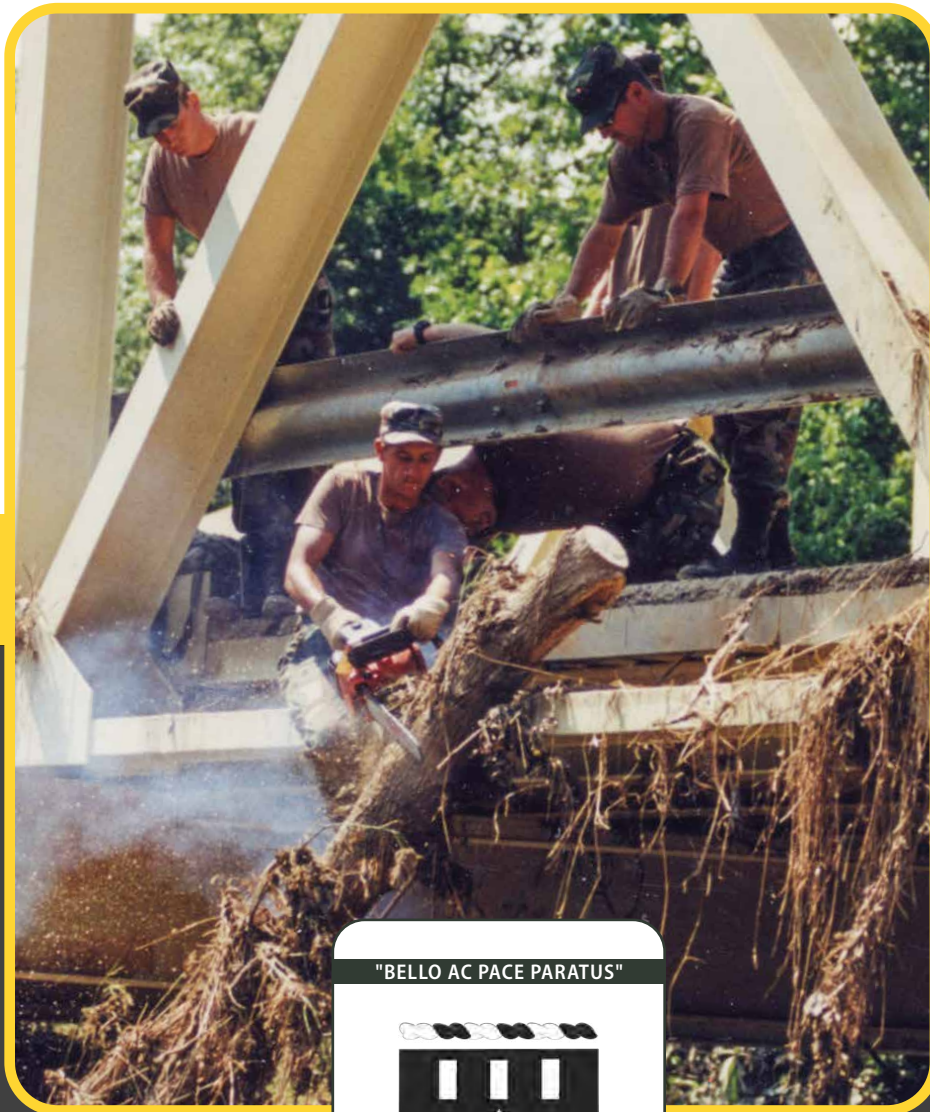


UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



812TH ENGINEER COMPANY

LORAIN, OHIO

812TH ENGINEER COMPANY

The 812th Engineer Company was organized Feb. 2, 1926, in Akron as Headquarters Company, 73d Infantry Brigade, 37th Division. On Mar. 1, 1928, the company was reorganized as Company K, 145th Infantry. The unit remained under this designation until 1959. The company was ordered into federal service on Oct. 15, 1940, and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training. During World War II, Company K fought in the battles of New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon, earning the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

The company was reorganized in Akron on July 17, 1947, and returned to active service for the Korean War in 1952. As part of the 37th Infantry Division, Company K was sent to Camp Polk, La. for training. While the Buckeye Division did not rotate to Korea as a unit, nearly all of the unit's members rotated as individual replacements. The unit reorganized in the Ohio National Guard in January 1954. On Sept. 1, 1959, the unit was redesignated as Company B, 2d Battle Group, 145th Infantry and was again redesignated on April 1, 1963, as Company B, 2d Battalion, 145th Infantry. On Nov. 15, 1965, the company was reorganized as a detachment of Company A, 2d Battalion, 145th Infantry.

