



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

198th SIGNAL BATTALION
(FIRST DELAWARE)

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

Organized during January-March 1776 for one year's service to consist of the following companies under the command of Colonel John Haslet:

1st Company, Captain Joseph Stidham - New Castle County
2d Company, Captain Jonathan Caldwell - Kent County
3d Company, Captain David Hall - Sussex County
4th Company, Captain Henry Darby - New Castle County
5th Company, Captain Charles Pope - Kent County
6th Company, Captain Nathan Adams - Kent County
7th Company, Captain Samuel Smith - New Castle County
8th Company, Captain Joseph Vaughan - Sussex County

Mustered into Continental service 11-12 April 1776 at Dover and Lewistown

Reorganized 12 December 1776-1 March 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

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)

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Mustered out of Continental service 3 November 1783 at Christiana Bridge

Reorganized in Delaware as follows:

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

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

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

Mustered into Federal service for the War of 1812 as follows:

Light Infantry, 1st Infantry 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 mustered into Federal service 23 May 1813 at Dover; mustered out of Federal service 2 September 1814

1st Company, Light Infantry, 8th Regiment 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

(1st Company, Light Infantry, 8th Regiment 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

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

Reorganized from 1849-1861 as independent volunteer companies as follows:

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

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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 1st 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

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

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

(Companies of the 1st and 2d Battalions transferred in October 1917 to the 3d Battalion, 114th Infantry, and other units of the 29th Division)

Personnel of the entire former 1st Infantry Regiment, Delaware National Guard, withdrawn 17 January 1918 from the 29th Division and regiment redesignated as the 59th Pioneer Infantry

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)

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Former elements of the 1st Infantry Regiment, Delaware National Guard reorganized as follows:

198th Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps) reorganized and Federally recognized 15 September 1921 with Headquarters at Wilmington

(1st Separate Battalion, Coast Artillery reorganized and Federally recognized 16 November 1920 - separate lineage)

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
1st Battalion as the 736th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion
2d Battalion as the 945th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

(3d Battalion as the 373d Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion - hereafter separate lineage)

After 1 March 1944 the above units underwent changes as follows:

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

736th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion inactivated 2 January 1946 at Camp Stoneman, California
Reorganized and Federally recognized 16 October 1946 at Wilmington
Expanded 10 October 1949 to form the 736th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion and the 156th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

After 10 October 1949 the above units underwent changes as follows:

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

Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 736th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

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156th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion
redesignated 20 July 1951 as the 156th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun
Battalion

Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 156th Antiaircraft
Artillery Battalion

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

Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 193d Antiaircraft Artillery
Battalion

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 198th Antiaircraft Artillery
Group; 736th, 156th, 193d, 280th (organized in 1920 as the 1st Separate
Battalion, Coast Artillery), and 945th (organized in 1953 as the 286th
Antiaircraft Artillery Operations Detachment [NGUS]) 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 consist 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

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

(3d Battalion broken up and reorganized as various elements in the
Delaware Army National Guard - hereafter separate lineages)

HOME AREA: Northern Delaware

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Revolutionary War

Long Island
Trenton
Princeton
Brandywine
Germantown
Monmouth
Yorktown
Cowpens
Guilford Court House
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 *Manassas*
Antietam
Fredericksburg
Chancellorsville
Gettysburg
Wilderness
Spotsylvania
Cold Harbor
Petersburg
Appomattox
Virginia 1863

World War I

Meuse-Argonne

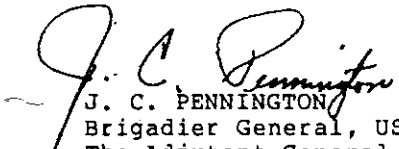
World War II

Northern Solomons
(with arrowhead)

DECORATIONS

None

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


J. C. PENNINGTON
Brigadier General, USA
The Adjutant General

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