LINEAGE
OF
3D BATTALION, 6TH MARINES

1917 - 1919

ACTIVATED 14 AUGUST 1917 AT QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, AS 3D BATTALION, 6TH REGIMENT
DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1917 TO FRANCE, AND ASSIGNED TO 4TH BRIGADE,
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGNS

AISNE
AISNE-MARNE
ST. MIHIEL
MEUSE-ARGONNE

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I DEFENSIVE CAMPAIGNS

TOULON-TROYON
CHATEAU-THIERRY
MARABACHE
LIMEY

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF THE RHINELAND, DECEMBER 1918 – JULY 1919

RETURNED DURING JULY-AUGUST 1919 TO QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

DEACTIVATED 20 AUGUST 1919

1922 - 1925

REACTIVATED 14 JUNE 1922 AT QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, AS 3D BATTALION, 6TH REGIMENT
AND ASSIGNED TO 4TH BRIGADE

PARTICIPATED IN MANEUVERS AT GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE-JULY 1922, AND
ATTACHED TO THE MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

DEACTIVATED 10 AUGUST 1922

REACTIVATED 12 JUNE 1924 AT SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
DEPLOYED DURING JULY 1924 TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1925 TO QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

DEACTIVATED 1 FEBRUARY 1925
1927 – 1928

REACTIVATED 2 APRIL 1927 AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AS 3D BATTALION, 6TH REGIMENT AND
ASSIGNED TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIMENT

DEPLOYED DURING APRIL-JULY 1927 TO TIENTSIN, CHINA, AND REASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE

REDESIGNATED 4 OCTOBER 1927 AS 1ST BATTALION, 12TH REGIMENT

REDESIGNATED 22 APRIL 1928 AS 3D BATTALION, 6TH REGIMENT

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1928 TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 10 NOVEMBER 1928

1940 – 1946

REACTIVATED 1 NOVEMBER 1940 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS 3D BATTALION, 6TH MARINES
AND ASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE BRIGADE

2D MARINE BRIGADE REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1941 AS 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING MAY-JULY 1941 TO REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, AND REASSIGNED TO
1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIGADE

RETURNED DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1942 TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AND
REASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1942 TO WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL
SOUTHERN SOLOMONS
TARAWA
SAIPAN
TINIAN
OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO NAGASAKI, JAPAN

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN, SEPTEMBER 1945 – FEBRUARY 1946

RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY-MARCH 1946 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 27 MARCH 1946
1949 – 1965

REACTIVATED 17 OCTOBER 1949 ON BOARD THE USS FREMONT AND ASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1949 TO CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1950 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1950

REACTIVATED 12 SEPTEMBER 1950 AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND ASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED AT VARIOUS TIMES AS BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/6 IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND CARIBBEAN FROM APRIL 1952 TO THE 1990s

PARTICIPATED IN THE LANDINGS IN LEBANON, JULY-OCTOBER 1958

PARTICIPATED IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962

PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, APRIL-MAY 1965

1966 – 2012

PARTICIPATED IN THE REINFORCEMENT OF NAVAL BASE, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1979

PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 3D MARINE DIVISION AT VARIOUS PERIODS THROUGHOUT THE 1980s AND 1990s FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION JUST CAUSE, PANAMA, DECEMBER 1989 – JANUARY 1990

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA, DECEMBER 1990 – APRIL 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DESERT THUNDER, KUWAIT, MARCH 1998


ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND IN SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, HORN OF AFRICA, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, AND AFGHANISTAN, SEPTEMBER 2002 – MARCH 2006

HONORS
AWARDED
3D BATTALION, 6TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

WORLD WAR II
TARAWA - 1943

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR AND TWO BRONZE STARS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
1965

PANAMA
1989 - 1990

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 - 1991
1997 - 1998
2004
IRAQ
2006 - 2007
2007
2008 - 2009

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

GUANTANAMO BAY
1979
1986 - 1987
2000
2002 - 2003
WORLD WAR I VICTORY STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR
ARMY OF OCCUPATION OF GERMANY STREAMER
MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
YANGTZE SERVICE STREAMER
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN STREAMER
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR
WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER
NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA" AND "EUROPE"
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER
FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE STREAMER WITH TWO PALMS AND ONE GILT STAR