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## **Annual Unit History**

*Due NLT 01 February each year for the previous calendar year.  
Refer to 28ID Military History Program SOP, dtd. 15 August 2008, for specific guidance.*

**For Calendar Year:** 2008

**Unit:** D/1-109 IN (HVY)

**Unit Address:** 1308 Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston, PA 18643

**Unit POC:** SFC Charles Colarusso, URNCO

**Unit POC Phone Number:** (570) 654-6451

### **I. Introduction or Forward** *(A brief account on the unit's origin and its accomplishments over the years and a statement about the current period covered)*

Company D has been a subordinate command of the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment since September 2006 when it was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Prior to September 2006, the unit was known as Company A, 2-103 AR from September 1992 - September 2006 and shares the lineage and honors of the 103d AR Regiment. Prior to 1992, the unit was known as A Company, 2-109 Infantry, a subordinate unit of the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. A/2-103 AR was a major force contributor to company B and Company C/2-103 AR as they deployed to Iraq from January 2004 to March 2005.

In April 2008, the unit conducted a change of command between the out-going commander, CPT George Murphy and the in-coming commander, then 1LT Bryan Brady. Later that year, the unit saw its 1SG, 1SG Matthew Andrasko, selected for promotion as an Operations Sergeant Major for the 1-104 CAV. SFC Frank Walkowiak was selected to fill the vacant 1SG position and will assume his responsibilities upon demobilization.

The unit was called upon to support multiple mobilizations during the year. While more than 28 soldiers were mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the Multi-National Force Observer (MFO) - Sinai, the unit was preparing to mobilize another 6 personnel in support of the 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade and the 28<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In November and December, the unit welcomed home 27 personnel from their year-long deployment to Afghanistan and MFO. These soldiers were greeted at the airport by unit members and members of the Family Readiness Group. The formal welcome home and freedom salute ceremony is scheduled for March 2009.

### **II. Organization and Administration**

#### **A. Organization** *(Select the type of organization from the pull-down menu)*

Armor

#### **B. Mission** *(A brief mission statement and the Mission Essential Task List)*

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Federal Mission: Company D, 1st Battalion (Heavy), 109th Infantry conducts individual, crew, and collective training to improve training readiness and reduce post-mobilization time. On order, the company alerts, mobilizes and deploys to conduct full spectrum operations in support of national military objectives.

State Mission: On order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, Company D, 1st Battalion (Heavy), 109th Infantry alerts, assembles, and deploys to provide humanitarian relief, disaster relief and military support to civilian authorities during times of natural disaster or civil strife.

METL:

Conduct a Defense, Task # 07-1-1027

Conduct a Movement to Contact, Task # 07-1-1072

Conduct an Attack Against a Stationary Force, Task # 07-1-1171

Conduct an Attack of a Built-up Area, Task # 07-1-1180

Conduct Area Security Operations, Task # 07-1-1270

Conduct Deployment Activities, Task # 07-1-5045

## **C. Personnel**

### **1. Commander and Staff** *(Brief biographical sketches)*

Commander: CPT Bryan Brady

First Sergeant: 1SG Frank Walkowiak

Executive Officer: Vacant

1<sup>st</sup> PLT: 2LT Andrew Prior

SFC Paul Deprimo

2d PLT: 1LT Brian Kinkade

SFC Brian Hopkins

3d PLT: 2LT Sean Regan

SFC Gary Sands

### **2. Medal of Honor Winners** *(Brief biographical sketches, if available, and a brief account of the action or a copy of the citation) ( If none, enter "NONE")*

None during the calendar year.

### **3. Others** *(Winners of Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and other) ( If none, enter "NONE")*

Individual soldier data is not yet available due to continuing REFRAD and demobilization process. Information on awards received during multiple deployments in 2008 will be captured in the 2009 unit history.

## **III. Major Accomplishments during the Year**

### **A. Operations**

Company D, 1-109 IN (HVY) provided support to two GWOT missions during CY 2008. The unit had 28 soldiers deployed with 3-103 AR as part of a Security Force (SECFOR) mission in Afghanistan. The majority of these soldiers were

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assigned to platoon-sized elements that provided security for Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT). While deployed, the company leadership performed their roles as part of B/3-103 AR (FWD).

On 20 May 2008, the unit received word that one of their unit members, 1LT Jeffrey Deprimo was killed in action while assigned to PRT Ghazni, 3-103 AR in Afghanistan. 1LT Deprimo was killed when the HMMWV he was riding in was struck by an IED. The unit provided military honors to their fallen comrade on 27-28 May and the armory hosted the viewing for their fallen comrade. The public came out in droves to support the family, the unit, and the community during this time of loss.

The unit mobilized 6 soldiers to backfill elements of the 56 BDE as they were preparing to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. These soldiers deployed in September 2008 and are expected to return to their parent unit in September 2009.

## **B. Training and Exercises**

Despite the high operational tempo (OPTEMPO) and personnel tempo (PERSTEMPO), the unit was still able to train on their assigned equipment and missions. The training year focused on M1A1 tank gunnery up to and including Tank Table VI. The unit qualified 3 crews on all of their tables during Annual Training at Fort Pickett, VA from 14-28 June 2008. The balance of the training year was spent on ensuring individual and crew-level proficiency in Army Warrior Tasks and Army Battle Drills to ensure individual unit readiness.

## **C. Special Events**

### **1. Unit Day Ceremonies**

None

### **2. Civil Actions (State active duty)**

No state active duty periods conducted during the training year.

### **3. Permanent Changes of Station**

No unit stationing changes during the calendar year.

### **4. Recruiting Initiatives**

Unit conducted multiple recruiting events throughout the calendar year. Unit was without an assigned recruiter for the majority of the calendar year which made scheduling and resourcing events extremely difficult. The unit improved its assigned strength during the calendar year.

### **5. Other (Include community activities, morale support activities, Christmas party, etc.)**

Unit continues to be very active in the community and hosts several events during the year as well as participating in numerous local civic activities.

## **IV. Special Equipment Fielding**

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No major new equipment fieldings during the calendar year.

## **V. Appendices**

### **A. Lineage and Honors Certificate**

See Lineage and Honors of 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

### **B. Unit Citations**

None

### **C. Selected Orders** *(Include alert orders, mobilization orders, etc)*

NONE

### **D. Other.**

None

## **VI. Glossary** *(A list of words not commonly used, acronyms and their explanations)*

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