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Annual Unit History

*Due NLT 01 February each year for the previous calendar year.
Refer to 28ID Military History Program SOP, dtd. 15 August 2008, for specific guidance.*

For Calendar Year: 2008

Unit: Company B, (Maintenance), 128th Brigade Support Battalion

Unit Address: 826 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Unit POC: SFC Shane M. Tanouye / Unit Readiness NCO

Unit POC Phone Number: (412)343-5353

I. Introduction or Forward *(A brief account on the unit's origin and its accomplishments over the years and a statement about the current period covered)*

The unit was originally organized as the 3rd Company, Duquesne Grays on 7 February, 1870. Disbanded on 12 May, 1880 the unit was reorganized back into service on 16 July, 1880 as an Infantry Regiment Company and continued to be mustered in and out of service and reorganized several times. Federally recognized on 2 May, 1922 and redesignated HQ Battery, 228th Field Artillery. The unit was again federally recognized 15 April, 1947 and was reorganized several times as Anti-aircraft Artillery Unit and finally reorganized and redesignated Company B, 128th Forward Support Battalion 1 March, 1992 as a Heavy Division Support Command (DISCOM) Maintenance Company. Due to Force Modernization and the disbandment of Division Support Command (DISCOM) the unit was reorganized under the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (2IBCT) and designated as Company B, 128th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) providing Field Level Maintenance in support of the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

The unit conducted a Change of Command in January 2008 with the outgoing commander, CPT Jordan Steele, relinquishing command to the incoming commander, 1LT Robert D. Mitchell. In April the unit received its new First Sergeant, First Sergeant Scott A. Campbell.

II. Organization and Administration

A. Organization *(Select the type of organization from the pull-down menu)*

Support

B. Mission *(A brief mission statement and the Mission Essential Task List)*

Mission Statement - On order, Co B 128th Brigade Support Battalion mobilizes and deploys to a forward area of operations to provide Field Level Maintenance support to an Infantry Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) for all automotive, ground support equipment, communications-electronic, armament peculiar systems, and limited recovery support. On order, conducts federal disaster or emergency assistance operations.

Mission Essential Task List (METL) - Conduct Field Maintenance & Recovery Support, Defend Assigned Area, Deploy the Company, Establish Company Area of Operation, Re-Deploy the Company, and Relocate the Company.

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C. Personnel

1. Commander and Staff (Brief biographical sketches)

Commander: 1LT Robert D. Mitchell. 1LT Mitchell was born in Johnstown, PA. He graduated from Richland High School, Johnstown, PA., from Cambria County Area Community College with an AS in Electronics Engineering Technology, from Penn State University with a certification in Nanofabrication Manufacturing Technology, and from California University with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. 1LT Mitchell's career as a Guardsman began on December 5, 2002 when he enlisted as a direct OCS enlistment into B Co, 128th FSB, Pittsburgh, PA. His military education includes Pennsylvania State OCS Accelerated course, Ordnance Officer Basic Course, and Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course. 1LT Mitchell was deployed with the 228th Forward Support Battalion for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF4). His awards include: Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserver Medal with "M" device, Thomas J. Stewart Medal. He lives in New Kensington, PA

First Sergeant: 1SG Scott A Campbell. First Sergeant Campbell is a 1982 graduate of Hollidaysburg High School, Hollidaysburg, PA and attended The Pennsylvania State University for two years prior to joining the United States Army in May of 1984. His military education includes leadership courses from Primary Leadership Development Course through First Sergeants Course. First Sergeant Campbell's deployments include Kosovo peacekeeping (KFOR 5A) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF4). His awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal (6th award), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (4th award), National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Non Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (3rd award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal, Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Ribbon, Thomas J. Stewart Medal, and the Thomas White Medal. 1SG Campbell lives in Hollidaysburg PA, with his wife Lori, and their three children Lauren, Ross, and Emily

2. Medal of Honor Winners (Brief biographical sketches, if available, and a brief account of the action or a copy of the citation) (If none, enter "NONE")

None

3. Others (Winners of Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and other) (If none, enter "NONE")

CW2 Timothy Metcalf and SSG Peter Moon were awarded the Bronze Star for their actions while deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq. SGT Lawrence Ake was the winner of the Brigade NCO of the Year.

