

99th INFANTRY DIVISION

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description: A shield sable a fess chequy argent and azure.

Symbolism: Black is symbolic of the iron district of Pennsylvania; the band of white and blue squares is from the arms of William Pitt for whom Pittsburgh was named.

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

None approved.

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 99th INFANTRY DIVISION

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LINEAGE

(inactive)

Constituted 23 June 1918 in the National Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 99th Division. Organized in October 1918 at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Demobilized in November 1918 at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 99th Division. Organized in October 1921 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Reorganized and redesignated 12 February 1942 as Division Headquarters and Headquarters and Military Police Company (less Military Police Platoon), 99th Division. Ordered into active military service 15 November 1942 and reorganized at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 99th Infantry Division. Inactivated 27 September 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia. (Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve.)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

DECORATIONS

Belgian Fourragere 1940 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 99th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at the Siegfried Line (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 99th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at Elsenborn Crest (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 99th Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Headquarters Company additionally entitled to Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER (Headquarters Company, 99th Infantry Division, cited; GO 52, 99th Infantry Division, 1945)

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