

# UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH

1487TH TRANSPORTATION  
COMPANY  
PIQUA, OHIO

# 1487TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

## DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

31 OCTOBER 1872, COVINGTON, OHIO

## PARENT UNIT

COVINGTON GUARD

## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

### WORLD WAR I

MEUSE-ARGONNE

YPRES-LYS

LORRAINE 1918

### WORLD WAR II

AIR OFFENSIVE, JAPAN

GUADALCANAL

NORTHERN SOLOMONS (WITH ARROWHEAD)

LUZON (WITH ARROWHEAD)

### SOUTHWEST ASIA

DEFENSE OF SAUDI ARABIA

LIBERATION AND DEFENSE OF KUWAIT

CEASE-FIRE

### WAR ON TERRORISM

IRAQ:

TRANSITION OF IRAQ

IRAQI GOVERNANCE

AFGHANISTAN:

TRANSITION I

## DECORATIONS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY),  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED LUZON

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (ARMY),  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED SOUTHWEST ASIA 1990-1991

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (ARMY),  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED AFGHANISTAN 2013

PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION,  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945



# 1487TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

The 1487th Transportation Company was organized in Covington on Oct. 31, 1872 by Capt. Joseph C. Ullery as the Covington Guard. First organized as an independent militia company, it was mustered into the Ohio National Guard on July 8, 1873. Shortly after, the company was assigned to the 5th, then 3d Infantry as Company A.

Company A was mustered into federal service on May 10, 1898 for the War with Spain and trained at Camp Bushnell, near Columbus. In June, Company A was sent with the 3d Ohio to Florida where it remained until returning to Ohio in September.

Company A returned to federal service in July 1916, this time for service along the Mexican Border. The company conducted patrols along the U.S. side of the border until the following spring, when it returned to Ohio. The 3d Infantry remained in federal service and began preparing for World War I. On Sept. 15, 1917, the regiment was redesignated as the 148th Infantry and was assigned to the 37th Division while training at Camp Sheridan, Ala. Sent overseas in June 1918, the company fought in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in France and ended the war in Belgium, taking part in the Ypre-Lys campaign there.

The company reorganized in Covington on Jan. 28, 1921, and on July 21, 1921 was designated Company M, 148th Infantry. The unit served under

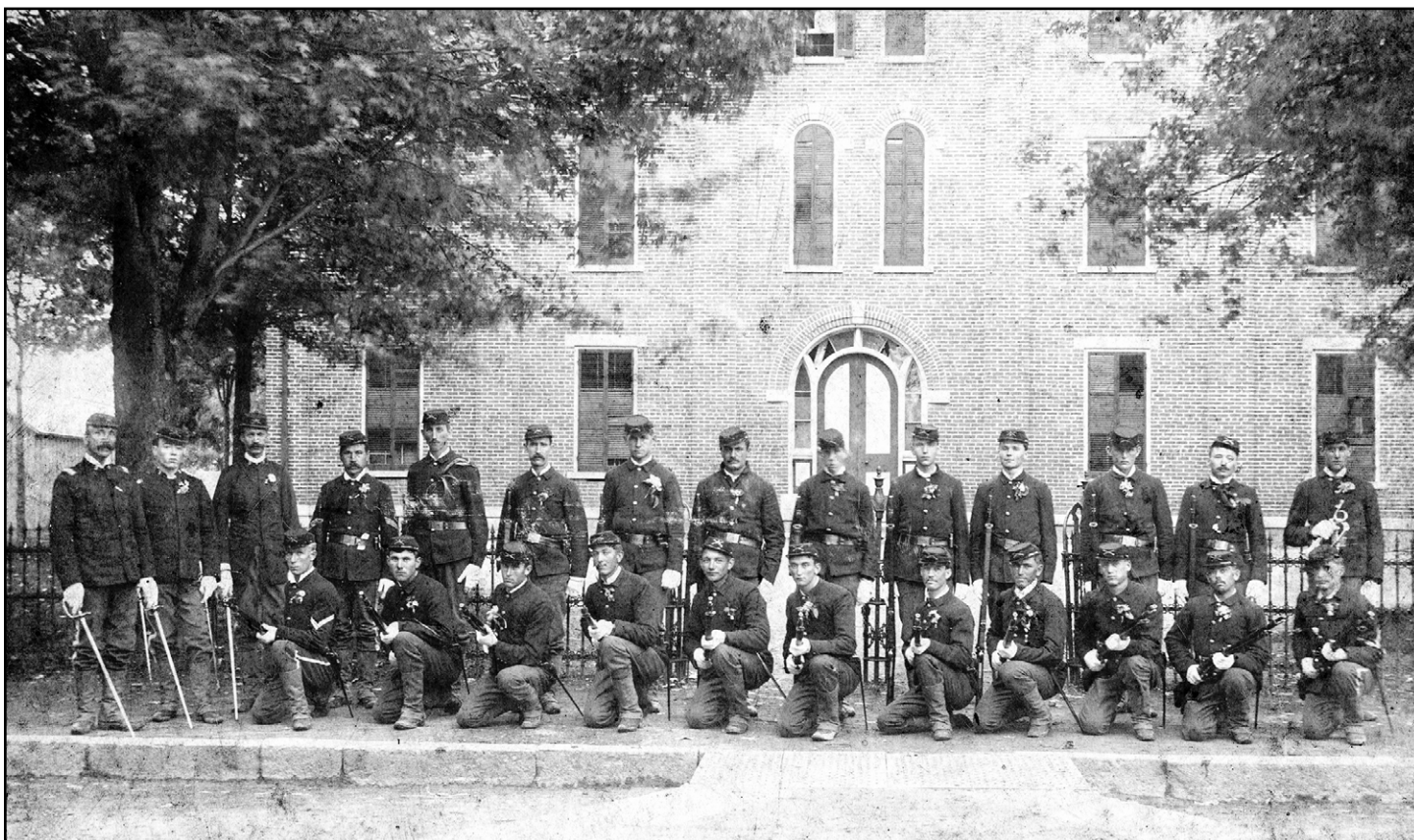
this designation during World War II, serving 592 days in combat in the South Pacific with the 37th Infantry Division on the islands of New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon, where the regiment earned the Presidential Unit Citation.

