reorganized and Federally recognized 15 September 1921 in the Delaware National Guard as the 198th Artillery Regiment (Coast Artillery Corps), with Headquarters at Wilmington, and the Separate Battalion, Coast Artillery, Delaware National Guard (see ANNEX 1)

198th Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps), redesignated 16 August 1924 as the 198th Coast Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at Wilmington

(3d Battalion organized 1 January 1943 while in Federal service)

Regiment broken up 1 March 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery,  
198th Antiaircraft Artillery Group

Inactivated 24 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 27 August 1946 at Wilmington

Location changed 13 January 1958 to New Castle

1st Battalion as the 736th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

Inactivated 2 January 1946 at Camp Stoneman, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 16 October 1946 at Wilmington

## **198th SIGNAL BATTALION (FIRST DELAWARE)**

Expanded 10 October 1949 to form the 736th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion and the 156th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

156th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion redesignated 20 July 1951 as the 156th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion; on 1 October 1953 as the 156th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

736th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion ordered into active Federal service 29 August 1950 at Wilmington; released from active Federal service 2 August 1952 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 736th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

2d Battalion as the 945th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion  
Inactivated 15 February 1946 at Hokkaido, Japan

Reorganized and Federally recognized 17 October 1946 with Headquarters at Dover

Redesignated 24 October 1949 as the 193d Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 20 July 1951 as the 193d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 193d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

3d Battalion as the 373d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 29 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Consolidated 16 May 1946 with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 198th Antiaircraft Artillery Group

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 198th Antiaircraft Artillery Group, 736th, 156th, 193d, 280th (see ANNEX 1), and 945th (organized 20 November 1956) Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions consolidated 1 April 1959 to form the 198th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st, 2d, 4th, and 5th Gun Battalions, the 3d Automatic Weapons Battalion, and the 6th Detachment

Reorganized 1 April 1962 to consists of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th Automatic Weapons Battalions and the 6th Detachment

Reorganized 1 May 1963 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Automatic Weapons Battalions and the 6th Detachment

Reorganized 31 January 1968 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions

## **198th SIGNAL BATTALION (FIRST DELAWARE)**

Regiment broken up 1 January 1970 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

1st and 2d Battalions consolidated to form the 198th Signal Battalion  
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion as Headquarters and  
Headquarters Detachment, 198th Transportation Battalion (see ANNEX 2)  
(remainder of 3d Battalion – hereafter separate lineage)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1979 as the 198th Signal Battalion

(Federal recognition withdrawn 15 April 1989 from Company B, 198th Signal  
Battalion)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1990 as Headquarters and  
Headquarters Detachment, 198th Signal Battalion (Companies A and C concurrently  
reorganized as Companies C and B, 242d Signal Battalion - hereafter separate lineages)

Ordered into active Federal service 28 July 2006 at Wilmington; released from active  
Federal service 23 January 2008 and reverted to state control

Consolidated 1 September 2007 with the 280th Signal Battalion (see ANNEX 2), and  
consolidated unit reorganized in the Delaware and South Carolina Army National Guard as the  
198th Signal Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 9 April 2013 at home stations; released from active  
Federal service 13 May 2014 and reverted to state control

### **ANNEX 1**

Organized 16 November 1920 in the Delaware National Guard from former  
elements of the 1st Infantry as the 1st Separate Battalion, Coast Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 10 July 1925 as the 261st Coast Artillery Battalion

Expanded and reorganized 15 April 1940 to form the 261st Coast Artillery  
Regiment (2d Battalion allotted to the New Jersey National Guard)

Inducted into Federal service 27 January 1941 at home stations; concurrently,  
regiment broken up and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

## **198th SIGNAL BATTALION (FIRST DELAWARE)**

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, and 1st Battalion as the 261st Coast Artillery Battalion

2d Battalion as the 122d Coast Artillery Battalion (hereafter separate lineage)

261st Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 1 October 1944 and remaining personnel transferred to the 21st Coast Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 1 April 1945 at Fort Miles, Delaware

Reconstituted 25 August 1945 and allotted to the Delaware National Guard

Reorganized, redesignated Federally recognized 24 October 1949 as the 945th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion with Headquarters at Georgetown

Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 945th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 20 November 1956 as the 280th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

### **ANNEX 2**

Organized 1 January 1970 in the Delaware Army National Guard at Milford as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 198th Transportation Battalion

Converted and redesignated 1 November 1971 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 280th Signal Battalion

Location changed 1 June 1974 to Georgetown

Reorganized 1 April 1979 as the 280th Signal Battalion, with Headquarters at Georgetown

Reorganized 1 September 1993 in the Delaware and Connecticut Army National Guard with Headquarters at Georgetown

HOME AREA: Delaware (less Company B at Abbeville, South Carolina)

**198th SIGNAL BATTALION  
(FIRST DELAWARE)**

**CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

Revolutionary War

Long Island  
Trenton  
Princeton  
Brandywine  
Germantown  
Monmouth  
Cowpens  
Guilford Court House  
Yorktown  
New York 1776  
New York 1777  
South Carolina 1780  
South Carolina 1781  
North Carolina 1781  
South Carolina 1782

War of 1812

Delaware 1813  
Delaware 1814  
Delaware 1815

Civil War

Peninsula  
Antietam  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellorsville  
Gettysburg  
Wilderness  
Spotsylvania  
Cold Harbor  
Petersburg  
Appomattox  
Virginia 1863

World War I

Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Northern Solomons (with  
arrowhead)  
Luzon  
Leyte

War on Terrorism

*Iraq:*  
National Resolution  
Iraqi Surge  
(additional campaigns  
to be determined)



**198th SIGNAL BATTALION  
(FIRST DELAWARE)**

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2006-2007

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4  
JULY 1945

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



ROBERT J. DALESSANDRO  
Director, Center of Military History