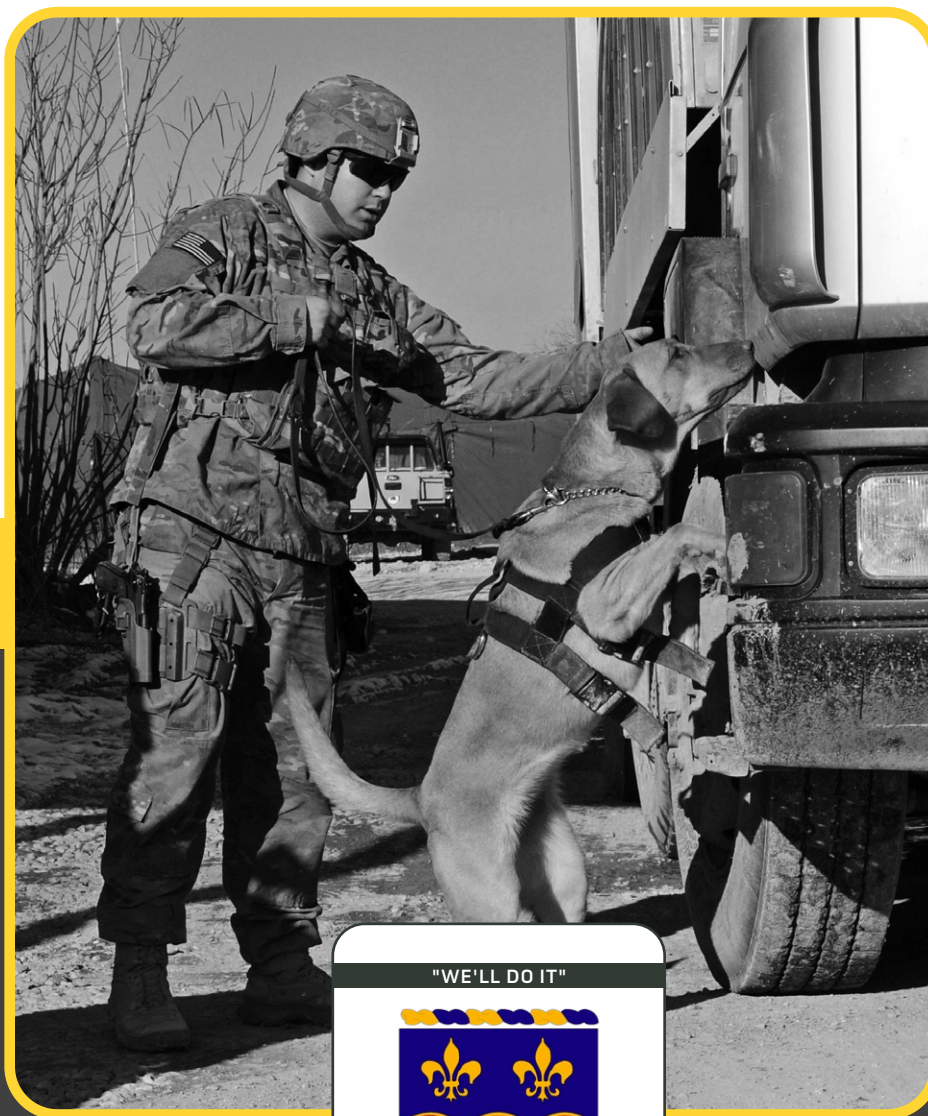


## UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



**HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,  
1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

WALBRIDGE, OHIO

# HQ AND HQ COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment was organized on May 1, 1921, in the Ohio National Guard at St. Marys as Sanitary Detachment, 2d Infantry Regiment. In 1921 the unit was redesignated as Medical Department Detachment, 148th Infantry and in December 1935 its station was changed to Celina.