After reorganizing in 1947, the company trained at Camp Polk, La. in 1952 for the Korean War, with many of its Soldiers serving in Korea as individual replacements. Returning to Ohio in 1954, the company was reorganized as a heavy mortar company. On Sept. 1, 1959, the unit was converted to the 3584th Transportation Company and has remained in that branch ever since. In 1982, the unit was moved to Piqua and in 1984 was reorganized as Detachment 1, 1487th Transportation Company, with the main portion of the unit in Eaton. On Oct. 1, 2010, the two elements were consolidated in Piqua, the lineage of the Eaton element dating back to its organization there on April 19, 1930.

During Operation Desert Storm, the company deployed to Southwest Asia where one of the unit's tasks was to move the XVIII Airborne Corps into position for their ground attack. In 2004-2005, the company served in Iraq, logging over four million miles supporting theater logistics. Most recently, the company served in this same role in Afghanistan from 2012-2013, earning the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

# LINEAGE AND HONORS

## 1487TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY



**COVINGTON, OHIO, C. 1880**

Company A, 3d Infantry "Covington Guard." (Covington-Newberry Historical Society)



**COVINGTON, OHIO, C. 1880**

A corporal from the Covington Guard poses for a studio portrait in uniform. (Covington-Newberry Historical Society)

Organized 31 October 1872 at Covington as the Covington Guard, an independent militia company

Mustered into the Ohio National Guard 8 July 1873

Redesignated 15 July 1875 as Company A, 5th Infantry Battalion

Redesignated 21 October 1875 as Company A, 3d Infantry Battalion

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

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

Redesignated 14 April 1899 as Company A,  
Unattached Infantry

Redesignated 6 November 1899 as Company A,  
3d Infantry Regiment

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 A, 148th Infantry and assigned  
to the 37th Division

