



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**679th ENGINEER DETACHMENT**

Organized 6 October 1812 at Camden, South Carolina, as the Camden Rifle Company, commanded by Captain Chapman Levy

Mustered into Federal service 6 October 1814 as Captain Chapman Levy's Company of Riflemen (also known as the Camden Rifle Company), 2d Regiment, South Carolina Militia; mustered out of Federal service 5 March 1815

Mustered into Federal service 17 February 1836 at Sister's Ferry, Georgia, as Captain John Chestnut's Company (also known as the Kershaw Volunteers or Kershaw Guards), South Carolina Mounted Gunmen, South Carolina Mounted Militia; mustered out of Federal service 6 May 1836 at Jacksonville, East Florida

Reorganized 4 July 1840 at Camden

Incorporated 18 December 1840 at Camden as the DeKalb Rifle Guards

Mustered into Federal service 14 December 1846 at Charleston as Company C (Kershaw Volunteers), Palmetto Regiment; mustered out of Federal service 30 June 1848 at Mobile, Alabama

Reorganized in 1850 at Camden as the Camden Light Infantry

Defected 8 January 1861 from the South Carolina Militia and reorganized as the *Camden Volunteers*

Reorganized 23 May 1861 at Camp Davis, Virginia, as *Company E, 2d (Palmetto) Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers*

Surrendered 26 April 1865 near Greensboro, North Carolina, with the *Army of the Tennessee*

## **679th ENGINEER DETACHMENT**

Reorganized in 1876 in the State Volunteer Troops as the Kershaw Guards, commanded by Captain Edward B. Cantey at Camden

Assigned 9 January 1878 as a company in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Edward B. Cantey

Reorganized in 1883 as Captain William M. Shannon's Company (Kershaw Guards), 1st Battalion, 4th Regiment of Infantry

Consolidated 21 September 1889 with the Kershaw Troop (organized by 1884 at Camden), and consolidated unit designated as the Kershaw Troop, 2d Battalion, Cavalry

Converted and redesignated 15 May 1894 as the Oakland Rifles

Reorganized and redesignated 9 November 1895 as the Cantey Rifles

Disbanded 20 July 1899 at Camden

Reorganized 21 December 1899 in the South Carolina National Guard at Camden as Company A, 2d Regiment of Infantry

Redesignated 1 April 1915 as Company M, 1st Regiment of Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 1 July 1916 at Camp Moore, South Carolina; mustered out of Federal service 6 December 1916 at Camp Moore, South Carolina

Mustered into Federal service 17 April 1917 at Camp Moore, South Carolina; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 12 September 1917 as Company M, 118th Infantry, an element of the 30th Division

Demobilized 4 April 1919 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

Reorganized and Federally recognized 31 December 1920 in the South Carolina National Guard at Camden as Company M, 1st Infantry

Redesignated 19 December 1921 as Company M, 118th Infantry, an element of the 30th Division

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at Camden

(118th Infantry relieved 24 August 1942 from assignment to the 30th Division)

## **679th ENGINEER DETACHMENT**

Inactivated 24 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Reorganized and Federally recognized 3 July 1947 at Camden as Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, 51st Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 February 1949 as Company D, 122d Engineer Combat Battalion, an element of the 51st Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 February 1953 as Company D, 122d Engineer Battalion

Consolidated 1 April 1959 with Battery B, 713th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 10 February 1947 at Camden), and consolidated unit converted and redesignated as the Combat Support Company, 3d Battle Group, 118th Infantry, an element of the 51st Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1963 as the 744th Ordnance Company and relieved from assignment to the 51st Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 January 1968 as Company B, 105th Engineer Battalion, an element of the 30th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1973 as the 125th Engineer Company and relieved from assignment to the 30th Infantry Division

Consolidated 1 January 1992 with Detachment 1, 125th Engineer Company (see ANNEX 2) and consolidated unit designated as the 125th Engineer Company; concurrently, location changed to Bishopville

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1993 as Company C, 178th Engineer Battalion

Location changed 1 February 2003 to Timmonsville

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2008 as the 172d Engineer Platoon; concurrently, location changed to Chester

Consolidated 31 August 2019 with the 679th Engineer Detachment (organized and Federally recognized 4 October 2017 at Chester), and consolidated unit designated as the 679th Engineer Detachment

### **ANNEX**

Organized and Federally recognized 13 June 1947 in the South Carolina Army National Guard at Bishopville as Company L, 118th Infantry, an element of the 51st Infantry Division

## 679th ENGINEER DETACHMENT

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1959 Company D, 3d Battle Group, 118th Infantry, an element of the 51st Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as the 2d Rifle and Weapons Platoon, Company B, 3d Battalion, 118th Infantry, and relieved from assignment to the 51st Infantry Division

(3d Battalion, 118th Infantry, assigned 30 April 1964 to the 30th Infantry Division)

Converted and redesignated 1 January 1968 as the Class I Platoon and 2d General Support Platoon, 742d General Supply Company and relieved from assignment to the 30th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1971 as Detachment 1, 742d Maintenance Company

Converted and redesignated 1 January 1974 as Detachment 1, 125th Engineer Company

HOME STATION: Chester

### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Indian Wars  
Seminoles

Mexican War  
Vera Cruz  
Contreras  
Churubusco  
Chapultepec

World War I  
Somme Offensive  
Ypres-Lys  
Flanders 1918

World War II  
Northern France  
Rhineland

### DECORATIONS

None

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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