In 1940, the Medical Detachment was called into active service for World War II and after training at Camp Shelby, Miss., the unit was sent to the Pacific Theater where its medics supported the regiment during combat on New Georgia, Bougainville, and Luzon, where the regiment earned the Presidential Unit Citation for its part in the liberation of Manila. Over 20 members of the detachment earned valorous awards, including two Distinguished Service Crosses.

On Nov. 20, 1946, the unit was reorganized in Toledo and was redesignated as a Medical Company in 1948. The company was again ordered into federal service for the Korean War in January 1952, and trained at Camp Polk, La. Many of the men in the company were sent to Korea as individual replacements.

The company returned to Toledo in 1954 and was consolidated with the regimental headquarters company on Sept. 1, 1959, to form Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battle Group, 148th Infantry. Just 4 years later, another reorganization occurred as the company became Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 37th Infantry Division.

In 1968, the 37th Infantry Division was removed from Ohio's troop allotment and the company was converted to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 50th Military Police Group. In 1975, the detachment moved to the newly constructed Maj. Gen. Gilson D. Light Armory on Tracey Road in Walbridge. Another reorganization occurred on May 1, 1977, when the unit was converted and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 416th Engineer Group.

In 1996, the company was consolidated with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 137th Supply and Services Battalion, whose history dates back to 1937 and includes the 5 European Theater campaign credits during World War II.

The 416th Engineer Group was mobilized for the War on Terrorism on Sept. 12, 2003, and deployed to Afghanistan where it provided engineer support to the 10th Mountain Division. After 30 years of engineer support to the Ohio National Guard, the company was once again reorganized when it returned to its historic regiment on Sept. 1, 2007, as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment.

Under its present designation, the company has mobilized four times in support of the War on Terrorism including a 2008-2009 mobilization to Kuwait and Iraq; 2011-2012 to Afghanistan; 2017-2018 to Jordan; and 2022-2023 to Iraq. The company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation in Afghanistan.



Sgt. J.D. Tippett and Sgt. Joseph Lucas of Medical Company, 148th Infantry check a wounded man before evacuation during a training exercise at Camp Polk, La., July 21, 1952.



# LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 1 May 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at St. Marys as Sanitary Detachment, 2d Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1921 as Medical Department Detachment, 148th Infantry, an element of the 37th Division

Location changed 26 December 1935 to Celina

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as Medical Detachment, 148th Infantry

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Celina

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

Inactivated 18 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 20 November 1946 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Toledo as Medical Detachment, 148th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 November 1948 as Medical Company, 148th Infantry

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Toledo



# WORLD WAR II VALOR AWARDS

## MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 148TH INFANTRY

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Tech. V Elmer J. Russell, February 5 & 14, 1945

