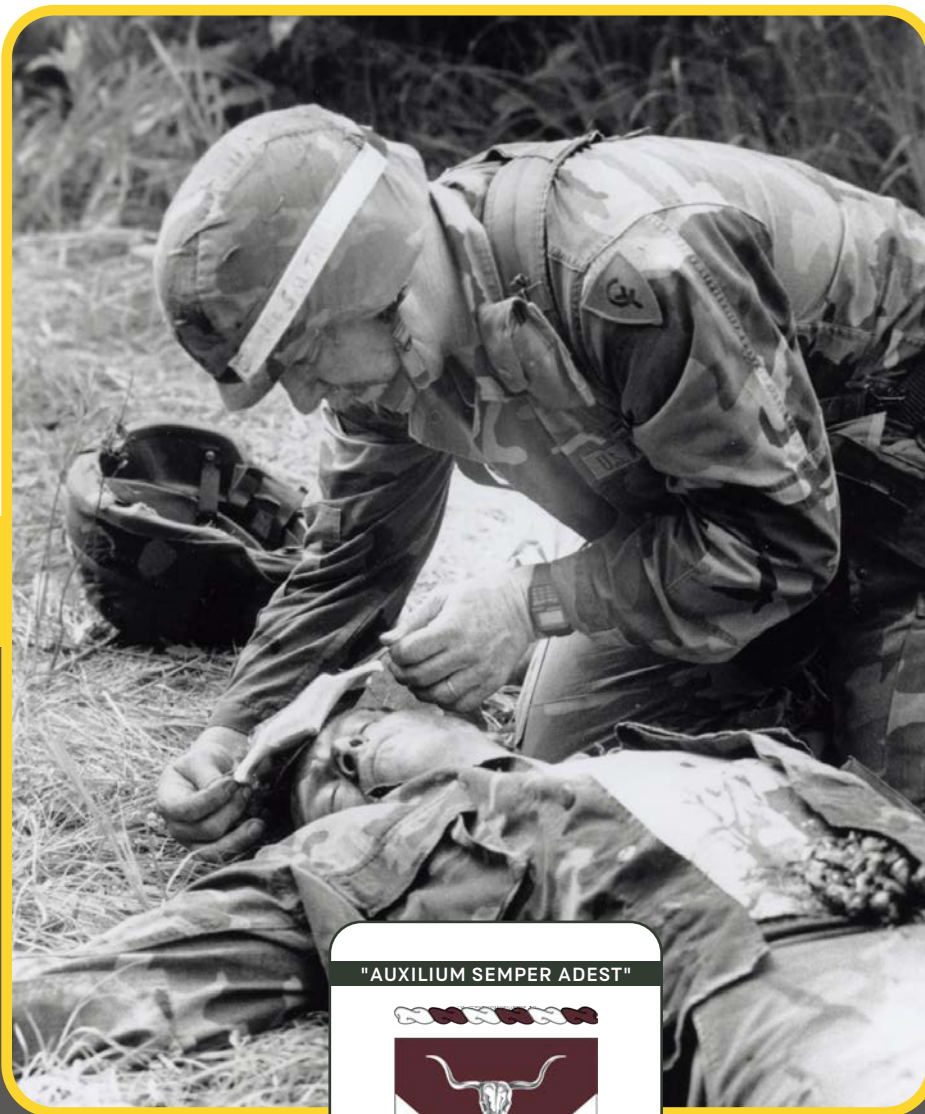


## UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



# 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

COLUMBUS, OHIO

# 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

The 285th Medical Company was organized in Columbus on April 27, 1927 as Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 166th Infantry. In 1935, the unit was reorganized as the 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry and was ordered into federal service on Oct. 15, 1940 for training prior to World War II. In February 1942, the 166th Infantry was relieved from assignment to the 37th Division and remained in the United States as a training regiment. The unit was inactivated on Feb. 1, 1944 at Fort Sill, Okla.

The company was reorganized in the Ohio National Guard on April 11, 1947 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry. The regiment was organized as a separate regimental combat team. On Sept. 1, 1959, the Ohio National Guard underwent a statewide reorganization and the company was redesignated as the Reconnaissance Platoon, Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion Group, 166th Infantry and was an element of the 37th Infantry Division.

