



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

868th ENGINEER COMPANY

Organized in 1891 in the Florida State Troops at Live Oak as the Suwannee Rifles

Reorganized and redesignated in 1892 as Company D, 3d Battalion of Infantry

Redesignated in 1895 as Company A, 4th Battalion of Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 23 May 1898 at Tampa as Company L, 1st Florida Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 3 December 1898 at Tampa

Reorganized and redesignated in August 1899 as Company E, 1st Regiment of Infantry

(Florida State Troops redesignated in 1909 as the Florida National Guard)

Disbanded in 1912 at Live Oak

Reorganized in April 1917 in the Florida National Guard at Live Oak as Company E, 1st Regiment of Infantry

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917 at Jacksonville

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1917 as the 5th Company, 56th Depot Brigade, an element of the 31st Division

(56th Depot Brigade demobilized 31 October 1917 at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and personnel transferred to other organizations in the 31st Division)

Former Company E, 1st Regiment of Infantry, reorganized and Federally recognized 11 February 1920 in the Florida National Guard at Live Oak as the 3d Separate Company, Infantry

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Reorganized and redesignated 5 January 1921 as Company E, 1st Infantry

Redesignated 19 December 1921 as Company E, 154th Infantry, an element of the 39th Division

Redesignated 1 July 1923 as Company E, 124th Infantry, an element of the 31st Division

Inducted into Federal service 25 November 1940 at Live Oak

(124th Infantry relieved 13 June 1946 from assignment to the 31st Division [later redesignated as the 31st Infantry Division])

Inactivated 2 March 1944 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Activated 5 April 1944 in Australia as an element of the 31st Infantry Division

Inactivated 16 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

(124th Infantry relieved 13 June 1946 from assignment to the 31st Infantry Division; assigned 5 July 1946 to the 48th Infantry Division [later redesignated as the 48th Armored Division])

Reorganized and Federally recognized 8 October 1946 in the Florida National Guard at Live Oak as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 1 November 1955 as Company A, 187th Tank Battalion, an element of the 48th Armored Division

Reorganized and redesignated 15 April 1959 as Company A, 1st Medium Tank Battalion, 187th Armor, an element of the 48th Armored Division

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1963 as Company A, 1st Battalion, 187th Armor, an element of the 53d Separate Infantry Brigade (later redesignated as the 53d Armored Brigade)

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 20 January 1968 as Company C, 3d Battalion, 124th Infantry, an element of the 53d Infantry Brigade

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Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 1 December 1968 as the 269th Engineer Company and relieved from assignment to the 53d Infantry Brigade

Ordered into active Federal service 21 November 1990 at Live Oak; released from active Federal service 16 May 1991 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 3 February 2003 at Live Oak; released from active Federal service 19 June 2004 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2007 as the 868th Engineer Company

HOME STATION: Live Oak

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

New Guinea (with arrowhead)

Southern Philippines

Southwest Asia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism

Campaigns to be determined

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MINDANAO

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990-1991

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Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003

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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