



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

54th ENGINEER BATTALION

Constituted 7 December 1917 in the National Army as the 42d Engineer Battalion

Organized 7 February 1918 at the American University, Washington, D.C.

Headquarters disbanded 18 October 1918; Companies A, B, C, and D concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 42d, 43d, 44th, and 45th Companies, 20th Engineers

42d, 43d, 44th, and 45th Companies, 20th Engineers, demobilized June-July 1918 at Camp Merritt, New Jersey, and Newport News, Virginia

42d Engineer Battalion reconstituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as the 42d Engineers

Activated 1 June 1940 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Redesignated 1 July 1940 as the 20th Engineers

Redesignated 1 August 1942 as the 20th Engineer Combat Regiment

2d Battalion reorganized and redesignated 15 January 1944 as the 1340th Engineer Combat Battalion (remainder of regiment--hereafter separate lineage)

Inactivated 2 January 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Redesignated 29 April 1947 as the 8th Engineer Combat Battalion

Activated 15 September 1948 in Germany

Redesignated 1 December 1948 as the 54th Engineer Combat Battalion

Redesignated 5 June 1953 as the 54th Engineer Battalion

Inactivated 15 January 1994 in Germany

Activated 16 February 1997 in Germany

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(Lettered companies inactivated 16 August 2007 in Germany; Support Company concurrently constituted and activated)

Battalion inactivated 15 August 2014 in Germany

Assigned 16 September 2015 to the 173d Airborne Brigade and activated at Vicenza, Italy (lettered companies concurrently activated)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Streamer without inscription

World War II

Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)

Tunisia

Sicily (with arrowhead)

Normandy (with arrowhead)

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Southwest Asia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait
Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

Iraqi Surge

Iraqi Sovereignty

(Additional campaigns
to be determined)

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003

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

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2010-2011

Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered ANBAR PROVINCE 2006-2007

Company B additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ-KUWAIT 1991

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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