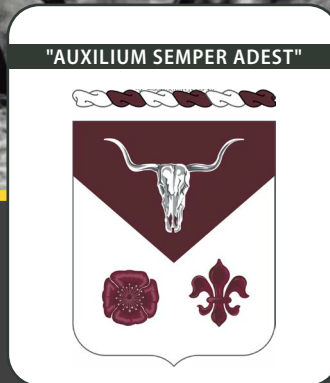
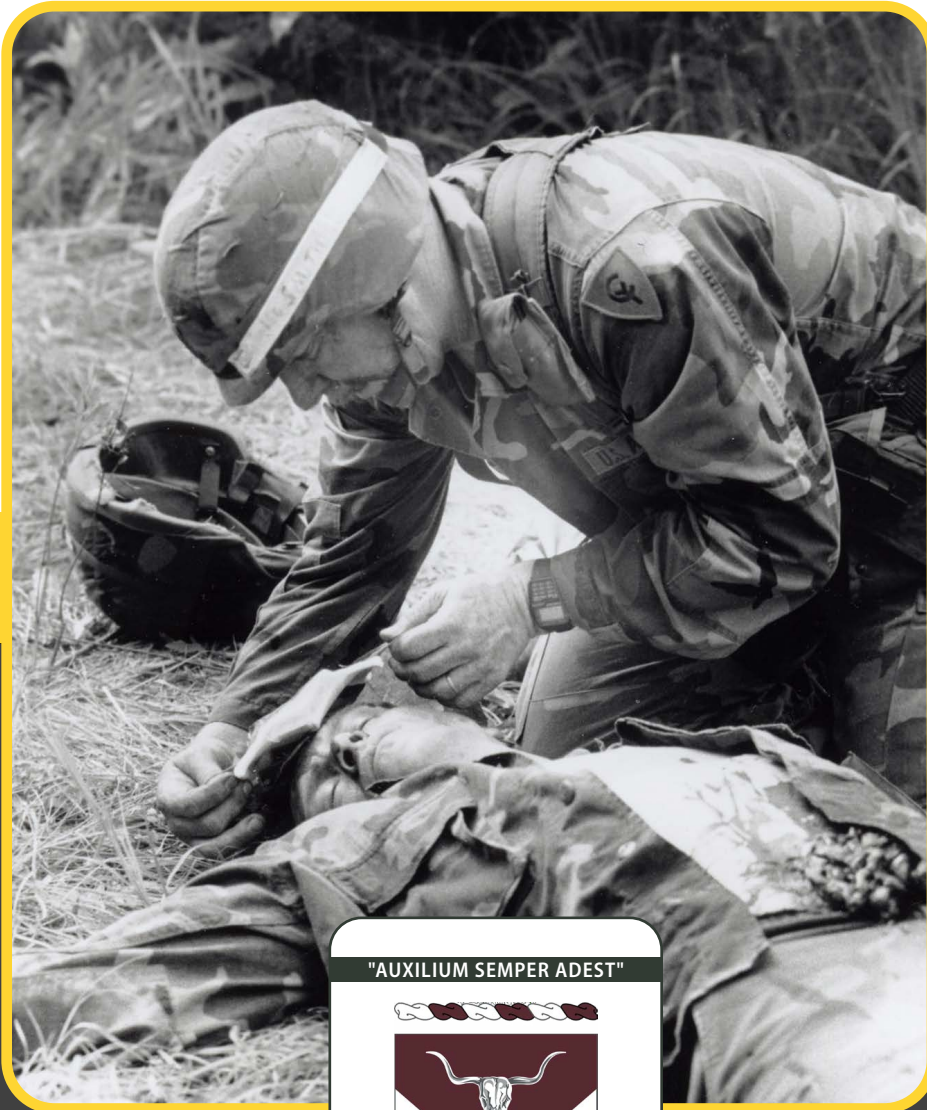


# UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



## 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

COLUMBUS, OHIO

# 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

The 285th Medical Company was organized in Columbus on April 27, 1927 as Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 166th Infantry. In 1935, the unit was reorganized as the 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry and was ordered into federal service on Oct. 15, 1940 for training prior to World War II. In February 1942, the 166th Infantry was relieved from assignment to the 37th Division and remained in the United States as a training regiment. The unit was inactivated on Feb. 1, 1944 at Fort Sill, Okla.

The company was reorganized in the Ohio National Guard on April 11, 1947 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry. The regiment was organized as a separate regimental combat team. On Sept. 1, 1959, the Ohio National Guard underwent a statewide reorganization and the company was redesignated as the Reconnaissance Platoon, Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion Group, 166th Infantry and was an element of the 37th Infantry Division.

On April 1, 1963, the division underwent another reorganization and the unit was converted to Company D, 112th Medical Battalion. The company has remained a medical unit ever since. On Feb. 15, 1968, the 37th Infantry Division was removed from the Army force structure and Company D was reorganized as Company E, 113th Medical Battalion. In May 1968, it was further redesignated as Company C, 113th Medical Battalion. The company was part of the 73d Brigade, 38th Infantry Division.