III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

A. Operations

None

B. Training and Exercises

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February - Vehicle Convoy Training (VCOT) conducted in Connellsville and Combat Lifesaver (CLS) was conducted at Crane Armory. March - Convoy Lanes Training conducted at Burgettstown, PA. April - Maj Rayburg, Bn Operations Officer, conducted Convoy Lanes Training to personnel from unit. May - Pre/Post Deployment Training (formally known as Annual Training) was conducted 3-17 May 2008 at Fort Pickett, Virginia. June - PDT recovery operations conducted. July - New SINGARS radios along with Blue Force Tracker (BFT) equipment installed at Brigade Headquarters in Washington, PA. August - No highlights. September - Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) was conducted at South Park in Pittsburgh, PA. October - Maintenance Assistance Teams (MAIT) sent out to supported units in preparation for upcoming inspections. Battalion internal Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) conducted at Crane Armory. November - Unit receives MAIT visit and inspection of units status and deployability. December - Class "A" dress uniform inspection. New Equipment Training (NET) was conducted on the Defense Advanced GPS Receiver (DAGR), the Blue Force Tracker (BFT), and the issue of multiple pieces of new equipment (e.g. LMTV, MTV, Up-Armored HMMWVs, M4 Rifles)

C. Special Events

1. Unit Day Ceremonies

January - Change of Command conducted with the outgoing commander CPT Jordan Steele relinquishing command to the incoming commander 1LT Robert Mitchell. September - September 11, 2001 remembrance ceremony held at Crane Armory.

2. Civil Actions (State active duty)

None

3. Permanent Changes of Station

None

4. Recruiting Initiatives

Recruiting event conducted in Peters Township, PA for "Touch a Truck" event 12 July 2008

5. Other (Include community activities, morale support activities, Christmas party, etc.)

None

IV. Special Equipment Fielding

LIN: F64544 - Forward: Repair System (FRS) Qty (4)
 LIN: N96248 - Navigation Set: Satellite Signals AN/PSN-13 Qty (49)
 LIN: R45463 - Receiver-Transmitter: RT-1523F(C) Qty (62)
 LIN: R97234 - Rifle 5.56 Millimeter: M4 Qty (80)
 LIN: T07679 - Truck Utility: Heavy Variant HMMWV M1097 Qty (4)
 LIN: T37588 - Truck Utility Expanded Capacity M1152A1 Qty (3)
 LIN: T60081 - Truck Cargo: 4X4 LMTV W/E Qty (1)
 LIN: T61494 - Truck Utility: Cargo/Troop Carrier HMMWV M998 Qty (2)
 LIN: T61630 - Truck Utility: Expanded Capacity HMMWV M1152 Qty (1)

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V. Appendices

A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

- 07 Feb 1870 - Organized in the Pennsylvania Militia at Pittsburgh as the 3rd Company, Duquesne Grays
- 26 Dec 1871 - Redesignated as Company C, 18th Infantry Regiment
- 12 May 1880 - Disbanded at Pittsburgh
- 16 Jul 1880 - Reorganized in the Pennsylvania National Guard at Pittsburgh as Company C, 18th Infantry Regiment
- 11 May 1898 - Mustered into Federal service at Mount Gretna as Company C, 18th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry
- 22 Oct 1898 - Mustered out of Federal service at Pittsburgh
- 20 Jan 1899 - Reorganized at Pittsburgh as Company C, 18th Infantry Regiment
- 04 Jul 1916 - Mustered into Federal service at Mount Gretna
- 05 Jul 1917 - Mustered out of Federal service at Pittsburgh
- 05 Aug 1917 - Drafted and mustered into Federal service. Consolidated with Company C, 6th Infantry Regiment (organized in 1892), and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as Company C, 111th Infantry, an element of the 29th Division
- 13 May 1919 - Mustered out at Camp Dix, New Jersey
- 11 Apr 1921 - Former Company C, 18th Infantry Regiment, reorganized in the Pennsylvania National Guard at Pittsburgh as Headquarters Battery, 176th Field Artillery, an element of the 29th Division
- 02 May 1922 - Federally recognized
- 03 Feb 1941 - Inducted into Federal service at Pittsburgh
- 12 Mar 1942 - Redesignated as Headquarters Battery, 228th Field Artillery, and relieved from assignment to the 29th Division
- 01 Mar 1943 - Reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters Battery, 228th Field Artillery Group
- 14 Nov 1945 - Inactivated at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts
- 15 Apr 1947 - Reorganized and Federally recognized at Pittsburgh as Headquarters Battery, 218th Anti-aircraft Artillery Group
- 01 Jun 1959 - Consolidated with the 373rd Signal Detachment and the 149th Anti-aircraft Artillery Detachment (organized and Federally recognized 13 September 1951 at Pittsburgh) and consolidated

