



HEADQUARTERS  
221ST ENGINEER GROUP (CBT) NYARNG

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA BADGE

DESCRIPTION

A gold color metal and enamel device 1-1/8 inches in height overall consisting of a gold bayonet, point up surmounting the cross bar of a gold fleur-de-lis, overall a saltire divided horizontally blue and gray with the center portion masoned gold between four gold five-pointed stars all between eight symmetrical alternating gold and white wavy bars, chevronwise between the outer edge of the blue portion of the saltire and in base a red enamel double concave scroll passing behind the hilt of the bayonet and inscribed "Always Faithful" in gold letters.

SYMBOLISM

Scarlet and white are the colors used for the Corps of Engineers. The masonry is symbolic of construction, the bayonet of combat, the wavy bars of flowing water, and the saltire of support all indicative of the unit's overall mission. Blue and gray refer to the Civil War, and the bayonet denotes the unit's activation in the New York State Militia as the 74th Infantry Regiment at Buffalo, the four stars representing the organization's participation in the Manassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg Campaigns. The fleur-de-lis denotes the unit's service in France during WWI. The wavy bars allude to the cascading as well as the lake waters in and near Buffalo, the unit's present home.

NARRATIVE HISTORY

Parent unit organized 1 June 1854 in the New York State Militia as the 74th Infantry Regiment at Buffalo.

Reorganized in May 1861 (with some elements remaining in State service) to form nucleus of the 21st Regiment, New York State Volunteers, and mustered into Federal service 20 May 1861 at Elmira.

(New York State Militia redesignated in 1862 as New York National Guard).

Mustered out of Federal service 18 May 1863 and reverted to State control as the 74th Infantry Regiment.

Mobilized 19 June 1863 at Buffalo; mustered into Federal service 4 July 1863 at Mount Union, Pennsylvania; mustered out of Federal service 3 August 1863.

Mustered into Federal service 16 November 1863 at Buffalo; mustered out of Federal service 16 December 1863 and resumed State status as the 74th Infantry Regiment.

Elements reorganized to form the 1st Battalion, 202d New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment and mustered into Federal service 19 July 1898 at Buffalo; mustered out of Federal service 15 April 1899 at Savannah, Georgia, and reorganized in the New York National Guard as elements of the 74th Infantry.

Mustered into Federal service 2 July 1916 for Mexican Border Service; mustered out of Federal service 24 February 1917.

Called into Federal service 28 March 1917 and drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917 (on 1 October 1917, approximately 1600 men were transferred into the 108th Infantry, 106th Field Artillery, and 102d Engineer Regiment, elements of the 27th Division).

(74th Infantry, New York Guard, organized 22 November 1917 for State service).

Reorganized and redesignated 4 January 1918 as the 55th Pioneer Infantry.

Demobilized 8 February 1919 at Camp Hill, Virginia.

Reconstituted and consolidated 22 April 1919 with the 74th Infantry, New York Guard, and consolidated unit designated as the 74th Infantry in the New York National Guard.

Redesignated 18 October 1921 as the 174th Infantry.

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at Buffalo, as an element of the 44th Infantry Division.

Relieved 27 January 1943 from assignment to the 44th Infantry Division.

Inactivated 26 September 1945 at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Assigned 27 September 1946 to the 27th Infantry Division (later, 27th Armored Division).

Reorganized and Federally recognized 15 April 1947 at Buffalo.

Headquarters Company, 174th Infantry and Service Company, 174th Infantry reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1955 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command C, 27th Armored Division and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Division Trains, respectively (remainder of regiment, hereafter separate lineages).

After 1 February 1955 the above units underwent changes as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command C, 27th Armored Division reorganized and redesignated 15 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 27th Armored Division.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 27th Armored Division Trains reorganized and redesignated 16 March 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 27th Armored Division Trains.

Consolidated 15 April 1963 with the 27th Armored Division Band and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters, Headquarters and Band, 27th Armored Division Support Command.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 March 1964 as Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 27th Armored Division Support Command.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 27th Armored Division and Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 27th Armored Division Support Command consolidated

1 February 1968 and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 221st Engineer Group NYARNG (TOE 5-52E).

Mobilized 13 September 1971 into active State service for aid to civil authorities at the Attica Correctional Facility (Attica, New York) inmate uprising, which ultimately yielded thirty-nine (39) hostage/inmate fatalities and numerous injuries. Major missions included medical care to and evacuation of wounded individuals, security forces to assist the various law enforcement agencies, and logistical support to State agencies.

Reorganized 1 December 1971 and designated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 221st Engineer Group NYARNG (TOE 5-52G).

Mobilized 22 June 1972 into active State service for aid to civil authorities in "Hurricane Agnes" flood relief and rescue operations in the Southern Tier Counties of New York State. Major missions included containment of flood waters (sandbags, etc.)/dike-patrolling, air/ground rescue and evacuation of civilian personnel, traffic control, security to prevent looting, engineer tasks (re-establishment of stream channels, heavy equipment operations, including silt removal and erosion control, etc.), removal/disposing of tainted food stuffs and perishables, and medical aid/evacuation.

Demobilized 30 June 1972.

Reorganized 1 July 1973 and designated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 221st Engineer Group NYARNG (MTOE 5-52GNG02).

The present Commander, 221st Engineer Group NYARNG is COL Michael T. Sullivan, Jr. Recent past Commanders were BG Edward J. Murphy (Retired) and BG Murray A. Kitt.

The present Executive Officer, 221st Engineer Group NYARNG is LTC Clarence C. Wallace. His predecessor, LTC Fred E. Peters, Jr.

The present Operations and Training Officer (S3) is MAJ Harry D. Stobie. Recent past S3's include LTC Gerald V. Harris (USAR), LTC Francis A. Machina, LTC George F. Crowe (USAR), and LTC Joseph J. Panzarella (USAR).

The present Commander, HHC, 221st Engineer Group NYARNG is 1LT Frederick F. Mc Carrick. Recent past Commanders include CPT Kenneth J. Braunbach and MAJ Roy A. Tilghman (USAR).