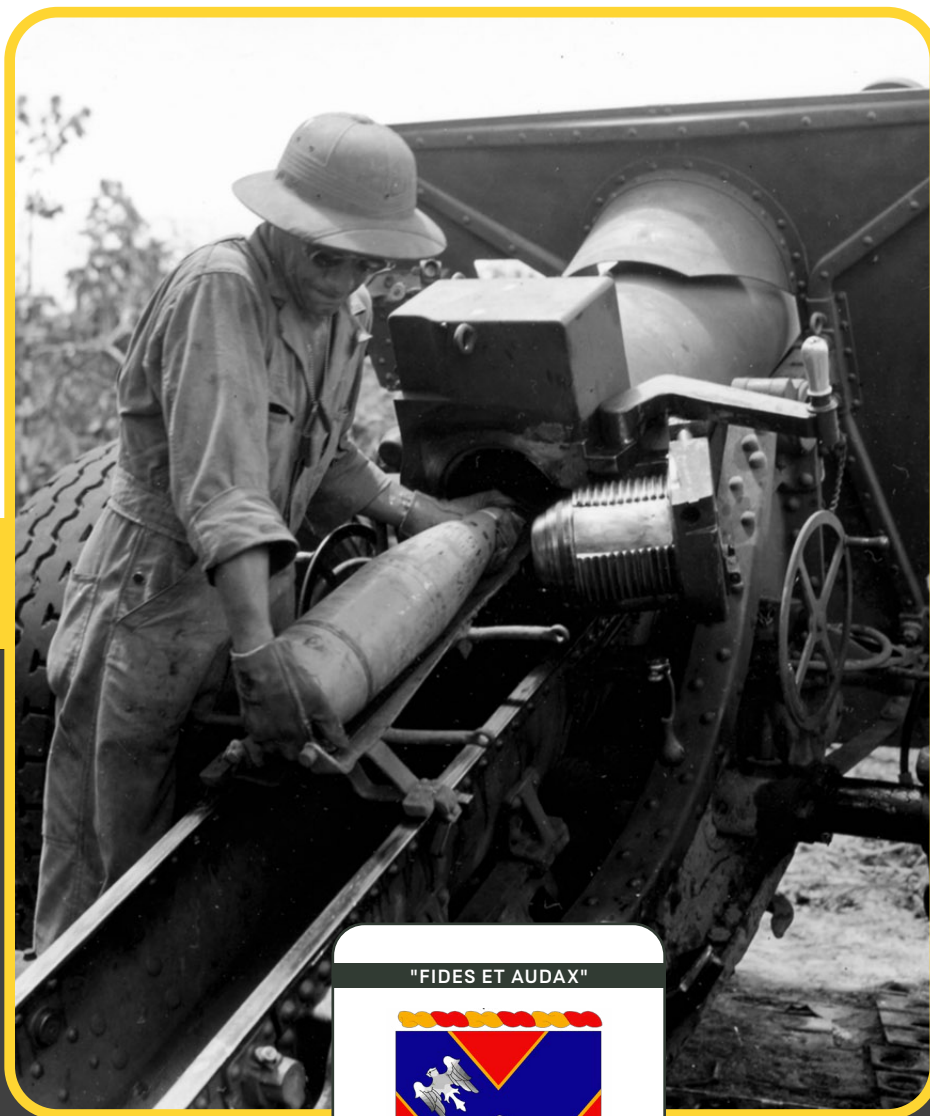


UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



**BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION,  
134TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT**

PIQUA, OHIO

# BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION, 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment was organized on May 8, 1875, in Gettysburg, Ohio as the Gettysburg Guard. Capt. John T. Hershey, a Civil War veteran of the 44th Ohio, was the first commanding officer. The company was assigned to the 3d Infantry Regiment as Company G on May 19, 1876. It was further redesignated as Company C in 1891 and was mustered into federal service in May 1898 for the War with Spain.

After mustering out in October 1898, the company was reorganized in Gettysburg as Company C. In 1903, the location of the unit was moved to Piqua, where it has remained since. The company returned to active service in July 1916 and was deployed to the Mexican Border. The 3d Infantry Regiment returned to Ohio in the spring of 1917, but remained in federal service. After the entirety of the National Guard was drafted on Aug. 5, 1917, for World War I, the company was sent to Camp Sheridan, Ala. where it was redesignated as Company C, 148th Infantry, 37th Division. The company arrived in France in June 1918, and participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in September. The division then moved to Belgium and was part of the final offensive in the Ypres-Lys campaign, taking part in the offensive over the Escaut River.

