



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

249th ENGINEER BATTALION (BLACK LIONS)

Constituted 25 February 1943 in the Army of the United States as the 249th Engineer Combat Battalion

Activated 5 May 1943 at Camp Bowie, Texas

Inactivated 28 November 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia

Redesignated 23 March 1948 as the 442d Engineer Construction Battalion and allotted to the Organized Reserves

Activated 8 April 1948 with Headquarters at Ames, Iowa

(Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve)

Inactivated 22 May 1950 at Ames and Council Bluffs, Iowa

Redesignated 25 June 1952 as the 249th Engineer Construction Battalion

Redesignated 9 December 1954 as the 249th Engineer Battalion; concurrently withdrawn from the Army Reserve and allotted to the Regular Army

Activated 9 February 1955 in Germany

Inactivated 15 October 1991 in Germany

Activated 16 November 1994 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Southwest Asia
Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait
Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism
Campaigns to be determined

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990-1991

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1994-1995

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1995-1996

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2011-2012

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for actions in the Ardennes

Company A additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ
APR-OCT 2005

Company B additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ
NOV 2004-ARP 2005

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



CHARLES R. BOWERY, JR.
Chief of Military History

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