

## 180<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion



*180<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion unit crests (left – actual crest and line art crest) and coat of arms (r)  
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On 23 February 1943, the 180<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion originally constituted in the U.S. Army as the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 519<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Regiment. It then activated at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas on 26 April 1943 and broken up 20 December 1943. It was reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 180<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile and Companies I, K, L, and M were redesignated as the 3989<sup>th</sup>, 3990<sup>th</sup>, 3991<sup>st</sup>, and 3992<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster Truck Companies, respectively. The companies followed separate lineages. On 20 December 1943, the battalion reorganized and redesignated as the 180<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile. During World War II, the 180<sup>th</sup> participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe. The battalion inactivated shortly after the end of the war on 12 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

On 1 August 1946, the unit reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarter Detachment, 180<sup>th</sup> Transportation Corps Truck Battalion. The 180<sup>th</sup> then redesignated 7 December 1966 as Headquarters and Headquarter Detachment, 180<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion and allotted to the Regular Army.

By 23 January 1967, the battalion activated at Fort Hood, Texas. It fell under the 13th Support Brigade. As the nation's involvement in Vietnam was increasing, consequently this brigade formed and tasked with training technical services units to assure combat service support missions in Southeast Asia.

On 11 August 1971, the 180<sup>th</sup> Battalion consisted of the following units:

Headquarters and Headquarter Detachment, 180<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion (Mtr Transport)  
96<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company (Heavy Truck)  
418<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company (Medium Truck Petroleum)  
628<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company (Light Medium Truck)  
375<sup>th</sup> Transportation Detachment (Highway Regulating Point)  
406<sup>th</sup> Transportation Detachment (Trailer Transfer Point Operations)

The 13<sup>th</sup> Support Brigade evolved due to its increased missions and changing roles and was redesignated as the 13th Support Command (Corps) in 1980 then as the 13th Corps Support Command (COSCOM) in March 1989.

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990, the 180<sup>th</sup> was part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Command based out of Fort Hood, Texas. Shortly afterwards, the unit deployed as part of Operation DESERT SHIELD. During Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM the battalion consisted of the following:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment  
96<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company  
418<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company (POL)  
628<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company  
406<sup>th</sup> Trailer Transfer Point Detachment

The 406<sup>th</sup> provided operational control and maintenance of the battalion's flatbed semi trailer fleet, which consisted of nineteen M871s, 22 ½-ton, four M872A3 34-ton, and two M127A2C 12-ton trailers. The company performed its mission with the assistance of three M878 yard tractors and a 6,000-pound rough terrain forklift.

The 628<sup>th</sup> provided transportation for the movement of personnel and general cargo. During Operation DESERT SHIELD, they provided transport to all non-divisional units and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. Their mission then switched to support of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment with the start of Operation DESERT STORM. During its deployment, the 628<sup>th</sup> drove over one million miles, hauled 2.5 million gallons of fuel and 1.2 million gallons of water.

The 418<sup>th</sup> mission was to move bulk petroleum products. They were tasked with the resupply of bulk petroleum to the First Cavalry Division and during their deployment in Southwest Asia, the company drove in excess of 230,000 miles and transported 5.6 million gallons of fuel. The company consisted of three medium POL platoons and sixty 5-ton tractors and sixty 5,000-gallon fuel tankers.

The 96<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company originally deployed with the 27<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. They then assigned to the 169<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion. The 96<sup>th</sup>'s main task was to move heavy equipment to Northern Saudi Arabia but they also aided the division by moving fuel to Iraq. During the deployment, the 96<sup>th</sup> drove over 147,000 miles and hauled 490 pieces of heavy equipment.

On 22 June 1991, the 180<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion personnel redeployed at Fort Hood, Texas. In October 1991, the 180<sup>th</sup> was inspected by 13<sup>th</sup> COSCOM. They underwent a III Corps major subordinate command (MSC) level I emergency deployment readiness exercise (EDRE) and received the highest rating.

On 23 September 1993, the 180<sup>th</sup> became one of four battalions attached to the 64<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group when it activated.

In 2003, the 180<sup>th</sup> Battalion consisted of the following units:

- 2nd Transportation Company
- 96th Transportation Company
- 297th Transportation Company
- 406th Transportation Company
- 418th Transportation Company

In March 2003, the battalion deployed to Kuwait as part of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Campaign Participation Credit

World War II: Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe

Southwest Asia: Defense of Saudi Arabia; Liberation and Defense of Kuwait; Cease-Fire

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for SOUTHWEST ASIA