The unit was reorganized in Piqua on Nov. 29, 1920, as Troop F, Cavalry and later assigned to the 1st Cavalry Regiment. On Jan. 1, 1922, the troop was converted to field artillery and redesignated as Battery E, 135th Field Artillery, 37th Division. The battery was redesignated on Jan. 1, 1937, as Battery C, 136th Field Artillery.

The unit returned to federal service on Oct. 15, 1940, and Battery C was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training. When the division was reorganized on Feb. 1, 1942, the unit was redesignated Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion and was deployed to the South Pacific in June 1942. The battery served on Fiji, Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon.

Following World War II, the battery was consolidated with Headquarters Battery, 987th Field Artillery Battalion and reorganized in Piqua on April 10, 1947. Headquarters Battery was organized in Piqua in 1937 as Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 136th Field Artillery and fought in Europe in World War II where it earned the Presidential Unit Citation at Mortain, France while in support of the 30th Infantry Division. Battery C returned to federal service in 1952 during the Korean War and was mobilized to Camp Polk, La., returning to Ohio in 1954.

A series of reorganizations changed the unit designation in the 1950s and '60s. When the 37th Infantry Division was removed from Ohio's troop allotment in 1968, the battery was reorganized as Battery C, 1st Battalion, 136th Artillery and in 1977 was assigned to the 73d Infantry Brigade. In 1993, the battery was reorganized as a self-propelled unit equipped with the M109 Paladin 155 mm howitzer and was designated Battery C, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery. The battery mobilized in 2004 to provide force protection at air bases in Europe.

The battery came under its present designation on Sept. 1, 2007, when it was reorganized as Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment and was assigned to the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Since that time, the battery has mobilized to Kuwait (2008-2009), Afghanistan (2011-2012), and Iraq and Syria (2022-2023) in support of the War on Terrorism. The battery earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation during the Afghanistan mobilization for the unit's role in training the Afghan National Police.



First Sgt. Robert G. Shattuck Jr., assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, fires the first round during an operational rehearsal exercise of an M119 howitzer at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Dec. 31, 2022.



# LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized 8 May 1875 in the Ohio National Guard at Gettysburg as the "Gettysburg Guard"

Redesignated 19 May 1876 as Company G, 3d Infantry Regiment

Redesignated 22 January 1891 as Company C, 3d Infantry Regiment

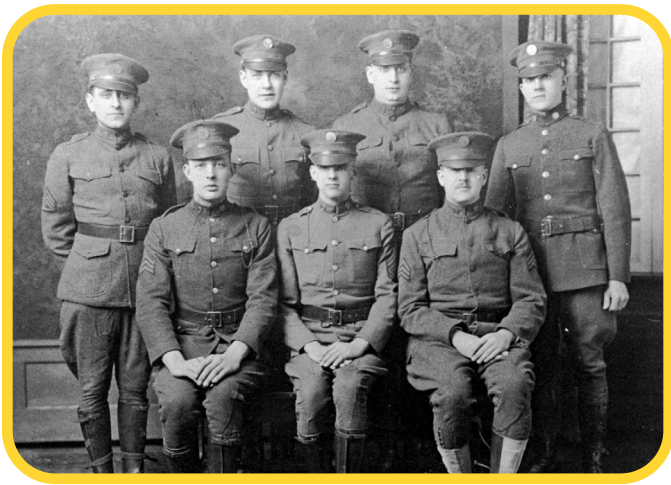
Disbanded 5 May 1896; reconstituted 16 June 1896

Mustered into Federal service 10 May 1898 at Camp Bushnell, Ohio as Company C, 3d Ohio Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 26 October 1898 at Columbus

Redesignated 14 April 1899 as Company C, Unattached Infantry

Redesignated 6 November 1899 as Company C, 3d Infantry

Location changed in 1903 to Piqua



Members of Battery E, 135th Field Artillery, 1922.



First Lt. Francis Fitzpatrick, left, executive officer of Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, gives orders to fire gun No. 3 while Pfc. Joseph Gattes, receives directions over the phone on Bougainville, Nov. 19, 1943.

