

Department of the army Lineage and Honors

# **642d MAINTENANCE COMPANY**

Organized 20 April 1898 in the New Mexico Territorial Militia at Las Cruces as Company A, 1st Regiment of Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 16 July 1916; mustered out of Federal service 5 April 1917

Mustered into Federal service 11 June 1917 at Las Cruces; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Converted and redesignated 21 October 1917 as Company A, 143d Machine Gun Battalion, an element of the 40th Division

Demobilized 30 April 1919 at Camp Grant, Illinois

Reorganized and Federally recognized 20 June 1921 in the New Mexico National Guard at Las Cruces as Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Engineers

Redesignated 2 May 1922 as Headquarters and Service Company, 137th Engineers

Redesignated 23 February 1923 as Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineers, an element of the 45th Division

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at Las Cruces

Reorganized and redesignated 20 February 1942 as Headquarters Company, 120th Engineer Battalion, an element of the 45th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1942 as Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion

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Inactivated 26 November 1945 at Camp Bowie, Texas

Relieved 31 May 1946 from assignment to the 45th Infantry Division

Reorganized and Federally recognized 26 September 1947 at Las Cruces as Battery A, 716th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 14 August 1950 at Las Cruces; released from active Federal service 13 May 1952 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery A, 2d Gun Battalion, 200th Artillery

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1962 as the 642d Ordnance Company

Reorganized and redesignated 15 December 1967 as the 642d Light Maintenance Company

Reorganized and redesignated 30 January 1974 as the 642d Maintenance Company

Ordered into active Federal service 5 January 2004 at Las Cruces; released from active Federal service 3 July 2005 and reverted to state control

HOME STATION: Las Cruces

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I Streamer without inscription

World War II Sicily (with arrowhead) Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead) Anzio Rome-Arno Southern France (with arrowhead) Rhineland Ardennes-Alsace Central Europe

### **642d MAINTENANCE COMPANY**

### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Streamer embroidered ACQUAFONDATA

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