



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

538th ENGINEER DETACHMENT

Constituted 6 July 1943 in the Army of the United States as the 1427th Engineer Mobile Searchlight Maintenance Unit

Activated 27 September 1943 at Ogden, Utah

Reorganized and redesignated 8 February 1945 as the 1427th Engineer Mobile Searchlight Maintenance Team

Redesignated 10 April 1945 as the 1427th Engineer Searchlight Maintenance Detachment

Inactivated 6 October 1945 in France

Redesignated 4 March 1948 as the 538th Engineer Searchlight Maintenance Detachment

Activated 5 April 1948 at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1954 as the 538th Engineer Detachment

Inactivated 28 January 1955 in Korea

Allotted 19 December 1956 to the Regular Army

Activated 2 January 1957 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois

Inactivated 25 September 1957 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois

Activated 26 December 1957 in Germany

Inactivated 24 March 1962 in Germany

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Activated 25 March 1963 at Fort Hood, Texas

Inactivated 6 July 1966 in Vietnam

Activated 1 April 1967 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Inactivated 26 May 1967 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Activated 1 August 1988 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Inactivated 15 September 1995 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Activated 16 March 2009 at Fort Knox, Kentucky

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater,
Streamer without inscription

Korean War

First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II

Southwest Asia


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

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DECORATIONS

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1951-1952

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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