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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: 2009

Unit: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry Regiment

Unit Address: 900 Adams Avenue Scranton, PA 18510

Unit POC: SFC Finucan, Readiness NCO

Unit POC Phone Number: (570) 963-4643

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 unit traces its origins to 14 August 1877 when the Scranton City Guards Battalion, Pennsylvania National Guard was constituted and organized with its Headquarters in Scranton, PA. The Scranton City Guards Battalion was redesignated on 23 September 1878 as the 13th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. The Regiment was mustered into Federal Service on 12-13 May 1898 at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania as the 13th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The 13th Regiment was mustered out of Federal Service 11 March 1899 at Augusta, GA after its service in the continental United States. The 13th Regiment was again mustered into Federal service on 26 September 1916 at Mt. Gretna, and drafted into Federal Service on 05 August 1917. On 11 October 1917, the 13th Regiment was consolidated with the 1st Infantry Regiment and was concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 109th Infantry and assigned to the 28th Division. The 109th Infantry Regiment was demobilized at Camp Dix, NJ in May, 1919. The Regiment was reorganized back to the former 13th Infantry Regiment in 1919-1920, a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard. On 1 April 1921 it was again redesignated as the 109th Infantry Regiment and assigned to the 28th Infantry Division with its Headquarters federally recognized on 20 December 1921 at Scranton, PA. On 17 February 1941, the 109th was inducted into Federal service at Home Station for WWII and was deactivated at Camp Shelby, MS on 22 October 1945. During the Korean War it was ordered into active federal service on 5 September 1950 at Home Station and served in Germany until it was released from active federal service on 15 June 1954 and reverted to State control. On 1 June 1959 it was reorganized as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Battle Group, an element of the 28th Infantry Division. On 1 April 1963 it was reorganized to consist of the 1st and 2nd Battalions; elements of the 28th Infantry Division. On 17 February 1968 it was reorganized to consist of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions, all elements of the 28th Infantry Division. On 5 April 1988 it was withdrawn from the Combat Arms Regimental System, and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System with its Headquarters in Scranton, Pennsylvania. On March 1, 1992 it was reorganized to consist of the 1st and 3rd Battalions, elements of the 28th Infantry Division. It was reorganized again on 1 October 1995 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized). The unit saw its first major transition in equipment in the last 40 years when it was reorganized on 1 October 2000 as a Bradley Fighting

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Vehicle equipped Infantry Battalion. The Unit mobilized into federal service on 28 MAY 2002 at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA and served in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of Stabilization Force -12 and was demobilized at Fort Dix, NJ in April 2003. The Unit was again mobilized into federal service on 22 January 2005 at Scranton, PA for service in Iraq and demobilized at Camp Shelby, MS in June 2007.

II. Organization and Administration

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

Infantry

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

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

State Mission: On order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, the 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 Keith W Hickox. CPT Hickox is a graduate of Lackawanna Trail Highschool, Factoryville, PA., and from Mansfield University with a B.S. in Communications. CPT Hickox's career as a Guardsman began February 26, 1997 when he enlisted in Headquarters Company 109th IN, Scranton, PA. His military education includes Officer Candidate School; Infantry Officer Basic Course. CPT Hickox's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star; Army Achievement Medal (w/ 1 OLC); Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (w/ 2 OLC); National Defense Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (w/ "M" device); Overseas Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Iraqi Campaign Service Medal (w/ 2 Bronze Stars); Combat Infantrymans Badge. CPT Hickox lives in Mayfield, PA with his wife Misty.

First Sergeant: 1SG Travis Sterner. First Sergeant Sterner is a graduate of Susquenita Highschool, Duncannon, PA and attended the University of Montana for

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1 semester. He is a graduate of numerous military education, leadership and qualification courses, to include: Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course; Advance Non Commissioned Officer Course; First Sergeants Course; Battle Staff NCO Course; Bradley Master Gunner Course. 1SG Sterner's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star; Army Commendation Medal (w/4 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (w/4 OLC); Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Medal (w/ Bronze Star); Armed Forces Reserve Medal (w/ 1Bronze Hour Glass and 2 "M" device); Kosovo Campaign Medal; NATO Medal; Overseas Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Iraqi Campaign Medal (w/ 2 Bronze Stars); Combat Infantrymans Badge. 1SG Sterner lives in Wapwallopen, PA with his wife Carly.

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")*

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

III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

A. Operations

In 2001, the unit was mobilized to Bosnia. In 2005, the unit was mobilized as part of 2 BCT to deploy to OIF. In 2007 the unit provided 45 personnel to deploy to OEF, In 2008 the unit provided 40 personnel to support the 56 SBCT OIF deployment.

B. Training and Exercises

The Unit conducted Annual Training which was conducted at Fort Pickett, VA from 16-29 June 2008. the primary training focus was Tank and Bradley gunnery through Table VI. Despite a significant shortage of personnel due to multiple mobilization mission, the Company successfully qualified 1 M1A1 tank crews and 1 M2A2 BFV crew up through and including Table VI. This was the first time the company conducted simultaneous live-fire gunnery for the M1 and M2 platforms.

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

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No unit stationing changes during the calendar year

4. Recruiting Initiatives

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

Unit participated in the Scranton/Lackawanna County Armed Forces Parade, Annual Boalsburg Memorial, and local community parades.

IV. Special Equipment Fielding

V. Appendices

A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

HONORS / CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

World War I
Champagne - Marne
Aisne - Marne
Oise - Aisne
Meuse - Argonne
Champagne 1918
Lorraine 1918

World War II
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes - Alsace
Central Europe
Global War On Terror
Operation Iraqi Freedom

DECORATIONS

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, streamer embroidered COLMAR

Luxemburg Croix de Guerre, streamer embroidered LUXEMBOURG

B. Unit Citations

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry additionally entitled to Meritorious Unit Commendation, streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER

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

D. Other.

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

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