

## UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



# 21TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

NEWARK, OHIO

# 211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

The 211th Maintenance Company was organized in the Ohio National Guard on May 23, 1921 in Dresden, Ohio as Battery F, 135th Field Artillery. In July, the battery was transferred to the 134th Field Artillery and in 1926 the unit's station was changed from Dresden to Coshocton, Ohio.

In 1940, the battery was inducted into federal service and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training as an element of the 37th Division. When the 37th was reorganized on Feb. 1, 1942, the unit was reorganized as Battery C, 140th Field Artillery Battalion and by June was in the Pacific Theater. Equipped with 105mm howitzers, the battalion served as the direct support battalion for the 148th Infantry for the duration of World War II.

The battery served on Fiji and Guadalcanal before participating in campaigns on New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon. It returned to Ohio in December 1945 with credit for participation in the Northern Solomons and Luzon campaign as well as the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

The unit reorganized in Coshocton in October 1947 as the 37th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. A year later they were reorganized as the 37th Reconnaissance Company and returned to federal service in 1952 for the Korean War. The company served with the 37th Infantry Division at Camp Polk, La., and returned to Ohio in 1954.

A series of statewide reorganizations converted the unit in 1959 to Company A, 537th Transportation Battalion and in 1963 to Company B, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion. In 1968, it was consolidated with New Philadelphia's Company A, 2d Battalion, 137th Armor and reorganized as a detachment of the 737th Maintenance Battalion.

On February 1, 1972 the detachment was reorganized as the 214th Maintenance Company and served under this designation for 20 years. In 1993 the 214th Maintenance Company was removed from the force structure and the unit became a detachment of the 211th Maintenance Company, with headquarters in Newark.

On March 1, 1998 the detachment was consolidated with the rest of the 211th at Newark. The 211th had been organized there in November 1946 as the 737th Ordnance Company.

The 211th was ordered into federal service on October 30, 2004 for the War on Terrorism. The company served in Iraq at Logistical Support Area Anaconda from December 2004 until October 2005. During this period, the company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

The company returned to Ohio in 2006 and was consolidated in 2007 with a detachment of the unit that had been organized in Mount Vernon in 2000.



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



# LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 23 May 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Dresden as Battery F, 135th Field Artillery

Redesignated 1 July 1921 as Battery F, 134th Field Artillery, an element of the 37th Division

Location changed 15 July 1926 to Coshocton

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Coshocton

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as Battery C, 140th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Inactivated 18 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 27 October 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Coshocton as the 37th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1948 as the 37th Reconnaissance Company

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Coshocton

(37th Reconnaissance Company [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)



Soldiers from Battery F, 134th Field Artillery Battalion (from left, kneeling), Tom Kiefer, unidentified Soldier, Cpl. Ed Bile, Harold Gertler, Joe Abood, and unidentified Soldier, with their 75mm field piece at the Coshocton Armory, October 1940.



Capt. John W. Dawson (left), commanding officer of the 37th Reconnaissance Company, receives the unit guidon after the company returned from active service during a ceremony at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 23, 1954.



Company A, 537th Transportation Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1963.



Company B, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.



Sgt. Walter Jones of the 214th Maintenance Company sews a canvas bag at the canvas repair tent during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., circa 1985.

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from 37th Reconnaissance Company (NGUS)

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company A, 537th Transportation Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company B, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion

Consolidated 15 February 1968 with Company A, 2d Battalion, 137th Armor (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit designated as Supply and Direct Support Platoons, Headquarters and Company A, 737th Maintenance Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1972 as the 214th Maintenance Company

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1993 as Detachment 1, 211th Maintenance Company

Consolidated 1 March 1998 with the 211th Maintenance Company (see ANNEX 2) and Detachment 1, 213th Maintenance Company (see ANNEX 3); consolidated unit designated as the 211th Maintenance Company; location changed to Newark

Ordered into active Federal service 30 October 2004 at Newark; released from active Federal service 27 April 2006 and reverted to state control

Consolidated 1 September 2007 with Detachment 1, 211th Maintenance Company (see ANNEX 4); consolidated unit designated as the 211th Maintenance Company



211th Maintenance Company, Iraq, 2005.

## ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 22 January 1953 in the Ohio Army National Guard at New Philadelphia as Battery A, 182d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery A, 3d Automatic Weapons Battalion, 137th Artillery

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company A, 2d Battalion, 137th Armor, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

## ANNEX 2

Organized and Federally recognized 19 November 1946 in the Ohio National Guard at Newark as the 737th Ordnance Company, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Newark

Reorganized and redesignated 20 May 1953 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 737th Ordnance Battalion

(Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 737th Ordnance 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 Detachment, 737th Ordnance Battalion (NGUS)

Consolidated 1 September 1959 with Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion (see ANNEX 5); consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Company A, 737th Maintenance Battalion



211th Maintenance Company, Camp Dodge, Iowa, Oct. 2000.



