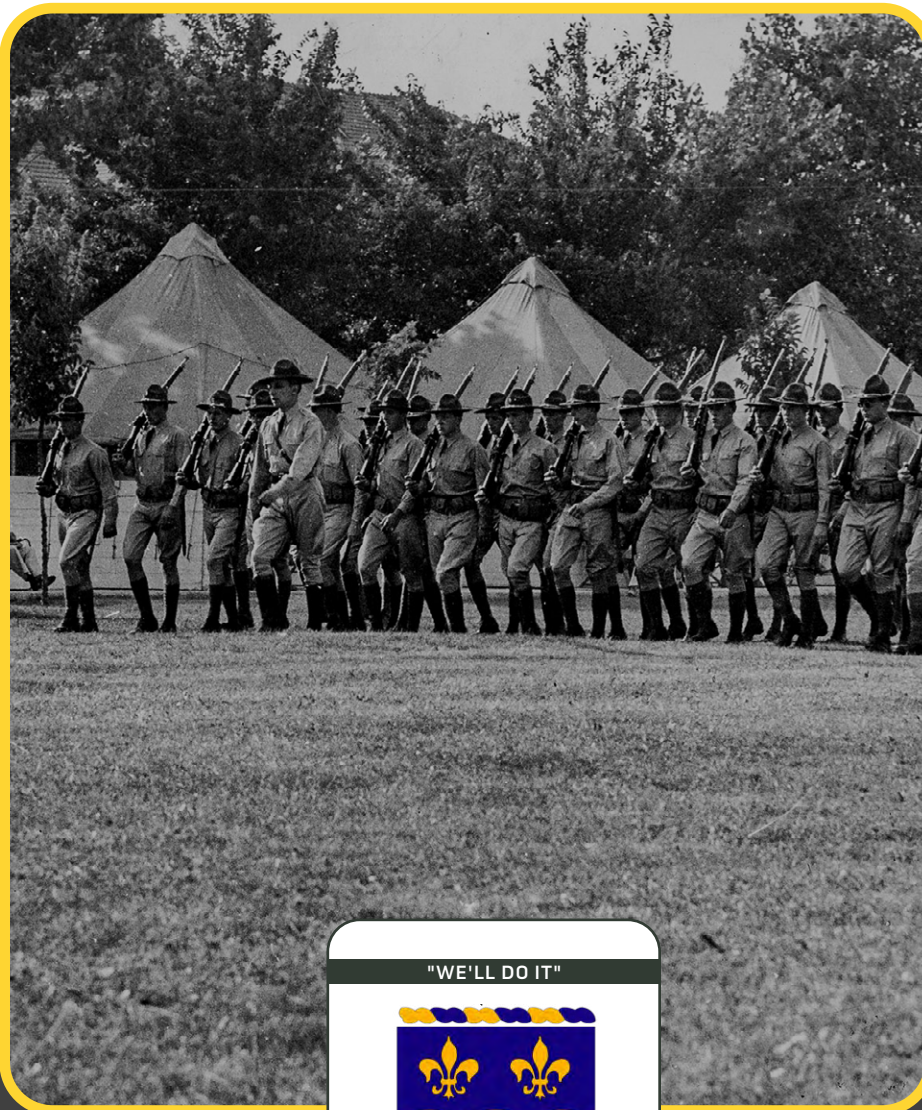


UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

TIFFIN, OHIO

COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Company C, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment was organized in Fremont on Nov. 27, 1925 as Company B, 148th Infantry. On Oct. 15, 1940 the company, as part of the 37th Division, was inducted into federal service and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training.

When World War II ended in 1945, Company B had spent nearly 600 days in combat in the South Pacific. The company took part in the campaign to take the Munda Airfield on New Georgia, and established and manned the defensive perimeter on Bougainville for more than a year. After landing at Lingayen Gulf on Jan. 9, 1945, the company helped liberate the main Philippine island of Luzon in 1945.

For their heroism, three members of Company B earned the Medal of Honor: Rodger Young, John Reese Jr., and Cleto Rodriguez. Additionally, Company B men earned five Distinguished Service Crosses and 23 Silver Star Medals. As part of the 148th Infantry, the company received the Presidential Unit Citation for its part in the liberation of Manila.

Company B reorganized in Fremont in 1947 and was sent to Camp Polk, La. in 1952 for active service until 1954. In 1963, a reorganization converted the unit to Troop K, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry. Another conversion took place in 1968, making the unit Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion. In 1997, the company was split between Fremont and Tiffin.

From 2004 to 2005, Company B deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The company primarily performed route clearance missions and earned the Valorous Unit Award for performing some of the first counter-improvised explosive device (IED) doctrine in theater.