Demobilized 21 April 1919 at Camp Sherman,  
Ohio



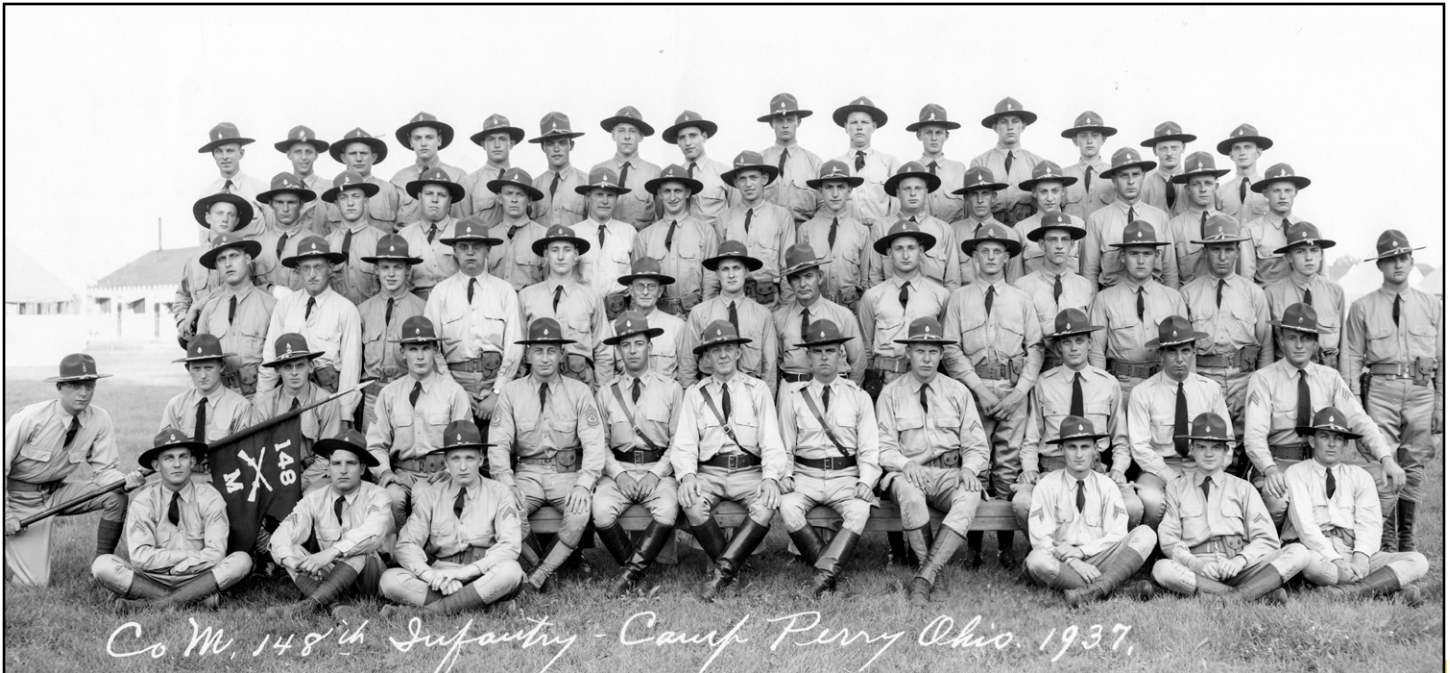
**CAMP PERSHING, TEXAS, 1917**

Soldiers from Company A, 3d Infantry Regiment line up for roll call during service along the U.S. border with Mexico. (Covington-Newberry Historical Society)



**COVINGTON, OHIO, C. 1910**

Company A, 3d Infantry Regiment line up in downtown Covington in full marching order. (Covington-Newberry Historical Society)



**CAMP PERRY, OHIO, 1937**  
Company M, 148th Infantry.

Reorganized and Federally recognized 28 January 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Covington as Company M, 1st Infantry Regiment

Redesignated 1 May 1921 as Company M, 2d Infantry Regiment

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

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Covington

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

Inactivated 18 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 1 April 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Covington as Company M, 148th Infantry

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Covington

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

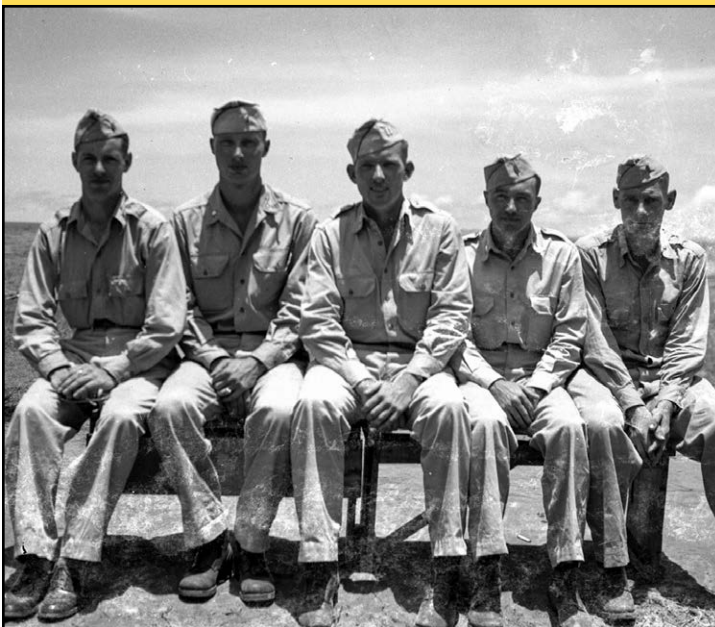
(Federal recognition withdrawn 14 May 1954 from Company M, 148th Infantry [NGUS]; concurrently Heavy Mortar Company, 148th Infantry [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 May 1954)

