

96th INFANTRY DIVISION

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description: On an olive drab six-sided polygon, a white square with one corner up overlapped by a blue square with one corner up.

Symbolism: The division was allocated after World War I to the states of Oregon and Washington, the only portion of the continental United States never under European dominion. The squares have, accordingly, been made white and blue, two of the national colors.

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 96th INFANTRY DIVISION

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LINEAGE

(inactive)

Constituted 5 September 1918 in the National Army as Headquarters, 96th Division. Organized 20 October 1918 at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. Demobilized 7 January 1919 at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters, 96th Division. Organized 7 October 1921 at Portland, Oregon. Redesignated 6 April 1942 as Division Headquarters, 96th Division. Ordered into active military service 15 August 1942 and reorganized at Camp Adair, Oregon, as Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division. Inactivated 3 February 1946 at Camp Anza, California. Activated 31 December 1946 at Helena, Montana. Location changed 6 May 1946 to Fort Missoula, Montana; on 3 March 1948 to Helena, Montana. (Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve.) Reorganized and redesignated 20 May 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Infantry Division. Location changed 7 September 1962 to Salt Lake City, Utah. Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Operational Headquarters. Redesignated 22 May 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Command Headquarters. Inactivated 31 December 1965 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Redesignated 23 June 1982 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Infantry Division.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Leyte (with arrowhead)

Ryukyus

DECORATIONS

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

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