On Sept. 1, 2007, the Fremont and Tiffin elements were consolidated at the Tiffin Armory and reorganized as Company C, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment. The Tiffin unit was first organized on Apr. 15, 1947 and served time as an infantry, armor, medical and engineer company over the years.

Since returning to an infantry company, the unit has deployed to Iraq from 2008 to 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2011 to 2012. The company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for its Afghanistan deployment. In the fall of 2022, the company mobilized in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.



**PRIVATE
RODGER W. YOUNG**
JULY 31, 1943

NEW GEORGIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Company B, 148th Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division, in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands. On 31 July 1943, the infantry company of which Private Young was a member, was ordered to make a limited withdrawal from the battle line in order to adjust the battalion's position for the night. At this time, Private Young's platoon was engaged with the enemy in a dense jungle where observation was very limited. The platoon suddenly was pinned down by intense fire from a Japanese machine gun concealed on higher ground only 75 yards away. The initial burst wounded Private Young. As the platoon started to obey the order to withdraw, Private Young called out that he could see the enemy emplacement, whereupon he started creeping toward it. Another burst from the machine gun wounded him the second time. Despite the wounds, he continued his heroic advance, attracting enemy fire and answering with rifle fire. When he was close enough to his objective, he began throwing hand grenades, and while doing so was hit again and killed. Private Young's bold action in closing with this Japanese pillbox and thus diverting its fire, permitted his platoon to disengage itself, without loss, and was responsible for several enemy casualties.



**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
JOHN N. REESE JR.**
FEBRUARY 9, 1945

MANILA, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action above and beyond the call of duty on 9 February 1945, while serving with Company B, 148th Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division, in action at Manila, Philippine Islands. Private First Class Reese was engaged in the attack on the Paco Railroad Station, which was strongly defended by 300 determined enemy soldiers with machine guns and rifles, supported by several pillboxes, three 20-mm guns, one 37-mm gun and heavy mortars. While making a frontal assault across an open field, his platoon was halted 100 yards from the station by intense enemy fire. On his own initiative he left the platoon, accompanied by a comrade, and continued forward to a house 60 yards from the objective. Although under constant enemy observation, the two men remained in this position for an hour, firing at targets of opportunity, killing more than 35 Japanese and wounding many more. Moving closer to the station and discovering a group of Japanese replacements attempting to reach pillboxes, they opened heavy fire, killed more than 40 and stopped all subsequent attempts to man the emplacements. Enemy fire became more intense as they advanced to within 20 yards of the station. From that point Private First Class Reese provided effective covering fire and courageously drew enemy fire to himself while his companion killed seven Japanese and destroyed a 20-mm gun and heavy machine gun with hand grenades. With their ammunition running low, the two men started to return to the American lines, alternately providing covering fire for each other as they withdrew. During this movement, Private First Class Reese was killed by enemy fire as he reloaded his rifle. The intrepid team, in 2 1/2 hours of fierce fighting, killed more than 82 Japanese, completely disorganized their defense and paved the way for subsequent complete defeat of the enemy at this strong point. By his gallant determination in the face of tremendous odds, aggressive fighting spirit, and extreme heroism at the cost of his life, Private First Class Reese materially aided the advance of our troops in Manila and providing a lasting inspiration to all those with whom he served.



**TECHNICAL SERGEANT
CLETO L. RODRIGUEZ**
FEBRUARY 9, 1945

MANILA, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action above and beyond the call of duty on 9 February 1945, while serving with Company B, 148th Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division. Technical Sergeant Rodriguez was an automatic rifleman when his unit attacked the strongly defended Paco Railroad Station during the battle for Manila, Philippine Islands. While making a frontal assault across an open field, his platoon was halted 100 yards from the station by intense enemy fire. On his own initiative, he left the platoon, accompanied by a comrade, and continued forward to a house 60 yards from the objective. Although under constant enemy observation, the two men remained in this position for an hour, firing at targets of opportunity, killing more than 35 hostile soldiers and wounding many more. Moving closer to the station and discovering a group of Japanese replacements attempting to reach pillboxes, they opened heavy fire, killed more than 40 and stopped all subsequent attempts to man the emplacements. Enemy fire became more intense as they advanced to within 20 yards of the station. Then, covered by his companion, Private Rodriguez boldly moved up to the building and threw five grenades through a doorway killing 7 Japanese, destroying a 20-mm gun and wrecking a heavy machine gun. With their ammunition running low, the two men started to return to the American lines, alternately providing covering fire for each other's withdrawal. During this movement, Private Rodriguez' companion was killed. In 2 1/2 hours of fierce fighting the intrepid team killed more than 82 Japanese, completely disorganized their defense, and paved the way for the subsequent overwhelming defeat of the enemy at this strongpoint. Two days later, Private Rodriguez again enabled his comrades to advance when he single-handedly killed six Japanese and destroyed a well-placed 20-mm gun by his outstanding skill with his weapons, gallant determination to destroy the enemy, and heroic courage in the face of tremendous odds, Private Rodriguez, on two occasions, materially aided the advance of our troops in Manila.



LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 27 November 1925 in the Ohio National Guard at Fremont as Company B, 148th Infantry, an element of the 37th Division

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Fremont

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

Inactivated 5 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 19 March 1947 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Fremont as Company B, 148th Infantry

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Fremont

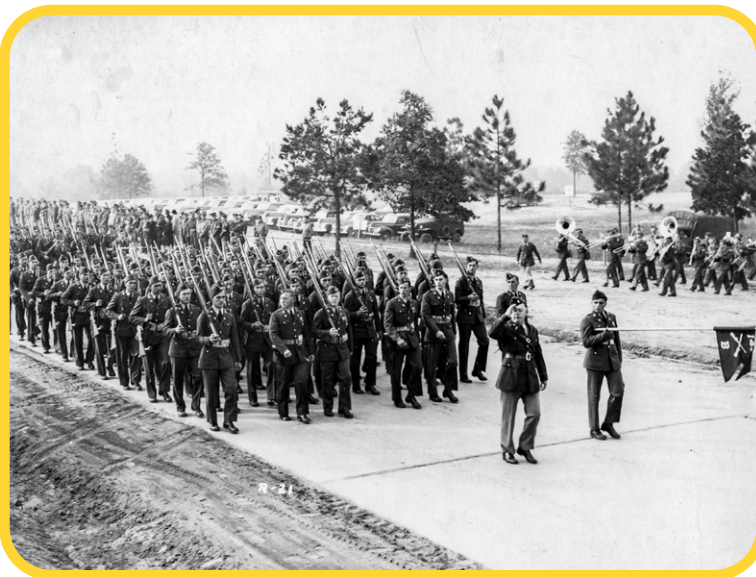
(Company B, 148th Infantry [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

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

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company B, 1st Battle Group, 148th Infantry



Company B, 148th Infantry conducts a guard mount inspection with the regimental band at Camp Perry, Ohio, 1939.



Company B, 148th Infantry marches past the reviewing stand during a 37th Division parade at Camp Shelby, Miss. in 1941.



Troops of Company B and D, 148th Infantry, continue their advance along Highway 3 from Banangan to Baguio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, April 16, 1945.

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Troop K, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1968 as Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1997 as Detachment 1, Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 10 November 2004 at Fremont; released from active Federal service 29 March 2006 and reverted to state control

Consolidated 1 September 2007 with Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion (see ANNEX); consolidated unit designated as Company C, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment, an element of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; location concurrently changed to Tiffin

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

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

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



Troop K, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, Fremont, c. 1965.



Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion, Iraq, 2005.



Spc. Kipp M. Young (left) lays cover fire for Pfc. Andrew R. Sieving as he sprints to the next covered position during the urban operations portion of pre mobilization training at Camp Shelby, Miss., Sept. 28, 2011. Both Soldiers are members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 148 Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.



An officer inspects the barrel of a Soldier's M1 rifle during an armory inspection of Company A, 148th Infantry at the Tiffin Armory, c. 1955.



Company A, 1st Battle Group, 148th Infantry, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1960.



Capt. David Lazarony (left), commanding officer of Troop M, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, stands in front of the Tiffin Armory along with 1st Sgt. Gerald Runion and another Soldier from the unit in March 1965.

ANNEX

Organized and Federally recognized 15 April 1947 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Tiffin as Company G, 148th Infantry, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Tiffin

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

(Federal recognition withdrawn 14 May 1954 from Company G, 148th Infantry [NGUS]; concurrently Company A, 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 Company A, 148th Infantry (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company A, 1st Battle Group, 148th Infantry

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Troop M, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 15 November 1965 as Company M, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1968 as the 385th Medical Company

Converted and redesignated 1 September 1997 as Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 10 November 2004 at Tiffin; released from active Federal service 29 March 2006 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Tiffin

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
Northern Solomons
Luzon (with arrowhead)

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism

Iraq:
Iraqi Governance
National Resolution

Afghanistan:
Transition I

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer
embroidered LUZON

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered:
IRAQ 2004-2005

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army),
Streamer embroidered: AFGHANISTAN 2012

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



1st Sgt. Lloyd Creeger prepares to furl the guidon of the 385th Medical Company during the final formation ceremony of the unit at the Tiffin Armory, August 1997.