Company D, 237th Support Battalion, 73d Infantry Brigade, Camp Grayling, Mich., circa 1985.

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

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1972 as the 211th Maintenance Company

### ANNEX 3

Organized and Federally recognized 15 July 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Mt. Vernon as Company D, 166th Infantry

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 537th Transportation Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Company F, 738th Maintenance Battalion, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1968 as Company B, 738th Maintenance Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1977 as Company D, 237th Support Battalion, an element of the 73d Infantry Brigade

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

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

Consolidated 1 September 1993 with Detachment 1, 214th Maintenance Company (organized and Federally recognized 1 June 1974 at Newark); consolidated unit designated as Detachment 1, 213th Maintenance Company; location changed to Newark

### ANNEX 4

Constituted 1 April 2000 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Detachment 1, 211th Maintenance Company



Organized and Federally recognized 8 September 2000 at Mt. Vernon

Ordered into active Federal service 30 October 2004 at Mt. Vernon; released from active Federal service 27 April 2006 and reverted to state control

#### ANNEX 5

Constituted 10 April 1953 as Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion and allotted to the Ohio National Guard

Activated 20 May 1953 at Camp Polk, Louisiana and assigned to the 37th Infantry Division

(Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954 at Newark)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion (NGUS)

HOME STATION: Newark

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

##### World War II

Northern Solomons  
Luzon (with arrowhead)

##### War on Terrorism

Iraq:  
Iraqi Governance

#### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004-2005

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 1/32 inches (2.62 cm) in width consisting of a pentagon, one point up, Gules, the crest for the National Guard of the State of Ohio Proper.

Symbolism: Ohio, known as the Buckeye State, was the seventeenth State admitted to the Union and the sheaf of seventeen arrows appears on the Great Seal of the State. As the predominant original white settlement within the State was of English origin, the twists of the wreath are white and red.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 62d Field Artillery Brigade, Ohio National Guard on 16 May 1929. It was redesignated for the 371st Artillery Group, Ohio Army National Guard on 21 November 1967. It was redesignated for the 371st Support Group, Ohio Army National Guard on 15 March 1972. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 2007, for the 371st Sustainment Brigade with description updated and symbolism added.



## **SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA**

Description/Blazon: On a buff vertical octagonal-shaped embroidered device, arcing outwardly at top and bottom, a blue wavy horizontal band bearing three buff stars, between in base an arrowhead and in chief a polestar, all red; all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) red border. Overall dimensions are 2 inches (5.08 cm) in width and 3 inches (7.62 cm) in length.

Symbolism: Buff and red are the colors traditionally used by the Sustainment units. The wavy band suggests water, alluding to a "large creek," the meaning of the name Ohio and the location of the Brigade. The three stars represent the unit's campaign credits in World War I, World War II, and the Global War on Terrorism. The arrowhead signifies the Brigade's service in the fight for Luzon during World War II and the motto "Logistic Warriors." The polestar denotes the unit's leadership to guide service members and deployment capabilities worldwide.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved for the 371st Sustainment Brigade effective 1 September 2007.

# PAST COMMANDERS

## BATTERY F, 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1921: Capt. Charles H. Parrett  
1922-1923: Capt. Herald H. Schweppe  
1923-1926: Capt. Robert J. Frazier  
1926-1927: Capt. Rolla W. Cochran  
1928-1940: Capt. Thomas A. Carton  
1940: Capt. Howard D. Jordan  
1941: Capt. Oliver D. Williams



Capt. Carton



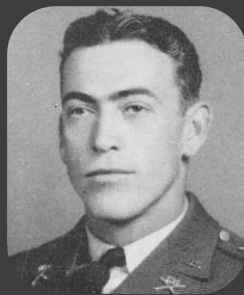
Capt. Jordan



Capt. Williams

## 37TH RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

1947-1949: Capt. Chalmer G. Callentine  
1951-1954: Capt. John W. Dawson  
1957: Capt. Theodore C. Walker  
1957: Capt. Daniel W. Powell



Capt. Callentine



Capt. Dawson



Capt. Walker

## COMPANY B, 137TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1964-1966: Capt. Cornelius C. Schaub II  
1968: Capt. James W. Bushee



1st Lt. Schaub



Capt. Rooker



Capt. McHenry

## 214TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1972-1973: Capt. James D. Glazier  
1974: Capt. Robert L. Wilson  
1974-1976: Capt. James D. Rooker  
1983-84: 1st Lt. William E. Green  
1984-87: Capt. Michael W. McHenry  
1987-1989: Capt. Cynthia L. Friel  
1989: Capt. Daniel G. Mihelarakis  
1991: Maj. George D. Kinney