On April 1, 1963, the division underwent another reorganization and the unit was converted to Company D, 112th Medical Battalion. The company has remained a medical unit ever since. On Feb. 15, 1968, the 37th Infantry Division was removed from the Army force structure and Company D was reorganized as Company E, 113th Medical Battalion. In May 1968, it was further redesignated as Company C, 113th Medical Battalion. The company was part of the 73d Brigade, 38th Infantry Division.

On March 1, 1977, the brigade was reorganized from a divisional brigade to a separate brigade and the support elements organized into a support battalion. Concurrently, Company C was reorganized as Company B, 237th Support Battalion and was responsible for the brigade's medical support. On Dec. 1, 1988, the battalion further reorganized and Company B was redesignated as Company C, 237th Support Battalion.

On April 16, 2006, the company was converted to an area support medical company and was redesignated as the 285th Medical Company. On June 26, 2006, the company was ordered into federal service and deployed to Iraq where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The company most recently deployed to Kuwait in 2022-23.



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



# LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 27 April 1927 in the Ohio National Guard at Columbus as Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 166th Infantry an element of the 37th Division

Redesignated 1 January 1935 as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Columbus

Relieved 1 February 1942 from assignment to the 37th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1943 as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Inactivated 1 February 1944 at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

Reorganized and Federally recognized 11 April 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Columbus as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Reconnaissance Platoon, Combat Support Company, 1st Battle Group, 166th Infantry, an element of the 37th Infantry Division



Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1953.



Company D, 112th Medical Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company D, 112th Medical Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Company E, 113th Medical Battalion, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1968 as Company C, 113th Medical Battalion

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1977 as Company B, 237th Support Battalion, an element of the 73d Infantry Brigade; location concurrently changed to Worthington

Consolidated 1 April 1983 with Detachment 1, Company B, 237th Support Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 1 November 1977 at Springfield); consolidated unit designated as Company B, 237th Support Battalion

Location changed 11 May 1988 to Columbus

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

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

(237th Support Battalion assigned 1 September 1993 to the 28th Infantry Division; assigned 1 September 1994 to the 38th Infantry Division)

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 16 April 2006 as the 285th Medical Company and relieved from assignment to the 38th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 26 June 2006 at Columbus; released from active Federal service 22 December 2007 and reverted to state control



A dentist from Company B, 237th Support Battalion, 73d Infantry Brigade, looks at a Soldier's teeth in the field during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich. in 1984.

Ordered into active Federal service 7 August 2022  
at Columbus; released from active Federal service  
10 September 2023 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Columbus

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War on Terrorism

*Iraq:*

National Resolution

Iraqi Surge

(Additional campaigns to be determined)

#### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army),  
Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2006 - 2007



Company C, 237th Support Battalion, 37th Brigade, 38th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 2005.



Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Hartman, a medic with the 285th Medical Company and registered nurse, performs a medical assessment on a civilian patient Oct. 27, 2017, in Jayuya, Puerto Rico.



Spc. Hannah Hetman-Maiden of the 285th Medical Company treats simulated casualties during a tactical evacuation on the trauma lanes for Brigade Combat Team Training, Jan. 14, 2022, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

# HERALDIC ITEMS



## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A silver color metal and enamel device 1 inch (2.54 cm) in height overall consisting of a rectangular shield divided per chevron reversed, maroon above white, on the maroon portion the skull and horns of a Texas Longhorn steer in silver; on the white portion a conventionalized poppy and fleur-de-lis both of maroon. Attached below the shield a maroon arced segmented scroll inscribed "AUXILIUM SEMPER ADEST" in silver letters.

Symbolism: Maroon and white are the colors of the Medical Department. The skull and horns of the Texas Longhorn represent service on the Mexican Border, and the poppy and fleur-de-lis symbolize service in Flanders and in France, respectively, during World War I. The motto translates to "Help Always Ready."

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 112th Medical Regiment on 3 July 1928. It was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion on 3 September 1943. It was redesignated for the 112th Medical Group on 25 September 1974. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Medical Brigade on 14 August 1975. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion on 1 September 2023.



## COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Per chevron reversed Sanguine and Argent, in chief the skull and horns of a longhorn steer of the second, in base a conventionalized poppy and a fleur-de-lis of the first.

Crest: That for the regiments of the Ohio National Guard: On a wreath of the colors Argent and Sanguine a sheaf of seventeen arrows of the first bound by a sprig of buckeye fruited Proper.

Motto: AUXILIUM SEMPER ADEST (Help Always Ready).