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 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.

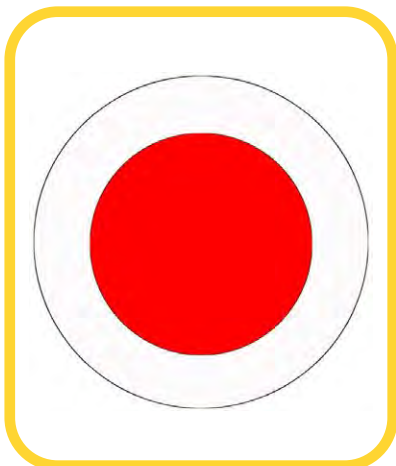
Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Ohio Army National Guard: From a wreath Or and Azure, a sheaf of seventeen arrows Argent, bound by a sprig of buckeye (aesculus glabra) fructed Proper (two leaves bursting burr).

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 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

COMPANY B, 148TH INFANTRY

1925-1928: Capt. Henry M. Smith
 1929-1930: Capt. Don. H. Croxford
 1931-1937: Capt. Henry M. Smith
 1938-1940: Capt. Cecil B. Clark
 1941-1942: Capt. Marcus E. Ptak
 1942-1943: Capt. Russell Hewitt
 1943: Capt. Felix B. Lester
 1943: Capt. Max Sessler
 1944: 1st Lt. Donald A. Kincaid
 1944: Capt. Stanley I. Grad
 1945: Capt. Constantine A. Ferris
 1945: Capt. Benjamin A. Miller
 1946-1947: Capt. Donald M. Gehring
 1947-1952: Capt. Donald P. Watts
 1954: 1st Lt. Robert A. Semer
 1954-1955: 2d Lt. Frederick O. Roberts
 1955-1957: 1st Lt. Lawrence E. Spriggs
 1957-1958: Capt. Henry D. Grube
 1958-1959: Capt. Donald K. Hauenstein

COMPANY B,

1ST BATTLE GROUP, 148TH INFANTRY

1959-1961: Capt. Donald K. Hauenstein
 1961-1963: Capt. George L. Machoukas

TROOP K,

3D SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1963: Capt. George L. Machoukas
 1964-1966: Capt. Melvin T. Burner
 1967-1968: Capt. Clifton H. Overmyer

COMPANY B, 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1968-1970: Capt. Clifton H. Overmyer
 1970-1971: Capt. Jerry D. Gaertner
 1971-1975: Capt. Robert A. McQuestion
 1975-1978: Capt. Thomas E. Karlovetz
 1978-1981: Capt. Gary L. Martin
 1981-1983: Capt. Martin C. Davis
 1983-1986: Capt. Gene A. Dale
 1987: Capt. Daniel L. White
 1991-1992: Capt. Steven Fleischman
 1992-1995: 1st Lt. David W. Dehart
 1996-1997: Capt. Mark Millinger
 1997-1998: Capt. Joseph B. Gilion
 1998-2000: Capt. David W. Ditz
 2000-2003: Capt. Daniel J. Potts
 2003-2006: Capt. Jeffrey C. Gillmor



