

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 pale 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.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 79th INFANTRY DIVISION (Cross of Lorraine)

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LINEAGE

(inactive)

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as Headquarters, 79th Division. Organized 25 August 1917 at Camp Meade, Maryland. Demobilized 2 June 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey. Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters, 79th Division. Organized in November 1921 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Redesignated 12 February 1942 as Division Headquarters, 79th Division. Ordered into active military service on 15 June 1942 and reorganized at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Redesignated 1 August 1942 as Headquarters, 79th Infantry Division. Inactivated 11 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Activated 14 November 1946 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve.) Reorganized and redesign-

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

Consolidated 28 February 1963 with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 79th Operational Headquarters (activated 7 January 1963 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 79th Operational Headquarters. Redesignated 1 June 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 79th Command Headquarters. Inactivated 30 December 1965 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Redesignated 23 June 1982 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 79th Infantry Division.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

World War II

Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
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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