



168th INFANTRY REGIMENT (THIRD IOWA)

NG (Iowa)
(34th Inf Div)

Lineage

Organized from independent companies in southwestern area of State (including Council Bluffs Guards organized 1855–1856) as 4th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Col Grenville M. Dodge, and mustered into Federal service 8–31 August 1861 by companies; reorganized 1 January 1864 as 4th Iowa Veteran Infantry; mustered out 24 July 1865 at Louisville, Ky.

Reorganized 1868–1876 as independent companies of volunteer militia. Companies consolidated 1876–1877 to form 3d Infantry Regiment (organized 18 February 1876) and 5th Infantry Regiment (organized 15 January 1877). (Iowa State Militia redesignated Iowa National Guard 3 April 1878.) Regiments consolidated and redesignated 3d Infantry Regiment, I. N. G., 30 April 1892. Mustered into Federal service as 51st Infantry Regiment, Iowa Volunteers, 30 May 1898 at Des Moines; mustered out 2 November 1899 at San Francisco, Calif. Reorganized as 51st Infantry Regiment 26 March 1900. Redesignated 55th Infantry Regiment 26 November 1902. Redesignated 3d Infantry Regiment 4 July 1915.

Mustered into Federal service 26 June 1916 for Mexican Border; mustered out 20 February 1917. Called into Federal service 15 July 1917; drafted in 5 August 1917. Redesignated 168th Infantry Regiment, 42d Division, 16 August 1917. Demobilized 17 May 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa. (42d Division demobilized 9 May 1919 relieving component from assignment.) Reorganized and Federally recognized 1920–21 as 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division.

Inducted into Federal service 10 February 1941 at Des Moines. Inactivated 3 November 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Va. Reorganized with Headquarters Federally recognized 23 January 1947 at Council Bluffs.

Home Area

Southern Iowa.

Campaign Streamers

Civil War

Arkansas 1862
Vicksburg
Chattanooga
Alabama 1863
Atlanta
North Carolina 1865
South Carolina 1865

Philippine Insurrection

Manila
Malolos

World War I

Champagne-Marne
Aisne-Marne

World War I—Continued

Lorraine
Champagne
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Algeria-French Morocco
(with arrowhead)
Tunisia
Naples-Foggia
Anzio
Rome-Arno
North Apennines
Po Valley

Decorations

Fr CdeG with Palm embroidered BELVEDERE. (DA GO 24, 1947)

Company B (Des Moines) entitled to DUC embroidered MT. PANTANO, ITALY. (WD GO 86, 1944)

Following elements each entitled to DUC embroidered CERVARO, ITALY:

Company E (Shenandoah)
Company F (Villisca)
Company G (Centerville)

(WD GO 6, 1945)

Following elements each entitled to Fr CdeG with Silver Star embroidered FRANCE:

Mortar Section, Headquarters Company (nondisplayable)
1st Platoon, Company B (nondisplayable)
2d Platoon, Company B (nondisplayable)

(WD GO 11, 1924)

Shield. Argent, a bend archy in the colors of the rainbow between in chief a prickly pear cactus and in base a palm tree on a mound proper.

Crest. That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Iowa National Guard: On a wreath of the colors (argent and azure) a hawk's head erased proper.

Motto. On Guard.

The shield is white, the old Infantry color. The bend archy in the form of a rainbow shows the service of the 168th Infantry in World War I in the 42d Division. The cactus represents the Mexican Border duty and the palm tree the Philippine service.

Distinctive Insignia

The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms of the regiment.

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