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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: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery Regiment

Unit Address: 820 Frank Ave New Castle, PA 16101

Unit POC: SSG Claycomb, Training NCO

Unit POC Phone Number: (724)654-1883

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)*

The history of the 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery dates back to President Abraham Lincoln's October 1861 Call To Arms for the Civil War.

The 107th Field Artillery mobilized for Federal service on June 22, 1916 during the Mexican Insurrection. The Regiment supported General Pershing along the Mexican border throughout 1916 in the pursuit of Pancho Villa before returning to Western Pennsylvania.

The Regiment was mobilized in July of 1917 and began training in Georgia in August of that year. The 107th Field Artillery Regiment was part of the 53rd Artillery Brigade, directly supporting the 28th Division. The Regiment remained in Georgia until May 1918 when it departed for France. The Regiment returned from France in May 1919 taking part in parades in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh before demobilizing on May 22, 1919.

The Artillerymen of Western Pennsylvania were called upon again in February 1941. The Unit was in the European Theatre until 1945.

During the Korean Conflict, the 107th Field Artillery returned to Germany. Activated in September 1950, the Regiment trained at Camp Atterbury, Indiana before departing for Europe.

After September 11, 2001, 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery Soldiers performed security missions at local airports and facilities as part of Homeland Security.

Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 Mission, the 1-107th FA Soldiers were mobilized on 18 December 2003 and departed Western Pennsylvania on 29 December 2003 for six weeks of intense Military Police training at Fort Dix, NJ. The 1-107th Field Artillery had the distinction of being the first Field Artillery Battalion in the nation selected to perform the demanding In Lieu Of Military Police Mission in Iraq. After arriving in the theater of operations in February 2004, the units moved north and began Military Police operations. The OIF II mission ended February 2005.

February 2008, HHB has been selected to provide soldiers to help with the deployment of 56th and AVN.

II. Organization and Administration

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

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Artillery

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

To provide support, guidance and expertise to the Field Artillery

METL:

- Conduct Warrior Skills Tasks
- Sustain the Force
- Conduct Section Level Training
- Conduct Tactical Movement to Camp Grayling, MI
- Conduct Field Artillery Operations

C. Personnel

1. Commander and Staff (Brief biographical sketches)

Commander: CPT Gregg H. Rundle. CPT Rundle was born in Northampton, MA. He graduated from South Hadley High School, South Hadley, MA. and from Providence College with a B.A. in Political Science. CPT Rundle enlisted in the active duty on 17 May 2002 as a 2LT. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic Course 19A, and completed Airborne School at Ft Benning GA. CPT Rundle was stationed at Ft Stewart, GA for four (4) years before joining the PAARNG after an Honorable Discharge. CPT Rundle's awards include the Army Commendation Medal; Army Service Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; Overseas Ribbon; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Parachutist Badge; Iraq Campaign Medal and Combat Action Badge. He currently lives in Houston, TX.

First Sergeant: 1SG Jimmy Arbogast. 1SG Arbogast is a graduate of Lakeview High School, Mercer County, PA and attended Clarion University (1988-1991). He has taken online courses from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA Fall 2007. He is a graduate of numerous military education, leadership and qualification courses, to include: Primary Leadership Development Course (1991); Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course Phase I and II (1994); Advance Non Commissioned Officer Course Phase I (2001) and Phase II (2003). Paladin Commander Course (2004). 1SG Course (2006). 1SG Arbogast is currently taking the USSMA courses. 1SG Arbogast's awards and decorations include: Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal 2 Oak Leaf; Armed Forces Reserve Component Achievement Medal (w/4 OLC); National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass/M Device; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Driver and Mechanics Badge; Pennsylvania 20 year Service Ribbon; Thomas J. Stewart Medal; Thomas White Medal; Pennsylvania Recruiting and Retention Medal; Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. 1SG Arbogast lives in Sandy Lake, Pa with his wife Helen and kids.

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.

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

LTC Michael E. McLaughlin-Distinguished Service Cross/Silver Star 2006 while deployed with 2nd BCT 28th INF DIV at the Al Anbar Province, Iraq

III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

A. Operations

HHB had soldiers called up for the deployment to Iraq with 56th BDE and AVN BDE.