### SILVER STAR MEDAL

Pvt. Claude W. Ball, July 19, 1945

Tech. IV James M. Barrett, February 9, 1945

Tech. V Peter J. Basile, February 4, 1945

Tech. V Frank O. Beach, February 9, 1945

Tech. Sgt. John F. Boise, July 27, 1943

Tech. V LaMoil M. Dailey, July 27, 1943

Pfc. Edgar A. Dorman, July 19, 1943

Tech. V Virgil W. Drum, July 27, 1943

Pfc. Frank E. Foreman, July 10, 1943

Pfc. Frank E. Foreman, February 10, 11 & 20, 1945

Tech. V James S. Guthrie, February 9, 1945

Pfc. Charles Hoelzle, July 30, 1943

Pvt. John Paul Jones, July 18, 1943

Tech V Donald J. Koontz, August 1, 1943

Tech V Donald J. Koontz, February 9 & 17, 1945

Tech V Henry C. McCormick, April 17, 1945

Tech V Joseph E. McFadden, April 20, 1945

Capt. James P. Murphy, July 24, 1943

Staff Sgt. Max N. Ruhl, July 27, 1943

Tech. V Sellers B. Rogers, February 14, 1945

Pfc. Carl F. Thompson, July 24 & 31, 1943

Tech. V Henry J. Walters, July 27, 1943

Capt. William K. Welker, July 27, 1943

Tech. V Robert Weyandt, March 12, 1944



Tech. Sgt. Boise



Tech. V Dailey



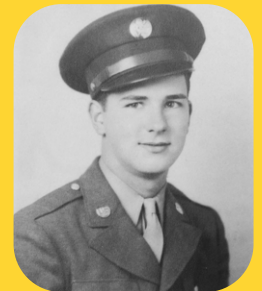
Pfc. Dorman



Tech. V Drum



Pfc. Foreman



Tech. V Guthrie



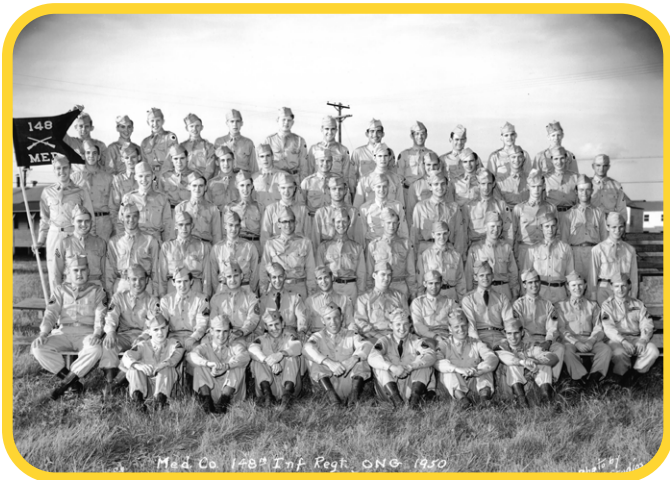
Capt. Murphy



Staff Sgt. Ruhl



Capt. Welker



Medical Company, 148th Infantry, Camp Atterbury, Ind., 1950.



Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.

(Medical Company, 148th Infantry [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Medical Company, 148th Infantry (NGUS)

Consolidated 1 September 1959 with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 148th Infantry (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battle Group, 148th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 37th Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 50th Military Police Group and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Location changed 1 October 1975 to Walbridge

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1977 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 416th Engineer Group

Consolidated 1 September 1996 with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 137th Supply and Service Battalion (see ANNEX 2); consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 416th Engineer Group

Ordered into active Federal Service 12 September 2003 at Walbridge; released from active Federal service 29 September 2004 and reverted to state control

Converted and redesignated 1 September 2007 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment, an element of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

Ordered into active Federal service 2 January 2008 at Walbridge; released from active Federal service 9 January 2009 and reverted to state control



50th Military Police Group color guard passes in review during annual training at Camp McCoy, Wisc., Aug. 7, 1975.



Sgt. Jonathan Link from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 416th Engineer Group, unloads school supplies and other humanitarian assistance from a vehicle at the Uzbashi Secondary School near Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, April 12, 2004.



Spc. Zach Laker, tactical explosive detection dog handler assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment, gives a command to Sassy, his TEDD, while checking a vehicle at Forward Operating Base Griffin, Faryab province, Afghanistan, Feb. 24, 2012.





In a recoilless rifle firing test during a battalion exercise, Pvt. John F. Harston (from left), Pvt. James F. McAdory, and Pvt. Daniel Kastner of Headquarters Company, 148th Infantry ready their weapon for the firing at Camp Pol, La., July 22, 1952..