Mustered into Federal service 14 July 1916 at Camp Willis, Ohio

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 15 September 1917 as Company C, 148th Infantry, an element of the 37th Division

Demobilized 21 April 1919 at Camp Sherman, Ohio

Organized and Federally recognized 29 November 1920 in the Ohio National Guard at Piqua as Troop F, Cavalry

Redesignated 1 July 1921 as Troop F, 1st Cavalry Regiment

Converted and redesignated 1 January 1922 as Battery E, 135th Field Artillery, an element of the 37th Division

Redesignated 1 January 1937 as Battery C, 136th Field Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Piqua

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 13 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Consolidated 10 April 1947 with Headquarters Battery, 987th Field Artillery Battalion (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit Federally recognized in the Ohio Army National Guard at Piqua as Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion

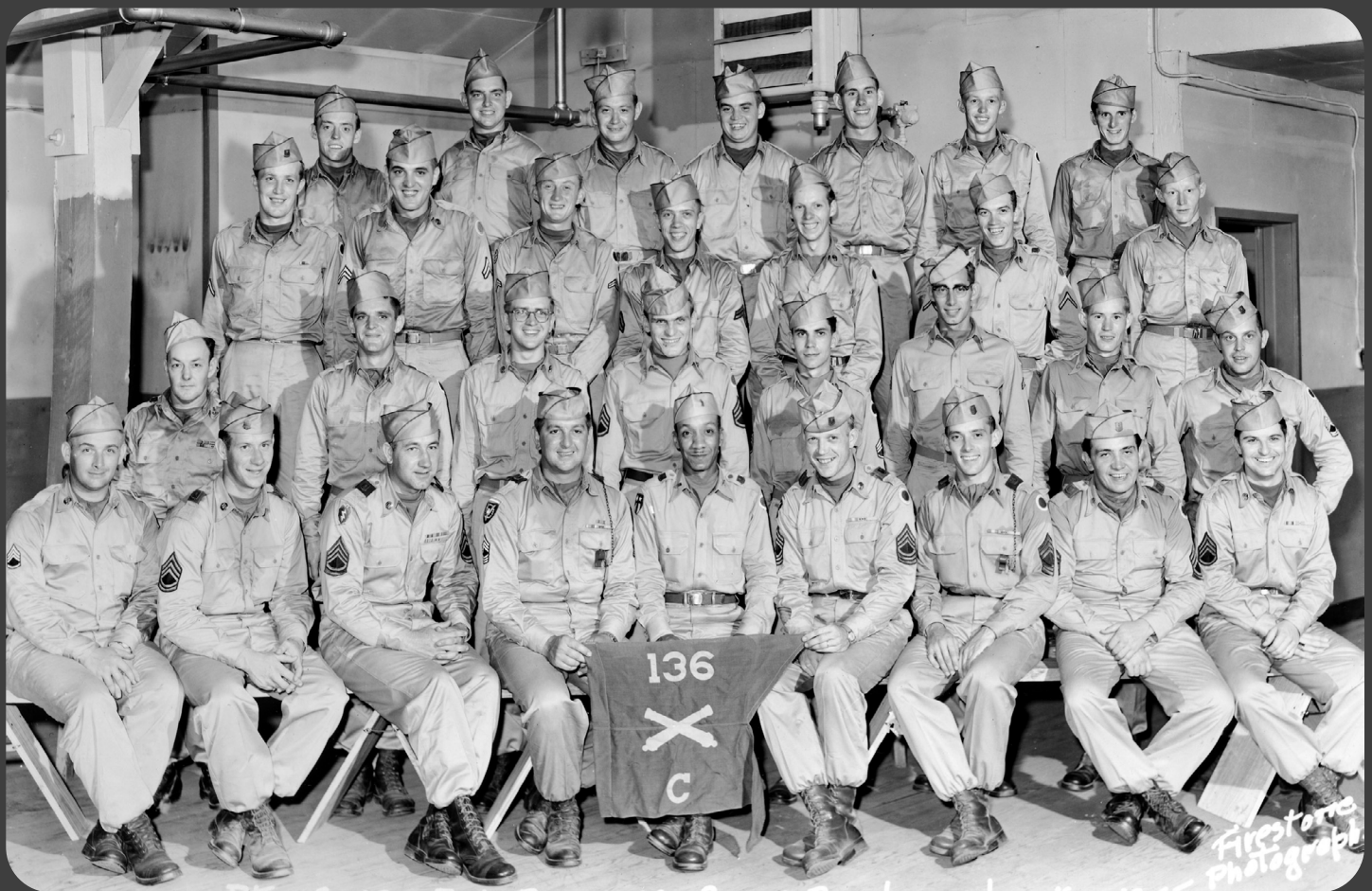
Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Piqua

(Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

Released from Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery B, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 136th Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Battery C, 1st Battalion, 134th Artillery



Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Breckinridge, Ky., 1955.

