



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

542d ENGINEER DETACHMENT

Constituted 6 July 1943 in the Army of the United States as the 1430th Engineer Mobile Searchlight Maintenance Unit

Activated 18 October 1943 at Ogden, Utah

Reorganized and redesignated 18 June 1944 as the 1430th Engineer Composite Platoon

Reorganized and redesignated 9 November 1944 as the 1430th Engineer Service Detachment

Redesignated 10 April 1945 as the 1430th Engineer Searchlight Maintenance Detachment

Inactivated 6 October 1945 in France

Redesignated 4 March 1948 as the 542d Engineer Searchlight Maintenance Detachment

Activated 25 March 1948 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Allotted 8 September 1954 to the Regular Army

Reorganized and redesignated 10 October 1954 as the 542d Engineer Detachment

Inactivated 15 January 1967 at Fort Hood, Texas

Activated 5 January 1968 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Inactivated 29 January 1972 in Vietnam

542d ENGINEER DETACHMENT

Activated 1 September 1980 at Fort Stewart, Georgia

Inactivated 15 August 1988 at Fort Stewart, Georgia

Activated 16 October 2007 at Savannah, Georgia

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Rhineland

Central Europe

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase IV

Counteroffensive, Phase V

Counteroffensive, Phase VI

Tet 69/Counteroffensive

Summer-Fall 1969

Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Consolidation I

Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970-1971

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970-1971

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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