Ordered into active Federal service 15 October 2011 at Walbridge; released from active Federal service 17 November 2012 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 9 January 2017 at Walbridge; released from active Federal service 12 February 2018 and reverted to state control

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

#### ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 31 March 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Toledo as Headquarters Company, 2d Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1921 as Headquarters Company, 148th Infantry, an element of the 37th Division

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Toledo

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

Inactivated 5 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 20 November 1946 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Toledo as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 148th Infantry

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Toledo



(Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 148th Infantry [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 148th Infantry (NGUS)

## ANNEX 2

Organized and Federally recognized 30 April 1937 in the Ohio National Guard at Toledo as Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 2d Battalion, 135th Field Artillery, an element of the 37th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1940 as Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 135th Field Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Toledo

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

Reorganized and redesignated 25 February 1943 as Headquarters Battery, 174th Field Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 23 December 1945 at Camp Klimer, New Jersey

Reorganized and Federally recognized 20 November 1946 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Toledo as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 140th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Toledo

(Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 140th Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 140th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 135th Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 136th Artillery

Converted and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 137th Military Police Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1977 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 137th Supply and Services Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1984 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 137th Supply and Services Battalion

HOME STATION: Walbridge



Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 136th Artillery, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.



Soldiers from Headquarters Detachment, 137th Supply and Services Battalion prepare to fold the American Flag in front of the Toledo Secor Road Armory in 1990.

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

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

War on Terrorism  
 Global War on Terrorism

*Afghanistan:*  
 Consolidation I  
 Transition I

(Additional campaigns to be determined)

#### DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUZON

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army). Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2012

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

# HERALDIC ITEMS



## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 7/32 inches (2.78 cm) in height consisting of a shield blazoned: Azure a fess wavy Gules fimbriated Or, between two fleurs-de-lis in chief and a rampant lion in base of the last, on a wreath Gold and Blue, a sheaf of seventeen arrows Argent, bound by a sprig of buckeye (aesculus glabra) fructed Proper (two leaves bursting burr). Attached below and to the sides of the shield a Blue scroll inscribed "WE'LL DO IT" in Gold letters.

Symbolism: The shield is blue for Infantry divided by a wavy fess of red, bordered by two gold bands, representing the Escaut River in Belgium, which the Regiment, under heavy fire, was the first of the Allied Troops to cross during World War I, costing the lives of many men, but held in the face of concentrated artillery fire and in the face of counter attacks. Two gold fleurs-de-lis, taken from the ancient French Arms denote service in France, the holding of two sectors in that country, the gold lion rampant is taken from the ancient French Arms denote service in France, the holding of two sectors in that country; the gold lion rampant is taken from the arms of Belgium and denotes service in that country in the Ypres-Lys offensive. At the time of the crossing of the Escaut River, the units attempting the act were just a little doubtful as to how a swift river could be crossed without pontoons. Lieutenant Colonel Marlin, then Major Marlin, reminded them of a certain ceremony that was to be performed on reaching the Rhine, and with the catch phrase "We'll Do It," the soldiers fell to work, cut down a tree across the Escaut and crossed, Indian file, over the tree.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 27 September 1923.

## COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Azure, a fess wavy Gules fimbriated Or, between two fleurs-de-lis in chief and a rampant lion in base of the last.

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

Motto: WE'LL DO IT.



Symbolism: The shield is blue for Infantry divided by a wavy fess of red, bordered by two gold bands, representing the Escaut River in Belgium, which the Regiment, under heavy fire, was the first of the Allied Troops to cross during World War I, costing the lives of many men, but held in the face of concentrated artillery fire and in the face of counter attacks. Two gold fleurs-de-lis, taken from the ancient French Arms denote service in France, the holding of two sectors in that country, the gold lion rampant is taken from the ancient French Arms denote service in France, the holding of two sectors in that country; the gold lion rampant is taken from the arms of Belgium and denotes service in that country in the Ypres-Lys offensive. At the time of the crossing of the Escaut River, the units attempting the act were just a little doubtful as to how a swift river could be crossed without pontoons. Lieutenant Colonel Marlin, then Major Marlin, reminded them of a certain ceremony that was to be performed on reaching the Rhine, and with the catch phrase "We'll Do It," the soldiers fell to work, cut down a tree across the Escaut and crossed, Indian file, over the tree.