On March 1, 1977, the brigade was reorganized from a divisional brigade to a separate brigade and the support elements organized into a support battalion. Concurrently, Company C was reorganized as Company B, 237th Support Battalion and was responsible for the brigade's medical support. On Dec. 1, 1988, the battalion further reorganized and Company B was redesignated as Company C, 237th Support Battalion.

On April 16, 2006, the company was converted to an area support medical company and was redesignated as the 285th Medical Company. On June 26, 2006, the company was ordered into federal service and deployed to Iraq where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The company most recently deployed to Kuwait in 2022-23.



Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry, 37th Division, Camp Perry, Ohio, 1935.



# LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 27 April 1927 in the Ohio National Guard at Columbus as Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 166th Infantry an element of the 37th Division

Redesignated 1 January 1935 as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Columbus

Relieved 1 February 1942 from assignment to the 37th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1943 as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Inactivated 1 February 1944 at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

Reorganized and Federally recognized 11 April 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Columbus as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Reconnaissance Platoon, Combat Support Company, 1st Battle Group, 166th Infantry, an element of the 37th Infantry Division



Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1953.



Company D, 112th Medical Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company D, 112th Medical Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Company E, 113th Medical Battalion, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1968 as Company C, 113th Medical Battalion

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1977 as Company B, 237th Support Battalion, an element of the 73d Infantry Brigade; location concurrently changed to Worthington

Consolidated 1 April 1983 with Detachment 1, Company B, 237th Support Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 1 November 1977 at Springfield); consolidated unit designated as Company B, 237th Support Battalion

Location changed 11 May 1988 to Columbus

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1988 as Company C, 237th Support Battalion

(73d Infantry Brigade redesignated 6 September 1992 as the 37th Infantry Brigade)

(237th Support Battalion assigned 1 September 1993 to the 28th Infantry Division; assigned 1 September 1994 to the 38th Infantry Division)

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 16 April 2006 as the 285th Medical Company and relieved from assignment to the 38th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 26 June 2006 at Columbus; released from active Federal service 22 December 2007 and reverted to state control



A dentist from Company B, 237th Support Battalion, 73d Infantry Brigade, looks at a Soldier's teeth in the field during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich. in 1984.

Ordered into active Federal service 7 August 2022 at Columbus; released from active Federal service 10 September 2023 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Columbus

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War on Terrorism  
Global War on Terrorism  
*Iraq:*  
National Resolution  
Iraqi Surge

#### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army),  
Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2006 - 2007



Company C, 237th Support Battalion, 37th Brigade, 38th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 2005.



Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Hartman, a medic with the 285th Medical Company and registered nurse, performs a medical assessment on a civilian patient Oct. 27, 2017, in Jayuya, Puerto Rico.



Spc. Hannah Hetman-Maiden of the 285th Medical Company treats simulated casualties during a tactical evacuation on the trauma lanes for Brigade Combat Team Training, Jan. 14, 2022, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

# HERALDIC ITEMS



## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A silver color metal and enamel device 1 inch (2.54 cm) in height overall consisting of a rectangular shield divided per chevron reversed, maroon above white, on the maroon portion the skull and horns of a Texas Longhorn steer in silver; on the white portion a conventionalized poppy and fleur-de-lis both of maroon. Attached below the shield a maroon arched segmented scroll inscribed "AUXILIUM SEMPER ADEST" in silver letters.

Symbolism: Maroon and white are the colors of the Medical Department. The skull and horns of the Texas Longhorn represent service on the Mexican Border, and the poppy and fleur-de-lis symbolize service in Flanders and in France, respectively, during World War I. The motto translates to "Help Always Ready."

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 112th Medical Regiment on 3 July 1928. It was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion on 3 September 1943. It was redesignated for the 112th Medical Group on 25 September 1974. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Medical Brigade on 14 August 1975. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion on 1 September 2023.



## COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Per chevron reversed Sanguine and Argent, in chief the skull and horns of a longhorn steer of the second, in base a conventionalized poppy and a fleur-de-lis of the first.

Crest: That for the regiments of the Ohio National Guard: On a wreath of the colors Argent and Sanguine a sheaf of seventeen arrows of the first bound by a sprig of buckeye fruited Proper. Motto: AUXILIUM SEMPER ADEST (Help Always Ready).

Symbolism: Maroon and white are the colors of the Medical Department. The skull and horns of the Texas Longhorn represent service on the Mexican Border, and the poppy and fleur-de-lis symbolize service in Flanders and in France, respectively, during World War I.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved on 16 January 1968 and cancelled on 7 October 1974. The coat of arms was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion effective 1 September 2023.



## SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: On a blue triangular background, one point down, with a 1/16 inch (.16 cm) white border and a 3/16 inch (.48 cm) red border, the whole 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) wide and 3 inches (7.62 cm) high, a white disc 7/8 inch (2.22 cm) in diameter charged with a red disc 5/8 inch (1.59 cm) in diameter, above a white star 7/16 inch (1.11 cm) in diameter.

Symbolism: The design of the shoulder sleeve insignia is based on the Ohio State Flag.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Ohio National Guard on 30 November 1948. It was amended to include a symbolism on 7 May 1974. The insignia was redesignated for Headquarters, State Area Command, Ohio Army National Guard on 30 December 1983. It was redesignated for the Ohio Army National Guard Element, Joint Force Headquarters and amended to update the description effective 1 October 2003.

# PAST COMMANDERS

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,  
3D BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY**  
1927-1935: Capt. Dalzell R. Maxwell

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,  
1ST BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY**  
1935: Capt. Dalzell R. Maxwell  
1935-1940: 1st Lt. John A. Southworth  
1941: 1st Lt. George W. Hunt Jr.

**HQ & HQ COMPANY,  
1ST BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY**  
1947: Capt. Paul R. Roberts  
1947-1949: Capt. Donn W. Duffey  
1949-1956: Capt. Rollie Fleeman  
1956-1958: Capt. William C. Shaffer  
1958-1959: Capt. Hugh E. Clements

**COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION**  
1963-1964: Capt. Donn R. Huff  
1964-1965: Capt. John L. Melvin  
1965-1968: Capt. Robert G. Fletcher

**COMPANY C, 113TH MEDICAL BATTALION**  
1968-1970: Capt. John D. Tidyman Jr.  
1970-1971: Capt. James N. Baird Jr.  
1971-1973: Capt. Burton H. Harris  
1973-1975: Maj. Harry A. Schutte Jr.  
1975-1977: Maj. Thomas C. Philipps

**COMPANY B, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION**  
1977-1978: Maj. Thomas C. Philipps  
1978-1981: Maj. Harry H. Shaw  
1981-1982: Maj. Gary O. Partlow  
1982-1984: Capt. George N. Boyer  
1984-1987: Maj. Louis Pomerantz  
1987-1988: Maj. Joseph E. Ricketts

**COMPANY C, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION**  
1988-1990: Maj. Joseph E. Ricketts  
1990-1992: Maj. Deborah A. Ashenhurst  
1993: Maj. Eric R. Timmens  
1993-1995: Maj. Larry J. Heisler  
1995-1997: Maj. Terry A. Johnson  
1997-1999: Maj. Brett A. Call  
1999-2002: Capt. Michael Solli



1st Lt. Southworth



1st Lt. Hunt



Capt. Fleeman



Maj. Schutte



Maj. Shaw



Maj. Partlow



Capt. Boyer



Maj. Pomerantz



Maj. Ricketts



Maj. Ashenhurst



Maj. Timmens



Maj. Heisler



Maj. Johnson



Maj. Call



Capt. Solli

# PAST COMMANDERS

## COMPANY C, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

2002-2005: Maj. Phillip J. Boes

2005-2006: Capt. Jeremiah S. Gladden

## 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2006-2008: Capt. Jeremiah S. Gladden

2008-2012: Capt. Travis R. Timmons

2012-2015: Capt. Donald McHone

2015-2018: Capt. Bryanna R. Singleton

2018-2021: Maj. Charles L. Whyde

2021-2024: Capt. Destiny M. Pathammavong

2024-: Capt. Victoria A. DiBacco



Maj. Boes



Capt. Gladden



Capt. Timmons



Capt. McHone



Capt. Singleton



Maj. Whyde



Capt. Pathammavong



Capt. DiBacco

# PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY

1947: 1st Sgt. John E. Oberling Sr.  
1947-1948: 1st Sgt. Albert T. Frank  
1948: 1st Sgt. Jesse M. Knisely

## COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1967: 1st Sgt. Rongald G. Conkle

## COMPANY C, 113TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1969: 1st Sgt. William M. Fahner  
1971-1972: 1st Sgt. John P. Little  
1972-1977: 1st Sgt. James H. Malloy

## COMPANY B, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1977-1980: 1st Sgt. Charles Jackson Jr.  
1980-1987: 1st Sgt. William T. Hall  
1987-1988: 1st Sgt. David E. Bloom

## COMPANY C, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1988-1998: 1st Sgt. David E. Bloom  
1999-2000: 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Smith  
2001: 1st Sgt. Delbert Meek Jr.  
2003-2005: 1st Sgt. Richard N. Brandt

## 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2006-2014: 1st Sgt. Christopher M. Thomas  
2014-2021: 1st Sgt. Ty B. Henery  
2021-2024: 1st Sgt. Kraig R. Hallam  
2025-: 1st Sgt. Timothy R. Huston



1st Sgt. Jackson



1st Sgt. Hall



1st Sgt. Brandt



1st Sgt. Thomas



1st Sgt. Henery



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