Consolidated 15 February 1968 with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Artillery (see ANNEX 2); consolidated unit concurrently designated as Battery C, 1st Battalion, 136th Artillery, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

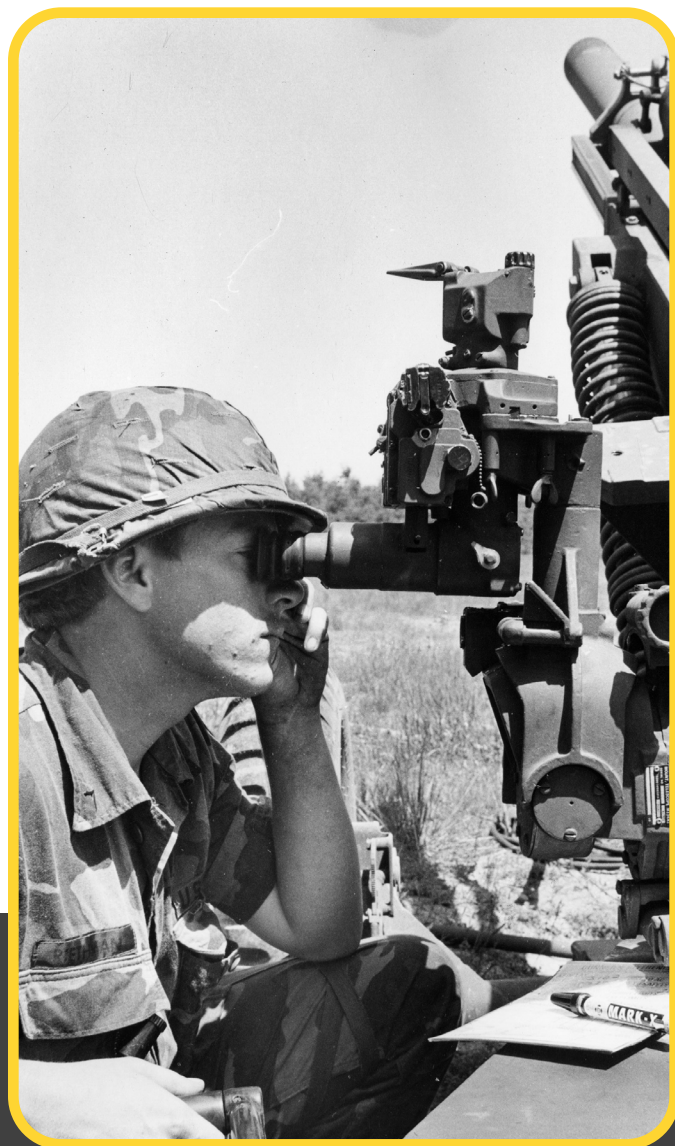
Redesignated 1 February 1972 as Battery C, 1st Field Artillery Battalion, 136th Artillery

Redesignated 1 May 1972 as Battery C, 1st Battalion, 136th Field Artillery

(136th Field Artillery assigned 1 March 1977 to the 73d Infantry Brigade)

Reorganized and redesignated 2 September 1993 as Battery C, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery, an element of the 28th Infantry Division

(134th Field Artillery assigned 1 September 1994 to the 38th Infantry Division)



RIGHT: Pvt. Jim Riethman, a member of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 136th Field Artillery looks through the sites of a 105 mm howitzer during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., in 1984.

BELOW: Battery C, 1st Battalion, 134th Artillery, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.





Sgt. George Prior, a cannon crew member assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, sits on patrol in the gunner's hatch with his M240 machine gun during training at Camp Shelby, Miss., Oct. 20, 2011.



Staff Sgt. Erik Muchmore, assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, supervising the M199 Howitzer during an operational rehearsal exercise at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Dec. 31, 2022.