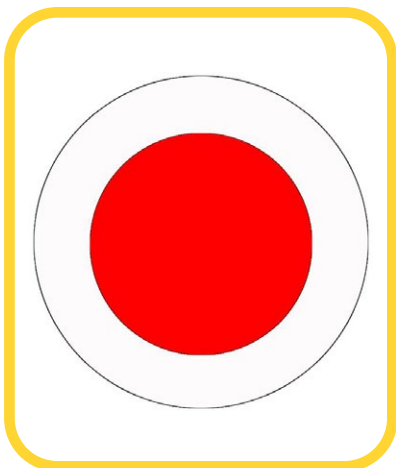
Background: The coat of arms was approved on 21 April 1923.

## 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

## MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 148TH INFANTRY

1946-1948: Maj. Robert J. Hughes

## MEDICAL COMPANY, 148TH INFANTRY

1951: 1st Lt. Alexius F. Manier

1952-1954: Capt. James M. Diethelm

## HQ & HQ COMPANY, 2D BRIGADE, 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

1966: Capt. Bruce T. Jacobson

1968: 1st Lt. Tommie G. Smith

## HQ & HQ COMPANY, 416TH ENGINEER GROUP

1982: Capt. Vaughn A. Hoblet

1982: Capt. Douglas F. Scharp

1984-1985: Capt. Raj L. Richardson

1991: Capt. Charles W. Poole

1992: Capt. Diane Mitchum

1993-1994: Capt. Timothy C. Hanson

1995: Capt. Charles W. Poole

1995-1996: Capt. David M. Hill

1996-1997: Capt. Richard A. Reichle

1997-1999: Capt. Mark Millinger

1999-2000: Capt. Elvis Medica

2000-2001: Capt. Wayne A. Moening

2001-2003: Capt. Robert M. Crawford

2003-2004: Capt. Troy I. Dumond

2005: Capt. Jose L. Saniel-Barney

2005-2007: Capt. Molly L. Maguire

## HQ & HQ COMPANY,

## 1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

2007-2009: Capt. Eric Pugh

2009-2010: Capt. Michael D. Wood

2010-2011: Capt. Charles J. Buchanan

2011-2012: Capt. Eric Pugh

2012-2014: Capt. Millard Rife Jr.

2014-2015: Capt. Jay T. Demis

2016-2017: Capt. Matthew A. Viers



Capt. Diethelm



Capt. Richardson



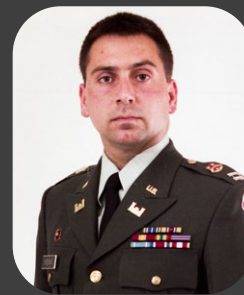
Capt. Hill



Capt. Millinger



Capt. Medica



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Capt. Crawford



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Capt. Pugh



Capt. Wood



Capt. Buchanan



Capt. Rife



Capt. Demis



Capt. Viers

# PAST COMMANDERS

## HQ & HQ COMPANY,

### 1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

2017-2018: Capt. David H. Lam

2018-2019: Capt. Jacob W. Harvey

2019-2022: Capt. Zachary W. Shawver

2022-2024: Capt. Andrew F. Deavers

2024-: Capt. Thomas M. Chitwood

## ANNEX 1

### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 148TH INFANTRY

1921-1928: Capt. Ralph H. Cannan

1928-1933: Capt. Thomas A. Bailey

1933-1941: Capt. Louis E. Fahrion

1942: Capt. Hubert Hays

1944-1945: Capt. Van B. Smith

1945: Capt. Chester A. Thomas

1945: 1st Lt. William N. Bradley

1945: 1st Lt. Herbert B. Ungles

1945: 1st Lt. Chester B. Richey

1951: Capt. Harry W. Davis

1952: Capt. Fremont Voges

1954: Capt. Gene A. Wietrzykowski

1957: Capt. Fred E. Dick

## ANNEX 2

### HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 2D BATTALION, 135TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1938: Capt. Frank W. Gallier

1941: 1st Lt. A.G. DeCamp

### HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 140TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1952: 1st Lt. Thomas F. Sieler