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



**WORLD WAR II**

**TOP: CAMP SHELBY, MISS., 1941:** Company M, 148th Infantry marches past the reviewing stand during a 37th Division parade. (Covington-Newberry Historical Society) **BOTTOM LEFT: GUADALCANAL, OCTOBER 1943:** Company M, 148th Infantry officers: unknown (from left), 1st Lt. Charlie Reidenbaugh, Capt. Charles Henne, 1st Lt. Gerald J. Day, 1st Lt. Fred M. Day. **BOTTOM RIGHT: BOUGAINVILLE, NOVEMBER 20, 1943:** Soldiers from Company M, 148th Infantry prepare to fire an 81mm mortar. Cpl. Gilbert Cutcher is ready to place the shell into the mortar while Staff Sgt. Bert Nichpor is peering through the site. In the rear of the gun is Pfc. Walter Rawski (from left), Cpl. Richard Diefenthaler, Pfc. Chester Rusina and Cpl. John D. Szykowny.



Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as the 3584th Transportation Company and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1964 as 1st and 2d Truck Platoons, 3583d Transportation Company

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as 2d and 3d Truck Platoons, 1483d Transportation Company

Redesignated 1 February 1972 as Detachment 1, 1483d Transportation Company

Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1974 as the 1485th Transportation Company

Location changed 1 January 1982 to Piqua

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1984 as Detachment 1, 1487th Transportation Company

Ordered into active Federal service 17 November 1990 at Piqua; released from active Federal service 4 July 1991 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 2 January 2004 at Piqua; released from active Federal service 16 April 2005 and reverted to state control

Consolidated 1 October 2010 with the 1487th Transportation Company (see ANNEX); consolidated unit designated as the 1487th Transportation Company

Ordered into active Federal service 11 November 2012 at Piqua; released from active Federal service 15 December 2013 and reverted to state control

## ANNEX

Organized and Federally recognized 19 April 1930 in the Ohio National Guard at Eaton as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry, an element of the 37th Division

Redesignated 1 October 1930 as Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 147th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as Headquarters Detachment, 3d Battalion, 147th Infantry



**CAMP ATTERBURY, IND., AUGUST 1949**

A .30-caliber light machine gun squad from Company M, 148th Infantry is shown moving up to the firing line. Pictured are Sgt. Edward W. Bashore (from left), ammunition bearer; Recruit Curtis R. Castle, first gunner and Cpl. Clarence Halsinger, second gunner.



**CAMP GRAYLING, MICH., C. 1960**

3584th Transportation Company.



**CAMP GRAYLING, MICH., 1977**

1485th Transportation Company.





**OPERATION DESERT STORM**

**TOP: FORT MCCOY, WISCONSIN, JULY 1991:** 1487th Transportation Company after returning from Southwest Asia. **BOTTOM LEFT: LOG BASE CHARLIE, 1990:** The 1487th Transportation Company building the unit's new home at the massive logistics base along the Iraq-Saudi Arabia border; the unit supported all classes of supply for the XVIII Airborne Corps. **BOTTOM RIGHT: EATON, 1991:** Upon the return of the unit to Eaton, 112th Transportation Battalion leaders affix a streamer to the 1487th Transportation Company's guidon, denoting their service in Southwest Asia.





**1986**

Soldiers from the 1487th Transportation Company check their vehicles during a rest halt on a convoy to Fort Bragg, N.C. for annual training in 1986. The trailers are carrying hay that was donated by Ohio farmers for drought-stricken southern farmers.

