

The Armory of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry

1764

The Light Horse of the City of Philadelphia (later to be called The First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry) created by 28 Philadelphia gentlemen committed to the safety of the city

1776

First Troop reports to General George Washington during Revolutionary War for active duty and as escort to Washington and other generals

1779

First Troop suppresses Philadelphia Riot

1780

First Troop members subscribed over one-quarter of the £300,000 to organize a bank

1781

Troop assisted Generals Lafayette and St. Clair in suppressing a mutiny

1811

Law was passed authorizing a regimental organization of the cavalry

1814

Troop participates in War of 1812

1853

A temporary headquarters for the First Troop is rented on the third floor of a building at 8th and Chestnut Streets

1861

First Troop called into active duty during Civil War, first at First Battle of Bull Run, moving to other battles such as Gettysburg in the next few years

1863

First Troop gets its own headquarters, constructed at 21st and Barker Streets

1864

First Troop escorts President Abraham Lincoln into city

1874

Headquarters enlarged by architects Frank Furness and George Hewitt

1899

Armory's headquarters collapse due to heavy snow

1901

New (present) building built at 22 S. 23rd Street

1902

First Troop called upon by governor to help calm coal strike riots in Luzerne County

1917

During World War I, First Troop deployed to Europe, sees action in the Argonne Forest

1920

First Troop returned to its traditional cavalry duties

1936

First Troop called to active state duty to aid in the recovery efforts following the Johnstown Flood

1940

First Troop redesignated Troop A of the 104th Cavalry Regiment, begins World War II military service

1945

World War II Troop inactivated

1950

First Troop federalized

1954

First Troop establishes the Boyer Memorial Scholarship Program

1964

First Troop becomes part of the United States National Guard

1972

First Troop opens new museum at its headquarters

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