



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

257th SUPPORT BATTALION (LIGHT HORSE SQUADRON)

Constituted 25 March 1880 in the Wisconsin National Guard as the Light Horse Squadron

Organized 26 April 1880 at Milwaukee

Reorganized and redesignated 27 June 1894 as Troop A, 1st Cavalry

Mustered into Federal service 18 June 1916

Expanded 25 June 1916 to form Troops A and B, 1st Cavalry

Mustered out of Federal service 20 October 1916 and 6 March 1917 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois

Expanded 29 May 1917 to form the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry

Called into Federal service 15 July 1917; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Consolidated 28 September 1917 with the 2d and 3d Squadrons, 1st Cavalry (organized May – June 1917 from new and existing units); consolidated unit converted and redesignated as the 120th Field Artillery, and assigned to the 32d Division

Demobilized 16 May 1919 at Camp Grant, Illinois

Former 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry reconstituted 28 November 1919 in the Wisconsin National Guard as the 1st Cavalry; and reorganized 1919-1921 in southeastern Wisconsin

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Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1921 as the 105th Cavalry, an element of the 22d Cavalry Division, with Headquarters at Milwaukee

(location of Headquarters changed 1 September 1929 to Chilton)

Relieved 1 July 1937 from assignment to the 22d Cavalry Division and assigned to the 23d Cavalry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 October 1940 as the 126th Field Artillery and assigned to the 32d Division; concurrently, location of Headquarters changed to Beloit

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at home stations

Regiment (less 2d Battalion) reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as the 126th Field Artillery Battalion (2d Battalion hereafter separate lineage)

Inactivated 28 February 1946 in Japan

Reorganized, redesignated, and Federally recognized 23 June 1947 in southeastern Wisconsin with Headquarters at Kenosha

Consolidated 15 February 1959 with the 132d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 15 December 1949 as the 132d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion), and consolidated unit designated as the 126th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Missile Battalion, a nondivisional unit, and the 2d Howitzer Battalion, an element of the 32d Infantry Division

(2d Howitzer Battalion ordered into active Federal service 15 October 1961 at home stations; released 10 August 1962 from active Federal service and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 April 1963 to consist of the 1st Missile Battalion and the 2d Battalion, elements of the 32d Infantry Division

Reorganized 5 November 1963 to consist of Battery B, 1st Missile Battalion, and the 2d Battalion

Reorganized 14 February 1964 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 32d Infantry Division, and Battery B, 2d Battalion, a nondivisional unit

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Reorganized 30 December 1967 to consist of the 1st Battalion, and Battery B, 2d Battalion; concurrently, Battery B, 2d Battalion relieved from assignment to the 32d Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 July 1971 to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 May 1972 as the 126th Field Artillery

Withdrawn 21 July 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 126th Field Artillery Regiment

Converted and redesignated 1 September 2008 as the 257th Support Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 1 February 2009 at home stations; released from active Federal service 7 March 2010 and reverted to state control

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Aisne – Marne

Oise – Aisne

Meuse – Argonne

Alsace 1918

Champagne 1918

World War II

New Guinea

Leyte

Luzon

War on Terrorism

Campaigns to be determined

Headquarters Company (Oak Creek) additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

Iraqi Governance

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Company A (Whitewater) additionally entitled to:

World War II
Bismarck Archipelago
East Indies
Papua
Southern Philippines

Company B (Kenosha) additionally entitled to:

World War II
Naples – Foggia
Rome – Arno
North Apennines
Po Valley

War on Terrorism
Campaigns to be determined

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUZON

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, World War I, Streamer embroidered AISNE – MARNE and OISE – AISNE

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

Headquarters Company (Oak Creek) additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ OCT 2004-SEP 2005

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Company A (Whitewater), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PAPUA

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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