

UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 145TH ARMORED REGIMENT

NEWTON FALLS, OHIO

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Company A, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment was organized Dec. 7, 1920, in Ravenna, Ohio as Troop L. The troop comprised World War I veterans and was under the command of Capt. Perry Stevens. On Feb. 1, 1922, the unit was reorganized as Service Troop, 107th Cavalry, and assigned to the 22d Cavalry Division. In 1926, the troop moved into the new armory on North Freedom Street, which included a large indoor riding hall.

On June 30, 1929, the unit was reorganized as Headquarters Troop, 107th Cavalry. The 1930s brought with it the addition of mechanization, as the troop organized Scout Car and Transportation platoons. A further reorganization occurred on Jan. 5, 1939, with the redesignation to Troop F, 107th Cavalry. It was under this designation that the troop was ordered into active federal service on March 5, 1941, and sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn. for training. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the troop was sent with the regiment to Fort Ord, Calif. to patrol the west coast of the United States as part of Western Defense Command.

On Jan. 1, 1944, the 107th Cavalry was broken up and Troop F was reorganized as Company F, 107th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. Company F was the light tank company of the squadron and was armed with 17 M5 Stuart Tanks. The company sailed from New York on Jan. 3, 1945, for France and supported the 66th and 103d Infantry Divisions in France, Germany and Austria during the final months of the war. The company was in route to the Pacific Theater when World War II ended, and the ship was diverted for the United States. The squadron was inactivated Nov. 16, 1945, at Camp Bowie, Texas.

Company F was reorganized and federally recognized in Ravenna on May 26, 1947. On Sept. 15, 1949, the 107th was reorganized as an armored cavalry regiment and Company F was redesignated as Tank Company, 1st Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry. On Sept. 1, 1959, the unit was reorganized

as Troop G, 2d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry and returned to a tank company on June 1, 1974, when it was reorganized as Company M, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry.

On Sept. 1, 1993, the armored cavalry regiment was removed from Ohio's force structure and Company M was reorganized as Company A, 1st Battalion, 107th Cavalry. The Army granted the State of Ohio an exception to maintain the historic cavalry designation for the new armor battalion, which was assigned to the 37th Brigade, 28th Infantry Division. On Sept. 1, 1994, the brigade was reassigned to the 38th Infantry Division. A new armory was built for the company at the Ravenna Arsenal and the unit was moved from Ravenna to Newton Falls on Nov. 1, 1998. The battalion returned to the assignment of the 28th Infantry Division on Sept. 1, 2002.

On Sept. 1, 2007, the unit was reorganized as Company D, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment. The battalion was reorganized as a combined arms battalion that included two armor and two mechanized infantry companies, along with a combat engineer company. The company joined the battalion on active federal service in 2008-09 for a mobilization to Sinai, Egypt as part of the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping mission.

On Sept. 1, 2016, the battalion was assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota Army National Guard. The unit was reorganized under its present designation, Company A, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment, on Sept. 1, 2017. Company A mobilized from 2019 to 2020 to U.S. Army Central Command in support of Operation Spartan Shield, where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation as an element of the battalion. Across its 100-plus year history, the company has the rare distinction of remaining in its mounted warfare branch, either as a cavalry or armor unit.



Soldiers from Company D, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment fire an M1A1 Abrams tank at Fort Hood, Texas on May 19, 2013.



LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 7 December 1920 in the Ohio National Guard at Ravenna as Troop L, Cavalry

Redesignated 1 July 1921 as Troop L, 1st Cavalry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1922 as Service Troop, 107th Cavalry, an element of the 22d Cavalry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 30 June 1929 as Headquarters Troop, 107th Cavalry

Reorganized and redesignated 5 January 1939 as Troop F, 107th Cavalry

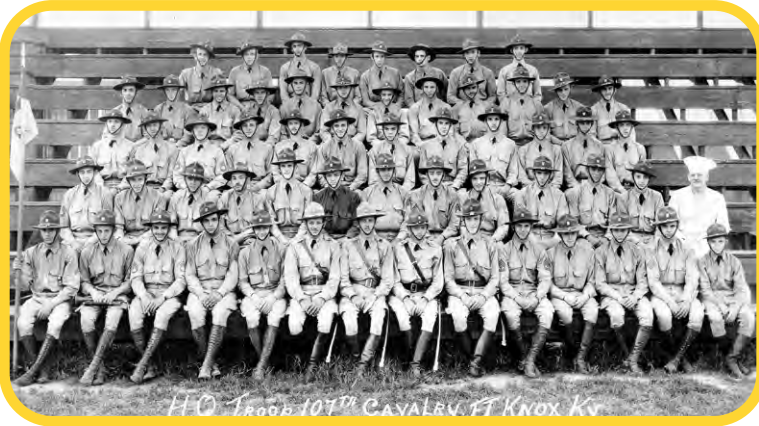
Relieved 1 November 1940 from assignment to the 22d Cavalry Division

Inducted into Federal Service 5 May 1941 at Ravenna

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1944 as Company F, 107th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron

Inactivated 16 November 1945 at Camp Bowie, Texas

Reorganized and Federally recognized 26 May 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Ravenna as Company F, 107th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron



Headquarters Troop, 107th Cavalry, Fort Knox, Ky., 1938.



Members of Troop F, 107th Cavalry show off one of three new scout cars delivered to the unit at the Ravenna Armory just prior to entering federal service in early 1941.



Company F, 107th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Camp Atterbury, Ind., August 1948



Tank Company, 1st Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry, June 1959.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 September 1949 as Tank Company, 1st Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Troop G, 2d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1974 as Company M, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1993 as Company A, 1st Battalion, 107th Cavalry, an element of the 28th Infantry Division

(107th Cavalry assigned 1 September 1994 to the 38th Infantry Division)

Location changed 1 November 1998 to Newton Falls

(1st Battalion, 107th Cavalry assigned 1 September 2002 to the 28th Infantry Division)

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as Company A, 1st Battalion, 107th Cavalry Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2007 as Company D, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment and assigned to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division

Relieved 1 March 2008 from assignment to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 25 September 2008 at Newton Falls; released from active Federal service 29 October 2009 and reverted to state control

(145th Armored Regiment assigned 1 September 2016 to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2017 as Company A, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment



First Sgt. Vic Biasella, center, looks over orders with two of his Soldiers from Troop G, 2d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry during a state active duty mission in Cleveland during the Hough Riots in July 1966.



Spc. Shawn Zuccherro, a gunner with Company M, 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, drives an M48A3 tank into a fighting position during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., in 1988.



Staff Sgt. Daniel Fortney, left, a platoon sergeant, and Spc. Nicholas Horning, a crewmember, of Company D, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment, maintain the track tension on their assigned M1A1 Abrams main battle tank during training exercises Oct. 22, 2011, at Camp Ravenna Joint Maneuver Training Center.



Company A, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, 2019.

Ordered into active Federal service 25 August 2019 at Newton Falls; released from active Federal service 6 December 2020 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Newton Falls

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
Central Europe
Northern France
Rhineland

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer
embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 2019

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 shield blazoned: Argent, a bend wavy Azure between a falcon close and a cactus Proper.

Symbolism: The service of the original organization, the 145th Infantry Regiment, is indicated by the white shield for Infantry. The falcon from the arms of Montfaucon, France and the wavy bend for the Escaut (Scheldt) River symbolize the most outstanding feats of the regiment during World War I. The giant cactus represents service on the Mexican border.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 145th Infantry Regiment on 5 September 1928. It was amended on 27 November 1928. It was cancelled on 29 May 1935. It was reinstated and redesignated for the 145th Infantry Regiment on 19 May 1936. The insignia was redesignated with description and symbolism revised for the 145th Regiment on 15 April 1997. It was redesignated effective 1 September 2007, for the 145th Armored Regiment with the symbolism revised.



COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Argent, a bend wavy Azure between a falcon close and a cactus Proper.

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

Motto: EXCEL.

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Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 145th Infantry Regiment on 17 July 1928. It was redesignated for the 145th Regiment with the blazon and symbolism revised on 15 April 1997. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 2007, for the 145th Armored Regiment with the symbolism revised.



SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: On a black olla with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) black border, 2 inches (5.08 cm) in width and 2 1/4 inches (5.72 cm) in height, a red bull skull.

Symbolism: The patch shape simulates an olla (Mexican water flask) symbolizing the 34th Division's origin, formation and intensive training site at Camp Cody, New Mexico in Oct 1917. The bull skull also symbolizes the surrounding dry, desert-like area. Black denotes durability, firmness and stability and red is for courage and action.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved for the 34th Division on 28 June 1922. It was redesignated for the 34th Command Headquarters (Divisional), Iowa National Guard on 16 October 1963. The insignia was redesignated for the 34th Infantry Division effective 10 February 1991, and amended to add a border and provide a symbolism for the design.

PAST COMMANDERS

TROOP L, 1ST CAVALRY

1920: Capt. Perry Stevens

SERVICE TROOP, 107TH CAVALRY

1922-1928: Capt. Harold F. Bower

1928-1929: Capt. Carl W. Chapman

HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 107TH CAVALRY

1929-1930: Capt. Carl W. Chapman

1931-1939: Capt. Donn R. Austin

TROOP F, 107TH CAVALRY

1939-1941: Capt. Donn R. Austin

COMPANY F, 107TH CAVALRY

RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

1944: Capt. Ben F. Ritenour

1944: Capt. Gerald W. Allen

1947-1948: Capt. Ben F. Ritenour

1948-1949 Lt. Robert W. Prohn

TANK COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION,

107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1949-1950: 1st Lt. Robert W. Prohn

1950-1952: Capt. William E. Schaer

1952-1954: Capt. Robert B. Johnson

1955: 1st Lt. Kenneth J. Neff

1955-1956: 1st Lt. Charles Lowery

1956-1959: Capt. Robert W. Hasson

TROOP G, 2D SQUADRON,

107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1959-1960: Capt. Robert W. Hasson

1960-1961: Capt. Donald W. Davis

1961-1964: Capt. Edwin L. Edwards

1964-1968: Capt. Andrew G. Folley

1968-1973: Capt. Raymond J. Srp

1973-1974: Capt. Ralph G. Tucker

COMPANY M, 3D SQUADRON,

107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1974-1975: Capt. Ralph G. Tucker

1975-1980: Capt. William K. Bamler

1980-1984: Capt. Tod J. Carmony

1984-1985: Capt. William G. Biasella Jr.