Capt. Mihelarakis



Maj. Kinney



Capt. Seitz

## 211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1998-1999: Capt. David E. Seitz  
1999-2001: Capt. Sean P. Paul  
2001-2002: Capt. Mark A. Hatfield  
2004-2007: Capt. John Frye  
2007-2009: Capt. Carrie A. Roberts



Capt. Hatfield



Capt. Frye



Capt. Roberts

# PAST COMMANDERS

## 211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

2009-2011: Capt. Michael G. Viemeister  
 2011-2013: Capt. Aaron M. Willis  
 2013-2016: Capt. Steven Vicario  
 2016-2019: Capt. Shane E. Weddle  
 2019-2021: Capt. Kurtis J. Gilley  
 2021-: Capt. Brett D. Gross

## ANNEX 1

### BATTERY A,

## 182D ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION

1954: 1st Lt. Carl D. Swinderman

## COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 137TH ARMOR

1963: 1st Lt. Lewis T. Higgenbottom

## ANNEX 2

## 737TH ORDNANCE COMPANY

1951: Capt. George E. Buckwalter  
 1952: 1st Lt. Raymond P. Johnson

### HQ & COMPANY A,

## 737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1966: 1st Lt. Theodore K. Riley

## 211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1972: Capt. Richard J. Hoyt  
 1972-1975: 1st Lt. James A. Hamm  
 1975-1976: 1st Lt. Robert R. Battat  
 1976-1978: 1st Lt. Joseph F. Campbell  
 1978-1983: Capt. Lawrence E. Loftus  
 1983-1987: 1st Lt. Daniel G. Mihelarakis  
 1987-1990: Capt. Martin K. Fletcher  
 1990-1992: Maj. Pride E. Diehl  
 1992-1994: Maj. Clarence D. McCutcheon  
 1994-1996: Maj. Daniel L. Tack  
 1996-1998: Capt. David E. Seitz

## ANNEX 3

## COMPANY D, 166TH INFANTRY

1947: Capt. Hugh W. Hookway  
 1953: Capt. Donald Wagner  
 1956: Capt. Granville Dean Pritchett

### COMPANY B,

## 738TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1968-1972: Capt. Robert H. Gamble  
 1975-1977: Capt. Gary M. Smith

## COMPANY D, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

1977: Capt. Gary M. Smith  
 1977-1979: Capt. George E. Clark  
 1979-1981: Capt. Edward H. Lang III



Capt. Viemeister



Capt. Willis



Capt. Vicario



Capt. Gross



1st Lt. Johnson



1st Lt. Battat



Maj. Tack



Capt. Gamble



Capt. Smith



Capt. Lang



Capt. Zieber



Capt. Beasley

1981-1983: Capt. George D. Kinney  
 1983-1985: Capt. William L. Zieber  
 1985-1988: Capt. Clarence D. McCutcheon

## COMPANY B, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

1988-1990: Capt. Clarence D. McCutcheon  
 1990: Capt. William D. Stratton  
 1992: Capt. Clarence McCutcheon  
 1992: Capt. Michael E. Beasley

## ANNEX 5

### COMPANY B,

## 737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1954: Capt. William D. Davis

# PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

## BATTERY F, 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1938-1941: 1st Sgt. Milton H. Sheppard

## 214TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1975: 1st Sgt. Harry Bordenkircher

## 211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1999-2000: 1st Sgt. Mark A. Lawrence

2000-2001: 1st Sgt. Robert B. Oberdier

2002-2005: 1st Sgt. Terry D. Mullins

2006-2010: 1st Sgt. Jeffery A. Lewis

2010-2012: 1st Sgt. Donald E. Covert

2012-2017: 1st Sgt. Timothy Clark

2017-2021: 1st Sgt. Joshua A. Brown

2021-2023: 1st Sgt. Kevin O. Roberts

2023-: 1st Sgt. Nicholas S. Leimbach

## ANNEX 2

## 211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1972-1978: 1st Sgt. Rodney E. Hagans

1978-1982: 1st Sgt. Curtis W. Dyer

1997: 1st Sgt. Robert N. Beck

## ANNEX 3

## COMPANY D, 166TH INFANTRY

1948: 1st Sgt. Paul J. Mumper

1953: 1st Sgt. Ronald Reasoner

1956: 1st Sgt. David Appleton

## COMPANY B,

## 738TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1968: 1st Sgt. Jack A. Johnson

1975: 1st Sgt. James J. Gray

## COMPANY B, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

1990: 1st Sgt. Jerry T. Robinson



1st Sgt. Oberdier



1st Sgt. Mullins



1st Sgt. Covert



1st Sgt. Clark



1st Sgt. Roberts



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