

81st INFANTRY DIVISION (Wildcat)

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

- Description: On an olive drab disc within a black circle, a black wildcat passant.
- Symbolism: The wildcat is common to the Carolinas from which many of the personnel of the division came during World War I.

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 81st INFANTRY DIVISION (Wildcat)

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LINEAGE

(inactive)

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as Headquarters, 81st Division. Organized 25 August 1917 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. Demobilized 11 June 1919 at Hoboken, New Jersey. Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters, 81st Division. Organized 23 September 1921 at Knoxville, Tennessee. Redesignated 13 February 1942 as Division Headquarters, 81st Division. Ordered into active military service 15 June 1942 and reorganized at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Redesignated 1 August 1942 as Headquarters, 81st Infantry Division. Inactivated 20 January 1946 in Japan. Activated 10 November 1947 at Atlanta, Georgia. (Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve.) Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 81st Infantry Division. Inactivated 31 December 1965 at Atlanta, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

World War II
Western Pacific
Leyte

DECORATIONS

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (Headquarters, 81st Infantry Division, cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 1st BRIGADE, 81st INFANTRY DIVISION

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LINEAGE

(inactive)

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as Headquarters Troop, 81st Division. Organized in September 1917 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. Demobilized 11 June 1919 at Hoboken, New Jersey. Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters Company, 81st Division. Reorganized and redesignated 13 February 1942 as Headquarters and Military Police Company (less Military Police Platoon), 81st Division. Ordered into active military service 15 June 1942 and reorganized at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Redesignated 1 August 1942 as Headquarters Company, 81st Infantry Division. Inactivated 20 January 1946 in Japan. Activated 12 January 1948 at Atlanta, Georgia. (Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve.) Disbanded 1 May 1959 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Reconstituted 26 March 1963 in the Army Reserve as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 81st Infantry Division. Activated 1 April 1963 at Atlanta, Georgia. Inactivated 31 December 1965 at Atlanta, Georgia.

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