



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

## Lineage and Honors

### 501st SIGNAL BATTALION

Constituted 23 July 1918 in the National Army as the 626th Field Signal Battalion and assigned to the 101st Division

(101st Division only partially organized October-November 1918; demobilized 11 December 1918)

Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as the 101st Signal Company and assigned to the 101st Division

Organized in October 1921 in Wisconsin

Withdrawn 15 August 1942 from the Organized Reserves and allotted to the Army of the United States; concurrently reorganized at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, as the 101st Airborne Signal Company, an element of the 101st Airborne Division

Inactivated 30 November 1945 in France

Allotted 25 June 1948 to the Regular Army

Activated 6 July 1948 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 April 1949 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 25 August 1950 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 December 1953 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 15 May 1954 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

## 501st SIGNAL BATTALION

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1956 as Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Detachment, 501st Airborne Signal Battalion, an element of the 101st Airborne Division (516th Signal Company [see ANNEX 1] and 299th Signal Company [see ANNEX 2] concurrently redesignated as the Operations Company and the Installation Company, 501st Airborne Signal Battalion, respectively, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky)

Reorganized and redesignated 25 April 1957 as the 501st Signal Battalion (Operations and Installation Companies concurrently reorganized and redesignated as Companies A and B, respectively)

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### ANNEX 1

Constituted 11 May 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 246th Signal Operation Company

Activated 15 April 1943 at Camp Crowder, Missouri

Inactivated 30 November 1945 at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

Redesignated 15 March 1949 as the 516th Signal Company

Activated 1 April 1949 in Austria

Allotted 20 February 1951 to the Regular Army

Inactivated 31 July 1955 in Austria

### ANNEX 2

Constituted 8 December 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 299th Signal Installation Company

Activated 24 September 1943 at Camp Crowder, Missouri

Redesignated 26 May 1945 as the 299th Signal Service Company

Inactivated 21 March 1946 in France

Redesignated 16 February 1953 as the 299th Signal Company and allotted to the Regular Army

# 501st SIGNAL BATTALION

Activated 25 March 1953 at Camp Gordon, Georgia

Inactivated 27 June 1955 at Camp Gordon, Georgia

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## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

### World War II

Normandy (with arrowhead)

Rhineland (with arrowhead)

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

### Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase III

Tet Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase IV

Counteroffensive, Phase V

Counteroffensive, Phase VI

Tet 69/Counteroffensive

Summer-Fall 1969

Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Consolidation I

Consolidation II

### Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

## DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered NORMANDY

## 501st SIGNAL BATTALION

Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm, Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE; cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at BASTOGNE

Belgian Fourragere 1940

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in FRANCE and BELGIUM

Netherlands Orange Lanyard

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970

Company B additionally entitled to:

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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