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Eaton

Reorganized and redesignated 8 December 1942 as Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 147th Infantry

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

Relieved 31 July 1943 from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Inactivated 25 December 1945 at Ft. Lewis, Washington

Reorganized, redesignated and Federally recognized 12 December 1946 in the Ohio National Guard at Eaton as Anti-Tank Company, 147th Infantry, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 November 1948 as Company B, 185th Tank Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 15 September 1949 as Tank Company, 2d Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as the 3583d Transportation Company

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as the 1483d Transportation Company

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1981 as Detachment 1, 1486th Transportation Company

Consolidated 1 January 1984 with Detachment 1, 1487th Transportation Company (organized and Federally recognized 1 February 1981 at Eaton); consolidated unit designated as the 1487th Transportation Company

Ordered into active Federal service 17 November 1990 at Eaton; released from active Federal service 4 July 1991 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 2 January 2004 at Eaton; released from active Federal service 16 April 2005 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Piqua

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

##### World War I

Meuse-Argonne  
Ypres-Lys  
Lorraine 1918

##### World War II

Air Offensive, Japan  
Guadalcanal  
Northern Solomons (with arrowhead)  
Luzon (with arrowhead)

##### Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait  
Cease-Fire

##### War on Terrorism

Iraq  
Transition of Iraq  
Iraqi Governance  
Afghanistan:  
Transition I

#### DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUZON

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 1990-1991

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2013

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



#### **AFGHANISTAN, JANUARY 20, 2013**

Capt. Stephen A. Sturgill (left) and 1st Sgt. Michael Kula uncase the 1487th Transportation Company guidon, during a transfer of authority ceremony on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The 1487th assumed logistical support operations in southern Afghanistan from a fellow Ohio unit, the 1486th Transportation Company.

# HERALDIC ITEMS



**DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA**  
112TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION



**COAT OF ARMS**  
112TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION



**SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA**  
371ST SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE

## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A gold color metal and enamel device 1 inch (2.54 cm) in height consisting of three gold wheels with blue rims conjoined one and two and surmounted at the center by a white disc bearing a scarlet trefoil with pointed lobes.

Symbolism: The wheels stand for Transportation and three are used in reference to the federal, state and community missions of a National Guard organization. The rims of the wheels are blue representing the calm, cool and confident nature of the Transportation soldiers as they perform their missions. The disc and trefoil are a representation of a seed of the buckeye tree; it stands for Ohio, known as the "Buckeye State." The center is red, representing war, where the Transportation soldier performs at their best, showing the devotion to get their cargo to the destination at any cost. The disc is white, representing the humility seen in the Transportation soldiers as they perform their missions when called upon, anywhere, anytime.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved on 7 November 1966. It was amended effective 1 September 2007, to update the description and symbolism. It was further amended to revise the symbolism effective 1 September 2007.

## COAT OF ARMS

Blazon:

Shield: Celeste, on a bend wavy Argent, a bend Gules (Brick Red) charged with three wheels Or, that in the center surmounted by a plate bearing a trefoil Gules.

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

Motto: SEMPER PRORSUS (Always Forward).

Symbolism: The wheels stand for Transportation and three are used in reference to the federal, state and community missions of a National Guard organization. The rims of the wheels are blue representing the calm, cool and confident nature of the Transportation soldiers as they perform their missions. The disc and trefoil are a representation of a seed of the buckeye tree; it stands for Ohio, known as the "Buckeye State." The center is red, representing war, where the Transportation soldier performs at their best, showing the devotion to get their cargo to the destination at any cost. The disc is white, representing the humility seen in the Transportation soldiers as they perform their missions when called upon, anywhere, anytime.

Background: The coat of arms was approved effective 1 September 2007. It was amended to add a motto and revise the symbolism of the shield effective 1 September 2007.

