79th INFANTRY DIVISION
(Cross of Lorraine)

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description: A blue triangular shield, a Lorraine cross with an orle, cross and orle silver gray.

Symbolism: The cross symbolizes triumph and alludes to service in France during World War I. The organization is known as the "Lorraine Division."

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description: A gold colored metal and enamel device, consisting of a disc divided per pairle red, white, and blue on which is a falcon on a gold mount.

Symbolism: Red, white, and blue are the national colors. They are also the colors of the national flag of France where the division relieved a portion of the French 157th Division and accepted the Avocourt Sector (Lorraine) during World War I. The falcon on the mount commemorates the capture of Montfaucon 27 September 1918.

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
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LINEAGE (inactive)

nated 6 April 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 79th Infantry Division.


CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

World War II
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineländ
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

DECORATIONS

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered

NORMANDY TO PARIS (Headquarters, 79th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered

PARROY FOREST (Headquarters, 79th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

French Croix de Guerre, World War II, Fourragere (Headquarters, 79th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

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