

# Letter To The Editor

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## Fueling the Front Lines: Army Pipeline Units

I recently finished reading the article “Fueling the Front Lines: Army Pipeline Units” by Mr. Thomas J. Petty in the January–March 2008 issue of *Engineer*. I just wanted to let you know that the active Army did stand up another pipeline company, although it was only briefly. The 585th Engineer Company (Pipeline) “Roughnecks” was stood up in late 2005, originally under the 23d Chemical Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In 2006, the 585th completed a joint training exercise that involved constructing aluminum pipe. The company also transferred to the 864th Engineer Battalion (Heavy) in the spring of 2006. In November 2006, the 585th deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Roughnecks successfully completed a 15-month tour and returned to Fort Lewis in February 2008. In September

2008, the 864th Engineer Battalion transformed from a combat heavy battalion to the new combat effects battalion. As part of the transformation, the 585th was transformed from a pipeline company to a vertical construction company. To the best of my knowledge, the active Army is once again left without a pipeline company. I only had the privilege of serving in the 585th for a few months as a second lieutenant before I transferred to another company in the 864th.

I thoroughly enjoyed the article on the history of the pipeline companies, and I commend Mr. Petty on his service.

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