Ordered into active Federal service 10 February 2004 at Piqua; released from active Federal service 8 February 2005 and reverted to state control

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as Battery C, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2007 as Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment, an element of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

Ordered into active Federal service 3 January 2008 at Piqua; released from active Federal service 9 January 2009 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 11 September 2011 at Piqua; released from active Federal service 14 October 2012 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 23 September 2022 at Piqua; released from active Federal service 27 October 2023 and reverted to state control

#### ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 10 June 1937 in the Ohio National Guard at Piqua as Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 3d Battalion, 136th Field Artillery, an element of the 37th Division

Redesignated 7 September 1937 as Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 2d Battalion, 136th Field Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1940 as Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 136th Field Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Piqua

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 174th Field Artillery and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 25 February 1943 as Headquarters Battery, 987th Field Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 27 October 1945 at Camp Cooke, California

## ANNEX 2

Organized and Federally recognized 20 November 1951 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Piqua as Battery D, 180th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery D, 1st Gun Battalion, 174th Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Artillery, an element of the 37th Infantry Division



Mechanics work on a jeep from Battery D, 180th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion at Camp Perry, Ohio, circa 1954.

HOME STATION: Piqua

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Ypres-Lys  
Meuse-Argonne  
Lorraine 1918

World War II

Northern Solomons  
Luzon  
Normandy (with arrowhead)  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism  
*Afghanistan:*  
Transition I

(Additional campaigns to be determined)

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MORTAIN

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2011-2012

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945

Cited in the order of the day of the Belgian Army for action at ST. VITH

# HERALDIC ITEMS



## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall, consisting of a shield blazoned: Gules, on the dexter arm of a saltire Azure fimbriated Or three alerions bendwise Argent. Attached below the shield a Gold scroll inscribed "FIDES ET AUDAX" in blue.

Symbolism: The red shield indicates the original allocation of the unit as Artillery. The blue saltire is representative of Civil War Service with the Union forces. The three alerions, taken from the arms of Lorraine, denote World War I service.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 134th Field Artillery Regiment, Ohio National Guard on 10 February 1930. It was amended to change the design and blazon of the shield on 2 January 1934. It was redesignated for the 134th Field Artillery Battalion, Ohio National Guard on 23 November 1944. It was redesignated for the 174th Field Artillery Battalion, Ohio National Guard on 19 March 1951. The insignia was redesignated for the 134th Artillery Regiment, Ohio National Guard on 23 November 1960. It was redesignated for the 134th Field Artillery Regiment effective 2 September 1993, with the description and symbolism revised.



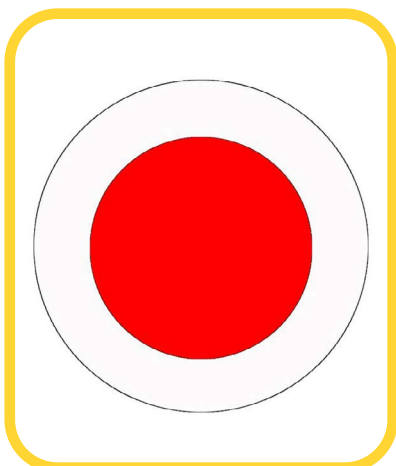
## COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Gules, on the dexter arm of a saltire Azure fimbriated Or three alerions bendwise Argent. Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Ohio Army National Guard: From a wreath Or and Gules, a sheaf of seventeen arrows Argent bound by a sprig of buckeye (Aesculus glabra) fructed Proper (two leaves with bursting burr). Motto: FIDES ET AUDAX (Faithful and Bold).

Symbolism: The red shield indicates the original allocation of the unit as Artillery. The blue saltire is representative of Civil War Service with the Union forces. The three alerions, taken from the arms of Lorraine, denote World War I service.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 134th Field Artillery Regiment, Ohio National Guard on 7 February 1930. It was amended to change the design and blazon of the shield on 2 January 1934. It was redesignated for the 134th Field Artillery Battalion, Ohio National Guard on 22 November 1944. It was redesignated for the 174th Field Artillery Battalion, Ohio National Guard on 19 March 1951. The insignia was redesignated for the 134th Artillery Regiment, Ohio National Guard on 23 November 1960. It was redesignated for the 134th Field Artillery Regiment effective 2 September 1993, with the description and symbolism revised.



## SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: On a white disc 2 1/4 inches (5.72 cm) in diameter a red disc 1 1/2 inches (3.81 cm) in diameter.

Symbolism: The red and white disc is taken from the State Flag of Ohio.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved for the 37th Division on 5 November 1918. It was redesignated for the 16th Engineer Brigade on 9 July 1968. It was canceled on 4 December 1969. The insignia was reinstated and redesignated effective 1 September 2007, for the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, with the description updated and a symbolism added.

# PAST COMMANDERS

## GETTYSBURG GUARD

1875-1876: Capt. John T. Hershey

## COMPANY G, 3D INFANTRY REGIMENT

1876-1880: Capt. John T. Hershey

1880-1881: Capt. William Voght

1881-1891: Capt. Samuel D. Palmer

## COMPANY C, 3D INFANTRY REGIMENT

1891-1898: Capt. Harvey F. Dershem

1898-1899: Capt. Robert E. Horner

1900-1902: Capt. Epaminondas L. Bigler

1903-1909: Capt. James F. Hubbard

1913-1917: Capt. James G. Freshour

## COMPANY C, 148TH INFANTRY

1917: Capt. James G. Freshour

1918: Capt. August J. Horst

## TROOP F, 1ST CAVALRY REGIMENT

1920-1922: Capt. Marquis L. Baker

## BATTERY E, 135TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1922-1927: Capt. Caleb W. Orr

1927-1933: Capt. Howard A. Taggart

1934-1937: Capt. Wilbert A. Lewis

## BATTERY C, 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1937-1941: Capt. Wilbert A. Lewis

## BATTERY C,

### 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1942: Capt. Awtry P. Wehrle

1942-1944: Capt. Howard W. Zurcher

1944: Capt. Milton B. Bagby

1944-1945: Capt. Samuel Fortund

1945: Capt. William H. Kashner

1945: Capt. Harry G. Blajian

1945: Capt. Clifton E. Alexander

1947: Capt. Richard L. Buckel

1947-1948: Charles R. Wheeler

1948-1951: Capt. Charles L. Price

1952: 1st Lt. Virgil Alexander

1954-1955: 1st Lt. Charles E. Staley

1955-1959: Capt. Virgil C. Alexander

## BATTERY B,

### 2D HOWITZER BATTALION, 136TH ARTILLERY

1959: Capt. Virgil C. Alexander

1959-1960: 1st Lt. Page N. McCrum

1960-1961: Capt. Keith R. Hamilton

1962-1963: Capt. Robert J. Fiely

## BATTERY C, 1ST BATTALION, 134TH ARTILLERY

1963-1964: Capt. Robert J. Fiely

1964-1967: Capt. Jack D. Arnett

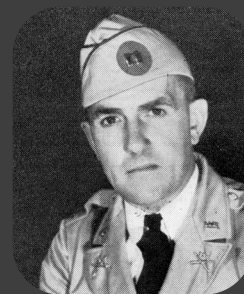
1967-1968: 1st Lt. Thomas R. Murray Jr.



Capt. Horner



Capt. Orr



Capt. Lewis



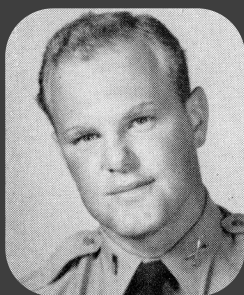
Capt. Wehrle



Capt. Zurcher



Capt. Alexander



1st Lt. Staley



Capt. Arnett

# PAST COMMANDERS

## BATTERY C, 1ST BATTALION, 136TH ARTILLERY

1968-1971: Capt. Siegfried F. Bauer

1971-1972: Capt. Jerry M. Greetham

## BATTERY C,

### 1ST BATTALION, 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1972-1974: Capt. Edward D. Clark III

1974-1976: Capt. Robert A. Holmes

1976-1977: Capt. John T. Donnellan

1977-1979: Capt. Thomas H. Andres

1979-1981: Capt. Duane L. Siegenthaler

1981-1984: 1st Lt. Richard G. Slone

1984: Capt. Parks A. Kennedy

1984-1988: Capt. Philip C. Lootens

1988-1991: Capt. Tal A. Jernigan

1991-1993: Capt. Steven Schemine

## BATTERY C, 1ST BATTALION,

### 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

1993-1995: Capt. Homer C. Rogers Jr.

