



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
1436 ENGINEER COMPANY (HORIZONTAL)  
8061 COOK STREET  
MONTAGUE, MI 49437

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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: History, Lineage, Honors, and Decorations of the 1436 Engineer Company

### 1. History

a. The 1436th Engineer Company lineage dates back prior to the War Between States. The unit's lineage began when independent militia companies were formed during 12 July 1855 to October 1859 era. Grand Rapids Light Guard, Grand Rapids Artillery, Valley City Guards, Ringgold's Light Artillery, and Grand Rapids Rifles (which were composed of citizens of German decent from the west side of Grand Rapids.) The above named units were formed into the 51<sup>st</sup> Uniformed Michigan Militia in 1856. The 51<sup>st</sup> Uniformed Michigan Militia was consolidated and expanded to become 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and mustered into Federal service 10 June 1861 at Grand Rapids, Michigan for Civil War service. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry participated in 28 engagements and 10 campaigns. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry was released from Federal service on 10 June 1866. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry was reorganized as independent militia companies of Michigan State Troops between 1871 and 1874. Michigan State Troops were organized back into Grand Rapids Guards on 28 June 1872. The units were formed into 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment on 6 July 1874. The units with no change in designation were reorganized 10 May 1876 by detachment of companies in the Flint area, who were reassigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment and additional new companies in the Grand Rapids area. The Michigan State Troops were redesignated to the Michigan National Guards on 31 December 1894. The Michigan National Guard was redesignated as 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment and mustered into Federal service for the War with Spain 11-14 May 1898 at Island Lake. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment was mustered out of Federal service 25 October thru 9 November 1898 at various cities in Michigan. The 32<sup>nd</sup> did not serve outside of the United States during Federal service. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment was reorganized as 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment of the Michigan National Guard on 10 July 1899. The unit was redesignated from 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment to 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment on 22 April 1915, and mustered into Federal service for Mexican Border duty on 1 July 1916 at Camp Grayling. The unit was released, mustered out of Federal service on 15 February 1917 at Fort Wayne, Michigan. The unit was reactivated for Federal service 17 July 1917 and redesignated 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 32<sup>nd</sup> Division as of 22 September 1917. After the conclusion of World War I, the unit was demobilized at Camp Custer, Michigan as follows; 126th Infantry Regiment less 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 24 May, 1919 at Camp Custer, Michigan. The unit was reorganized, redesignated, and Federally recognized as Company G, Infantry, at Muskegon, Michigan. The unit was reorganized and

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redesignated 28 November 1921 as Company G, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment assigned to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division. The unit was then organized and Federally recognized 22 July, 1924 in the Michigan National Guard as Headquarters Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 32<sup>nd</sup> Division. The unit was inducted into Federal service 15 October, 1940 at Muskegon, Michigan as HQ DETACH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 32<sup>nd</sup> Division and redesignated 1 August, 1942 as 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. After World War II, the unit was inactivated on 28 February 1946 at Kokura, Japan. The unit was relieved from assignment to 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division on 31 May, 1946 and assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the Michigan National Guard. The unit was reorganized and Federally recognized 30 January 1947 at Muskegon, Michigan on 15 March 1959. The unit was reorganized and redesignated as Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle Group, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry. The unit was ordered into active Federal service 25 July, 1967 at Camp Grayling, Michigan and released/reverted back to State Control from Federal service on 2 August 1967. The unit was consolidated 1 February 1968 with Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry Company B was Federally recognized/organized 15 November 1965 at Muskegon, Michigan. The combined units were converted, reorganized, and redesignated as 1436<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company concurrently, and relieved from assignment to 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to 207<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion of 46<sup>th</sup> Engineer Group.

b. During its history the 1436 participated in the following campaigns:

1. CIVIL WAR; Bull Run, Peninsula, Manassas, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and Cold Harbor, Alabama 1864
2. WORLD WAR I; Aisne – Marne, Oise – Aisne, Alsace, and Meuse – Argonne
3. WORLD WAR II; Papua; New Guinea (with Arrowhead), Luzon, and Leyte
4. CIVIL DISTURBANCES; Detroit Riots, 1967

c. Prior to 1965 the 1436 was awarded the following decorations:

1. DECORATIONS; Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer Embroider PAPUA, French Croix de' Guerre (with Palm), Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer Embroider 17 October 1944 to 4 July 1945

## 2. Lineage

- a. Following the Federal recognition of 15 November 1965; Secretary of the Army, Major General Kenneth G. Wickham officially recognized the 1436 on 15 April 1969.
- b. Under that official recognition the following lineage was granted to the 1436 by the Secretary of the Army Major General Kenneth G. Wickham:

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1. The 1436 Engineer Company was organized and Federally recognized 23 August 1920 in the Michigan National Guard as Company G, Infantry, at Muskegon. Reorganized and redesignated 28 November 1921 as Company G, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry (126<sup>th</sup> Infantry assigned to the 32d Division). Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Muskegon (32d Division redesignated 1 August 1942 as 32d Infantry Division). Inactivated 28 February 1946 at Kokura, Japan (126<sup>th</sup> Infantry relieved from assignment to 32d Infantry Division 31 May 1946 and assigned to the 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division). Reorganized and Federally recognized 30 January 1947 at Muskegon. Reorganized and redesignated 15 March 1959 as Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle Group, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Ordered into active Federal service 25 July 1967 at Camp Grayling. Released from active Federal service 2 August 1967 and reverted to State control.

### 3. Honors and Decorations

- a. By order of Secretary of the Army, Major General Kenneth G. Wickham 15 April 1969; the 1436 Engineer Company was awarded the following:
  1. CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT; World War II-AP, Papua, New Guinea (with arrowhead), Leyte, and Luzon
  2. DECORATIONS; Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PAPUA, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945, and most recently the Meritorious Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 01 JANUARY 2005 TO 25 OCTOBER 2005 and the Army Superior Unit Award for the period 15 June 2014 to 15 June 2015 awarded by the Commander of the National Guard Bureau.

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