Capt. Smith



Capt. Clark



Capt. Ptak



Capt. Lester



Capt. Sessler



Capt. Ferris



Capt. Watts



1st Lt. Semer



Capt. Hauenstein



Capt. Davis



Capt. Millinger



Capt. Ditz



Capt. Potts



Capt. Gillmor

PAST COMMANDERS

COMPANY C,

1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY

2007-2008: Capt. Randall S. Verde

2008-2010: Capt. Craig Colton

2010-2011: Capt. Aaron A. Combs

2011-2014: Capt. Heath L. Salva

2014-2016: Capt. James G. Field

2016-2019: Capt. Adam D. Fitzsimmons

2019-2022: Capt. Sascha K. Miller

2022-: Capt. William T. Olmstead



Capt. Verde



Capt. Colton



Capt. Combs

ANNEX

COMPANY G, 148TH INFANTRY

1948-1949: Capt. Eugene D. Smith

1949-1952: Capt. Charles R. King

1954: 1st Lt. William O. Williams



Capt. Salva



Capt. Field



Capt. Fitzsimmons

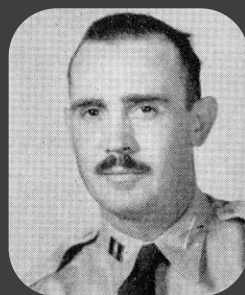
COMPANY A, 148TH INFANTRY

1954-1955: 1st Lt. William O. Williams

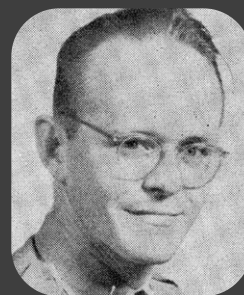
1955-1959: Capt. Robert D. Wolfe



Capt. Wolfe



Capt. King



1st Lt. Williams

COMPANY A,

1ST BATTLE GROUP, 148TH INFANTRY

1959-1961: Capt. Robert D. Wolfe

1961-1963: Capt. Frank C. Gilbert

1963: 1st Lt. Robert H. Kleemeier



Capt. Wolfe



Capt. Lazarony



Capt. Clifford

COMPANY M,

3D SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1963-1964: 1st Lt. Robert H. Kleemeier

1964-1967: Capt. David R. Lazarony

1968: Capt. Curtis E. Davis



Capt. Belt



Capt. Will



Capt. Wightman

385TH MEDICAL COMPANY

1968-1972: Capt. Raymond E. Clifford

1972-1974: Capt. Dick I. Belt

1974-1975: Capt. Ronald Conkle

1975-1977: Capt. Montford Will

1977: Capt. Richard Wightman

PAST COMMANDERS

385TH MEDICAL COMPANY (CON'T)

1977-1979: Capt. James Lendavic

1979-1981: Capt. Douglas Maser

1981-1983: Capt. Richard Keyser

1983-1984: Capt. James Sears

1984-1985: Capt. James Holland

1985-1986: Capt. John P. Bonham

1986-1988: Capt. Byron Kohrs

1988-1990: Capt. Michael Montgomery

1990-1994: Capt. Brenda Bailey

1994: Capt. Paul Esmahan

1994-1995: Capt. Bryan Block

1995-1997: Capt. John Felthous



Capt. Maser



Capt. Keyser



Capt. Sears



Capt. Holland



Capt. Bonham

PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

COMPANY B, 148TH INFANTRY

1938: 1st Sgt. Donald J. Wickert

1940: 1st Sgt. Carl Weiker

1940-1942: 1st Sgt. Floyd W. Kruse

1942-1944: 1st Sgt. Eugene Blaser

1947-1949: 1st Sgt. Carl Weiker

1954-1956: 1st Sgt. Floyd W. Kruse

1959: 1st Sgt. James H. Sebetto



1st Sgt. Wickert



1st Sgt. Weiker



1st Sgt. Kruse

COMPANY B,

1ST BATTLE GROUP, 148TH INFANTRY

1959-1963: 1st Sgt. James H. Sebetto

TROOP K,

3D SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1963-1968: 1st Sgt. James H. Sebetto



1st Sgt. Sebetto



1st Sgt. Castillo



1st Sgt. Riedmiller

COMPANY B, 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

1968-1988: 1st Sgt. James H. Sebetto

1988-1990: 1st Sgt. Daniel E. Weaver

1990-1992: 1st Sgt. Richard A. Sebetto Sr.

1996-1999: 1st Sgt. Brad Biller

1999-2006: 1st Sgt. Manuel Castillo



1st Sgt. Glenn



1st Sgt. Hallinan



1st Sgt. Skinner

COMPANY C,

1ST BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY

2007-2009: 1st Sgt. George Riedmiller

2010-2013: 1st Sgt. Michael Glenn

2014-2016: 1st Sgt. Bradley J. Hallinan

2017-2018: 1st Sgt. Daniel R. Skinner

2018-2021: 1st Sgt. Chad J. Layne

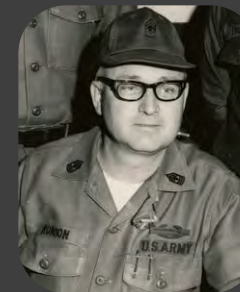
2021-: 1st Sgt. Miguel A. Martinez



1st Sgt. Layne



1st Sgt. Martinez



1st Sgt. Runion

ANNEX

COMPANY A, 148TH INFANTRY

1954-1959: 1st Sgt. Gerald C. Runion

COMPANY A,

1ST BATTLE GROUP 148TH INFANTRY

1959-1963: 1st Sgt. Gerald C. Runion

TROOP M/COMPANY M,

3D SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1963-1968: 1st Sgt. Gerald C. Runion

385TH MEDICAL COMPANY

1968-1974: 1st Sgt. Gerald C. Runion

1974-1992: 1st Sgt. Paul Thompson

1994-1997: 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Creeger



1st Sgt. Thompson



1st Sgt. Creeger



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