## 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 effective 1 September 2007.

## PAST COMPANY LEADERSHIP

### COMMANDERS

#### COVINGTON GUARD

1872-1875: Capt. Joseph C. Ullery

#### COMPANY A, 3D INFANTRY

1875-1876: Capt. James E. Shellenberger

1876-1880: Capt. William W. Williamson

1880-1886: Capt. Peter B. Rench

1886-1891: Capt. James L. Carson

1891-1892: Capt. William H. Gross

1892-1893: Capt. Charles C. Shuman

1893-1894: Capt. William H. Gross

1895-1905: Capt. Samuel D. Palmer

1905-1907: Capt. Eugene C. Diltz

1908-1911: Capt. William N. Tucker

1911-1917: Capt. William L. Marlin

1917-1918: Capt. William O. Boggs

#### COMPANY A, 148TH INFANTRY

1918: Capt. Robert C. Bunge

#### COMPANY M, 148TH INFANTRY

1922-1925: Capt. William O. Boggs

1925-1927: Capt. Carl E. Caldwell

1927-1938: Capt. Rolla R. Dunkle

1941-1942: Capt. LeRoy Stout

1942-1944: Capt. Charles A. Henne

1944-1945: Capt. Robert C. Brown

1945: 1st Lt. Raymond F. Watkins

1947-1952: Capt. Harold E. Weikert

#### HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY, 148TH INFANTRY

1954-1956: Capt. Roy C. Irvin

1959: 1st Lt. Dean J. Finrock

#### 3584TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

1961-1963: Capt. Carl R. Ellis

#### 1485TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

1976: Capt. Thomas B. Kinninger

1978: Capt. Donald C. Bailey

1979: Capt. Robert E. Carlson Jr.

1982-1984: Capt. Ralph E. Nooks Jr.

#### 1487TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

1984-1986: Capt. Harry M. Ray

1988: Capt. James Blake

1988-1992: Capt. Douglas A. Green

1992-1993: Capt. Carl E. Filer

1993-1996: Capt. Jim Atchley

1996-1998: Capt. Ronald Weber

1998-2002: Capt. Paul Werner

2002-2006: Capt. Patrick B. Hinton

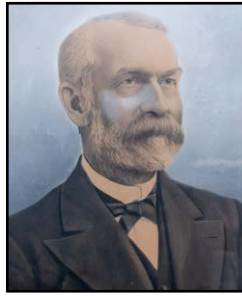
2006-2009: Capt. James L. McCormick II

2009: Capt. Aaron Mix

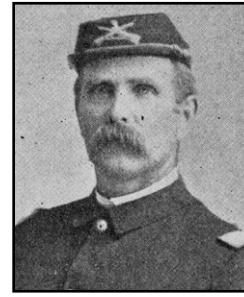
2009-2010: Capt. Michael P. Ketcham

2010-2014: Capt. Stephen Sturgill

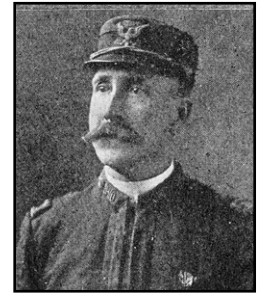
2014-2016: Capt. Matthew Baab



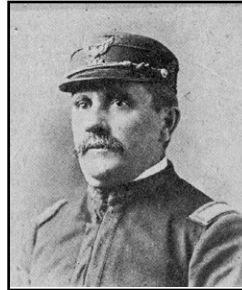
Capt. Ullery



Capt. Williamson



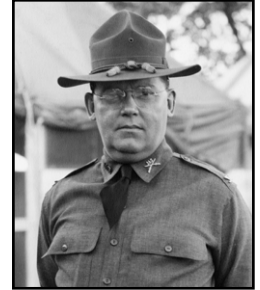
Capt. Gross



Capt. Palmer



Capt. Diltz



Capt. Marlin



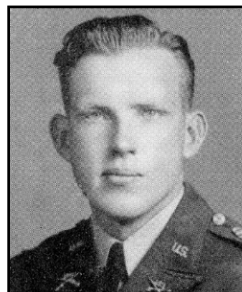
Capt. Boggs



Capt. Dunkle



Capt. Stout



Capt. Henne



Capt. Brown



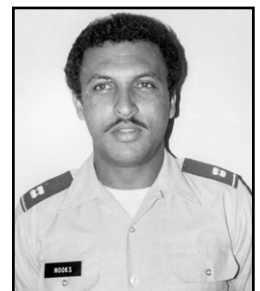
Capt. Weikert



Capt. Irvin



Capt. Carlson



Capt. Nooks



Capt. Ray



Capt. Filer



Capt. Hinton

**PAST COMPANY LEADERSHIP**

2016-2018: Capt. Timothy W. Dubeansky  
2018-2021: Capt. Peter F. Witt  
2021-Present: Capt. Seth K. Holt