On Feb. 15, 1968, the 37th Infantry Division was removed from Ohio's force structure, resulting in the reorganization of the detachment as the 2d and 3d Engineer Platoons, Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion. On June 1, 1971, the detachment was consolidated with the parent company, located in Kent, Ohio, and the consolidated unit was reorganized as Company B. The Kent element was organized on Feb. 10, 1937, as Company C, 112th Quartermaster Regiment and fought in World War II as the 3583d Quartermaster Truck Company and earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation in the European Theater. Additionally, the unit was cited in the order of the day of the Belgian Army for action at Antwerp. Prior to the consolidation, the unit had been designated as Company B since 1959.

Company B was moved to the Stow Armory in 1982 and then to the Brook Park Armory in 1989. On Sept. 1, 1995, the unit was consolidated with Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion in Lorain. Company D was organized in Lorain on Nov. 10, 1947, and also went to Camp Polk with the 37th Infantry Division from 1952 to 1954. The company was reorganized on Feb. 15, 1968, as Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion.

Company B was mobilized for Operation Noble Eagle from 2003 to 2005. On Sept. 1, 2007, the unit was reorganized as the 837th Engineer Company and completed a mobilization to Afghanistan from 2013 to 2014, where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation. On Sept. 1, 2016, the unit was reorganized and redesignated under its present designation, the 812th Engineer Company.

HERALDIC ITEMS



DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A Silver color metal and enamel device 1 9/32 inches (3.25 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Per chevron Sable and ermine, a chevron engrailed counterchanged, in chief three billets palewise Argent and in base a lion rampant Or. Attached below the shield a Black scroll turned Silver inscribed "BELLO AC PACE PARATUS" in Silver letters.

Symbolism: The field is taken from the coat of arms of General Moses Cleveland, who founded the City of Cleveland and who also, on August 2, 1779, was commissioned by Congress as Captain of a Company of Sappers and Miners. The three billets represent the pillars set in the roads leading up the hill to Montfaucon, which pillars were blown out by this Regiment. The lion is the lion of Belgium and served as a reminder that this Regiment, serving under King Albert, helped to free Belgium from the invader. The motto is reminiscent of the Cleveland Grays "Semper Paratus" and is peculiarly appropriate for a National Guard Regiment.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 112th Engineer Regiment on 26 September 1925. It was amended to change the wording regarding the method of wear by enlisted personnel on 3 December 1929. It was redesignated for the 112th Engineer Combat Battalion on 30 April 1945. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Engineer Battalion on 4 January 1965.

COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Per chevron Sable and ermine, a chevron engrailed counterchanged, in chief three billets palewise Argent and in base a lion rampant Or armed and langued Gules.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Ohio Army National Guard: On a wreath of the colors Argent and Sable, a sheaf of seventeen arrows Argent bound by a sprig of buckeye (*aesculus glabra*) fructed Proper (two leaves bursting burr).

Motto: BELLO AC PACE PARATUS (Prepared in Peace and War).



Symbolism: The field is taken from the coat of arms of General Moses Cleveland, who founded the City of Cleveland and who also, on August 2, 1779, was commissioned by Congress as Captain of a Company of Sappers and Miners. The three billets represent the pillars set in the roads leading up the hill to Montfaucon, which pillars were blown out by this Regiment. The lion is the lion of Belgium and served as a reminder that this Regiment, serving under King Albert, helped to free Belgium from the invader. The motto is reminiscent of the Cleveland Grays "Semper Paratus" and is peculiarly appropriate for a National Guard Regiment. The crest is that of the Ohio Army National Guard.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 112th Engineer Regiment on 7 May 1923. It was redesignated for the 112th Engineer Combat Battalion on 28 April 1945. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Engineer Battalion on 4 January 1965.

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: On a scarlet disc 2 inches (5.08cm) in diameter two white towers, each embattled of three merlons and with scarlet windows and entranceways, crossed in saltire all within a 1/8 inch (.32cm) white border.