1985-1988: Capt. Dale R. Gharky

1988-1989: Capt. Kevin L. Kenney

1989-1991: Capt. Gary R. Cameron

1991-1993: Capt. Gary R. Lown

COMPANY A,

1ST BATTALION, 107TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

1993-1994: Capt. Gary R. Lown

1994-1996: Capt. William J. Yoho

1996-1997: Capt. John A. Zulfer

1997-1998: Capt. Michael J. Paxton



Capt. Austin



Capt. Ritenour



Capt. Schaer



Capt. Johnson



Capt. Neff



Capt. Tucker



Capt. Bamler



Capt. Carmony



Capt. Yoho



Capt. Zulfer



Capt. Paxton

PAST COMMANDERS

1999-2002: Capt. Kevin L. Ream

2002-2004: Capt. Timothy J. Garlak

2004-2005: Capt. Robert Valentine

2006-2007: Capt. Barry Naum

COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 145TH ARMORED REGIMENT

2007-2009: Capt. Eric R. Molesky

2010-2012: Capt. Michael M. Yates

2012-2014: Capt. Phillip J. Patti

2014-2016: Capt. Michael T. Borzcik

2016-2017: Capt. Kevin Dorgan

COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 145TH ARMORED REGIMENT

2017-2020: Capt. Kevin M. Dorgan

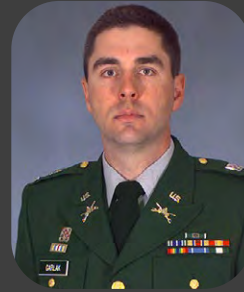
2021-2023: Capt. Kevin L. Smith

2023-2024: Capt. Stephen F. Gilbert

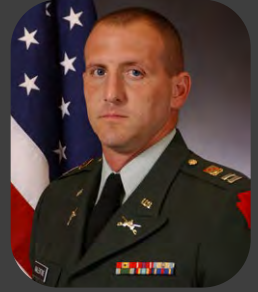
2024-Present: Capt. Zachary Marr



Capt. Ream



Capt. Garlak



Capt. Valentine



Capt. Molesky



Capt. Yates



Capt. Patti



Capt. Dorgan



Capt. Smith



Capt. Marr

PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

TROOP L, 1ST CAVALRY

1920: 1st Sgt. Robert N. Yeend

HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 107TH CAVALRY

1937-1939: 1st Sgt. Ben F. Ritenour

TROOP F, 107TH CAVALRY

1939-1941: 1st Sgt. Ben F. Ritenour

1943: 1st Sgt. Robert B. Johnson

COMPANY F, 107TH CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

1945: 1st Sgt. Robert J. Charles

TANK COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1950-1959: 1st Sgt. Eugene P. Reitz

TROOP G, 2D SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1959-1961: 1st Sgt. Eugene P. Reitz

1965-1969: 1st Sgt. Vic Biasella

COMPANY M, 3D SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1974-1977: 1st Sgt. Max G. Leonard

1977-1983: 1st Sgt. William O. Cartwright

1983-1988: 1st Sgt. David J. Szpak

1989-1993: 1st Sgt. Gordon R. White

COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 107TH CAVALRY REGIMENT

1993-1995: 1st Sgt. Edward McCall

1996-1997: 1st Sgt. James A. Oconnor

1998-2000: 1st Sgt. Alan C. Whitaker

2001-2002: 1st Sgt. John L. Smith

2002-2006: 1st Sgt. Antonio L. Perez Jr.

2006: 1st Sgt. Timothy A. Hornung

2006-2007: 1st Sgt. Michael Silipini

COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 145TH ARMORED REGIMENT

2007: 1st Sgt. Michael Silipini

2008-2009: 1st Sgt. James G. Tippens II

2011: 1st Sgt. Timothy Lewis

2011: 1st Sgt. Bryan P. Brown

2012-2014: 1st Sgt. Dennis R. Uffer

2014-2016: 1st Sgt. Christopher Szakacks

2016-2017: 1st Sgt. Justin E. Tumlinson

COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 145TH ARMORED REGIMENT

2017-2021: 1st Sgt. Justin E. Tumlinson

2021-2024: 1st Sgt. Justin L. Leidel

2024-: 1st Sgt. Caleb T. Clark



1st Sgt. Ritenour



1st Sgt. Johnson



1st Sgt. Biasella



1st Sgt. Perez



1st Sgt. Hornung



1st Sgt. Silipini



1st Sgt. Tippens



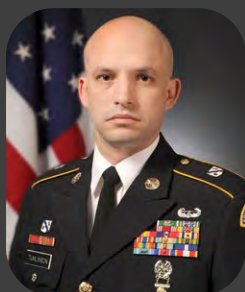
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1st Sgt. Tumlinson



1st Sgt. Leidel



1st Sgt. Clark



Officers, Tank Company, 1st Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry, Camp Atterbury, Ind., 1951.



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