

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

578th ENGINEER BATTALION

Organized 12 October 1916 in the California National Guard at Los Angeles as Company B, 1st Battalion of Engineers

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 14 August 1917 as Company E, 117th Engineers, an element of the 42d Division

Demobilized 14 May 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

Reorganized and Federally recognized 1 April 1937 in the California National Guard at Los Angeles as Company C, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, an element of the 40th Division

Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at Los Angeles

Reorganized and redesignated 18 February 1942 as the 184th Quartermaster Company and relieved from assignment to the 40th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1942 as the 184th Quartermaster Depot Company

Inactivated 2 May 1946 in Germany

Consolidated 23 April 1947 with the 2d Battalion, 115th Quartermaster Regiment (see ANNEX 1), and the 139th Transportation Corps Truck Company (see ANNEX 2) and consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized as the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, an element of the 40th Infantry Division, with Headquarters at Torrance

Ordered into active Federal service 1 September 1950 at home stations

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(578th Engineer Combat Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 2 September 1952 with Headquarters at Manhattan Beach; redesignated 1 February 1953 as the 578th Engineer Battalion [NGUS])

Released 30 June 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control as the 578th Engineer Battalion with Headquarters at Manhattan Beach; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 578th Engineer Battalion (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1954 as the 132d Armored Engineer Battalion, an element of the 40th Armored Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1959 as the 132d Engineer Battalion

Battalion (less Companies B, C, and D) reorganized and redesignated 29 January 1968 as the 140th Engineer Company, an element of the 40th Infantry Brigade (Companies B, C, and D - hereafter separate lineages)

Reorganized and redesignated 13 January 1974 as Company B, 132d Engineer Battalion, an element of the 40th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 1 May 1992 at Manhattan Beach; released 9 May 1992 from active Federal service and reverted to state control

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 1 September 1997 as the 578th Engineer Battalion, with Headquarters at Manhattan Beach, and remained assigned to the 40th Infantry Division

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ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 2 April 1937 in the California National Guard as the 2d Battalion, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, an element of the 40th Division, with Headquarters at Los Angeles

Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at Los Angeles

Disbanded 18 February 1942 at Camp San Luis Obispo, California

Reconstituted 25 August 1945 in the California National Guard

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ANNEX 2

Organized 28 May 1917 in the California National Guard at Los Angeles as Company C, 1st Battalion of Engineers

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 14 August 1917 as Company F, 117th Engineers, an element of the 42d Division

Demobilized 14 May 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

Reorganized and Federally recognized 1 April 1937 in the California National Guard as Company D, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, an element of the 40th Division

Inducted into Federal service 3 March 1941 at Los Angeles

Reorganized and redesignated 18 February 1942 as the 139th Quartermaster Company and relieved from assignment to the 40th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1942 as the 139th Quartermaster Truck Company

Inactivated 27 February 1946 at Fort Lawton, Washington

Converted and redesignated 24 July 1946 as the 139th Transportation Corps Truck Company

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HOME AREA: Southern California

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I
Champagne-Marne
Aisne-Marne
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918
Champagne 1918

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World War II

Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)

Sicily

Rome-Arno

Southern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Korean War

Second Korean Winter

Korea, Summer-Fall 1952

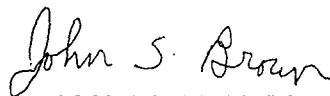
Third Korean Winter

Korea, Summer 1953

DECORATIONS

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1952-1954

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