Symbolism: Maroon and white are the colors of the Medical Department. The skull and horns of the Texas Longhorn represent service on the Mexican Border, and the poppy and fleur-de-lis symbolize service in Flanders and in France, respectively, during World War I.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved on 16 January 1968 and cancelled on 7 October 1974. The coat of arms was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion effective 01 September 2023.



## 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

## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,

### 3D BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY

1927-1935: Capt. Dalzell R. Maxwell

## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,

### 1ST BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY

1935: Capt. Dalzell R. Maxwell

1935-1940: 1st Lt. John A. Southworth

1941: 1st Lt. George W. Hunt Jr.

## HQ & HQ COMPANY,

### 1ST BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY

1947: Capt. Paul R. Roberts

1947-1949: Capt. Donn W. Duffey

1949-1956: Capt. Rollie Fleeman

1956-1958: Capt. William C. Shaffer

1958-1959: Capt. Hugh E. Clements

## COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1963-1964: Capt. Donn R. Huff

1964-1965: Capt. John L. Melvin

1965-1968: Capt. Robert G. Fletcher

## COMPANY C, 113TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1968-1970: Capt. John D. Tidyman Jr.

1970-1971: Capt. James N. Baird Jr.

1971-1973: Capt. Burton H. Harris

1973-1975: Maj. Harry A. Schutte Jr.

1975-1977: Maj. Thomas C. Philipps

## COMPANY B, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1977-1978: Maj. Thomas C. Philipps

1978-1981: Maj. Harry H. Shaw

1981-1982: Maj. Gary O. Partlow

1982-1984: Capt. George N. Boyer

1984-1987: Maj. Louis Pomerantz

1987-1988: Maj. Joseph E. Ricketts

## COMPANY C, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1988-1990: Maj. Joseph E. Ricketts

1990-1992: Maj. Deborah A. Ashenhurst

1993: Maj. Eric R. Timmens

1993-1995: Maj. Larry J. Heisler

1995-1997: Maj. Terry A. Johnson

1997-1999: Maj. Brett A. Call

1999-2002: Capt. Michael Solli



1st Lt. Southworth



1st Lt. Hunt



Capt. Fleeman



Maj. Schutte



Maj. Shaw



Maj. Partlow



Capt. Boyer



Maj. Pomerantz



Maj. Ricketts



Maj. Ashenhurst



Maj. Timmens



Maj. Heisler



Maj. Johnson



Maj. Call



Capt. Solli

# PAST COMMANDERS

## COMPANY C, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

2002-2005: Maj. Phillip J. Boes

2005-2006: Capt. Jeremiah S. Gladden

## 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2006-2008: Capt. Jeremiah S. Gladden

2008-2012: Capt. Travis R. Timmons

2012-2015: Capt. Donald McHone

2015-2018: Capt. Bryanna R. Singleton

2018-2021: Maj. Charles L. Whyde

2021-: Capt. Destiny M. Pathammavong



Maj. Boes



Capt. Gladden



Capt. Timmons



Capt. McHone



Capt. Singleton



Maj. Whyde

# PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY,

### 1ST BATTALION, 166TH INFANTRY

1947: 1st Sgt. John E. Oberling Sr.

1947-1948: 1st Sgt. Albert T. Frank

1948: 1st Sgt. Jesse M. Knisely

## COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1967: 1st Sgt. Rongald G. Conkle

## COMPANY C, 113TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1969: 1st Sgt. William M. Fahner

1971-1972: 1st Sgt. John P. Little

1972-1977: 1st Sgt. James H. Malloy

## COMPANY B, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1977-1980: 1st Sgt. Charles Jackson Jr.

1980-1987: 1st Sgt. William T. Hall

1987-1988: 1st Sgt. David E. Bloom

## COMPANY C, 237TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1988-1998: 1st Sgt. David E. Bloom

1999-2000: 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Smith

2001: 1st Sgt. Delbert Meek Jr.

2003-2005: 1st Sgt. Richard N. Brandt

## 285TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2006-2014: 1st Sgt. Christopher M. Thomas

2014-2021: 1st Sgt. Ty B. Henery

2021-: 1st Sgt. Kraig Hallam



1st Sgt. Jackson



1st Sgt. Hall



1st Sgt. Brandt



1st Sgt. Thomas



1st Sgt. Henery



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