Symbolism: The colors scarlet and white are used for Engineers. The two crossed towers, forming a saltire - a symbol used during the Crusades to reward those who scaled town walls - refer to the combat aspects of the Engineers. Furthermore, the saltire, a form of brace, alludes to engineering support to other components within the organization. The saltire formed by the two crossed towers simulates an X, the map symbol used for brigades and also simulates the Roman numeral ten (X) which with the three merlons of each tower alludes to sixteen (16), the numerical designation of the organization.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved on 4 December 1969.





LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 2 February 1926 in the Ohio National Guard at Akron as Headquarters Company, 73d Infantry Brigade, an element of the 37th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1928 as Company K, 145th Infantry

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Akron

(37th Division redesignated 1 February 1942 as the 37th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 13 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 17 July 1947 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Akron as Company K, 145th Infantry

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Akron

(Company K, 145th Infantry [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

Released 15 June 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Company K, 145th Infantry (NGUS)



Company K, 145th Infantry, 37th Division,
Camp Perry, Ohio, 1934.



Company K, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry
Division, Camp Atterbury, Ind., 1950.



From left, Pvt. Clyde Thompson points out targets to his buddies Pvt. James Amabile and Pvt. George Cerea during training with Company K, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division at Camp Polk, La.



Company B, 2d Battalion, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., August 1965.



Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion, Camp Perry, Ohio, circa 1995.

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company B, 2d Battle Group, 145th Infantry and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company B, 2d Battalion, 145th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 15 November 1965 as 2d Rifle Platoon, Company A, 2d Battalion, 145th Infantry

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1968 as 2d and 3d Engineer Platoons, Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion

Consolidated 1 June 1971 with Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit designated as Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion

Location changed 1 January 1982 to Stow; changed 1 January 1989 to Brook Park

Consolidated 1 September 1995 with Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion (see ANNEX 3); consolidated unit designated as Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion; location changed to Lorain

(112th Engineer Battalion assigned 1 September 1999 to the 38th Infantry Division)

Ordered into active Federal service 30 January 2003 at Lorain; released from active Federal service 28 January 2005 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2007 as the 837th Engineer Company and relieved from assignment to the 38th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 13 February 2013 at Lorain; released from active Federal service 28 February 2014 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2016 as the 812th Engineer Company



Combat engineers with the 837th Engineer Company train on the Armored Vehicle Launch Bridge at the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site during their annual training period at Camp Grayling, Mich., June 11, 2008.



Soldiers from the 812th Engineer Company conduct live-fire exercises with the Javelin weapon system during their annual training at Fort Knox, Ky., in 2017.



Soldiers with the 812th Engineer Company stand in first formation after roll call is taken at their readiness center in Lorain, Ohio, Jan. 11, 2020.

ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 10 February 1937 in the Ohio National Guard at Kent as Company C, 112th Quartermaster Regiment, an element of the 37th Division

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Kent

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as Company C, 131st Quartermaster Regiment (Truck) and relieved from assignment to the 37th Division (37th Division concurrently redesignated as the 37th Infantry Division)

Redesignated 1 April 1942 as Company C, 131st Quartermaster Truck Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 20 December 1943 as the 3583d Quartermaster Truck Company

Reorganized and redesignated 24 April 1945 as the 3583d Quartermaster Truck Company (Heavy)

Inactivated 24 May 1946 in Belgium

Reorganized and Federally recognized 13 November 1947 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Kent as the 3582d Transportation Company

