

182nd Infantry—The Army's Oldest

It was made up as the North Regiment and organized 7 October, 1636 from existing trainbands in several New England towns. It was redesignated prior to 1733 as the 1st Regiment of Militia of Middlesex. It entered the Massachusetts Army as Gardner's Regiment on 23 April, 1775 and was mustered out of Continental service on 12 June, 1783.

Over the ensuing years, it went through many changes and redesignations, fought in many actions, including the War of 1812 and the Civil War. For the latter, it was ordered into active service for the defense of Washington in April 1861 and entered into Federal service the following month at Washington, D.C., for three months service. It participated in first battle of Bull Run.

The 182nd was drafted into Federal service on 5 August, 1917 and in 1918 was redesignated as the 3d Pioneer Infantry, serving in the First Army area in France. It was demobilized in July 1919, at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, only to be reorganized the next year as the 5th Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard. With World War II looming, the 182nd was once again called upon and inducted into Federal service in January 1941 and became part of the Americal Division in 1942.)

In 1946, the unit was relieved from the Americal Division and assigned to the 182d Regimental Combat Team. In May 1959, it was once again reorganized as the 182d Infantry, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

The 182nd Infantry has participated in the following actions:

Revolutionary War

Lexington

Boston

Quebec

New York 1778

New York 1779

War of 1812

Civil War

Bull Run

North Carolina 1862

North Carolina 1863

World War I

Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Guadalcanal

Northern Solomons

Leyte

Southern Philippines

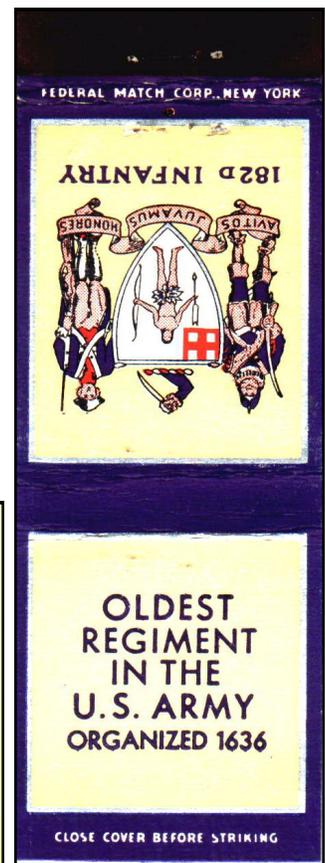
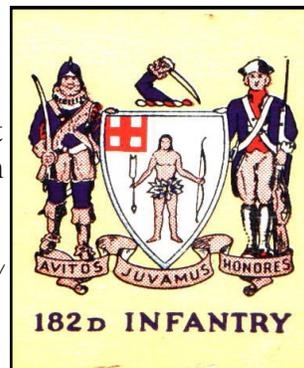
Unit Decorations

- Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Guadalcanal

- Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

Coat of Arms

The 182nd's shield is from the seal of the Massachusetts Bay Colony of 1628-1680 and is white, the old infantry color and also the color of the Massachusetts State flag. The crest comes from the Massachusetts Army



This is just another reminder that every Military unit and installation cover has a history behind it, often fascinating, but always worthy of note.

[<http://www.personal.psu.edu/users/j/r/jrr17/infantry/182inf.htm>]