



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**3d BATTALION, 66th ARMORED REGIMENT
(IRON KNIGHTS)**

Organized in February 1918 in the National Army at Camp Upton, New York, as Company C, 1st Separate Battalion, Heavy Tank Service, 65th Engineers

Reorganized and redesignated 16 March 1918 as Company C, 1st Heavy Battalion, Tank Service

Reorganized and redesignated 16 April 1918 as Company C, 41st Heavy Battalion, Tank Corps

Reorganized and redesignated 11 June 1918 as Company C, 301st Battalion, Tank Corps

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 22 June 1921 as Companies A, B, and C, 16th Tank Battalion, elements of the Regular Army (Companies A and B -- hereafter separate lineages)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1929 as Company C, 1st Tank Regiment

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 25 October 1932 as Company C, 66th Infantry (Light Tanks)

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 15 July 1940 as Company C, 66th Armored Regiment, an element of the 2d Armored Division

Reorganized and redesignated 25 March 1946 as Company C, 66th Tank Battalion, and remained an element of the 2d Armored Division

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Redesignated 5 January 1949 as Company C, 66th Medium Tank Battalion

Redesignated 1 April 1953 as Company C, 66th Tank Battalion

Inactivated 1 July 1957 in Germany and relieved from assignment to the 2d Armored Division

Reorganized and redesignated 10 June 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Medium Tank Battalion, 66th Armor (organic elements concurrently constituted)

Battalion activated 25 June 1958 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Inactivated 25 June 1959 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Headquarters and Headquarters Company redesignated 9 September 1959 as Company C, 66th Armor, and assigned to the 1st Infantry Brigade (remainder of 3d Medium Tank Battalion, 66th Armor, concurrently disbanded)

Activated 24 September 1959 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Inactivated 24 September 1962 at Fort Benning, Georgia, and relieved from assignment to the 1st Infantry Brigade

Redesignated 8 August 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 66th Armor (organic elements concurrently constituted)

Battalion activated 12 August 1963 at Fort Hood, Texas

Inactivated 15 October 1965 at Fort Hood, Texas

Assigned 1 September 1980 to the 2d Armored Division and activated at Fort Hood, Texas

Inactivated 15 April 1992 in Germany

Activated 16 December 1992 at Fort Hood, Texas

Relieved 16 January 1996 from assignment to the 2d Armored Division and assigned to the 4th Infantry Division

Inactivated 15 December 2004 at Fort Hood, Texas, and relieved from assignment to the 4th Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 3d Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment

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Assigned 16 March 2008 to the 172d Infantry Brigade and activated in Germany

Inactivated 15 June 2013 in Germany and relieved from assignment to the 172d Infantry Brigade

Assigned 16 October 2014 to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and activated at Fort Riley, Kansas

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

- *Somme Offensive
- St. Mihiel
- Meuse-Argonne

World War II

- *Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)
- *Sicily (with arrowhead)
- *Normandy
- *Northern France
- *Rhineland
- *Ardennes-Alsace
- *Central Europe

Korean War

- UN Defensive
- UN Offensive
- CCF Intervention
- First UN Counteroffensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
- UN Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

Southwest Asia

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

War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:

- *Transition I

(Additional campaigns to be determined)

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DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIRE RIVER

*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered ROER RIVER

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ-KUWAIT 1991

*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003-2004

*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2008-2009

*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
2011-2012

*Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1996-1997

*Belgian Fourragere 1940

*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in Belgium

*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the Ardennes

Company A additionally entitled to:

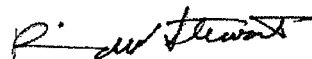
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
AUG 2011-JUN 2012

Company C additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered PAKTIKA PROVINCE
AUG-NOV 2011

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

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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