Ordered into active Federal service 19 August 1950 at Kent

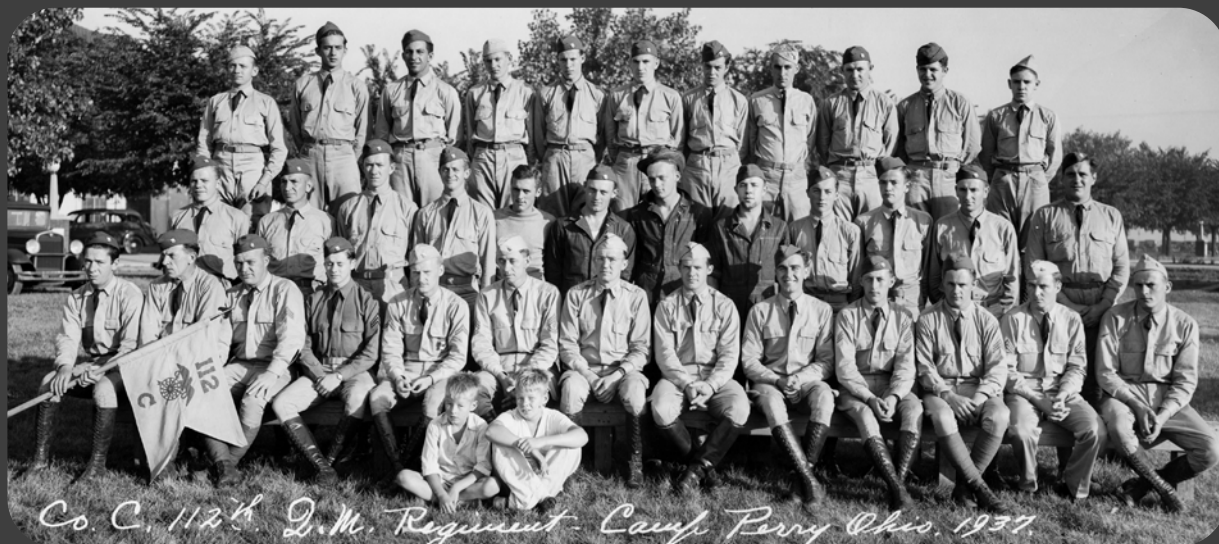
(3582d Transportation Company [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized in 5 January 1953)

Released 3 December 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from 3582d Transportation Company (NGUS)

Converted and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Consolidated 1 April 1963 with Battery C, 2d Gun Battalion, 137th Artillery (see ANNEX 2); consolidated unit designated as Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion

Relieved 15 February 1968 from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division



Company C, 112th Quartermaster Regiment, 37th Division, Camp Perry, Ohio, 1937.



LEFT: Sgt. 1st Class Donald L. Fahlar, center, pointing at map, a member of Company B, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, plots a course and briefs his men before an attack while in training at Camp Polk, La., June 9, 1952.

BELOW: Maj. John Majerczak, right, commander of the 1st Battalion, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, presents the company guidon for Lorain's Company B, 145th Infantry to the acting company commander, 2d Lt. Donald E. Thompson, in special ceremonies at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 20, 1954.

ANNEX 2

Organized and Federally recognized 15 May 1951 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Kent as Battery B, 179th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Redesignated 1 January 1953 as Battery C, 177th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery C, 2d Gun Battalion, 137th Artillery

ANNEX 3

Organized and Federally recognized 10 November 1947 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Lorain as Company B, 145th Infantry, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Lorain

(Company B, 145th Infantry [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 25 January 1954)





A Soldier from Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion operates heavy engineer equipment during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., Aug. 8, 1987.



Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Breckenridge, Ky., 1956.



Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., July 1966.

Released 15 June 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Company B, 145th Infantry (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company B, 1st Battle Group, 145th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company B, 1st Battalion, 145th Infantry

Consolidated 15 February 1968 with Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion (see ANNEX 4); consolidated unit designated as Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

ANNEX 4

Organized and Federally recognized 13 February 1955 in Elyria as Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

HOME STATION: Lorain

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Northern Solomons (with arrowhead)

Luzon (with arrowhead)

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:

Transition I

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER 13 JULY - 31 DECEMBER 1944

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2013

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 ANTWERP

PAST COMMANDERS

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 73D INFANTRY BRIGADE

1926-1928: Capt. Richard B. Shaw

COMPANY K, 145TH INFANTRY

1928-1940: Capt. Emerson C. Woolf

1941: Capt. James W. Casey

1943: Capt. Donald W. Douse

1943-1945: Capt. Alfred A. Potteiger

1947: 1st Lt. Charles W. Fenner

1947-1948: 1st Lt. Stanley L. Egrid

1948: 1st Lt. Norman E. Benz

1948-1954: Capt. George Prasher

1954-1955: 1st Lt. Leo E. Yankosky

1955-1956: Capt. Charles A. Stealey Jr.

1956-1957: Capt. William L. Cook II

1957: 1st Lt. George E. Brewer

1957-1959: 1st Lt. Arthur E. Wallach

COMPANY B, 2D BATTLE GROUP, 145TH INFANTRY

1959-1963: Capt. Arthur E. Wallach

COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION, 145TH INFANTRY

1963: Capt. Arthur E. Wallach

1963-1965: Capt. Robert F. Thompson

COMPANY B, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1971-1973: Capt. William E. Lane Jr.

