

89th DIVISION (TRAINING) (The Rolling W)

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

- Description:* On a blue disc within and joining a white annulet, a stylized letter "W," all within a red border.
- Symbolism:* Red, white, and blue are the national colors. The stylized "W," which when reversed becomes an "M," refers to this division, known in the past as the "Middle West Division," since many of its personnel came from the midwestern states.

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

- Description:* A gold colored metal and enamel device, consisting of a red octagon (two vertical sides longer than the other six sides which are all equal) charged with a gold torch between two gold fleurs-de-lis, in base two white chevronels in front of the torch base with the internal area blue.
- Symbolism:* The gold torch symbolizes division's peacetime role as a training unit. The two fleurs-de-lis allude to the division's service in France during World War I and World War II. The chevronels represent support and also simulate the letter "M" for Midwest, the geographical source of the division's original personnel. The chevronels over the blue background also allude to the crossing of the Rhine River by the division in World War II.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 89th DIVISION (TRAINING) (The Rolling W)

LINEAGE

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(inactive)

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as Headquarters, 89th Division. Organized 13 August 1917 at Camp Funston, Kansas. Demobilized 12 June 1919 at Camp Funston, Kansas. Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters, 89th Division. Organized in November 1921 at Omaha, Nebraska. Redesignated 22 February 1942 as Division Headquarters, 89th Division. Ordered into active military service 15 July 1942

and reorganized at Camp Carson, Colorado. Redesignated 1 August 1942 as Headquarters, 89th Infantry Division. Reorganized and redesignated 1 August 1943 as Headquarters, 89th Light Division. Reorganized and redesignated 15 June 1944 as Headquarters, 89th Infantry Division. Inactivated 17 December 1945 at Camp Shanks, New York. Activated 24 January 1947 at Wichita, Kansas. (Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve.)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 89th Division (Training). Inactivated 1 March 1975 at Wichita, Kansas.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

World War II

Rhineland
Central Europe

DECORATIONS

None.