



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

119th INFANTRY
(SECOND NORTH CAROLINA)

Constituted 19 April 1861 as the 1st Regiment, North Carolina Volunteers

Organized and mustered in 9 - 16 May 1861 for six months active service from existing volunteer militia companies as follows:

- Company A - Edgecombe Guards (Tarboro)
- Company B - Hornet's Nest Rifles (Charlotte)
- Company C - Charlotte Grays
- Company D - Orange Light Infantry (Hillsboro)
- Company E - Buncombe Riflemen (Asheville)
- Company F - LaFayette Light Infantry (Fayetteville)
- Company G - Burke Rifles
- Company H - Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry
- Company I - Enfield Blues
- Company K - Southern Stars (Lincolnton)

Redesignated 28 September 1861 as the 11th Regiment, North Carolina Volunteers (1st Volunteers) to distinguish unit from the 1st Regiment, North Carolina State Troops

Mustered out of active service 12 November 1861 at Richmond, Virginia

Reorganized 31 March 1862 in the Confederate States Army as the 11th North Carolina Infantry Regiment (Bethel Regiment) at Camp Mangum, Raleigh, North Carolina

Surrendered and paroled 9 April 1865 at Appomattox, Virginia

Elements in central and eastern portions of the state reorganized 10 April 1877 in the North Carolina State Guard as the 1st and 2d Battalions from existing volunteer militia companies as follows:

1st Battalion:

- Company A - Raleigh Light Infantry
- Company B - New Berne Grays
- Company C - Elm City Riflemen (New Berne)
- Company D - Goldsboro Rifles
- Company E - Orange Guards (Hillsboro)

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2d Battalion:

Company A - Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry
Company B - LaFayette Light Infantry (Fayetteville)
Company C - Wilmington Light Infantry
Company D - Whiting Rifles (Washington)
Company E - Hornet's Nest Riflemen (Charlotte)
Company F - Charlotte Grays
Company G - Anson Grays (Polkton)

Reorganized and redesignated 10 December 1877 as the 1st and 2d Regiments of Infantry, respectively

(3d Regiment of Infantry organized 17 March 1879 in the North Carolina State Guard)

Elements of the 1st, 2d and 3d Regiments reorganized as the 2d North Carolina Volunteer Infantry Regiment and mustered into Federal service 9-27 May 1898 at Raleigh; mustered out 3-23 November 1898 (other elements assigned to the 1st North Carolina Volunteer Infantry Regiment)

Reorganized 8 May 1899 in the North Carolina State Guard as the 2d and 3d Regiments of Infantry

(North Carolina State Guard redesignated in 1903 as the North Carolina National Guard)

2d Regiment of Infantry mustered into Federal service 19 June 1916 for service on the Mexican border; not mustered out; redesignated 12 September 1917 as the 119th Infantry and assigned to the 30th Division; demobilized 17 April 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

3d Regiment of Infantry mustered into Federal service 19 June 1916 for service on the Mexican border; mustered out of Federal service 27 March 1917; called into Federal service 25 July 1917; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917; redesignated 12 September 1917 as the 120th Infantry and assigned to the 30th Division; demobilized 17 April 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

119th and 120th Infantry consolidated 1919 - 1921 and reorganized in the North Carolina National Guard as the 1st Infantry Regiment; Headquarters Federally recognized 2 May 1921 at Raleigh

Redesignated 8 November 1921 as the 120th Infantry, later assigned to the 30th Division (subsequently the 30th Infantry Division)

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at home stations

(119th Infantry reconstituted 24 August 1942, allotted to the North Carolina National Guard and assigned to the 30th Infantry Division; activated 7 September 1942 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina)

119th and 120th Infantry inactivated 24 November 1945 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Elements of the 119th Infantry and the 1st and 3d Battalions, 120th Infantry consolidated, reorganized and Federally recognized 8 July 1947 in eastern North Carolina as the 119th Infantry with Headquarters at Durham

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Regiment (less elements from central North Carolina) reorganized 28 October 1954 with Headquarters at Rocky Mount to include the former 167th Military Police Battalion (organized in 1946 with Headquarters at Ahsokie) as the 1st Battalion; (elements from central North Carolina consolidated with elements of the 120th Infantry from central North Carolina to form the 139th Infantry - hereafter separate lineage)

119th Infantry reorganized 1 April 1959 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st and 2d Battle Groups, elements of the 30th Infantry Division

Reorganized 10 March 1963 to consist of the 4th, 5th, and 6th Battalions, elements of the 30th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 January 1968 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 30th Infantry Division

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Civil War (Confederate service)

Bethel
Gettysburg
Wilderness
Spotsylvania
Petersburg
Appomattox
North Carolina 1862

World War I

Somme offensive
Ypres-Lys
Flanders 1918

World War II

Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

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DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered STOUMONT, BELGIUM

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PIVITSCHIED, GERMANY

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered FRANCE

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered
STOUMONT AND HABIEMONT

Belgian Fourragere 1940

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in BELGIUM

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Company C, 1st Battalion (Elizabeth City) additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered UNITED KINGDOM

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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