

## TROOP B, 2D SQUADRON, 107TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

LEBANON, OHIO

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Troop B, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment was organized and federally recognized in the Ohio National Guard on Oct. 29, 1947 as Battery B, 136th Field Artillery Battalion.

On Jan. 15, 1952, as part of the 37th Infantry Division, the battery was ordered into active federal service for the Korean War. The unit trained at Camp Polk, La. for two years, while many of the Ohio National Guard Soldiers rotated to Korea as individual replacements. The battery reorganized in Lebanon in January 1954.

A series of state wide reorganizations impacted the unit between 1959 and 1968. First was the PENTOMIC structure that reorganized the 37th Infantry Division into battle groups, prepared to fight on a nuclear battlefield. On Sept. 1, 1959 the battery was reorganized as Battery A, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 136th Artillery. Then, on April 1, 1963, the unit was again reorganized as Battery C, 2d Battalion, 134th Artillery. Finally, on Feb. 15, 1968 the 37th Infantry Division was removed from the Army's force structure and Battery C was converted to the 2d and 3d Equipment Platoons, 191st Engineer Company.

On Feb. 1, 1972 Ohio was allotted an additional combat engineer battalion and the Lebanon detachment of the 191st Engineer Company was redesignated as Company C, 372d Engineer Battalion. For the next 22 years, the company performed engineer training and missions under this structure. Including numerous activations for state active duty support.

At the end of the Cold War, the Ohio National Guard again underwent numerous force structure changes, including the reorganization of the 372d Engineer Battalion as the 38th Infantry Division's cavalry squadron. On Mar. 31, 1994, Company C was converted to Troop B, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry. The troop returned to active federal service on Jul. 5, 2004 as part of Task Force Falcon, a peace-keeping mission in Kosovo. There, the troop, as part of Multi-National Brigade-East, earned the Army Superior Unit Award.

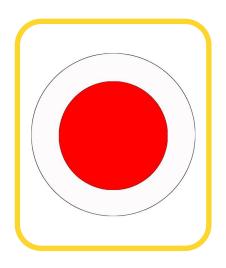
On Sept. 1, 2007, the troop was assigned to the 28th Infantry Division and mobilized to Iraq in 2009-2010, performing route security missions. As part of the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, the troop earned the meritorious unit commendation.

Troop B was assigned to the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team on Sept. 1, 2007. As of Sept. 23, 2022, the troop returned to active federal service for a mobilization in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

### **HERALDIC ITEMS**







#### **DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA**

Description/Blazon: A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Or, on a bend Gules between a Roman Sword in sheath point to base and a prickly pear cactus both Vert, three alerions of the field. Attached below the shield a Gold scroll inscribed "FACERE NON DICERE" in Red.

Symbolism: The shield is yellow for Cavalry. The bend charged with the alerions, taken from the arms of Lorraine, is representative of World War I service and is red to indicate that the 107th Cavalry served as Field Artillery during World War I. The Roman Sword in sheath is for Spanish-American War service and the cactus for Mexican Border duty. The motto translates to "To Act, Not To Speak."

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 107th Cavalry Regiment, Ohio National Guard on 7 March 1927. It was amended to correct the description on 16 July 1927. It was redesignated for the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment on 15 January 1952. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 1993, for the 107th Cavalry Regiment with description and symbolism updated.

#### **COAT OF ARMS**

Blazon

Shield: Or, on a bend Gules between a Roman Sword in sheath point to base and a prickly pear cactus both Vert, three alerions of the field.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Ohio Army National Guard: On a wreath Or and Gules, a sheath of seventeen arrows Argent bound by a sprig of buckeye (Aesculus glabra) fructed Proper (two leaves with bursting burr).

Motto: FACERE NON DICERE (To Act, Not To Speak).

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Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 107th Cavalry Regiment, Ohio National Guard on 8 March 1927. It was amended to correct the wording of the blazon of the shield on 17 June 1927. It was redesignated for the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ohio National Guard on 15 January 1952. The insignia was amended to add the crest of the State of West Virginia on 22 March 1971. It was amended to delete the crest of the State of West Virginia on 3 April 1975. The coat of arms was redesignated effective 1 September 1993, for the 107th Cavalry Regiment.

#### 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.



Organized and Federally recognized 29 October 1947 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Lebanon as Battery B, 136th Field Artillery Battalion an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Lebanon

(Battery B, 136th Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

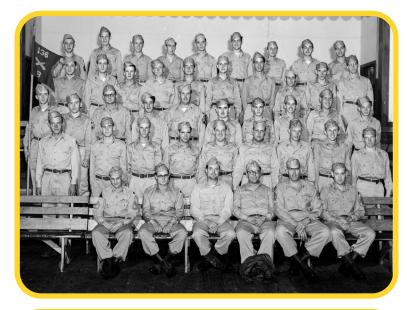
Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Battery B, 136th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS) Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery A, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 136th Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Battery C, 2d Battalion, 134th Artillery

Converted and redesignated 15 February 1968 as the 2d and 3d Equipment Platoons, 191st Engineer Company and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1972 as Company C, 372d Engineer Battalion

Converted and redesignated 31 March 1994 as Troop B, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry







Soldiers from Battery B, 136th Field Artillery Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, are shown in the process of loading a projectile into the breach of a 155mm howitzer at Camp Polk, La., July 14, 1952..