B. Training and Exercises

Unit trained at Camp Grayling, MI. New Equipment Training on the light howitzers for future operation in 2nd BDE. During the PDT, HHB concentrated on Warrior Skills, AFATDS, drivers training and weapon skills. The soldiers were able to fire their individual weapons at new ranges to include Known distance and reflex fire. The H.E.A.T Trainer was available for the soldiers who got a firsthand experience on rollover drills.

C. Special Events

1. Unit Day Ceremonies

HHB was selected to fire a 21 gun salute during the Pittsburgh 250, and Westminster College.

The Unit attended parades in New Castle, Ellwood City and Wampum, PA

2. Civil Actions (State active duty)

HHB was assigned the State Active Duty for President Obama on 19-23 January 2009.

3. Permanent Changes of Station

None.

4. Recruiting Initiatives

HHB AGR and M-Day soldiers had day missions with Shenango and Riverside High School that include a volleyball tournament and displays.

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

Unit picnic 10 Sept 2008 at the Cunningham Armory. Unit FRG Christmas Party on 14 Dec 08

IV. Special Equipment Fielding

M101A1 Light Weight Howitzers- Camp Grayling, MI 14-28 August 2008

V. Appendices

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A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

Traditional Designation: Gettysburg to the Marne

Historical Outline:

1-3 July 1863 1/107th FA fought with the Union at Gettysburg, PA

22 June 1916 mobilized for Federal Service Mexican Border

22 July 1917 mobilized for Federal Service in Georgia WWI

17 August 1917 began training for WWI in Georgia

May 1918 with 53rd Artillery BDE and 28th INF DIV and depart for France

3 June 1918 Arrive in France

14 August-8 September 1918 the 107th FA enter combat Oise-Aisne Offensive

26 September-9 October 1918 participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive

11 November 1918 in Belgium for Armistice

May 1919 returns from France

22 May 1919 demobilized

1 Feb 1941 attached to 28th INF DIV

October 1943 depart for European Theatre WW II

November 1943 until July 1944 France engagements in Le Neubourg, France

September 1950 served at Camp Atterbury, Indiana

January 1951-March 1952 active duty in Ulm, Germany

October 2001-2004 Federal Security mission airport, power plants and high priority targets

31 October 2003-17 Feb 2005 Federal Active Duty OIF II

29 December 2003- 14 February 2004 soldiers attached with A, B, C Batteries depart for Ft Dix, NJ in training for OIF II mission

9-10 February 2004 soldiers depart on separate chucks to Italy and Kuwait.

16 February 2004 soldiers attached enter Iraq for OIF II

17 February 2004- 17 January 2005 multiple missions to Basrah Airport, Kuwait, Baghdad, LSA Andaconda, Sheiba Hospital, Tillil Iraq

17 January 2005 transferred back to Camp Virginia, Kuwait

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24 January 2005 demob back at Ft. Dix, NJ

15 September 2005 HHB soldiers train and deploy with 2BCT

18 September 2006 HHB soldiers return with 2BCT

13 September-08 November 2007 Operation Jump Start in Arizona border patrol

12 February 2008 Select HHB soldiers are mobilized to deploy with 56th BDE and AVN units.

9 January 2009 HHB soldier depart for the deployment with 56th BDE.

B. Unit Citations

Campaign Participation Credit:

Civil War	Valley Antietam Gettysburg Virginia 1863	Manassas Chancellorsville Virginia 1862 Virginia 1864
War with Spain	Puerto Rico	
World War I	Chanpange-Marne Oise-Aisne Meuse-Argonne Lorraine 1918	Aisne-Marne Ypres-Lys Champagne 1918
World War II	Normandy Rhineland Central Europe	Northern France Ardennes-Alsace

Decorations:

Presidential Unit Citation
Luxembourg Croix de Guerre

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

Unit received order #352-001 on 18 December 2003 deployment in support of OIF II.

D. Other.

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

AFATDS-Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System
PDT-Pre Deployment Training
OIF-Operation Iraqi Freedom

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WWI-World War I
WWII-Word War II

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