



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**5th BATTALION, 20th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(SYKES' REGULARS)**

Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as Company E, 2d Battalion, 11th Infantry

Organized 8 September 1865 near Richmond, Virginia

Reorganized and redesignated 6 December 1866 as Company E, 20th Infantry

(20th Infantry assigned 9 July 1918 to the 10th Division; relieved 14 February 1919 from assignment to the 10th Division; assigned 18 September 1920 to the 2d Division; relieved 16 October 1939 from assignment to the 2d Division and assigned to the 6th Division [later redesignated as the 6th Infantry Division])

Inactivated 10 January 1949 in Korea

Activated 4 October 1950 at Fort Ord, California

(20th Infantry relieved 3 April 1956 from assignment to the 6th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 15 November 1957 in the Panama Canal Zone; concurrently redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battle Group, 20th Infantry

Redesignated 22 June 1960 as Company E, 20th Infantry

Activated 24 June 1960 in Korea

Inactivated 1 January 1966 in Korea

## **5th BATTALION, 20th INFANTRY REGIMENT (SYKES' REGULARS)**

Activated 25 September 1967 in Vietnam

Inactivated 1 February 1969 in Vietnam

Activated 30 June 1971 in Vietnam

Inactivated 16 August 1972 in Vietnam

Redesignated 16 August 1986 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry, assigned to the 2d Infantry Division, and activated in Korea (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Battalion relieved 16 August 1995 from assignment to the 2d Infantry Division and assigned to the 25th Infantry Division

Relieved 16 September 2000 from assignment to the 25th Infantry Division and assigned to the 2d Infantry Division

Relieved 27 July 2005 from assignment to the 2d Infantry Division and assigned to the 3d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### Civil War

Peninsula  
Manassas  
Antietam  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellorsville  
Gettysburg  
Wilderness  
Spotsylvania  
Cold Harbor  
Petersburg  
Virginia 1862  
Virginia 1863

#### Indian Wars

Little Big Horn  
Pine Ridge

#### War with Spain

\* Santiago

#### Philippine Insurrection

\* Manila  
\* Luzon 1901

#### World War II

\* New Guinea  
\* Luzon (with arrowhead)

## **5th BATTALION, 20th INFANTRY REGIMENT (SYKES' REGULARS)**

### Vietnam

- \*Counteroffensive, Phase III
- \*Tet Counteroffensive
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase V
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- \*Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- \*Consolidation I
- \*Consolidation II
- \*Cease-Fire

### War on Terrorism

#### *Iraq:*

- \*Iraqi Sovereignty

(Additional campaigns  
to be determined)

## **DECORATIONS**

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MAFFIN BAY

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered CABARUAN HILLS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MUNOZ

\*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered BAQUBAH, IRAQ

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1972

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003-2004

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

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

\*Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1999-2000

\*Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2002-2003

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

**5th BATTALION, 20th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
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\*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM  
1967-1968

\*Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered  
VIETNAM 1967-1968

Company C additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered AD DIWANIYAH, IRAQ

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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