Capt. Lam



Capt. Harvey



Capt. Shawver



Capt. Deavers



Capt. Chitwood



Capt. Cannan



Capt. Fahrion



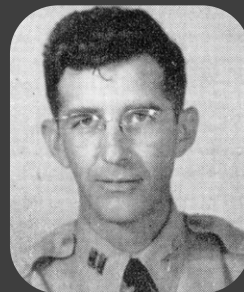
Capt. Hayes



Capt. Smith



Capt. Davis



Capt. Voges



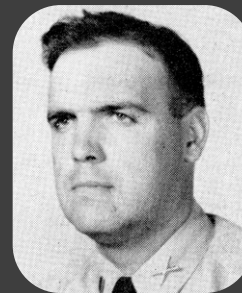
Capt. Wietrzykowski



Capt. Gallier



1st Lt. DeCamp



1st Lt. Sieler



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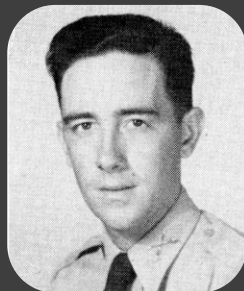
HEADQUARTERS BATTERY,  
140TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
1954: 1st Lt. Frank W. Martenies

HQ & HQ BATTERY,  
2D BATTALION, 136TH ARTILLERY  
1966: Capt. Robert West

HQ & HQ DETACHMENT,  
137TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION  
1968: Capt. Jerome J. Sibrt  
1975: Capt. John B. Cunningham Jr.

HQ & HQ COMPANY,  
137TH SUPPLY AND SERVICES BATTALION  
1977: 1st Lt. James A. Widmer  
1982: Capt. Michael K. Jelinsky  
1982-1984: Capt. Christine M. Cook

HQ & HQ DETACHMENT,  
137TH SUPPLY AND SERVICES BATTALION  
1984-1986: Capt. William J. Hesselton  
1986-1988: Capt. Kenneth W. McOwen  
1990-1991: Capt. Thomas W. Ahrendt  
1991: 1st Lt. Jane Vargo



1st Lt. Martenies



Capt. Sibrt



Capt. Cook



Capt. Hesselton



Capt. Ahrendt



1st Lt. Vargo



# PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

## HQ & HQ COMPANY,

### 416TH ENGINEER GROUP

1985-1987: 1st Sgt. Phillip J. Wesley

1991-1992: 1st Sgt. James R. Stiles

1992-1994: 1st Sgt. John R. Bradley

1994-1995: 1st Sgt. David A. Daudelin

1997-2000: 1st Sgt. Robert J. Feyes

2002-2004: 1st Sgt. Kenneth A. Clemens

## HQ & HQ COMPANY,

### 1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

2007: 1st Sgt. George Franks

2008: 1st Sgt. Don G. Hunter

2008-2009: 1st Sgt. Shawn B. Hayslett

2010-2012: 1st Sgt. Mathew Muntz

2013-2015: 1st Sgt. Buford G. Townsend

2015-2016: 1st Sgt. Daniel E. Makruski

2017-2018: 1st Sgt. Ryon E. Elmore

2018-2021: 1st Sgt. Daniel P. Cahill

2021-2024: 1st Sgt. Matthew Strausbaugh

## **ANNEX 1**

### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 148TH INFANTRY

1938: 1st Sgt. Earle F. Rogers

## **ANNEX 2**

### HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 2D BATTALION,

#### 135TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1938: 1st Sgt. Louis A. Klei



1st Sgt. Wesley



1st Sgt. Bradley



1st Sgt. Clemens



1st Sgt. Franks



1st Sgt. Hunter



1st Sgt. Hayslett



1st Sgt. Muntz



1st Sgt. Townsend



1st Sgt. Makruski



1st Sgt. Elmore



1st Sgt. Cahill



1st Sgt. Strausbaugh



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