

5th Engineer Detachment Lineage

Constituted 28 March 1944 in the Army of the United States as the 1640th Engineer Utilities Detachment

Activated 2 May 1944 in New Guinea

Redesignated 29 May 1947 as the 1640th Engineer Service Detachment

Redesignated 30 June 1947 as the 5th Engineer Service Detachment

Redesignated 31 May 1949 as the 5th Engineer Utilities Detachment

Inactivated 25 January 1950 in Japan

Allotted 8 December 1952 to the Regular Army and activated at Fort Lawton, Washington

Reorganized and redesignated 23 November 1953 as the 5th Engineer Detachment

Inactivated 28 March 1955 at Fort Lawton, Washington

Activated 16 August 1988 at Fort Shafter, Hawaii

5th Engineer Detachment Honors

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II – AP: New Guinea

DECORATIONS

None

5th Engineer Detachment History

The 5th Engineer detachment was originally constituted on 28 March 1944 as the 1640th Engineer Utilities Detachment. The unit was immediately deployed to New Guinea and activated on 2 May 1944. During some of the harshest jungle fighting seen in World War II, the 1640th would change designations three times eventually becoming the 5th Engineer Utilities Detachment. The unit served with distinction in New Guinea earning a campaign streamer and paving the way for the allies eventual retaking of the Philippines. The Supply lines created by the 5th Engineer Utilities Detachment would even allow for the eventual victory over Japan where the 5th was Deactivated 25 January 1950.

Allotted to the regular Army and re-activated at Ft. Lawton, Washington in 1952, the unit eventually found its final designation as the 5th Engineer Detachment on 23 November 1953. Deactivated less than two years later on 28 March 1955, the 5th would lay dormant for more than 30 years.

Reactivated on 16 August 1988 at Ft. Shafter, Hawaii as the 5th Planning and Control Cell (P&C), the 5th assumed responsibility as the geospatial planning and control for the Pacific Command Area of Operations; a mission that continues to this day. The 5th Engineer Detachment was re-designated as a Geospatial Planning Cell (GPC) in 2007 and is responsible for managing the Theater Geospatial Database (TGD), generating new geospatial, and producing map and geospatial visualization products in support of warfighters throughout the Pacific Rim.