**ANNEX**

**HQ COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 147TH INFANTRY**

1930: 2d Lt. James P. Neal

**HQ COMPANY, 3D BATTALION, 147TH INFANTRY**

1931-1939: 1st Lt. Walter M. Barnes  
1941: 1st Lt. Frank S. Robbins

**ANTI-TANK COMPANY, 147TH INFANTRY**

1946: Capt. Paul C. Kaylor

**TANK COMPANY, 2D BATTALION,  
107TH ARMORED CAVALRY**

1951-1959: Capt. Franklin Yost

**3583D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

1959-1960: Capt. Franklin Yost  
1960-1961: Capt. James M. Hardin  
1963: Capt. Clarence T. Keener  
1965: Capt. Dwight G. Huffman

**1483D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

1970-1974: Capt. Earl R. Dohner  
1978: Capt. Larry S. Anderson



**Capt. Mix**



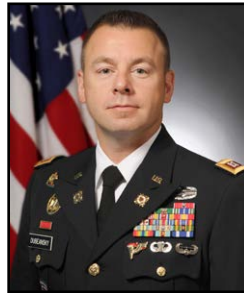
**Capt. Ketcham**



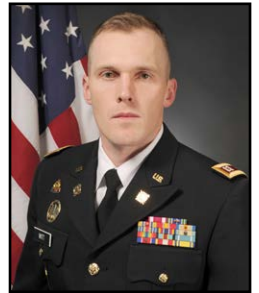
**Capt. Sturgill**



**Capt. Baab**



**Capt. Dubeansky**



**Capt. Witt**



**1st Lt. Barnes**



**1st Lt. Robbins**



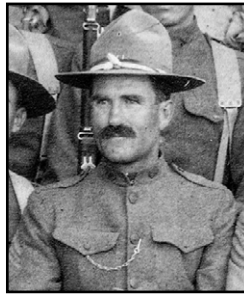
**Capt. Anderson**

**PAST COMPANY LEADERSHIP**

**FIRST SERGEANTS**

**COMPANY A, 3D INFANTRY**

1900-1902: 1st Sgt. William L. Marlin  
1903-1906: 1st Sgt. William N. Tucker  
1916-1917: 1st Sgt. Luther J. Langston



**1st Sgt. Langston**



**1st Sgt. O'Roark**



**1st Sgt. Borts**

**COMPANY A, 148TH INFANTRY**

1917-1918: 1st Sgt. Luther J. Langston

**COMPANY M, 148TH INFANTRY**

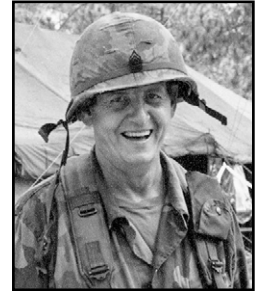
1938: 1st Sgt. Frank E. O'Roark  
1944: 1st Sgt. Raymond R. Fine  
1947-1954: 1st Sgt. Roy D. Borts



**1st Sgt. Beeman**



**1st Sgt. Frey**



**1st Sgt. Brannon**

**HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY, 148TH INFANTRY**

1954-1959: 1st Sgt. Roy D. Borts

**3584TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

1959-1964: 1st Sgt. Roy D. Borts

**1485TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

1974-1976: 1st Sgt. Roy D. Borts  
1976-1978: 1st Sgt. John E. Beeman  
1983-1984: 1st Sgt. William B. Frey



**1st Sgt. Anon**



**1st Sgt. Shelton**



**1st Sgt. Wilson**

**1487TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

1984-1985: 1st Sgt. William B. Frey  
1985-1986: 1st Sgt. Richard A. Brannon Jr.  
1987-1988: 1st Sgt. David A. Anon  
1990-1993: 1st Sgt. Millard Shelton Jr.  
1999-2003: 1st Sgt. Timothy M. Kracus  
2003-2005: 1st Sgt. William L. Dillon  
2005-2009: 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Wilson  
2009-2012: 1st Sgt. Rich Bartlett  
2012-2014: 1st Sgt. Michael Kula  
2014-2021: 1st Sgt. John T. Matronia  
2021-Present: 1st Sgt. Matthew S. Spain



**1st Sgt. Bartlett**



**1st Sgt. Kula**



**1st Sgt. Matronia**

**ANNEX**

**TANK COMPANY, 2D BATTALION,  
107TH ARMORED CAVALRY**

1957: 1st Sgt. Robert B. Nunlist

**1483D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

1975: 1st Sgt. John E. Beeman



**1st Sgt. Spain**



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