DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

15th ENGINEER BATTALION

Constituted 1 July 1916 in the Enlisted Reserve Corps as an Engineer regiment

Organized 5 May 1917 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the 5th Reserve Engineers

Ordered into active military service 21 May-6 June 1917 at Oakmont, Pennsylvania

Redesignated 9 June 1917 as the 5th Regiment of Engineers

Redesignated 8 August 1917 as the 15th Engineers and allotted to the National Army

Demobilized 15 May 1919 at Camp Sherman, Ohio

Reconstituted 25 August 1921 in the Regular Army as the 15th Engineers

Assigned 24 March 1923 to the 9th Division (later redesignated as the 9th Infantry Division)

Redesignated 1 July 1940 as the 15th Engineer Battalion

Activated 1 August 1940 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1942 as the 15th Engineer Combat Battalion

Inactivated 30 November 1946 in Germany

Activated 12 July 1948 at Fort Dix, New Jersey

Reorganized and redesignated 25 May 1954 as the 15th Engineer Battalion

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Inactivated 31 January 1962 at Fort Carson, Colorado

Activated 1 February 1966 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Inactivated 25 September 1969 in Hawaii

Activated 21 June 1972 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Inactivated 15 April 1991 at Fort Lewis, Washington, and relieved from assignment to the 9th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company activated 16 July 2008 in Germany (Support Company concurrently constituted and activated)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne

World War II
Algeria-French Morocco
Tunisia
Sicily
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Vietnam
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969

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DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SIEGFRIED LINE

Belgian Fourragere 1940

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at the Meuse River

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the Ardennes

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1968

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1969

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