



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**856th ENGINEER COMPANY**

Organized and Federally recognized 6 June 1921 in the Pennsylvania National Guard at Punxsutawney as Troop F, 104th Cavalry

Redesignated 1 April 1929 as Troop L, 104th Cavalry

Redesignated 18 June 1939 as Troop I, 103d Cavalry

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 23 September 1940 as Battery E, 190th Field Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 13 January 1941 at Punxsutawney

Reorganized and redesignated 1 November 1943 as Battery B, 200th Field Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 16 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Reorganized and Federally recognized 5 December 1946 in the Pennsylvania National Guard at Punxsutawney as Battery B, 229th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 5 September 1950 at Punxsutawney

(Battery B, 229th Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS], organized and Federally recognized 16 September 1953 at Punxsutawney)

Released from active Federal 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Battery B, 229th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

## **856th ENGINEER COMPANY**

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 1 June 1959 as Company B, 228th Transportation Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as the 121st Transportation Company, and relieved from assignment to the 28th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1964 as the 2d and 3d Platoons, 121st Transportation Company

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 17 February 1968 as the Maintenance Platoon, 644th Light Maintenance Company

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1971 as Detachment 1, 1069th Maintenance Company

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 1 April 1975 as Company B, 876th Engineer Battalion

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 1 October 1996 as Company B and Support Platoon, 337th Engineer Battalion, elements of the 28th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 2004 as the 856th Engineer Company

Ordered into active Federal service 19 September 2008 at Punxsutawney; released from active Federal service 23 October 2009 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Punxsutawney (less detachment at Johnstown)

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

World War II

Normandy (with arrowhead)

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardenes-Alsace

Central Europe

War on Terrorism

*Iraq:*

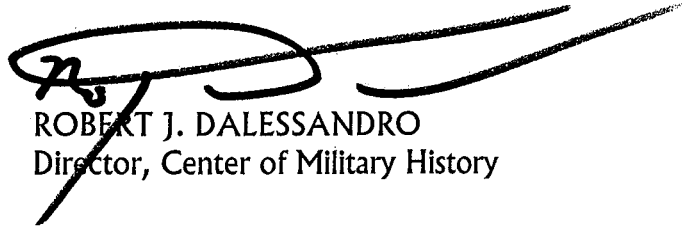
National Resolution

**856th ENGINEER COMPANY**

**DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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