1974-1976: Capt. John M. Wilkins

1976-1978: Capt. Donald L. May

1978-1980: Capt. David L. Wrikeman

1980-1983: Capt. Tim G. Krueger

1983-1984: 1st Lt. David J. Donaldson

1984-1987: Capt. Michael C. Sterling

1987-1988: 1st Lt. Thomas C. Pallardy

1988-1990: Capt. Christopher A. Kieswetter

1990-1992: 1st Lt. Paul A. Frankmann

1992-1997: Capt. Kirk J. Zecchini

1998-2000: Capt. John J. Bonca

2002: Capt. Elvis Medica



Capt. Woolf



Capt. Casey



Capt. Potteiger



Capt. Prasher



Capt. Stealey



Capt. Wallach



Capt. Thompson



Capt. Wrikeman



Capt. Krueger



1st Lt. Donaldson



Capt. Sterling



1st Lt. Pallardy



Capt. Zecchini



Capt. Bonca



Capt. Medica

PAST COMMANDERS

COMPANY B, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

2002-2006: Capt. Roger L. Lewis
2006-2007: Capt. Troy I. Dumond

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2007-2009: Capt. Troy I. Dumond
2009-2012: Capt. Jacob A. Miracle
2012-2014: Capt. Chad Apple
2014-2016: Capt. Scott Janda
2016: 1st Lt. Anthony Diglia

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2016-2019: Capt. Anthony Diglia
2019-2021: Capt. Shaun Mitchell
2021-2024: Capt. Jordan Price
2024-: Capt. Jordan M. Fisher

ANNEX 1

COMPANY C,

112TH QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

1937-1941: Capt. Frank C. Hull

3582D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

1947-1950: Capt. Howard C. Raber
1950-1953: Capt. John C. Moricoli
1953-1959: Capt. Dean C. Hull

COMPANY B, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1959-1961: Capt. Dean C. Hull
1961-1962: Capt. Charles R. Leonard
1962-1964: Capt. John B. Kornick
1964-1965: Capt. Carol R. Dodge
1965-1969: Capt. Charles B. Jones
1969-1971: 1st Lt. William E. Lane Jr.

ANNEX 2

BATTERY B,

179TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION

1951-1953: Capt. Edgar W. Crosley Jr.

BATTERY C,

177TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION

1953-1955: Capt. Edgar W. Crosley Jr.
1955-1959: 1st Lt. Adam W. Starcher

BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION,

137TH ARTILLERY

1959: 1st Lt. Adam W. Starcher
1959-1960: 1st Lt. Charles R. Kuss
1960-1962: Capt. Bruce J. Campbell



Capt. Lewis



Capt. Dumond



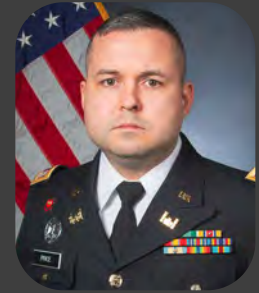
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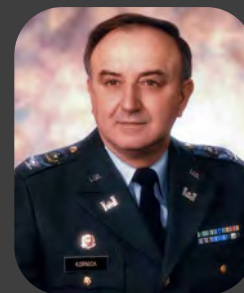
Capt. Diglia



Capt. Price



Capt. F. Hull



Capt. Kornick



Capt. F. Hull



Capt. F. Hull



Capt. F. Hull

PAST COMMANDERS

ANNEX 3

COMPANY B, 145TH INFANTRY

1947-1954: Capt. James Broadfoot
1954-1955: 2d Lt. Donald E. Thompson
1955-1957: Capt. Howard J. Nicks
1957-1958: Capt. John H. Stone
1958-1959: Capt. Richard J. Sharp

COMPANY B, 1ST BATTLE GROUP, 145TH INFANTRY

1959-1962: Capt. Richard J. Sharp
1962-1963: Capt. Ivan R. Hanson

COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 145TH INFANTRY

1963-1965: Capt. Ivan R. Hanson
1965-1966: Capt. Walter A. Henrichsen Jr.
1966-1968: Capt. Kenneth W. Smith

