

Motto: key to command

Campaign participation credit

World War I

Champagne 1918
Oise-Aisne
Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Normandy (with arrowhead)
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mission and organization

The combat mission of the 50th Signal Battalion (Airborne Corps) is to install, operate, and maintain an Airborne Corps Command communications system in support of the XVIII Airborne Corps and subordinate units. The battalion is composed of four companies with the following missions.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company provides command control of the battalion in garrison and in the field. Provides the Communications System Control Element, direct-support level maintenance of radio, teletype, communications-electronics, and COMSEC equipment, organizational level maintenance of vehicles and generators, and administrative services.

Company A (Command Radio) provides multichannel communications terminals, single channel radio stations, and radio-wire integration for Corps Main CP. Provides all communications means for the Corps Forward CP. Provides all satellite communications terminals.

Company B (Telecom Switching) provides telephone, switchboard, and telecommunications center services for Corps Main and Forward CPs.

Company C (Forward Radio) provides multichannel communications terminals, radioteletype equipment, and single channel voice radio communications to designated Corps subordinate units.

Operations and capabilities

The 50th Signal Battalion provides communications to the XVIII Airborne Corps with the following means:

Multichannel: Install 12 channel line of sight multichannel systems using AN/TRC-145 and AN/TRC-113 to Corps Main, Corps Forward, Corps Jump, Corps Support Command, Air Defense, Aviation, CEWI, and SF Groups, Missile and Armored Cavalry units, and subordinate Divisions Main and Alternate Command Posts. Install tropospheric scatter systems using AN/TRC-112 and AN/TRC-121 to adjacent Corps and from Corps Main to COSCOM.

Tactical Satellite: Install multichannel TACSAT systems using AN/TSC-85A and AN/TSC-93A for communications at Corps Main, Corps Forward, subordinate Divisions, and COSCOM. Provide single channel TACSAT using AN/URC-101 to selected commands.

Telephone/Switchboard: Install automatic switchboards AN/TCC-41 providing service to Corps Main and Corps Forward CPs.

Telecommunications Center: Install automatic TCCs using AN/TYC-39 with AUX 54 and AN/TYC-5A and manual TCCs using AN/TSC-58 and AN/TGC-30 providing hard copy message service to Corps Main and Corps Forward. Provide motor messenger service.

Radio-Teletype: Install Corps RATT nets using AN/GRC-122. Nets include Corps Command, G2/3 Air, Command/Fire, and Logistics Support. Provide terminals at Corps Main, Corps Forward, all subordinate Divisions, and designated Corps subordinate units.

AM/FM Single Channel: Install Corps Command AM/SSB net using AN/GRC-106. Install Corps FM nets using AN/VRC-12 series radios using VINSON speech secure devices. Provide RWI and retransmissions service.



**50th Signal Battalion (Airborne Corps)
35th Signal Brigade
XVIII Airborne Corps
Fort Bragg, North Carolina
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Lineage and honors

Constituted and organized 16 December 1899 in the Regular Army as Company H, Signal Corps, in the Philippine Islands.

Consolidated 19 September 1916 with 1st Provisional Company, Signal Corps (organized May 1916), and consolidated unit redesignated as 1st Telegraph Battalion).

Redesignated 1 October 1917 as 51st Signal Battalion.

Consolidated 8 March 1921 with 52d Telegraph Battalion (organized 1916), and consolidated unit redesignation as 50th Signal Battalion.

Inactivated 24 September 1921 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Activated 1 July 1940 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Inactivated (less Company B) 15 December 1945 in Germany. Company B inactivated 23 April 1946 in Germany.

Redesignated 27 September 1951 as 50th Signal Battalion, Corps.

Activated 24 October 1951 in Japan.

Reorganized and redesignated 20 December 1954 as 50th Signal Battalion.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 May 1957 as 50th Airborne Signal Battalion.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 December 1958 as 50th Signal Battalion.

Reorganized and redesignated 16 June 1983 as 50th Signal Battalion (Corps Command Operations) (Airborne).



**124th Signal Battalion
4th Infantry Division
Fort Carson, Colorado**

Motto: Voice of the Ironhorse

Lineage and honors

Constituted 1 June 1940 in the Regular Army as the 4th Signal Company, assigned to the 4th Division (later designated as the 4th Infantry Division), and activated at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Inactivated 23 February 1946 at Camp Butner, North Carolina.

Activated 6 July 1948 at Fort Ord, California.

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 124th Signal Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Redeployed 11 December 1970 from Viet Nam with the 4th Infantry Division to Fort Carson to take over the mission of the then deactivating 5th Infantry Division.

Campaign participation credit**World War II**

Normandy (with arrowhead)
 Northern France
 Rhineland
 Ardennes-Alsace
 Central Europe

Viet Nam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
 Counteroffensive, Phase III
 Tet Counteroffensive
 Counteroffensive, Phase IV
 Counteroffensive, Phase V
 Counteroffensive, Phase VI
 Tet 69/Counteroffensive
 Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1968

Belgian Fourragere 1940. Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in BELGIUM; cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgium Army for action in the ARDENNES

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered Quang Ngai Province 1957 (Company B only)

Presidential Unit Citation (Army) VIETNAM May 1967 (1st Platoon, Company B only)

Presidential Unit Citation (Army) VIETNAM November 1967 (1st Platoon, Company B only)

Mission and organization

The combat mission of the 124th Signal Battalion is to install, operate, and maintain a Division communications system for support of division level functions including command, control, intelligence, fire control, combat support and combat service support in support of the 4th Infantry Division and subordinate units. The 124th Signal Battalion is composed of four companies with the following missions.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company provides for command and control of the battalion in the field and garrison. Responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating all operational and training requirements and provides administrative and logistical support.

Company A (Command Operations) provides signal center facilities at Division Main and Division Artillery CPs. Provides signal support for the Division Tactical CP and for the Artillery Group.

Company B (Forward Communications) provides Command terminals at the Brigade CPs and Forward Area Signal Centers.

Company C (Support Operations) provides communications for the Division Support Command, Division Rear, 1st Squadron/10th Cavalry, 4th Battalion/61st Air Defense Artillery. Provides all cable installations.

Operations and capabilities

The 24th Signal Battalion provides communications to the 4th Infantry Division using the following means:

Multichannel: Install 12 channel line of sight multichannel systems using AN/TRC-145 and AN/TRC-113 to Division Main CP, Division Main CP, Division TAC CP, Division Support Command, Division Artillery, Brigade Headquarters CPs, Division Rear, and other supported units.

Telephone/Switchboard: Install automatic switchboards AN/TTC-41 to all major headquarters and signal centers.

Telecommunications Center: Install manual TCCs using AN/TSC-58, AN/TGC-30, and AN/MGC-17 providing hard copy message service to major headquarters. Provide motor messenger service to all supported units.

Radio Teletype: Install division RATT nets using AN/GRC-142 to include the Division Ops/Intell and Division Admin/Log Nets. Provides equipment to Division main CP, Division TAC CP, Brigade Headquarters, FASCs, and DISCOM.

AM/FM Single Channel: Install Division AM/SSB Net using AN/GRC-106. Install Division FM nets using AN/VRC-12 series radios with VINSON secure speech devices. Also provides RWI and Retransmission facilities.