

9th INFANTRY DIVISION (Old Reliables)

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description: An olive drab disc, charged with a double quatrefoil of red and blue horizontally divided, with a white center.

Symbolism: The double quatrefoil, a heraldic mark of cadency for the ninth son, is red and blue, the colors of an infantry division's distinguishing flag; the white center is in the color of the numerals on the division's World War II flag.

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description: A gold colored metal and enamel device, consisting of a disc charged with a blue fleur-de-lis and radiating nine gold rays, all but the one at top center contained by a red crescent.

Symbolism: The red crescent is for the Tunisian campaign; the nine rays of the sun denote the unit's numerical designation and also refer to the campaign in Sicily; the gold disc in center is for Central Europe, and the fleur-de-lis thereon represents service in Northern France.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 9th INFANTRY DIVISION (Old Reliables)

LINEAGE

Constituted 8 July 1918 in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 9th Division. Organized 18 July 1918 at Camp Sheridan, Alabama. Demobilized 15 February 1919 at Camp Sheridan, Alabama. Reconstituted 24 March 1923 in the Regular Army as Headquarters, 9th Division. Activated 1 August 1940 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1942 as Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division. Inactivated 15 January 1947 in Germany. Activated 15 July 1947 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Inactivated 31 January 1962 at Fort Carson, Colorado. Redesignated 1 February 1966 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Riley, Kansas. Inactivated 25 September 1969 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Activated 21 April 1972 at Fort Lewis, Washington. Inactivated 15 December 1991 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

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(inactive)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Algeria–French Morocco (with arrowhead)
 Tunisia
 Sicily
 Normandy
 Northern France
 Rhineland
 Ardennes-Alsace
 Central Europe

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
 Counteroffensive, Phase III
 Tet Counteroffensive
 Counteroffensive, Phase IV
 Counteroffensive, Phase V
 Counteroffensive, Phase VI
 Tet 69/Counteroffensive
 Summer–Fall 1969

DECORATIONS

Belgian Fourragere 1940 (Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at the Meuse River (Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the Ardennes (Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1968 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 31, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 59, 1969)