Soldiers from Company C, 372d Engineer Battalion lift a gin pole during training at the Lebanon Armory, c. 1980. Reorganized 1 September 1994 as Troop B, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 5 July 2004 at Lebanon; released from active Federal service 1 November 2005 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2007 as Troop B, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment, an element of the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 1 May 2009 at Lebanon; released from active Federal service 4 June 2010 and reverted to state control

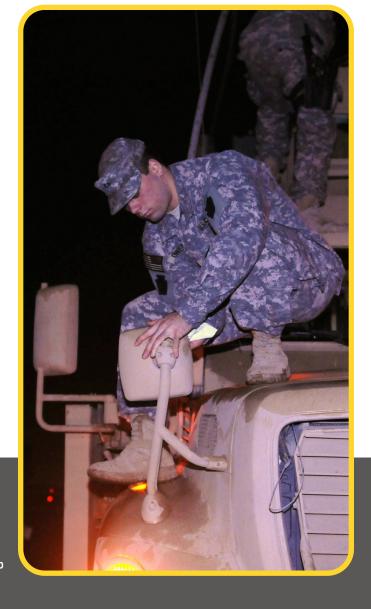
(107th Cavalry Regiment assigned 1 September 2017 to the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team)

Ordered into active Federal service 23 September 2022 at Lebanon

**HOME STATION: Lebanon** 

RIGHT: Pfc. Blake Owens, a driver with Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment, dries the mirrors on a Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle prior to a mission at Camp Taji, Iraq, Jan. 20, 2010.

BELOW: Staff Sgt. Mark Federle, center, a team leader with Troop B, 2d Sqadron, 107th Cavalry, directs his Soldiers during a Scout Crew Competency Test at the Lebanon Armory in Feb. 1999.







Staff Sgt. Chad Gariety, cavalry scout and team leader in Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment, radios for a medevac during a combined-arms exercise held at the Infantry Squad Battle Course at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Aug. 10, 2013.

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

<u>Kosovo</u> Kosovo Defense

War on Terrorism Iraq: Iraqi Sovereignty

### **DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009-2010

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered: 2004-2005

### **PAST COMMANDERS**

### BATTERY B,

### 136TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1947: Capt. Berman E. Roos 1952: 1st Lt. Thomas B. Hamler 1954-1957: Capt. Vernon L. Condon 1957: 1st Lt. William H. Yetter

### **COMPANY C, 372D ENGINEER BATTALION**

1980-1982: Capt. Earnest R. Adkins 1983: Capt. Kenneth Schultheiss 1983-1985: Capt. Richard A. Bedard 1985-1986: Capt. Lon M. Cooper 1987: 1st Lt. Lawrence P. Fanning 1988-1989: Capt. Robert C. Heaton Jr. 1990-1992: Capt. Leonard S. Genders 1993-1994: Capt. Gary A. Renner

### TROOP B, 2D SQUADRON, **107TH CAVALRY REGIMENT**

1994-1996: Capt. Mark Slavik 1996-1999: Capt. Lance Armbruster 1999-2001: Capt. Jimmey W. Todd Jr. 2001-2005: Capt. Richard E. Davis 2006-2009: Capt. Dion A. Grener 2009-2010: Capt. Louis E. Longhenry 2010-2012: Capt. Mark D. Federle 2012-2015: Capt. Samuel N. Larsh 2017-2018: Capt. Edward C. Brown 2018-2019: Capt. Zachary W. Shawver 2019-2021: Capt. Brandon Witt

2021-Present: Capt. Robert F. Carey







1st Lt. Hamler



Capt. Condon



1st Lt. Yetter





Capt. Bedard



Capt. Genders



Capt. Renner



Capt. Slavik



Capt. Armbruster



Capt. Davis





Capt. Longhenry



Capt. Federle



Capt. Shawver



Capt. Witt

### **PAST FIRST SERGEANTS**

### COMPANY C, 372D ENGINEER BATTALION

1983-1984: 1st Sgt. Roger L. Dunn 1984-1987: 1st Sgt. Danny L. Chambers

### TROOP B, 2D SQUADRON,

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1994-1998: 1st Sgt. Scott Snedden 1998-2003: 1st Sgt. William F. Belding

2003-2005: 1st Sgt. Phil Metz

2006-2012: 1st Sgt. Edward J. Schmerber

2018-2021: 1st Sgt. Andrew J. Trick 2021-2022: 1st Sgt. Lee C. Martin



1st Sgt. Chambers



1st Sqt. Belding



1st Sgt. Metz



1st Sgt. Schmerber



1st Sgt. Martin



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