

Department of the army Lineage and Honors

# 6th ENGINEER BATTALION (OAK)

Organized 31 December 1861 in the Regular Army at Washington, D.C., from new and existing companies of engineers as a provisional engineer battalion (constituted 28 July 1866 as the Battalion of Engineers)

Expanded 14 March – 7 June 1901 to form the 1st and 2d Battalions of Engineers (2d Battalion of Engineers--hereafter separate lineage)

1st Battalion of Engineers expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 1 July 1916 as the 1st Engineer Regiment

1st Regiment of Engineers expanded 15 May 1917 to form the 1st, 6th, and 7th Regiments of Engineers (1st and 7th Regiments of Engineers--hereafter separate lineages)

6th Regiment of Engineers redesignated 29 August 1917 as the 6th Engineers

Assigned 1 October 1917 to the 3d Division

Regiment broken up 12 October 1939 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

1st Battalion as the 6th Engineer Battalion, an element of the 6th Division (later redesignated as the 6th Infantry Division)

(Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Company disbanded; 2d Battalion as the 10th Engineer Battalion--hereafter separate lineage)

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6th Engineer Battalion reorganized and redesignated 9 April 1942 as the 6th Engineer Motorized Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1943 as the 6th Engineer Combat Battalion

Inactivated 10 January 1949 in Korea

Activated 4 October 1950 at Fort Ord, California

Inactivated 3 April 1956 at Fort Ord, California

Redesignated 15 May 1958 as the 6th Engineer Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 6th Infantry Division; concurrently activated at West Point, New York

Inactivated 1 May 1966 at West Point, New York

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Engineer Battalion, redesignated 15 June 1967 as the 6th Engineer Company, assigned to the 11th Infantry Brigade, and activated at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

Inactivated 15 January 1968 in Vietnam, and relieved from assignment to the 11th Infantry Brigade

Redesignated 17 August 1988 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Engineer Battalion, assigned to the 6th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Wainwright, Alaska (organic elements concurrently activated)

Inactivated 15 June 1994 at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and relieved from assignment to the 6th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company activated 16 October 2008 at Fort Richardson, Alaska (Support Company concurrently constituted and activated)

Assigned 16 October 2014 to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Support Company concurrently inactivated and lettered companies activated)

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### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

<u>Civil War</u> Peninsula Antietam Fredericksburg Chancellorsville Wilderness Spotsylvania Cold Harbor Petersburg Appomattox Virginia 1863

Philippine Insurrection Streamer without inscription World War I Somme Defensive Champagne-Marne Aisne-Marne St. Mihiel Meuse-Argonne Champagne 1918

World War II New Guinea (with arrowhead) Luzon (with arrowhead)

<u>Vietnam</u> Counteroffensive, Phase III

#### DECORATIONS

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, Streamer embroidered CHAMPAGNE-MARNE AISNE-MARNE

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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