1995-1999: Capt. Everett W. Barnes Jr.

1999-2000: Capt. Curtis E. McGuire

2000-2002: Capt. Loren D. Spears

2002-2003: Capt. Philip A. Dyer

2003-2006: Capt. Thomas A. Roose

2006-2007: Capt. Scott A. Page Jr.

## BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION,

### 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

2007-2009: Capt. Patrick Rippeth

2009-2013: Capt. Todd C. Keyser

2013-2014: Capt. Bruce R. Hubert

2014-2016: Capt. Kevin Sullivan



Capt. Donnellan



Capt. Andres



Capt. Siegenthaler



Capt. Kennedy



Capt. Lootens



Capt. Schemine



Capt. Rogers



Capt. Barnes



Capt. McGuire



Capt. Spears



Capt. Dyer



Capt. Rippeth



Capt. Keyser



Capt. Hubert



Capt. Sullivan

# PAST COMMANDERS

BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION,  
134TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT (CON'T)

2016-2017: Capt. Jeffrey D. Sunday  
2017-2020: Capt. Sean P. Campbell  
2020-2022: Capt. Denver C. Burkhart  
2022-2024: Capt. Justin Shandor  
2024-: Capt. Thomas H. Roe

ANNEX 1

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY,  
2D BATTALION, 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1938-1941: 1st Lt. Henry J. Wallbrunn

ANNEX 2

BATTERY D,  
180TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION

1951-1955: Capt. John J. Schwab  
1955-1958: 1st Lt. Keith E. Longenecker  
1958-1959: Capt. Robert J. Wheeler

BATTERY D,  
1ST GUN BATTALION, 174TH ARTILLERY

1959-1960: Capt. Robert J. Wheeler  
1960-1963: Capt. Richard E. Pearson

BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION, 134TH ARTILLERY

1963-1964: Capt. Richard E. Pearson  
1964-1966: 1st Lt. Dennis H. Welp  
1966-1967: Capt. Philip L. Rea Jr.  
1967-1968: Capt. Paul V. Arnett



Capt. Sunday



Capt. Burkart



1st Lt. Wallbrunn



Capt. Wheeler

# PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

## COMPANY C, 3D INFANTRY REGIMENT

1903: 1st Sgt. Rolla R. Dunkle

## COMPANY C, 148TH INFANTRY

1917-1918: 1st Sgt. Ernest E. Gruber

## BATTERY E, 135TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1922-1925: 1st Sgt. Howard A. Taggart

## BATTERY C, 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1938: 1st Sgt. George C. McMasters

## BATTERY C,

### 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1945: 1st Sgt. Wilbur E. Lawrence

1945: 1st Sgt. Harvey L. Jennings

## BATTERY C,

### 1ST BATTALION, 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1974-1975: 1st Sgt. Raymond L. Fawcett

1978-1980: 1st Sgt. Edward L. Dawson

1983-1988: 1st Sgt. Joseph E. Woody

1989-1993: 1st Sgt. Elmer R. Swank Jr.

## BATTERY C, 1ST BATTALION,

### 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

1993: 1st Sgt. Elmer R. Swank Jr.

1994-1996: 1st Sgt. Barry O. Galvin

1996-2001: 1st Sgt. Scott J. Francis

2002-2005: 1st Sgt. Raymond J. Dratt

2005-2007: 1st Sgt. John J. Klies

## BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION,

### 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

2007-2012: 1st Sgt. John J. Klies

2012-2017: 1st Sgt. Justin R. Errett

2017-2021: 1st Sgt. Thomas C. Pike

2021-2022: 1st Sgt. John L. Voisinet

2022-2024: 1st Sgt. Robert G. Shattuck Jr.

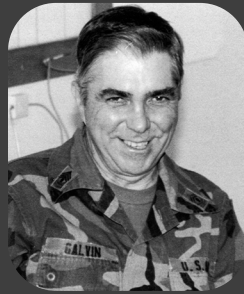
2024-: 1st Sgt. Justin B. Miller

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## HEADQUARTERS BATTERY,

### 2D BATTALION, 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1938: 1st Sgt. Howard Mullennix



1st Sgt. Galvin



1st Sgt. Francis



1st Sgt. Dratt



1st Sgt. Klies



1st Sgt. Errett



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