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- unit reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters Battery, 228th Field Artillery Group
- 01 Apr 1963 - Consolidated with Battery A, 2nd Missile Battalion, 176th Artillery and consolidated unit converted and redesignated as the 405th Ordnance Company
- 17 Feb 1968 - Reorganized and redesignated as the 405th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company
- 01 Mar 1992 - Reorganzied and redesignated as Company B, 128th Forward Support Battalion
- 01 Oct 1995 - Consolidated with Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery and redesignated as Company B, (Main), 128th Support Battalion (Forward)
- 25 Jun 2002 - Unit activated and designated Company B, 128th FSB, and Detachment 1, Co B Forward, 128th BSB for deployment to Europe in support of Operation Enduring Freedom
- XX Feb 2003 - Det 1, Co B Forward, 128th FSB returns from deployment and consolidated with Company B, 128th FSB
- 17 Jul 2006 - Reorganzied at Pittsburgh as Company B, 128th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB)

Annex 1

- 26 Jul 1898 - Organized in the Pennsylvania National Guard at Pittsburgh as Company I, 17th Infantry Regiment
- 01 Jul 1899 - Redesignated as Company I, 18th Infantry Regiment
- 04 Jul 1916 - Mustered into Federal service at Mount Gretna
- 05 Jan 1917 - Mustered out of Federal service at Pittsburgh
- 14 Apr 1917 - Mustered into Federal service at Pittsburgh
- 11 Oct 1917 - 18th Infantry consolidated with 6th Infantry and redesignated as 11th Infantry, 28th Division
- 13 May 1919 - Mustered out at Camp Dix, New Jersey
- 29 Jul 1920 - Organized and Federally recognized as Company I, 18th Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard
- 01 Apr 1921 - Converted, reorganized and redesignated as Battery F, 176th Field Artillery
- 03 Feb 1941 - Inducted into Federal service at Pittsburgh
- 12 Mar 1942 - Reorganized and redesignated as Battery F, 228th Field Artillery

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- 01 Mar 1943 - Reorganized and redesignated as Battery C, 967th Field Artillery Battalion
- 02 Dec 1945 - Inactivated at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia
- 24 May 1946 - Redesignated as Battery C, 708th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion
- 28 Jun 1949 - Reorganized and Federally recognized at Pittsburgh as Battery, C, 708th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion
- 01 May 1951 - Ordered into active Federal service at Pittsburgh
- 21 Feb 1953 - Released from active Federal service and reverted to state control
- 01 Nov 1955 - Redesignated as Battery A, 724th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion
- 01 Feb 1958 - Reorganized and redesignated as Battery A, 724th Missile Battalion
- 01 Jun 1959 - Reorganized and redesignated as Battery A, 2nd Missile Battalion, 176th Artillery with a change of station to Moon Run
- 01 Aug 1959 - Change of station from Moon Run to Bridgeville

Annex 2

Lineage of Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery before consolidation with Company B, (Maintenance), 128th Support Battalion, Forward Support Battalion, 1 October 1995

- 1 Dec 1971 - Organized and Federally recognized as Service Battery, 1st Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)(towed), 107th Artillery

B. Unit Citations

Campaign Participation Credit:

World War I -

- Champagne-Marne
- Aisne-Marne
- Oise-Aisne
- Meuse-Argonne
- Champagne 1918
- Lorraine 1918

World War II -

- Normandy
- Northern France
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

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C. Selected Orders *(Include alert orders, mobilization orders, etc)*

None

D. Other.

None

VI. Glossary *(A list of words not commonly used, acronyms and their explanations)*

BFT - Blue Force Tracker

BSB - Brigade Support Battalion

DAGR - Defense Advanced GPS Receiver

LMTV - Light Medium Tactical Vehicle

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PDT - Pre/Post Deployemtn Training (formally Annual Training)

VCOT - Vehicle Convoy Training

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