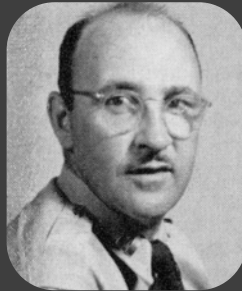
COMPANY D, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1968-1969: Capt. Kenneth W. Smith
1969: 1st Lt. Albert J. Burgdorf
1970: 1st Lt. Donald W. Bishoff
1970-1974: 1st Lt. Donald W. Mock
1974-1976: 1st Lt. Lawrence D. McMillen
1976-1979: Capt. Gerald J. Brove
1979-1981: Capt. Raj L. Richardson
1981-1983: Capt. Charles A. Drumm
1983-1985: Capt. Marion DeWitt
1985-1986: Capt. Christopher A. Kieswetter
1987-1989: Capt. Donald Lenear
1989-1991: Capt. Steven S. Olive
1991-1993: Capt. Richard L. Barker
1993-1994: Capt. David H. Smith
1995: 1st Lt. Paul M. Gertsma

ANNEX 4

COMPANY D, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1955-1959: Capt. Robert T. Davis
1959-1960: Capt. Robert E. Hogue
1960-1962: 1st Lt. Carroll G. Arndt
1962-1966: 1st Lt. Russell J. Bragg
1966-1968: 1st Lt. Alberto Amann



Capt. Broadfoot



Capt. Brove



Capt. Richardson



Capt. Drumm



Capt. Lenear



Capt. Olive



Capt. Barker



Capt. Smith



1st Lt. Gertsma

PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

COMPANY K, 145TH INFANTRY

1939: 1st Sgt. Paul J. Schlabig
1939-1940: 1st Sgt. James L. Crutchley
1947: 1st Sgt. George C. Wilson
1947-1948: 1st Sgt. Charles E. Barnett
1948: 1st Sgt. Fred F. Slabaugh

COMPANY B, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1971-1978: 1st Sgt. Oliver E. Lehman
1981-1985: 1st Sgt. Edwin A. Rising Jr.
1985-1988: 1st Sgt. Daniel L. Griffin
1988-1989: 1st Sgt. Mark A. Eader
1989-1991: 1st Sgt. James R. Williams
1995: 1st Sgt. Francis L. Watters
1995: 1st Sgt. Walter L. Sparks
1998-2004: 1st Sgt. Thomas W.J. Paine
2005-2006: 1st Sgt. Richard L. Goodwin
2006-2007: 1st Sgt. Jimmy E. Slick Jr.

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2007-2009: 1st Sgt. Jimmy E. Slick Jr.
2009-2012: 1st Sgt. Garland L. Paynter
2012-2015: 1st Sgt. Joseph D. Bernert
2015-2016: 1st Sgt. Ron I. Richardson

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2016-2018: 1st Sgt. Ron I. Richardson
2018-2020: 1st Sgt. Eric P. Sheets
2020-: 1st Sgt. Michael G. Donley

ANNEX 1

COMPANY C,

112TH QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

1938: 1st Sgt. Marvin L. Queen

COMPANY B, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1969-1971: 1st Sgt. Oliver E. Lehman

ANNEX 3

COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION,

145TH INFANTRY

1966-1968: 1st Sgt. Dominic J. Esposito

COMPANY D, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1968-1975: 1st Sgt. Dominic J. Esposito
1980-1986: 1st Sgt. Wayne S. Freed
1986-1989: 1st Sgt. John R. Bradley
1991-1993: 1st Sgt. David A. Kastl
1993-1995: 1st Sgt. Francis L. Watters
1995: 1st Sgt. Walter L. Sparks



1st Sgt. Paine



1st Sgt. Goodwin



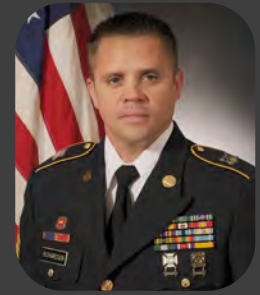
1st Sgt. Slick



1st Sgt. Paynter



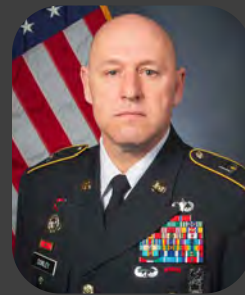
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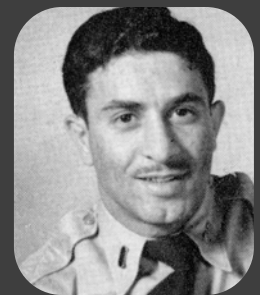
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1st Sgt. Bradley



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