

Lineage and Honors

1st BATTALION, 50th INFANTRY

Constituted 15 May 1917 in the Regular Army as Company A, 50th Infantry

Organized 1 June 1917 at Syracuse, New York

(50th Infantry assigned 31 July 1918 to the 20th Division; relieved 28 February 1919 from assignment to the 20th Division)

Inactivated 31 December 1921 in Germany

Demobilized 31 July 1922

Reconstituted 8 January 1942 in the Regular Army as Company A, 50th Armored Infantry, an element of the 6th Armored Division

Activated 15 February 1942 at Fort Knox, Kentucky

Reorganized and redesignated 20 September 1943 as Company A, 44th Armored Infantry Battalion, an element of the 6th Armored Division

Inactivated 19 September 1945 at Camp Shanks, New York

Activated 5 September 1950 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Inactivated 16 March 1956 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Redesignated 1 July 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 50th Infantry, relieved from assignment to the 6th Armored Division, assigned to the 2d Armored Division, and activated in Germany (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1963 as the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry

Relieved 1 September 1967 from assignment to the 2d Armored Division

Assigned 16 December 1970 to the 2d Armored Division

Inactivated 15 March 1983 at Fort Hood, Texas, and relieved from assignment to the 2d Armored Division

Headquarters transferred 28 August 1987 to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command and organized at Fort Benning, Georgia

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
*Normandy

*Northern France

*Rhineland

*Ardennes-Alsace *Central Europe

<u>Vietnam</u>

*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

DECORATIONS

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

*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970

*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970

*Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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