



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

1st BATTALION, 79th FIELD ARTILLERY

Constituted 1 July 1916 in the Regular Army as Troops A and B, 21st Cavalry

Organized 1 June 1917 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Consolidated, converted, and redesignated 1 November 1917 as Battery A, 79th Field Artillery

(79th Field Artillery assigned 6 December 1917 to the 7th Division)

Inactivated 14 September 1921 at Camp George G. Meade, Maryland, and relieved from assignment to the 7th Division

(79th Field Artillery assigned 1 January 1930 to the 7th Division; relieved 16 October 1939 from assignment to the 7th Division)

Activated 1 June 1940 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Reorganized and redesignated 23 February 1943 as Battery A, 697th Field Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 12 February 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Redesignated 5 February 1947 as Battery A, 555th Field Artillery Battalion

Activated 1 January 1949 in Korea

(555th Field Artillery Battalion assigned 10 October 1954 to the 71st Infantry Division)

Inactivated 15 September 1956 at Fort Lewis, Washington

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Relieved 16 January 1957 from assignment to the 71st Infantry Division; concurrently redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Artillery

Redesignated 1 June 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Missile Battalion, 79th Artillery (organic elements concurrently constituted)

Battalion activated 24 June 1958 in Italy

Inactivated 25 June 1959 in Italy

Redesignated 1 July 1960 as the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 79th Artillery, assigned to the 7th Infantry Division, and activated in Korea

Redesignated 1 July 1963 as the 1st Battalion, 79th Artillery

Inactivated 2 April 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery

Activated 21 October 1975 at Fort Ord, California

Inactivated 1 October 1983 at Fort Ord, California, and relieved from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division

Headquarters transferred 16 August 1995 to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command and activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

* Streamer without inscription

World War II

* Naples-Foggia
* Rome-Arno
* North Apennines
Normandy
Northern France
* Rhineland
* Ardennes-Alsace
* Central Europe

Korean War

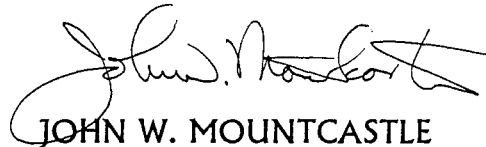
* UN Defensive
* UN Offensive
* CCF Intervention
* First UN Counteroffensive
* CCF Spring Offensive
* UN Summer-Fall Offensive
* Second Korean Winter
* Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
* Third Korean Winter
* Korea, Summer 1953

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DECORATIONS

- * Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-1953
- * Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1953-1954
- * Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1960-1971

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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