

## ***General History of the 630th Engineer Company LE***

The company was first activated at Camp Maxey, Texas, on May 5, 1943. After training there and in the Louisiana Maneuver Area for more than a year, it sailed from New York to England aboard the Queen Mary in late August 1944. It went to France on October 3, 1944; moved to Holland on November 7, 1944; and entered Germany on March 2, 1945. It returned to the United States in July 1945, and then served until August 1950 at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

After the outbreak of the Korean War, the company sailed to Japan in August 1950 and then moved to Korea, where it arrived on October 7, 1950. It served in Korea until inactivated there on March 15, 1956. Although redesignated in June 1954 as the 630th Engineer company. It remained organized as an engineer light equipment company.

The company was again activated in June 1963 at Fort Chafee, Arkansas. It moved to Fort Bliss, Texas, in December 1964, and sailed to Vietnam aboard the USNS Patrick in October 1965. The company was assigned to the 937th Engineer Group, which was then responsible for engineer support in the northern part of the Republic of Vietnam's II Corps Area. It assisted the 70th Engineer Battalion develop the base camp and logistical complex of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at An Khe and later worked on the An Khe Airfield. It also assisted the 299th Engineer Battalion with base development, highway upgrade and maintenance, and combat support in the Qui Nhon area prior to July 29, 1966, and then at Pleiku.

The company was relieved from the 937th Engineer Group and assigned to the 45th Engineer Group in mid-1968, shortly after the latter organization assumed military engineering responsibilities in the I Corps Area in the northern part of the Republic of Vietnam from Marine and Navy units. The company supported the 14th Engineer Battalion in constructing helicopter landing facilities for the 1st Cavalry Division at Fire Support Base Nancy between Hue and Quang Tri. It endured a North Vietnamese attack there that began with a mortar barrage and ended with a ground assault in which enemy troops breached the perimeter defenses and threw hand grenades into American tents and bunkers before being driven back.

The 630th remained assigned to the 45th Engineer Group until 1971, assisting several of its battalions, but primarily the 14th. It was inactivated in Vietnam on August 28, 1971. Most recently the company served in Germany from September 1980 to August 15, 1988.

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